

# FORUM ON INDIAN STRATEGIC CULTURE & THOUGHT

## ROADMAP

**2021**

Study on AIKS

**2022**

Bhagavad Gita  
Arthashastra  
Thirukural

**2023**

Panchatantra

**2024**

Upanishad

**2025**

Ancient Texts

**2026**

Consolidation  
Review



*Strategic Thinking & Leadership  
The Ancient Indian Way*

**cdm**  
College of Defence Management



## MILESTONES

CDM  
Projects

Dissertation

Guest  
Lectures

SME  
Interactions

Annual ICSF  
Journals

ICSF  
Publications

## **FORUM ON INDIAN STRATEGIC CULTURE & THOUGHT**

1. **Vision.** To rediscover, contextualize, and apply the timeless wisdom of Indian strategic thought to shape modern military leadership and decision-making.
2. **Mission.** To create a scholarly and participative environment for officers and faculty to engage with the rich legacy of Indian strategic thought, with a focus on leadership, ethics, statecraft and warfare, drawing from texts such as the Arthashastra, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita, and Thirukkural.
3. **Objectives.**
  - (a) Encourage critical exploration of ancient Indian strategic texts.
  - (b) Integrate timeless principles of leadership, governance, and warfare into modern military discourse.
  - (c) Foster inter-disciplinary learning through lectures, debates, and projects.
  - (d) Publish and preserve insights through journals, compendiums, and visual exhibits.
  - (e) Collaborate with academic and cultural institutions to strengthen authenticity and outreach.
4. **Why Should You Join?**
  - (a) Be part of a pioneering intellectual movement rooted in India's civilizational knowledge.
  - (b) Learn from eminent scholars, senior military leaders, and classical texts.
  - (c) Gain insights into real-world application of strategic principles from ancient India.
  - (d) Contribute to publications, creative exhibits, research and journal

writing.

(e) Network with like-minded officers passionate about national heritage and strategic depth.

5. **Past Year Highlights (2024–25).**

(a) Distinguished Lectures by SMEs including Dr. Kajari Kamal, Col PK Gautam (Retd), Col Ajay Singh (Retd), Maj Gen Anand Saxena, ADG HR, Dr. Shashiprabha Kumar and others.

(b) Release of Forum Journal: 'Military Leadership Lessons from Ancient Indian Knowledge Systems'.

(c) MoUs signed with Gujarat University and IGNCA (Ministry of Culture).

(d) Inauguration of a dedicated Strategic Culture Room by the COAS.

(e) Online interactions, debates, and release of 'Pearls of Wisdom' compendium.

6. **What's Planned for 2025–26.**

(a) Lectures on Indian Strategic Culture, Strategy & Warfare, Dharma, Espionage etc

(b) Workshops, debates, and a research paper competitions.

(c) Expanded outreach through strategic thought digests and online sessions.

(d) New journal volume and visual exhibitions.

7. **How to Join.** Participation is open to all officers and faculty members who have a passion for Indian knowledge systems, strategy, leadership, or history. Express your interest by contacting the Forum Secretary or by attending any scheduled session. Volunteer roles include research, documentation, design, editorial, and event support.



