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The US-Russia Nuclear Arms Reduction Pact that was signed in April 2010 is a welcome step towards comprehensive disarmament but its fruition remains uncertain given the disagreement over the other areas of concern. Similarly, the ongoing Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) may not achieve all that is desirable but can be another step towards disarmament.

In this context, P K Sundaram studies the importance of the US effort towards delinking the Chemical and Biological weapons from Nuclear Deterrence, in the current issue of the magazine. Kapil Patil looks at the slow and sometimes difficult efforts undertaken by the United States towards eliminating its stock of the Chemical weapons that are legacy of the power politics of the 20th century.

S. Shashikumar argues for drafting a more robust policy on the CBRN issues, especially in the backdrop of the recent Cobalt-60 leakages in Delhi.

This issue also features other regular features like Country Profile, Kaleidoscope, Chemical and Biological News and Book Review.

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

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