

# Daily Current Affairs

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### UPI Safety Ambassador

- In a significant move to enhance awareness and security on **digital payment platforms**, the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has appointed Bollywood actor **Pankaj Tripathi** as the “**UPI Safety Ambassador.**”
- This strategic partnership aims to address growing concerns about the safety of digital payment systems, particularly the United Payments Interface (UPI).

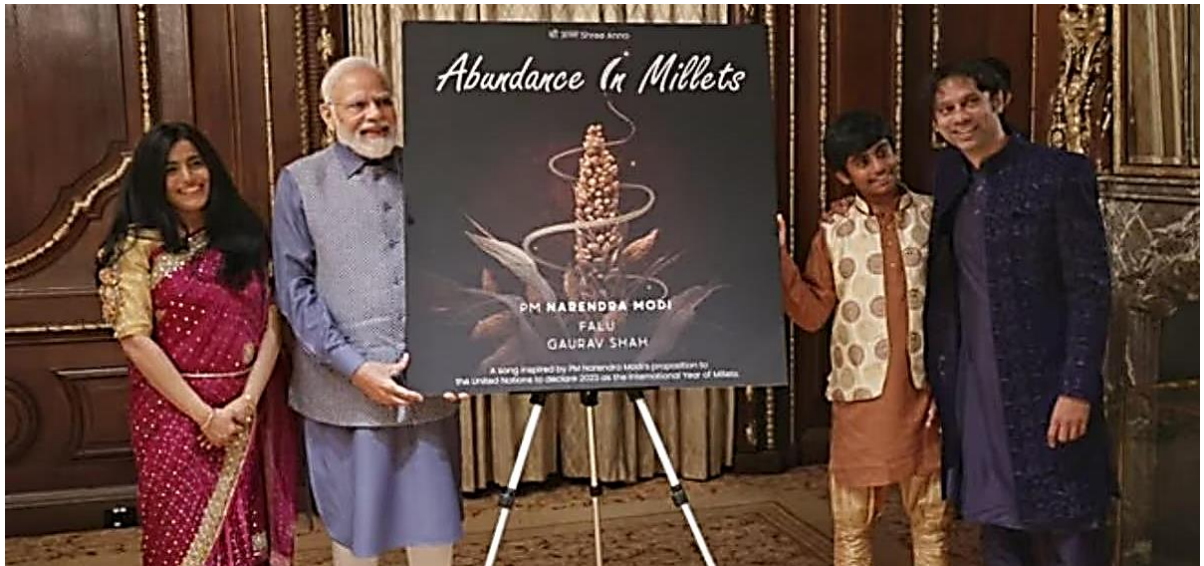


**NPCI Appoints Pankaj Tripathi as 'UPI Safety Ambassador'**

- Tripathi emphasized the **extensive reach of UPI payments**, spanning cities, towns and even the remotest villages across the country.
- The **digital payments ecosystem in India** has experienced remarkable growth, driven by government initiatives, increased internet and smartphone penetration and the surge in **e-commerce activities**.
- Private sector players have also contributed to the ecosystem by offering a diverse range of **digital payment services**.

## Grammy Awards 2024

- **Falguni Shah**, Indian vocalist and songwriter, has been nominated for the **Best Global Music Performance** category at the **2024 Grammy Awards** for her song **“Abundance in Millets”**, which features a speech written and delivered by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The song was created to raise awareness of millets, a supergrain that has the potential **to help alleviate world hunger**.
- Shah is a strong advocate for millets and has been working to promote their cultivation and consumption in India and around the world.



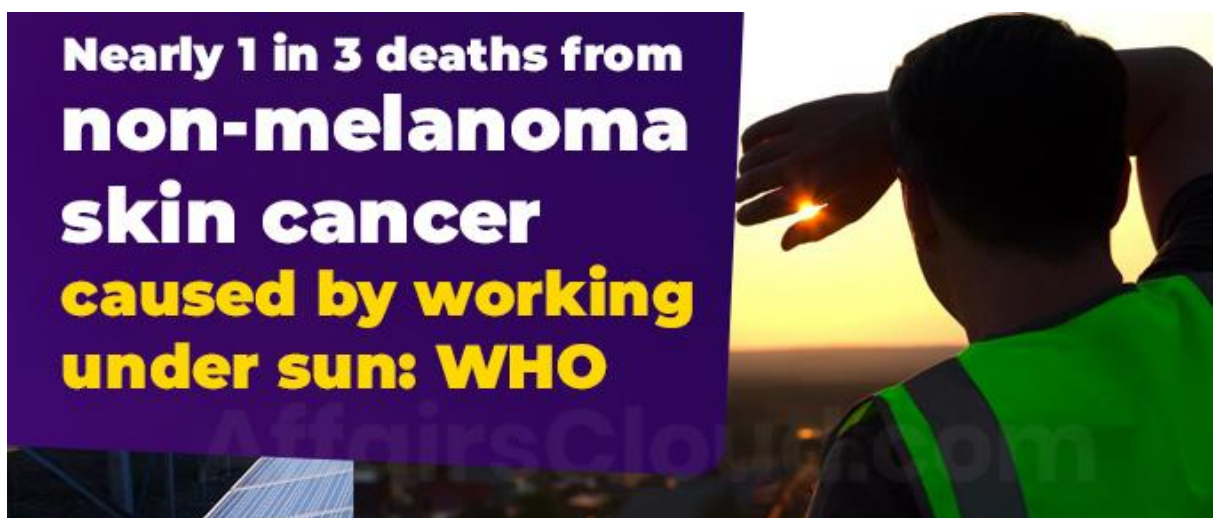
## PM Modi Visits Lepcha To Celebrate Diwali

