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## **One Day Seminar on Biological Weapons Convention: Beyond 50 Years**

The Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), also known as the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC), was enacted on March 26, 1975. The BWC was the first multilateral agreement to comprehensively ban an entire category of weapons of mass destruction. It prohibits the development, production, and acquisition of biological weapons, while also recognizing the value of peaceful biological research and encouraging international cooperation in the life sciences. Over the past fifty years, the BWC has succeeded in building a global consensus against the weaponization of biology. Rapid developments in science and technology have led to the availability and affordability of sophisticated biotechnology tools. Recent outbreaks, including the COVID-19 pandemic, which affected each and every one of us, have imposed a steep learning curve for policy makers and practitioners alike. These developments have raised new questions to be considered in the context of the implementation of the BWC.

Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) is pleased to announce one day seminar on **“Biological Weapons Convention: Beyond 50 Years”** on Saturday 30 May, 2026 at ISIL.

### **Call for Abstracts and Papers**

The seminar invites academicians, researchers, professionals, policymakers, and students to submit abstracts and research papers; broad conference themes include the following:

- Bioweapons/ Biological Warfare: Historical Account, Russian/ American/ British/ German Approaches to Bioweapons
- 1925 Geneva Protocol; BTWC Negotiations, Biological Weapons Convention and its Analysis of its Provisions
- BTWC Review Conferences and Analysis
- Bio-technological Advancement, Synthetic Biology, Genetic Engineering, AI and Future Bioweapons, Dual-use nature of Life-sciences Innovations.
- Covid-19- Bioweapon? Bioterrorism, Non-State actors and Biological Weapons.
- Threat of Bio-weapons in Outer Space
- Biological Weapons Convention-strengthening, New Code of Conduct, Verification, A New Protocol?
- State Responsibility on Protection of Bio-Organism

**Submission Guidelines:**

**Abstract:** Max. 300 words with five keywords to be submitted by 20 March, 2026

**Acceptance Notification:** 27 March, 2026

**Full Papers:** 6000-7500 words, to be submitted by 15 May, 2026

**Authors:** Maximum 2 Authors allowed

**Submissions** to be mailed at [isilevents2026@gmail.com](mailto:isilevents2026@gmail.com) with subject as name of Author (s) with title of the paper in MS Word format

Citations must conform to ISIL Citation Style (<https://www.isil-aca.org/download2021/ijilguidelines.pdf>)

**Registration Fee:** Rs. 1000/- (Faculty and Research Scholars); Rs 750/- (Students)

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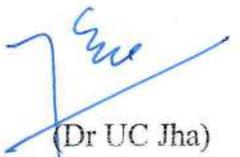
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**Note:** Selected papers will be considered for publication in ISIL's forthcoming edited volume, subject to peer review and editorial approval.

  
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