



FMMEC 2025

FIELD MARSHAL MANEKSHAW ESSAY COMPETITION



1. The Field Marshal Manekshaw Essay Competition (FMMEC) has been a flagship endeavor, since 2019, by CLAWS an Indian Army affiliated think tank.

2. CLAWS focuses on **National Security and Strategic Studies including Global & Regional Security, Military Strategy & Doctrine, Military Technology & Defence Acquisition, and Economy & Security Studies**. Hence, the FMMEC aims to promote fresh thoughts on National Security in our youth. National Security encompasses all types of traditional and non-traditional threats.

3. This competition is intended to provide an opportunity to university students, Young Scholars, and Serving Armed Forces Officers to present their understanding/analysis of emerging security challenges. Accordingly, CLAWS invites **young scholars from Universities and Serving Officers from Army, Air Force, Navy, PMF and CAPFs, with service of up to six (06) years (as on 31 December 2025)**, to write an article on any one of the themes given below:-

(a) For University Students & Young Scholars (Cat A)

- (i) Economic Development Strategies and National Security Imperatives
- (ii) Civil-Military Fusion in India

(b) For Serving Officers (Cat B)

- (i) Military Technology and Warfare: A Future Under Drones, AI, and Autonomous Weapons.
- (ii) Changing Contours of Modern Warfare

4. The article is to be submitted as Field Marshal Manekshaw Essay in 2500- 3500 words. The articles will be adjudged in separate categories. Top Four (04) papers each [Cat A - University Students & Young Scholars and Cat B-Serving Officers] would be awarded with cash prize, certificate, and memento.

5. Instructions:

(a.) All candidates must register for the FMMEC Competition using the following registration link:



Click on the thumb icon for the Registration form.

(b.) All candidates need to register in the given Google Form to enable proper indexing. The completed paper along with an abstract of 100 words and five (05) keywords are to be submitted by 15th September 2025.

(c.) In addition, Serving Officers must attach a CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE obtained from their parent organization.

****NB:** The paper should be original and plagiarism report (from an authentic source like Turnitin, etc.) should be attached along with the submission.

6. Eligibility Conditions:

(a.) Category A: Indian Students pursuing Graduation or above studies.

(b.) Category B: Serving Officers from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Gd, PMF and CAPFs, with service of up to six (06) years (as on 31 December 2025).

7. Review and Results:

(a) The Screening Committee will review all papers that have been submitted on time and in the correct format (Style Sheet Attached in Para 12)

(b) Results would be notified on the CLAWS Website (<https://claws.co.in>)
Winners will be informed about the awards ceremony via email separately.

8. Guidelines:

(a) All Articles should be written individually and not jointly.

(b) An article should be submitted in British English, Times New Roman (Font Style), 12 Font Size, 1.5 single spacing and emailed to fmmec-claws@gmail.com. Applications sent by other means will not be accepted. Double submissions may please be avoided.

(c) If an article is found plagiarized or written using AI, then the submission would be deemed invalid.

(d) CLAWS is a non-partisan think tank of the Indian Army; hence no political, religious, or ideologically motivated text is acceptable.

(e) The Screening Committee reserves the right to cancel any entry if it does not comply with given guidelines.

9. Award(s):

Prize**	Field Marshal Manekshaw Essay	
	Category A (University Students)	Category B (Serving Officers)
First	INR 25,000/-	INR 25,000/-
Second	INR 20,000/-	INR 20,000/-
Third	INR 15,000/-	INR 15,000/-
Fourth	INR 10,000/-	INR 10,000/-

** Memento, Certificate of Appreciation, post-revision publication at CLAWS.

10. Important Dates to Remember

15 September 2025 : Submission of completed paper along with Abstract, Keywords, Plagiarism Report, Clearance Certificate (For Serving Officers) and Registration via Registration Forms

11. Evaluation: Marks will be given based on the following: -

- (a) Original content and thoughts.
- (b) If it throws fresh light on the subject.
- (c) Suitable for publication.
- (d) Depicts good understanding of the subject.
- (e) Thought, logic, analysis of the theme.
- (f) Language/expression/following of the reference style sheet.

12. Stylesheet:

While referencing the Latest APA 7th Edition format should be utilized for formatting and referencing, with In-text citation.

An example format is attached herewith.

- (a) Times New Roman Font-12, Font size-1.5 single line spacing.
- (b) Arabic Numerals for page nos
- (c) Date Month (in words) Date (DD), Year (YYYY).
- (d) British English (except in direct quotes, proper names and source titles.
- (e) Numbers under 10 Spelt out (except measurement units, time or money).
- (f) Percentages under 10- both numbers and words or “percent” spelt out.
- (g) More than 10 written in figures.
- (h) Arabic numerals must be used.
- (i) Abbreviations to be expanded at the first usage.
- (j) Bullets may be used while listing and ending the same with full stops.
- (k) Copying exact words of a text in double quotation marks
- (l) To emphasize certain part of a sentence single quotation marks.
- (m) Proper credit is to be given to the original author, whose quote has been used.

An example stylesheet is attached for further reference.