

Nuclear Weapons and India's Strategy

New Delhi, 17 February 2009: "India cannot go it alone," said Professor P R Chari, speaking towards the conclusion of a workshop, held at the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies on Tuesday morning, where India's regional and global strategies on Nuclear Weapons were discussed. "India should take steps towards a positive gesture instead of merely resorting to rhetoric. It can even say that it is willing to sign the CTBT to make its position towards nuclear weapons control clear," he added.

The workshop examined the safety and security of Pakistan's nuclear assets and India's concerns for the same and also revisited the Rajiv Gandhi Action Plan which was unveiled in 1988. The workshop saw active participation from several young scholars and foreign journalists and a wide range of concerns including the need for nuclear deterrence, China's role as a nuclear power in Asia and the possibility of a Pakistan's nuclear facilities coming under attack from fundamentalists were discussed.

IPCS will be conducting a regional workshop on Nuclear Disarmament on 28 February 2009 at the School of Law, Christ University in Bangalore.

For any further questions please contact:

D Suba Chandran

Deputy Director, IPCS

subachandran@gmail.com

09312680858