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Preface

Electronic Journal of Social and Strategic Studies (EJSSS) and its parent institution Praghna Centre for Research were founded in 2020 and 2021 respectively. The journal is an OA peer reviewed platform for publishing scholarly works in social sciences and strategic studies. Praghna undertakes capacity building programs for undergraduate and postgraduate students and research scholars through research methodology and research writing workshops and orientation programs.

Pragya (Sanskrit: प्रज्ञा) also written as प्रज्ञा, प्राज्ञ and प्राज्ञा, means the highest and purest form of wisdom, intelligence and understanding. The name and therefore the Centre for Research aim to facilitate greater understanding in various fields of knowledge through research. The way we have spelt it, PRAGHNA, is also an acronym for the subjects that the Centre will deal with:

P – Polity & Governance **R** – Regionalism **A** – Area & Country Studies **G** – Geopolitics & International Relations **H** – History & Human Rights **N**- Nature & Environmental Studies **A** – Allied subjects

What does Praghna do?

Publications

Electronic Journal of Social and Strategic Studies (ISSN online: 2582-9645), an online OA and peer reviewed journal. It is a member journal of Crossref, indexed J-Gate and ROAD.

Praghna and EJSSS have also published 09 books in the field of IR and Strategic Studies. The titles and brief descriptions can be viewed at <https://www.praghna.org/publications/books-monographs>

Research Writing Program

Praghna accepts graduate, postgraduate students and research scholars as interns for up to three months. During this period, they will be trained on research methodology and research article/paper writing techniques.

Interns are expected to produce a Book Review, Article or Research Paper which will be published online by the Centre. Mentoring/guidance from accomplished members of the Centre also would be available. The program entails a small fee.

Queries in this regard can be mailed to directorpraghna@gmail.com

Webinars

Praghna organizes and conducts webinars in collaboration with institutions. Our intention is to promote scholarly discourses by students and early career academics. Details of the webinars conducted can be viewed at www.praghna.org, including the links to their recordings hosted on its YouTube channel.

Research Methodology Workshops

Capacity Building for research is a key objective for Praghna. We conduct workshops that focus on practical outputs on each type of research publication. Institutions may also collaborate with us for hosting these workshops for their faculty members and students/interns.

Praghna Annual Research Awards

Praghna Centre for Research is a not-for-profit educational institute. It is committed to promoting scientific temper through original research among students and emerging scholars. In order to foster the spirit of inquiry and to promote substantial research in social sciences/strategic studies among students, Praghna has instituted research prizes for best research papers by students/research scholars and a book prize for eminent authors in strategic/security studies. Papers and books are invited in March every year. These are assessed by a jury comprising of eminent scholars from diverse fields. The prizes are awarded on the occasion of our anniversary on 07 June every year.

Founded in June 2021, this year Praghna marked its 4th anniversary on 07 June 2025. To commemorate the occasion, **SIX** awards were announced as a humble endeavor to promote research namely:

V. Rajamanickam Prize: For research paper in political science or historical studies

Kalavathi Rajamanickam Prize: For research paper in socio-cultural studies

Group Captain Arun Bhatnagar Prize: For research paper in defense studies

Shri. Radhe Shyam Gupta Prize: For the best book in Defence/Strategic Studies

K.N.Venkatraman Prize: For a research paper in Education and Developmental Studies

Lakshmi Venkatraman Prize: For a research paper in Women and Community Development

Key Milestones

- Praghna and EJSSS have conducted 15 national and international webinars on contemporary themes in collaboration with New Vision University (Tbilisi, Georgia), Pondicherry University (UGC Centre for Maritime Studies), Madras University, BITS Pilani-Goa, and VIT-AP School of Law, as well as independently
- Twenty Two Research Methodology Workshops were conducted for Masters Level students of IR and Research Interns at universities and leading Think.
- Praghna has a standing MoU with Chennai Centre for China Studies for conducting Research Methodology Workshops for their interns.
- Praghna also has a standing MoU with Defence Research and Studies through which a Research Writing Program is being conducted. The students attending this program have till now published 39 research papers, 01 Book Review and 23 research articles (under 2500 words) in the past 46 months. These works have been published online through EJSSS and DRaS.
- EJSSS journal hosts 22 Issues of which seven are Special Issues on specific themes.
- 190 papers and book reviews published by EJSSS have been downloaded over 10000 times till now and cited over 221 times, as per Google Scholar

Praghna strongly believes in promoting a knowledge based society through excellence in research.

About this Issue

Our patron Shrimati Kalavathi Rajamanickam (1944-2025) was the inspiration behind founding this journal. Even as she grew up in an orthodox society, she believed in pursuing knowledge through ardent studies and research. She also believed in the dissemination of knowledge without restrictions based on colour or creed or linguistic affinities. She firmly believed that ancient Indian knowledge system held answers to the travails of contemporary world, be they in political, economic, social or spiritual dimensions. To that extent, she strongly advocated studies in Indian Knowledge System in order to discern its relevance to the contemporary world and, apply them for betterment of the society.

Drawing inspiration from her beliefs, EJSSS will publish a Special Issue in November every year focused on studies in Indology. We especially encourage and seek to publish substantial studies in our successive Special Issues on this theme.

The present **Volume 6 Special Issue VIII Nov 2025** is our 24th publication. It hosts **three research papers** pertaining to studies with India as the central focus (Indology).

We are happy to note that our authors are from amongst established academic institutions, independent researchers/researcher scholars and postgraduate/undergraduate students.

Editor's Note

Electronic Journal of Social and Strategic Studies (EJSSS) is an OA and Peer Reviewed journal. We are committed to publishing research content after following editorial review by a subject editor and a blind review by a qualified reviewer of all the submissions. We especially encourage young and emerging scholars across the world to publish their works through EJSSS. We are delighted to say that our journal is indexed by Google Scholar and J-Gate, one of the most respected indexing & abstracting agencies in the world of journal publication. We are already a member of Crossref.

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