



63rd General Conference of IAEA

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On the sidelines of the 63rd general conference of the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**, India launched a global cancer care network, **“NCG-Vishwam Cancer Care Connect” (NCG-Vishwam 3C)**.

- NCG-Vishwam **envisages integration of hospitals and relevant cancer care institutes in partner countries with the National Cancer Grid (NCG) of India.**
 - Vishwam is a Sanskrit word meaning ‘universal’ or ‘global’.
 - NCG managed by Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), was established in 2012 with the vision of creating uniform standards of cancer care across India and this has grown to a large network of 183 cancer centres, and hospitals.
- Eleven countries such as Russia, Kazakhstan, Vietnam, Nepal, UAE showed interests in the NCG-Vishwam soon after its launch.

International Atomic Energy Agency

- Widely known as the world’s **“Atoms for Peace and Development”** organization within the United Nations family, the IAEA is the international centre for cooperation in the nuclear field.
- The Agency works with its Member States and multiple partners worldwide to promote safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technologies.
- The IAEA was **created in 1957** in response to the deep fears and expectations generated by the discoveries and diverse uses of nuclear technology.
- IAEA’s **headquarters is in Vienna, Austria.**
- It is an independent international organization that reports annually to the UN General Assembly. When necessary, the IAEA also reports to the UN Security Council in regards to instances of members’ non-compliance with safeguards and security obligations.