



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

25 AUGUST, 2022

## NATIONAL

### 1. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital

**Why in news** - PM Modi inaugurated Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in Punjab's Mohali.

#### Key Points –

- It would function like a hub of cancer treatment with the 100-bed hospital in Sangrur.
- PM Modi also inaugurated the Amrita Hospital (2600 beds) in Faridabad, Haryana.

#### Cancer in Punjab –

- Punjab is called the cancer capital of India.
- Reasons - Contaminated water and soil (high arsenic, uranium and pesticide).
- The train that carries these patients from Bhatinda to Bikaner is also known as the "cancer train".

### 2. Anang Tal

**Why in news** - Anang Tal lake was declared monument of national importance by the Ministry of Culture.

#### Key Points –

- It is located in South Delhi.
- It comes under Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act,

1958.

- Tradition ascribes this tank to a Tomar King, Anangpal II (1,060 AD).

### 3. Education township

**Why in news** - Uttar Pradesh gears up to build India's first education township.

#### Key Points –

- Aim – to provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills.
- It would be developed on the idea of "Single Entry, Multiple Exit".
- Deloitte India has been appointed to explore ways to make Uttar Pradesh a \$1 trillion economy.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Student loan waiver

**Why in news** – Joe Biden to cancel \$10,000 in student loan debt for borrowers earning less than \$125,000 per year.

#### Key Points –

- The total amount of federal student debt is more than \$1.6 trillion.

### 2. Ukraine Independence Day

**Why in news** – Ukraine celebrated 31 years of independence from the Soviet Union on Aug 24, 2022.

### Key Points –

- Celebrations were held across Europe waving giant Ukrainian flags.
- Joe Biden provided a new assistance package of about \$3 billion in military aid for Kyiv.

## ENVIRONMENT

### 1. India Wind Energy Market Outlook 2026

**Why in news –** The third annual edition looking at the wind energy outlook in India was released.

#### Key Points –

- It was released by The Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) and MEC Intelligence (MEC+) on Aug 24, 2022.
- India's commitment - half its electricity in 2030 from non-fossil fuel sources.

#### Key findings –

- India can add another 23.7 GW of capacity within the next 5 years.
- Wind power constituted 37.7% of cumulative installed capacity as of March 2022.
- Only 40 GW of wind power capacity has been established (Target - 60 GW by 2022).
- Wind project addition to peak by 2024. After 2024, fresh projects are likely to be wind solar hybrids.

### 2. HPCL'S cow dung to compressed biogas

**Why in news –** Hindustan Petroleum

Corporation Limited (HPCL) has started the development of its first Cow Dung to CBG plant.

#### Key Points –

- Location –Jalore, Rajasthan.
- It is a waste-to-energy plant that uses 100 tonnes of dung per day to make biogas.
- It is being developed under the Gobar-Dhan scheme (2018) as a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission (G).

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 1. Postage stamp on 75th anniversary

**Why in news –** Egypt issued souvenir stamps to mark the 75th anniversary of Egypt-India relations.

#### Key Points –

- Egypt recognized India's independence on 18 August 1947
- Egypt and India signed a friendship agreement in 1955.

### 2. Liberty Medal 2022

**Why in news –** Liberty Medal to be awarded to Ukrainian President Zelenskyy.

#### Key Points –

- Zelenskyy is also the recipient of awards such as the Ronald Reagan Freedom Award and the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.
- Other recipients - Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Anthony Kennedy, Sen. John McCain, Rep. John Lewis and Malala Yousafzai.

### 3. Pulitzer Prize 2022

**Why in news** – Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim has been selected for the Pulitzer Prize 2022.

**Key Points** –

- She would be awarded under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary.
- She is among the 4 journalists including Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey of Insider magazine.
- They were selected for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs.
- The work “I escaped a Chinese internment Camp” has illustrations by Fahmida Azim.

## AGREEMENTS

### 1. IREDA and MAHAPREIT

**Why in news** – IREDA and MAHAPREIT signed an MoU to provide loans for green energy projects.

## PLACES IN NEWS

### 1. Dinosaur Valley State Park (Texas, USA)

**Why in news** – Severe drought conditions exposed dinosaur tracks underneath the Paluxy River in Texas.

**Key Points** –

- Tracks belong to Acrocanthosaurus with three toes and claws on each limb.
- The footprints occur on a sedimentary rock unit called the Glen Rose Formation.
- Similar tracks have been found in British Columbia and South America.

### 2. Buddha in Yangtze River

**Why in news** – Plunging water levels of the Yangtze River have revealed a trio of Buddhist statues.

**Key Points** –

- They were found on the highest part of the island reef called Foyeliang.

