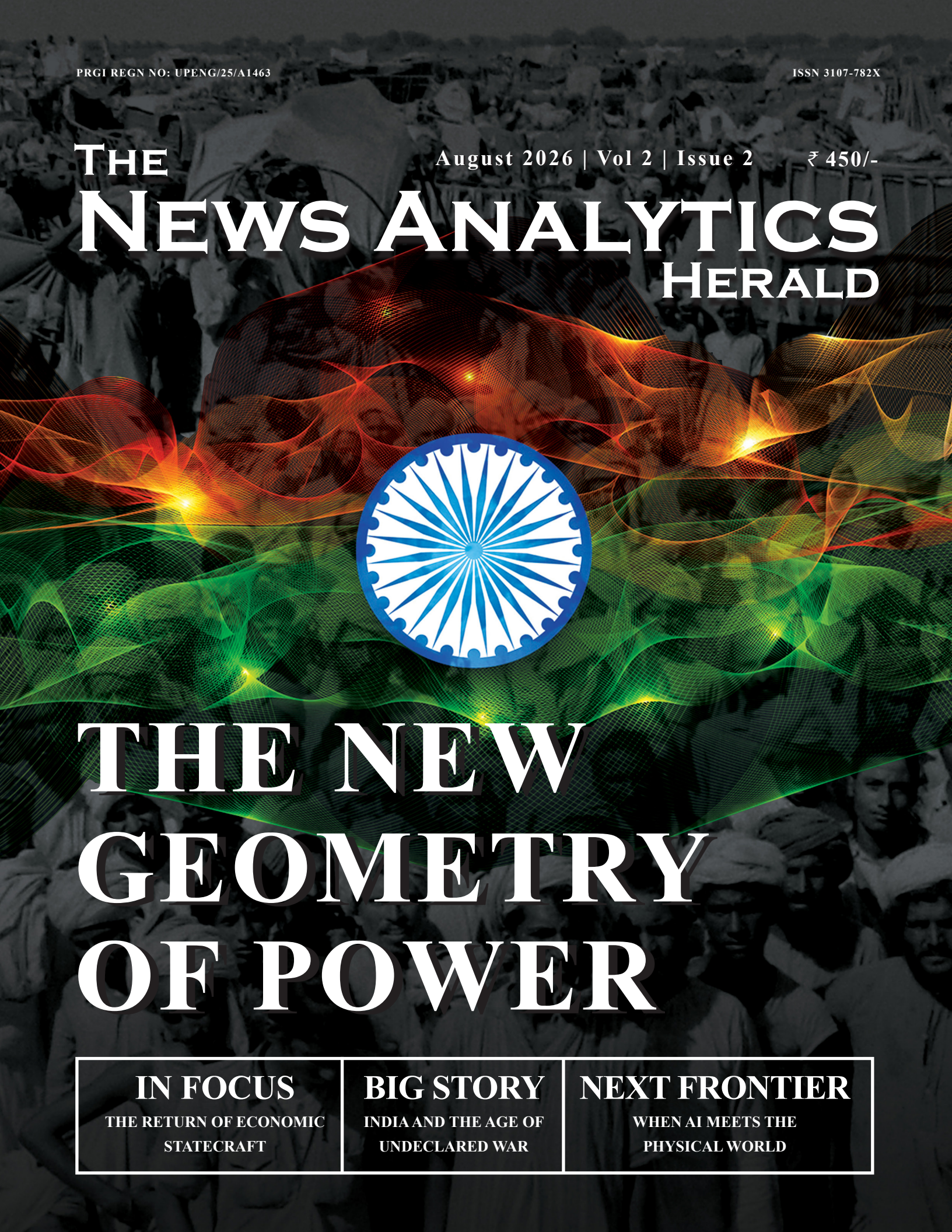
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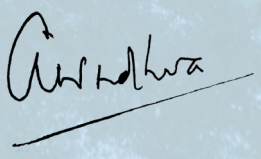
POWER BEYOND POLARITY

The global order is undergoing one of its most profound transformations since the end of the Cold War. The assumptions that shaped international politics for decades are giving way to a far more fluid and competitive landscape in which power is no longer concentrated in a handful of capitals, nor measured solely by military strength or economic size. Instead, influence is increasingly determined by a nation's ability to innovate, forge resilient partnerships, secure critical supply chains, dominate emerging technologies, and shape the strategic environment beyond its borders.

This edition's focus on The New Geometry of Power explores the contours of this emerging world. It examines how economic leverage, military modernisation, maritime competition, technological leadership and strategic connectivity are creating new centres of influence while altering the balance between established and rising powers. The Indo-Pacific has emerged as the principal theatre where these changes are most visible, but the consequences extend across Europe, West Asia, Africa, the Arctic and the Global South, where competition and cooperation now unfold simultaneously.

The old binaries of allies and adversaries are increasingly giving way to flexible coalitions, issue-based partnerships and multi-aligned diplomacy. Nations are recalibrating their foreign and security policies to navigate an era marked by strategic uncertainty, geopolitical fragmentation and rapid technological disruption. As artificial intelligence, cyber capabilities, space technologies and critical minerals become instruments of national power, the very definition of security is expanding.

In this changing landscape, understanding this power geometry is no longer an academic exercise—it is essential for policymakers, businesses and citizens alike. This issue of The News Analytics Herald seeks to explain these evolving dynamics and illuminate the forces that will shape international affairs in the years ahead.



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THE NEW GEOMETRY OF POWER

Power is no longer measured solely by military strength or economic size. It is increasingly determined by the ability to influence supply chains, dominate technologies, secure financial systems, shape narratives, protect digital infrastructure and build resilient partnerships. The geometry of global power is changing, becoming more multidimensional, interconnected and far less predictable than the strategic order of the past.

This edition of The News Analytics Herald examines these emerging contours. We explore the return of economic statecraft as nations increasingly weaponise trade, investment and critical technologies. We analyse the normalisation of grey-zone conflict, where cyber operations, information warfare and economic coercion increasingly replace conventional military confrontation. The issue also examines the geopolitical contest surrounding digital payment systems, China's expanding maritime strategy, the evolving security architecture of West Asia following the Iran crisis, the future relevance of nuclear deterrence, and the growing strategic divergence across the transatlantic alliance.

Alongside these geopolitical shifts, technology is redefining the future battlespace. Artificial Intelligence is rapidly converging with robotics to reshape economies, industry and defence, while pre-emptive cybersecurity is becoming indispensable for safeguarding national resilience in an era of machine-speed cyber warfare.

As India celebrates its 79th Independence Day, we extend our heartfelt greetings to every reader. Over nearly eight decades, India has evolved into a confident democracy, a trusted strategic partner, an emerging technological powerhouse and an increasingly influential voice in global affairs. Its growing role in shaping international discourse reflects both national capability and civilisational confidence.

The News Analytics Herald remains committed to providing balanced, research-driven analysis that helps readers understand not only what is changing, but why it matters. In a world where the geometry of power is constantly being redrawn, informed strategic thinking has never been more essential.

Happy 79th Independence Day to all our readers.

Jai Hind!



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