

Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)

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Why in news?

Recently, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons held Asia Meeting in New Delhi in 2025.

- **Entered into force** - 1997
- **Objectives** - To eliminate an entire category of weapons of mass destruction by prohibiting the development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, transfer or use of chemical weapons by States Parties.
- **Membership** - 193 nations.
- **India's membership** - India is an original signatory.
- **Role of signatories** - States Parties must take the steps necessary to enforce that prohibition in respect of persons (natural or legal) within their jurisdiction.
- **Implemented by** - Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

- **Formed in** - 1997
- **Headquarters** - The Hague, Netherlands
- **Objectives** - To implement the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and to oversee the global endeavour to permanently and verifiably eliminate chemical weapons.
- **Activities** - It organises regional meetings of National Authorities annually to support implementation of the Convention through capacity building of National Authorities.
- This interaction fosters bilateral and regional cooperation and bolster networks among National Authorities.
- **Recognition** - It was awarded the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize.

Role of India in Elimination Chemical Weapons

- **National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC)** - It is the national authority responsible for implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) in India.
- **Indian Chemical Council (ICC)** - It is India's oldest Chemical Industry Association works closely with the NACWC for reaching out to industry.
- **Recognition to India's efforts** - ICC received the OPCW- The Hague award in 2024, as a co-recipient, for its role in promoting chemical safety, compliance with the Convention, and enhancing industry-wide security practices in India.
- This is the 1st time globally, that a chemical industry body was honoured with this award.

*The ‘**OPCW-The Hague Award**’ recognizes individuals and organizations that play a significant role in advancing the goals of the Chemical Weapons Convention.*

Reference

[PIB| Regional Meeting of OPCW in India](#)