## STATES/UTs

### 1. Kerala Savaari

**Why in news** – India's 1st government-owned online taxi service “Kerala Savaari” launched in Kerala.

**Key Points** –

- It is 1st such initiative by any state government in the country.
- Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launched the initiative in Thiruvananthapuram on a pilot basis.

## BIHAR

### 1. Trust vote in Assembly

**Why in news** – The new Grand Alliance government in Bihar won the trust vote with ease on Aug 24, 2022.

**Key Points** –

- The government won the trust motion with 160 votes in its favour.
- All 7 non-BJP parties in the 243-member Assembly voted in favour of the government. 4 MLAs were absent.
- The session was presided over by Dy Speaker Maheshwar Hazari.
- BJP's Vijay Kumar Sinha resigned as the Speaker of the Assembly ahead of floor test.

- JD(U)'s Narendra Narayan Yadav chaired the floor test.

## 2. Sahitya Akademi Award

**Why in news** - Madhubani's Dr. Virendra Jha (Maithli) got the Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar for his book – “Udan-Chu”.

**Key Points** –

- Zafar Kamaali got Bal Sahitya Puraskar (Urdu language) for “Hauslo ki udaan”.
- Navakrishna Ahik got Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puruskar for

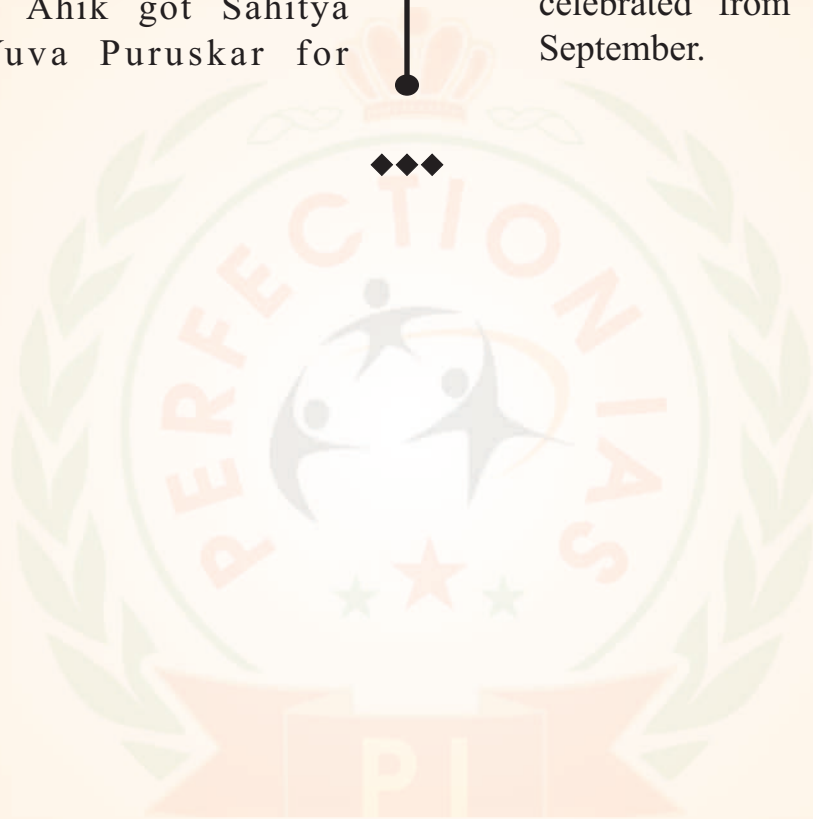
Khurchanbhaik Kachmachhi (Satire collection).

## 3. Green lockdown

**Why in news** - To protect nature and save greenery, tribals in Bagaha (Bihar) imposed a 48-hour green lockdown.

**Key Points** –

- This 400-year-old custom is known as Barna festival.
- This time Barna festival would be celebrated from 30 August to 22 September.



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- The 12th Indian National Science Film Festival is being organized from 22-26 August in which city – **Bhopal.**
- Who has been appointed as the next Indian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom - **Vikram Doraiswamy.**
- Which country is hosting the meeting of defense ministers of SCO in August 2022 – **Uzbekistan.**
- The first of its kind Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR) was inaugurated by which Indian Naval Ship (INS) – **INS Karna.**
- Which company has partnered with SIDBI to launch 1,000 green energy ventures – **TP Renewable Microgrid (TPRMG).**
- Which portal has been launched by the central government to bring all the awards of various ministries of the government on one platform – **National Awards Portal.**
- In which country, the NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed an MoU with PayXpert to internationalize acceptance of its payment solutions – **United Kingdom.**
- In which country the army has appointed Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga as interim Prime Minister – **Mali.**
- As per Office for National Statistics (ONS), which country has recorded the biggest drop in production in more than 300 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic – **United Kingdom.**
- Who has developed new method to produce sugar substitute 'Xylitol' from sugarcane waste - **IIT Guwahati.**