

## Indian Pugwash Society

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### Summary

This is a brief overview of the Indian Pugwash Society.

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The Indian Pugwash Society is a New Delhi-based non-governmental institution devoted to the study, research and discussion as well as raising awareness on problems relating to Science and World Affairs.<sup>1</sup> Established in 1967 by eminent scientists such as Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Dr. D.S. Kothari, Dr. S. Hussain Zaheer, and Dr. P.C. Mahalanobis, the Society follows the moving spirit of the Russell-Einstein Manifesto issued in July 1955.<sup>2</sup> Since its inception, the Society has been leading research and discussions on issues of general and complete disarmament, new scientific and technological developments that may have bearings on international security, and the application of science and technology for the development of Global South.<sup>3</sup> In recent years, the Society has been actively promoting studies, research, and outreach in the areas of nuclear non-proliferation, disarmament, and nuclear energy and published reports which are distributed to relevant educational institutions, libraries and members of the Society.<sup>4</sup>

The Indian Pugwash Society also has a resource-rich website for wider dissemination of information on its various activities.<sup>5</sup> The website is regularly updated with research articles, commentaries, and documentation in the form of parliamentary Q&A, treaty texts, speeches, event reports, etc. The website provides free online access to research articles and documents to users. The website also displays video recordings of the speeches made by dignitaries during various seminars and conferences. It offers a unique platform for young researchers to publish short commentaries and research articles. Running for almost a decade now, the website has attracted a significant

number of visitors from India and around the world.

## Endnotes:

- <sup>1</sup> Pugwash History, URL: <http://pugwashindia.org/PugwashHistory.aspx>
- <sup>2</sup> Russell-Einstein Manifesto was issued in London on July 09, 1955, See: [http://pugwashindia.org/Issue\\_Brief\\_Details.aspx?Nid=117](http://pugwashindia.org/Issue_Brief_Details.aspx?Nid=117). Following its declaration, a group of scientists from the East and the West formed a group which came to be known as Pugwash Movement (officially known as Pugwash Conferences on Science & World Affairs).
- <sup>3</sup> See, Prof. Udgaonkar and Pugwash Movement by Dr. P. G. Lavkare in Proceedings of National Conference on Science Education - Challenges of Quality 12, 13 Sept., 2007, URL: <http://www.hbcse.tifr.res.in/data/pdf/bmu/proceedings-of-conference.pdf>
- <sup>4</sup> Gupta A. & Kapur, K. D. (2012), Emerging Asian Nuclear Environment Implications for India, New Delhi: Lancer's Books, URL: <http://pugwashindia.org/NewsLetterDetails.aspx?Nid=63>.
- <sup>5</sup> Indian Pugwash Society, URL: <http://pugwashindia.org/Default.aspx>