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In September 2017 Russia declared complete destruction of its large chemical weapons stockpile. This achievement has raised the hopes of the international community and now Russia could take larger role in Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and also work towards restraining Syria. In this issue of the CBW Magazine Kapil Patil discusses this issue in detail.

The article by Mrinmayee Bhushan discusses the lethality as well as the therapeutic applications of Ricin. The indiscriminate use of chemical weapons by the ISIS against civilians as well as military personnel has brought the discussion of violation of humanitarian and international laws to the forefront. Animesh Roul in his article examines this very issue and also discusses the ISIS's chemical weapons programme.

This issue also comprises other regular features like the Book Review and Chemical and Biological News.

With our readers' feedback, we wish to publish issues in the future that focus on a subject of particular concern.

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