

# CALL FOR PAPERS



## Journal of Defence Studies

**Special Issue: 50 YEARS LATER: 1971 INDO-PAK WAR**

**Deadline for Submission: 1 September 2021**

The *Journal of Defence Studies* (JDS) is inviting contributions for a special issue being planned to commemorate the 50 years of India's victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak War, one of the landmark geopolitical events in the sub-continental history of the last 100 years. There are few conflicts that have led to the creation of a new country—the 1971 war turned out to be one. Wars also do not necessarily lead to the surrender of over 90,000 troops. This happened in the 1971 war, despite the fact that it was a very small number that actually threatened Dacca a mere 13 days after the declaration of war on 3 December 1971. This unique war was not only fought on the battlefields of East and West Pakistan, it was also facilitated through diplomacy and sharp information campaigns.



The 1971 Indo-Pak war was as much a military and diplomatic victory for India, as it was a successful fight for the independence of East Pakistan. Treated unfairly, denied equitable national resources, refused an electoral victory, the people faced one of the worst genocides of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Even as these appalling human rights violations were taking place, an attempt was being made by the resilient people of East Pakistan to fight for their dignity and independence. This effort was led by the Mukti Bahini. The role of this organisation and of individuals who were a part of it, remains a remarkable area of research and scholarship.

The 1971 Indo-Pak war can be viewed from a number of perspectives—military, diplomatic, geopolitical, strategic, bilateral and even anecdotal to converge some of these areas of study. A number of instances of excellent scholarship and candid personal accounts written over the last few decades are available. However, 50 years is a long enough time for scholars, practitioners and those who suffered during the period to relook at the events of 1971 and their immediate aftermath. Also, some of the events from 1971 continue to echo in more recent times, be it the ability of the country to deal with regional dissent and of the armed forces to fight an integrated battle that has traditionally been dominated by the army.

This special issue on 1971 Indo-Pak War aims to take an informed and objective perspective of the momentous events prior to, during and in the follow-up to the war, covering the academic, operational and personal spheres of the war in a single volume. Some of the specific areas that will be covered in this special issue on the 1971 Indo-Pak War are as follows:

- Diplomacy in support of the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
- Politico Military Strategy for the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
- How integrated was India's war fighting effort in 1971?
- Naval strategy during the War.
- Air strategy during the War.
- Land warfare strategy during the War.
- Planning and impact of special operations during the War.
- Civil–Military relations during the War.
- Mukti Bahini—Its inception, role and impact on the War.
- Experience of a Mukti Bahini warrior during the War.
- Battle of perceptions that shaped the war effort.
- Pakistan's ability to handle dissent during the War and co-relation with recent times.
- Integration of Pakistani Armed Forces—Impact in 1971 and present-day environment.
- Evolution of India's military doctrine in the backdrop of the 1971 War.

#### **Submission:**

Contributors may indicate their interest in a particular subject by sending an email to the Special Issue Editor, Col Vivek Chadha, Retd at [vivchadha@gmail.com](mailto:vivchadha@gmail.com) latest by **15 June 2021**.

Deadline for submission of articles/commentaries/opinion pieces to the Special Issue Editor is **1 September 2021**.

A full-length analytical article should be in the range of 4,000–8,000 words; the word count range for a Perspective/Commentary is 2,000–3,000 words. The contributions will be double blind peer-reviewed following the journal's standard review process, and the honorarium will be paid for selected articles in keeping with our usual practices.

Guidelines for contributors are mentioned on the following page.

Contributors may note that articles published in this special issue may also be included in an edited volume on the same topic being planned by the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

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## Guidelines for Contributors

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### **Format**

1. Manuscripts need to be submitted in MS Word format (2003/2007/newer versions). The text (including notes) should be typed in Times New Roman, 12 pt with 1.5 line spacing and standard margins.
2. An abstract of about 100–150 words and 5–6 keywords should be provided in the articles.
3. British spellings with ‘s’ variant should be used, i.e., ‘analyse’, ‘organise’, ‘specialisation’, ‘labour’, etc.
4. Single quotation marks should be used consistently and use double quotation marks for indicating quoted matter within quotations.
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### **References**

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**Book:** Liang Zhang, Andrew J. Nathan, Perry Link and Orville Schell, *The Tiananmen Papers: The Chinese Leadership's Decision to Use Force Against their Own People—In Their Own Words*, New York: Public Affairs, 2001.

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