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A NEW ARCHITECTURE OF POWER

We are living through a period in which the meaning of global power is changing rapidly and international order is entering an era in which military strength remains important, but it is no longer the only measure of influence. Trade routes, ports, digital networks, critical technologies, financial systems and strategic partnerships now shape the manner in which nations compete and cooperate.

This edition of News Analytics Herald, titled “The New Contest,” looks at this changing landscape. It examines how connectivity projects, diplomacy, economic statecraft and emerging technologies are becoming powerful tools of national strategy. It also considers how artificial intelligence, cyber operations, drones, autonomous systems and space-based capabilities are reshaping warfare and security globally.

For India, these developments carry particular significance. Located at the heart of the Indo-Pacific, India must navigate growing strategic competition while protecting its national interests and strategic autonomy. Its success will depend not only on economic and military strength, but also on stronger domestic capabilities, dependable partnerships and the ability to turn policy into timely action.

The articles in this edition seek to move beyond headlines and examine the deeper forces reshaping international relations. They assess the changing instruments of power, the strategies of major actors and the choices confronting India and other countries of the World.

We hope this edition helps readers make sense of a world in transition and encourages a thoughtful discussion about how India can respond to the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead.

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THE NEW CONTEST

Global power is no longer contested only across borders, battlefields or traditional spheres of influence. Increasingly, competition is unfolding through infrastructure and connectivity, technology and data, trade and finance, diplomatic coalitions, information ecosystems and new instruments of warfare. The contest has widened—and so have the means through which nations seek advantage.

This edition of The News Analytics Herald examines this changing character of global competition. Strategic influence today can be exercised through a port or digital network as effectively as through military presence; economic dependencies can become instruments of leverage; technological leadership increasingly determines national power; and diplomacy is becoming more transactional as states navigate competing partnerships without surrendering strategic autonomy.

At the same time, warfare itself is entering another transformation. Artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, cyber capabilities, space assets, precision weapons and increasingly integrated domains are altering how deterrence, escalation and battlefield advantage are understood. The distinction between peace and conflict is consequently becoming less absolute, with competition continuing persistently below the threshold of conventional war.

For India, these shifts carry particular significance. Positioned at the centre of an increasingly consequential Indo-Pacific, India must simultaneously secure its strategic interests, strengthen economic and technological resilience, expand connectivity, sustain credible military capabilities and preserve diplomatic room for manoeuvre.

This edition therefore looks beyond individual crises to examine the instruments increasingly shaping the international order. The central question is no longer simply who holds power, but how power is being created, exercised and contested.

Understanding that transformation is essential to understanding the world now taking shape.

Jai Hind!

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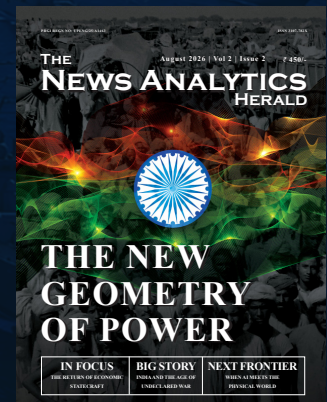
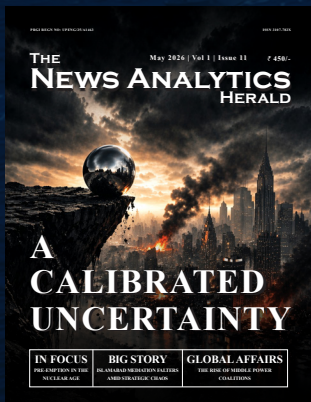
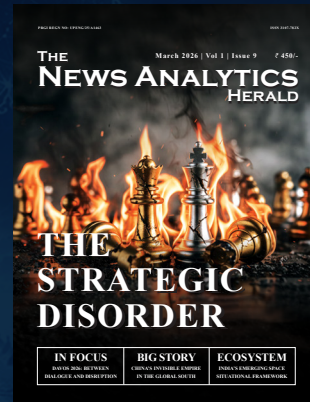


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