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in **Himachal Pradesh's Lepcha** to celebrate Diwali with security personnel.
- Every year, Prime Minister Modi visits a security installation to celebrate the festival of lights with the men in uniform.
- Lepcha which requires you to further hike about an hour or so. Lepcha is the last place in India you can reach and **ahead lies Tibet** beyond the Indo-Tibet Border ends.

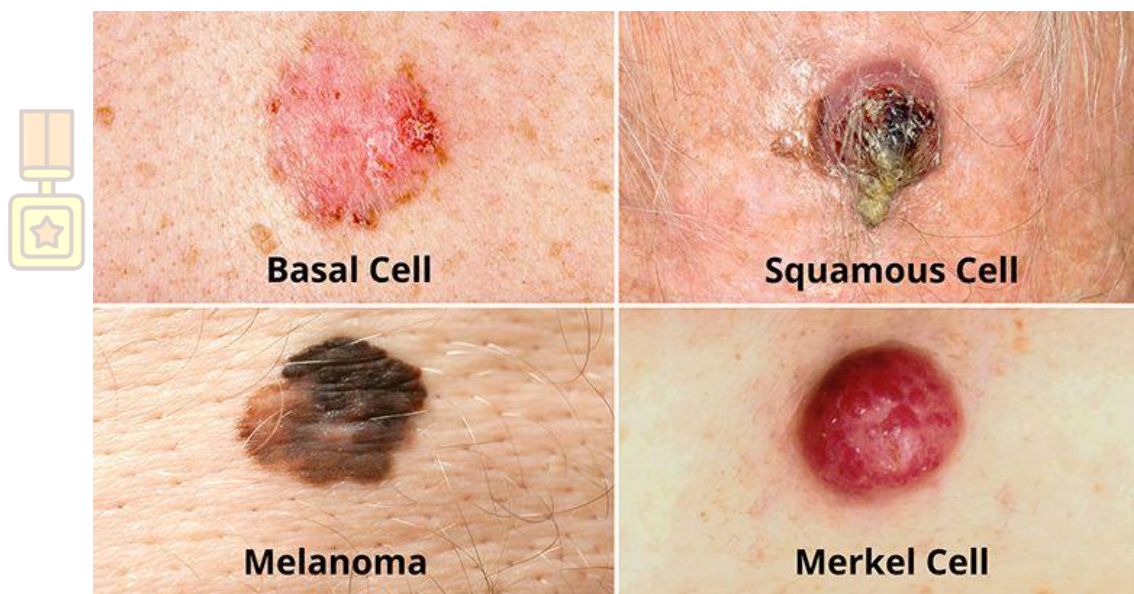


## Non Melanoma Skin Cancer

- Nearly **1 in 3 deaths** from non-melanoma skin cancer is caused by working under the sun, according to joint estimates by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **International Labour Organization (ILO)** published.
- The research released in Environment International finds that outdoor workers carry a large and increasing burden of **non-melanoma skin cancer** and calls for action to prevent this serious workplace hazard and the loss of workers' lives it causes.
- According to the joint estimates, **1.6 billion people** of working age (15 years or older) were exposed to solar ultraviolet radiation while working outdoors in 2019, equivalent to 28% of all working-age people.



- In 2019 alone, almost **19 000 people in 183 countries** died from non-melanoma skin cancer due to having worked outdoors in the sun. The majority (65%) were male.
- **“Unprotected exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation** at work is a major cause of occupational skin cancer,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.
- **“But there are effective solutions to protect workers** from the sun’s harmful rays, and prevent their deadly effects.”
- The estimates establish occupational exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation as the work-related risk factor with the **third highest attributable** burden of cancer deaths globally.
- “A safe and healthy working environment is a **fundamental right at work**,” said Gilbert F. Hougbo, ILO Director-General.



