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Preface

India finds itself in the vortex of a changing balance of power at the global level. This is characterised by assertiveness of China in the Asia-Pacific region, rebalancing of military deployments by the US with the 'pivot' to be shifted to Asia, re-emergence of Russia refusing to be contained by the US through machinations like missile deployment and NATO extension, and the rise of middle powers which constitute a group like the BRICS or are configured in power calculations as the 'Next Eleven' (see Section IV). The concomitant but significant developments include the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan (in 2014) and the relaxation of US pressure on Iran (in 2013) subsequent to the election of President Rouhani.

This volume, thirteenth in the series, tries to examine these developments in Section I and trace the manner in which India structured its relations with major powers so that they serve as dependable anchors of its national security in the true spirit of strategic partnerships. At the same time, it makes an in-depth assessment of threats from its adversaries, mainly China and Pakistan. There is a special focus on China's attempts to establish a strategic foothold in all countries in India's neighbourhood. We have also made an attempt to examine the extent to which the South Asian region has been affected by Islamist radicalisation, the role of Pakistan and its likely impact on the political and social stability of India.

In Section II, we draw attention to the imminent challenges that India faces in the external and internal security environment and the opportunities that are opening up for India to further its interests. In Section III, an attempt has been made to point out certain specific areas of policy processes and power projections in which India has enough potential but fails to realise it in the interest of national security for reasons of selfishness, short-sightedness and inefficiency. Section IV carries a new feature highlighting the strategic profile of newly emerging countries which might be significant actors in the international system in the next ten or twenty years. Section V carries the chronology of major events of the previous year, which is an annual feature.

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