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Brief Profile

Deba Mohanty is one of the few recognized experts on Indian defence and security affairs. He heads Indicia Research and Advisory, a New Delhi based research & consulting firm on defence and strategic affairs. He blends academic, journalistic, industrial and public policy research skills on global and Indian strategic affairs, with professional experience of over 20 years. He holds an MPhil degree in Disarmament Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

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He has travelled and lectured extensively at international institutions in US, UK, France, Germany, Singapore and China. He has lectured at premier Indian military and civilian institutions like National Defence College (NDC), National Academy of Defence Production (NADP), Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS), Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) and others.

He has been a member of national defence committee of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), apart from being a member of United Services Institution of India (USI), IDSA and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

His major publications, among others, include a book titled "Arming the Indian Arsenal" (New Delhi: Rupa Publishers, 2009), an Occasional Paper titled "India-US Defense Relations" (New Delhi: Observer Research Foundation, 2011) and a Policy Paper titled "Assertive yet Flexible: India's Approach to Non-proliferation and Export Control

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He has also been the author of more than thirty research papers and more than a three dozen commentaries / opinion pieces, apart from being quoted extensively as an expert on strategic issues by national and international media. He has been a columnist for Financial Express (New Delhi) and Military Technology (Bonn, Germany) for many years.