

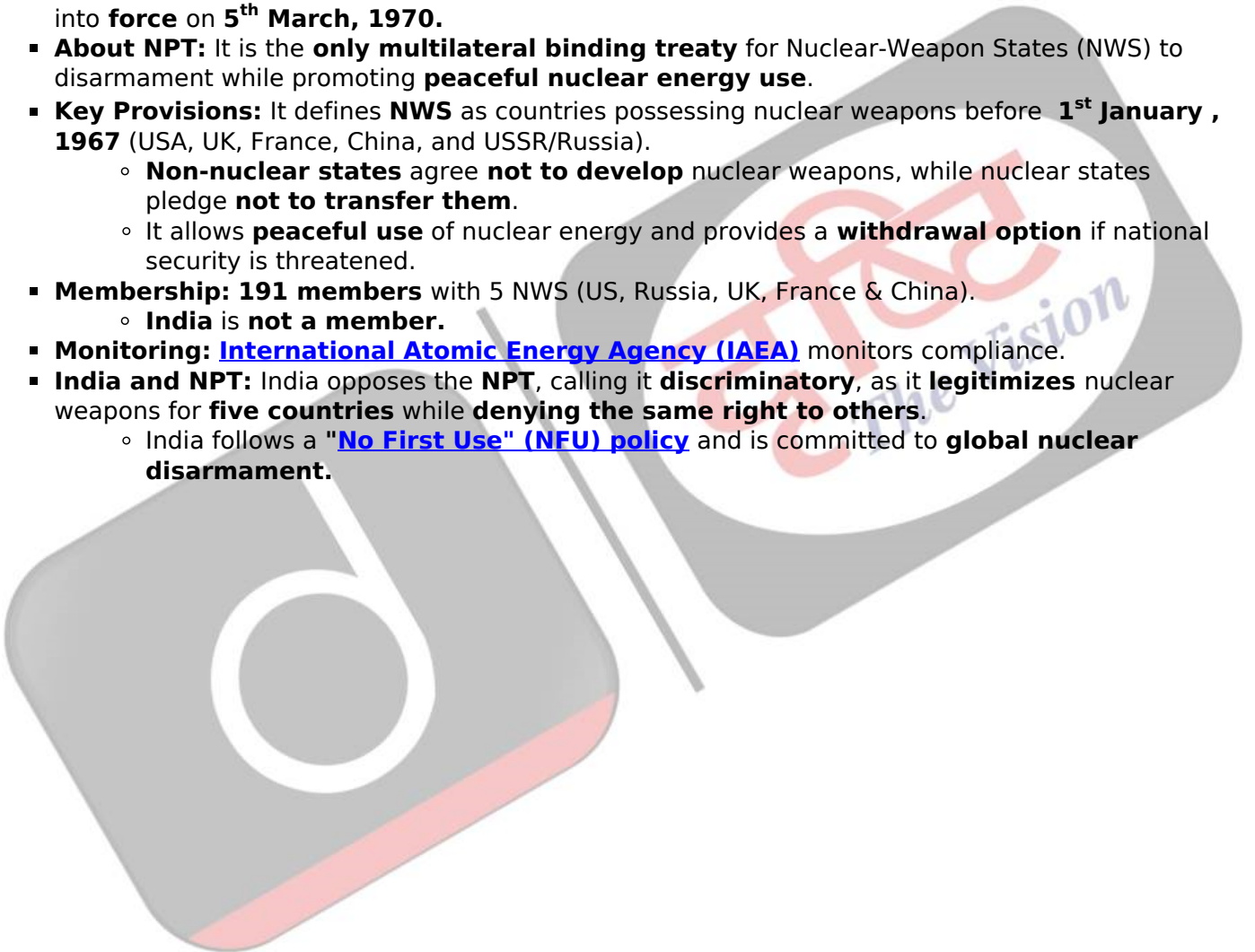


55th Anniversary of NPT

The **Nuclear [Non-Proliferation Treaty \(NPT\)](#)** marks **55 years on 5th March, 2025**.

- It was **approved** by the UN General Assembly on **12th June, 1968** and came into **force** on **5th March, 1970**.
- **About NPT:** It is the **only multilateral binding treaty** for Nuclear-Weapon States (NWS) to disarmament while promoting **peaceful nuclear energy use**.
- **Key Provisions:** It defines **NWS** as countries possessing nuclear weapons before **1st January, 1967** (USA, UK, France, China, and USSR/Russia).
 - **Non-nuclear states** agree **not to develop** nuclear weapons, while nuclear states pledge **not to transfer them**.
 - It allows **peaceful use** of nuclear energy and provides a **withdrawal option** if national security is threatened.
- **Membership: 191 members** with 5 NWS (US, Russia, UK, France & China).
 - **India is not a member.**
- **Monitoring: [International Atomic Energy Agency \(IAEA\)](#)** monitors compliance.
- **India and NPT:** India opposes the **NPT**, calling it **discriminatory**, as it **legitimizes** nuclear weapons for **five countries** while **denying the same right to others**.
 - India follows a "**[No First Use](#)**" (**NFU**) **policy** and is committed to **global nuclear disarmament**.

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Treaties Against Nuclear Weapons

Part - I

Nuclear Weapons

- The most dangerous weapons on earth; a **bomb or missile that uses nuclear energy to cause an explosion.**
- Nuclear weapons release energy either by **nuclear fission (atomic bombs) or nuclear fusion (hydrogen bombs).**
- Even a single weapon is potent of **destroying a whole city, potentially killing millions, jeopardising the natural environment** and lives of future generations.
- They were used for the **first and last time in WW-II** by the US in 1945 on **Hiroshima and Nagasaki.**

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT 1970)



- **Objective:**
 - Prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and its technology
 - Foster peaceful uses of nuclear energy
 - Further the goal of nuclear disarmament
- **Member States:**
 - 191 with **5 nuclear-weapon states (NWS)** (US, Russia, UK, France & China)
- **Nuclear-Weapon States:**
 - Those who **manufactured & exploded** a nuclear weapon or nuclear explosive device **before 1st January 1967**
- **Significance:**
 - **Only binding treaty** to the goal of disarmament by the NWS
- **India and NPT:**
 - India (along with Pakistan, Israel, North Korea, and South Sudan) is **not a member**
 - Opposes it as a **discriminative disarmament policy**
 - India's policy - **No First Use against NWS and no use against non-NWS**
- **NPT Review Conference:**
 - **Undertakes review** of the treaty's implementation **quinquennially**



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