

Remembrance



Dr S. Kalyanaraman
(12 August 1966 – 5 May 2021)

On 5 May 2021, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses lost Dr S. Kalyanaraman to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr Kalyanaraman was one of the senior scholars of the Institute and a member of the Editorial Committee of the *Journal of Defence Studies (JDS)* since its inception.

The Editorial Committee of the *JDS* and the Military Affairs Centre, of which he was the Coordinator for about a year, carry a deep respect for Dr Kalyanaraman's scholarship and expertise on defence-related subjects. In a relatively short time, Dr Kalyanaraman had built up an impressive body of scholarship and was widely respected in the strategic community, both within and outside the country. I had taken over the functioning of the Military Affairs Centre as its Coordinator, from him and was fortunate to have been guided by him in the initial days.

We will miss his affable personality, and his perspectives on military issues and *JDS* articles which were balanced, mature and objective. During our *JDS* Editorial Committee meetings he always gave us his valuable research guidance with a view to improving the journal while nurturing younger scholars and contributors. During our discussions in the Military Affairs Centre, he displayed his deep understanding and mastery of security issues. He provided us the historical backdrop and the academic perspective which was of great significance and added value for us. His comments on a wide range of security issues, were always insightful and his guidance invaluable.

I am sure I speak for all previous Deputy Directors General/Deputy Directors right from the time when Cmde Uday Bhaskar was Deputy Director, that Dr Kalyanaraman was a strong pillar of support for the Military Affairs Centre and the Institute. He has left a void that is impossible to fill and while we will miss his presence, we will continue to cherish his significant contributions. I am certain that his publications will illuminate the academic journey of many a scholar in the field of defence studies in the future as well.

On behalf of the Editorial Committee of *JDS*, all members of the Military Affairs Centre past and present, as well as the Institute as a whole, I offer our humble tributes to Dr Kalyanaraman and our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

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