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Raksha Drishti – Author Guidelines

About Raksha Drishti

Raksha Drishti is the flagship magazine of the Amity Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies. It provides a platform for students, researchers, academics, practitioners, and policy professionals to engage with contemporary issues in defence, security, strategy, international relations, and emerging technologies. We welcome original, analytical, and well-researched submissions that contribute to informed discussions on strategic affairs.

Submission Categories

1. Research Essay

Word Limit: 1,500–2,000 words

Research Essays should present an original, well-structured, and evidence-based analysis of a contemporary or enduring issue in defence and strategic studies. Authors are expected to develop a clear argument supported by credible academic and policy sources.

Submissions may adopt theoretical, empirical, comparative, historical, or policy-oriented approaches. Essays should move beyond description by critically engaging with existing scholarship and offering fresh insights or recommendations.

2. Review Essay

Word Limit: 1,200–1,500 words

A Review Essay critically examines and synthesises multiple scholarly sources on a particular issue, debate, or emerging trend. Unlike a book review, a review essay is not limited to a single publication; instead, it surveys existing literature to identify major arguments, competing perspectives, research gaps, and future directions.

Authors should provide a balanced evaluation of the literature while presenting their own critical assessment of the state of the field.

3. Commentary

Word Limit: 800–1,000 words

Commentaries are concise, timely, and analytical pieces that examine recent developments, policy decisions, strategic events, or emerging security challenges. They should present a clear argument or perspective supported by factual evidence while remaining accessible to a broad readership.

Commentaries are intended to stimulate discussion rather than provide exhaustive academic analysis. Authors are encouraged to explain the strategic significance of current developments and assess their implications for policy, regional stability, or international security.

Where appropriate, authors should support factual claims with relevant references.

4. Book Review

Word Limit: 800–1,000 words

Book Reviews should critically evaluate a recently published or influential book relevant to defence, strategic studies, international relations, security, military history, or related disciplines.

Rather than simply summarising the book, reviewers should:

- Introduce the book's central argument.
- Assess its methodology, evidence, and contribution.
- Discuss its strengths and limitations.
- Situate it within the broader academic or policy debate.
- Recommend its relevance to scholars, practitioners, or students.

Reviews should maintain an objective and analytical tone while offering a balanced critique.

General Submission Guidelines

- Manuscripts must be original and should not have been previously published or be under consideration elsewhere.
- Submissions should be written in clear, concise, and grammatically correct British English.
- Authors are encouraged to use headings and subheadings where appropriate to improve readability.
- Acronyms should be written in full upon first use.
- All factual claims, quotations, and data should be properly cited.
- Authors are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all information presented.
- Submissions may be subject to editorial revisions for clarity, style, grammar, and formatting.

Formatting Requirements

- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Font Size:** 12 pt
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5
- **Alignment:** Justified
- **Margins:** 1 inch (2.54 cm) on all sides
- **File Format:** Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx)

Referencing

Research Essays and Review Essays must follow **APA 7th Edition**, including both in-text citations and a complete reference list.

For Commentaries and Book Reviews, sources should be cited where appropriate using **APA 7th Edition**.

Author Information

Please include the following in a separate document:

- Full Name
- Institutional Affiliation
- Designation/Programme
- Email Address
- ORCID (if available)
- A short biography (50–100 words)

Author Photograph Guidelines

- Recent passport-size colour photograph
- High resolution (minimum 300 dpi; JPEG or PNG format)
- Clear frontal view with the face fully visible
- Well-lit and in sharp focus (no blur or pixelation)
- Plain or neutral background preferred
- No sunglasses, hats, or objects obscuring the face (unless worn for religious reasons)
- No filters, excessive editing, or AI-generated images
- Professional appearance suitable for publication in an academic magazine

Editorial Process

All submissions will undergo an initial editorial screening for relevance, originality, quality of writing, and adherence to the submission guidelines. The Editorial Board reserves the right to accept, reject, or request revisions to any manuscript.