

## Nuclear India:

Illusion and Reality

By K. P. Prakasam

### About the Book

**Nuclear India** is about world developments since World War II, the testing of nuclear bombs on Hiroshima & Nagasaki and the events that followed. It deals with the fate of divided countries like Germany, Korea and Vietnam, the collapse of the communist world order, the Soviet bid to export revolution to Afghanistan, military takeovers in Pakistan, and the birth of Bangladesh.

The embracing of democracy and market economy by communist countries is discussed in detail. In view of India and Pakistan conducting nuclear weapon tests, it has become all the more urgent to solve the contentious issue of Kashmir. India should abandon its ostrich-like posture, accept ground realities, and work for India-Pakistan-China amity to mitigate the sufferings of people. The imperative for nuclear disarmament is stressed in this book. The U.N. structure has to undergo cardinal reforms in order to achieve this.

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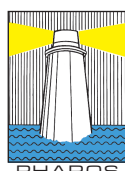
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