



Chemical Weapons Convention

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India hosted the **23rd Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia** under the [Chemical Weapons Convention \(CWC\)](#).

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- **About: CWC** is a **multilateral treaty** banning chemical weapons and requiring their **destruction** within the stipulated time.
 - It came into force in **1997** and its implementation is overseen by the [Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons \(OPCW\)](#) with **193 member states**.
 - **OPCW** was awarded the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) in **2013** for its global efforts in eliminating chemical weapons.
- **India and CWC:** India is an original signatory of the CWC and implements it through the **National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC)**, established under the **Chemical Weapons Convention Act, 2000**.
 - The **Indian Chemical Council (ICC)**, India's oldest chemical industry association, was awarded the **OPCW-The Hague Award 2024**, becoming the **first industry body globally** to receive this honour.
- **Chemical Weapons:** A [chemical weapon](#) is any **toxic chemical** or device designed to **cause intentional harm or death**, including munitions and equipment for delivery.
 - It mandates the **destruction of old and abandoned chemical weapons** and requires members to **declare riot-control agents** like **tear gas**.

Read More: [Chemical Weapons Convention and Biological Weapons Convention](#)

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