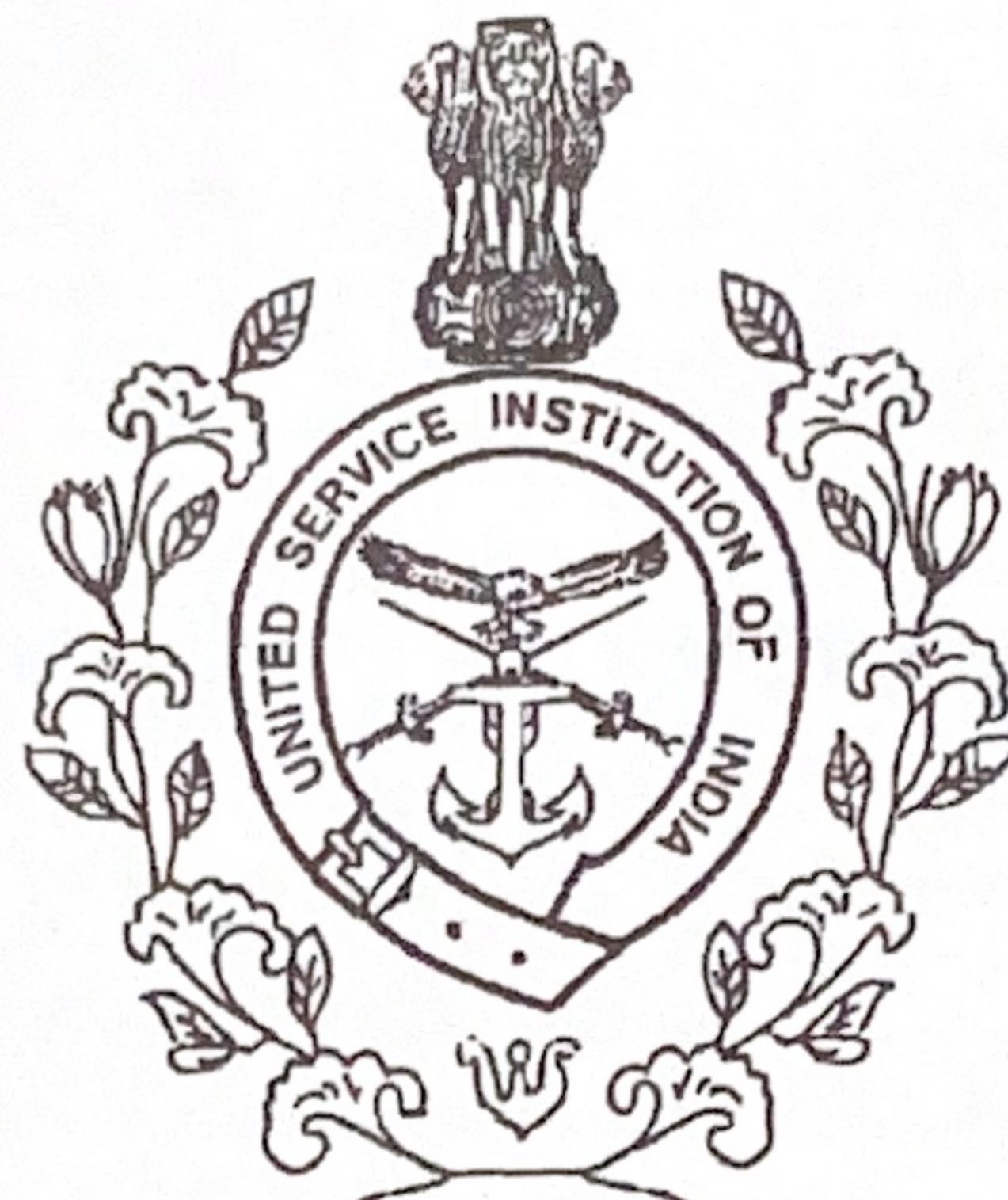


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EDITORIAL

Brigadier Gurmeet Kanwal (Retd) in his article titled "Emerging Trends in Military Intervention" traces the growth of intervention operations. The principle of state sovereignty established under the Westphalia system in 1648 was retained under the United Nations (UN) system also. This principle has been tested with the military intervention by North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) forces in Kosovo in 1999 based ostensibly on humanitarian grounds. A more significant departure from the principle relates to anticipatory self-defence by pre-emptive attack. In the recent Iraq war, the USA together with the UK and some other countries resorted to the strategy of pre-emptive attack bypassing the UN. The author has stressed that regardless of the emerging trend of interventionism, the territorial integrity of each member state of the UN must be collectively guaranteed by all other member states. The non-observance of collective security imperative can lead to anarchy. The UN system needs to be strengthened and should emerge as the sole arbiter of the need for intervention.

Shri B Raman, IPS (Retd) in his article titled "Dimensions of Intelligence Operations" makes a clear distinction between an "intelligence process" and an "intelligence operation". According to him, an "intelligence process" has stages of collection, evaluation, analysis, assessment and follow-up action, whereas an "intelligence operation" essentially refers to two aspects of functioning of an intelligence agency. The first is the ability to collect secret, precise and timely intelligence of relevance to national security. The second is to undertake covert actions, if called upon to do, in furtherance of national security objectives. The author cautions that a wealth of precise secret intelligence may not help in safeguarding national security if it is inadequately analysed with unsatisfactory follow-up action. Even incomplete intelligence, if well analysed and assessed and effectively acted upon, can often safeguard national security. The author has adopted the case study method for reflecting on "intelligence operations". The intelligence failure related cases may be attributed to zero intelligence, inadequate intelligence, inaccurate intelligence, an overload of irrelevant intelligence or a combination of some of these and inadequate follow-up action. Discussing the Kargil conflict of 1999, the author attributes inadequacies to serious

deficiencies at various levels in the intelligence and operational process while emphasising that it was not a case of intelligence failure. However, it was a case of inadequate intelligence. Similarly, according to the author, the case of 11 September 2001 terrorist strikes in the US, was due to inadequate intelligence, inadequate analysis and assessment. There were indicators in the form of a number of Arabs with no flying background or aspirations undergoing flying training in wide-bodied aircraft in the US schools and so on. In conclusion the author has focused on the need for proper co-ordination between the civil and military intelligence, and among civilian agencies themselves. There has to be a realisation by all intelligence officers, whether civilian or military, and internal or external intelligence agencies, that they are all working for a common national cause and that national interests demand that they work together, without personal or institutional egos.

India and Japan are two geographically and in many respects psychologically distant countries. However, there exists a lot of 'good will' and India and Japan often gravitate towards each other. Dr Yoichi Funabashi in his article titled "India and Japan : A New Strategic Affinity" focuses on common challenges and threats being faced by the two countries. According to the author these pertain to international terrorism, reliance on supply of oil and gas from West Asian and Central Asian regions which are politically not stable, maritime and naval concerns, the rise of People's Republic of China and its military build up, globalisation and demographic issues. These challenges can be met more effectively if the two countries continue to improve their relations and have better co-ordination. According to the author, India and Japan as non Western societies are successful models of democracy. India and Japan have more common points than differences. There is room for co-operation in international affairs. The two should identify their common national interests, make efforts to overcome differences and forge ahead.