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The Bhopal gas tragedy of 1984, the world's worst chemical disaster, was a clear case of serious safety lapses and failed disaster responses. Safety and security being interlinked, any safety or security breaches in the chemical facilities and the chemical transportation chain would result in huge catastrophes causing immense human, animal and environmental losses. The Government and the chemical industry should speedily address this huge ticking time bomb writes Colonel H R Naidu Gade in his article 'Chemical Security India - Can Another Bhopal be Avoided?'

Dr Manish assesses the 2018 Meeting of States Parties (MSP) on the Biological Weapons Convention by analyzing the disappointing outcome of the Eighth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention which was held in Geneva during 07-25 November 2016. The 2016 outcome has made further discussions on the subject of deliberate biological threats more challenging.

Earlier this year, the Dutch security services along with British officials were able to thwart the plan of a group of Russians to compromise and disrupt systems at the OPCW. Kritika Roy's article highlights the grave reality of cyber threats that international organisations face today.

Dr. Michael Crowley underscores the salience of the potential consequences of Riot Control Agents and the way forward.

This issue also comprises other features like the Kaleidoscope 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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