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Despite the fact that the actual use of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) Weapons has reduced since the World War II, few states remain on the threshold of acquiring them for strategic purpose. While on one hand states like India have done well on proliferation control regimes, the danger of spread of NBC weapons in regions like Africa remains since the weaker countries generally remain vulnerable to NBC usage by state and non state actors. Therefore, strengthening of the protocols on safety and technology on NBC transfers and usage remains the only viable option.

In the current issue of the magazine, Ruchita Beri argues that despite efforts, sub-Saharan African region has shown mixed performance on control regimes and more needs to be done in that respect. Animesh Raul takes a historical perspective on the state policies on biological warfare. He argues that the likelihood of biological warfare has reduced as instances and intensity of its use have reduced over the period of time. Rajiv Nayan makes a case for India's robust performance on the biological export controls system.

This issue includes 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. We would like to inform our readers that the CBW Magazine is now a bi-annual publication and this issue is the first issue in the new format.

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