- Governments should establish, implement and enforce policies and regulations that protect **outdoor workers from sun-induced skin cancer** by providing shade, shifting working hours away from the solar noon, providing education and training, and equipping workers with sunscreen and personal protective clothing (such as broad-brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirts and long trousers).
- Protective measures should be implemented when the ultraviolet index, a scale rating the amount of skin-damaging ultraviolet radiation, is 3 or higher.
- WHO, ILO, the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme recently launched the SunSmart Global UV App that

outdoor workers can use to estimate their exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation.

## Ayodhya Sets Guinness Record

- The seventh Deepotsav in Ayodhya set a new world record by emerging as the largest event of lighting lamps together at one location, with **over 22 lakh 'diyas'** illuminated along the Saryu river.
- More than **22 lakh 'diyas'** illuminated the banks of the Saryu river in Ayodhya during the seventh edition of the Deepotsav, setting a new world record for lighting a large number of lamps simultaneously at one place.



- The **22+ lakh 'diyas'** (earthen lanterns), 6.47 lakh more than the previous year, were lit by 25,000 volunteers at the 51 ghats of Ram Ki Paidi along the river.
- The representatives of the **Guinness Book of World Records**, using drones to count the lamps, officially recognized Ayodhya's achievement, echoing the city with triumphant chants of 'Jai Shri Ram.'

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. For Which Category Is Falguni Shah Nominated At Grammy Awards**

- A. Best Rock Performance
- B. Best Global Music Performance
- C. Best Rap Song
- D. Best Country Album

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Where Did PM Modi Celebrate Diwali With Security Personnel**

- A. Delhi
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Ladakh
- D. Himachal Pradesh

**ANSWER: D**

**3. 1<sup>st</sup> State In India To Implement The Uniform Civil Code After Goa**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Under Which Article Of Constitution Does Uniform Civil Code Fall**

- A. Article 42
- B. Article 44
- C. Article 50
- D. Article 55

**ANSWER: B**

**5. According To Article 37, Are Directive Principles Enforceable By Courts**

- A. No
- B. Yes
- C. Only in certain cases
- D. It depends on the situation

**ANSWER: A**

**6. First Athlete To Win Fashion Icon Award By Council Of Fashion Designers Of America**

- A. Mary Kom
- B. Serena Williams
- C. Simone Biles
- D. Virat Kohli

**ANSWER: B**

**7. India Held 'Education & Skill Council Meeting' With Which Country**

- A. USA
- B. France
- C. Australia
- D. UAE

**ANSWER: C**

**8. India Signed Mobility & Migration Partnership Agreement With Which Country**

- A. Italy
- B. Israel
- C. Ukraine
- D. Afghanistan

**ANSWER: A**

**9. "Building Trust In Science" Is The Theme Of**

- A. Israel
- B. Iraq
- C. Australia
- D. Greece

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Umiam Lake Seen In The News, Is Located In Which State**

- A. World Education Day
- B. World Science Day for Peace and Development
- C. World Youth Development Day
- D. World Students Day

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Which Indian Company Partnered With US Based Archer Aviation For All Electric Air Taxi Service**

- A. Air India
- B. Inter Globe Entreprises
- C. Spice Jet
- D. Pixxel

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Which Country Supplies 'Hermes-900 Drones' To India**

- A. Israel
- B. Russia
- C. France
- D. USA

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Energy Conservation Building Code Is Associated With Which Country**

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. UK

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Ogasawara Island Chain, Seen In News, In Which Country**

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Philippines

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Which City Is The Host Of 'International Convention On Millets**

- A. Bhubaneswar
- B. Kolkata
- C. Chennai
- D. Bengaluru

**ANSWER: A**



**16. Which NE State Approved Legislation Maintaining 33% Reservation For Women In Urban Local Bodies**

- A. Assam
- B. Nagaland
- C. Sikkim
- D. West Bengal

**ANSWER: B**

**17. "Panda Diplomacy" Is A Phrase Commonly Used To Describe The Strategy Of Which Country**

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. China
- D. Portugal

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Which Indian State Approved Its First Export Promotion Policy Designed To Boost Exports**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Headquarters Of International Organization For Migration**

- A. New York
- B. Geneva
- C. Paris
- D. Rome

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Which Country's Head Signed A Bill, Revoking Its Ratification Of Global Nuclear Test Ban**

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. Russia
- D. Israel

**ANSWER: C**

