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33rd Conference On Animal Health

- India is set to host the **33rd Conference of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific**, scheduled from November 13 to 16 in **New Delhi**.
- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying **Parshottam Rupala** will inaugurate and conclude the ceremonies.
- Conferences of the WOA Regional Commissions are institutional meetings held for the purpose of examining animal health, animal welfare and animal production food safety issues within the Region and to elaborate recommendations in accordance with the WOAH General Rules.



- The recommendations to be adopted during the 33rd Conference will be presented to the **World Assembly of Delegates of the WOAH in May 2024** for endorsement.
- The kind offer of the government of India during the **90th General Session** of the World Assembly of Delegates of the WOAH, held in Paris in May 2023, the

33rd Conference of the WOA Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific is Organised.

- WOA Delegates and/or representatives of Members of the Region and senior officers from regional and international organisations will be invited to the Conference. In addition, selected representatives of the private sector and private veterinary organisations from the region will be invited.

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).

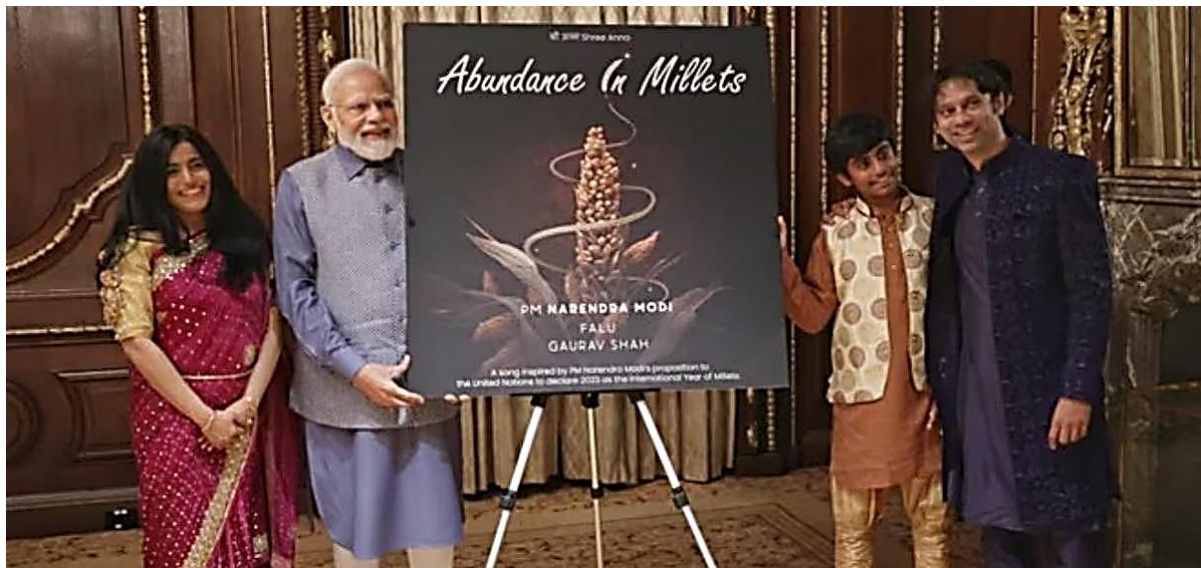


NPCI Appoints Pankaj Tripathi as 'UPI Safety Ambassador'

- 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.



Public Service Broadcasting Day

- **Public Service Broadcasting Day** is being celebrated on **12th November** every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to All India Radio in Delhi in 1947.
- **On 12 November 1947**, Mahatma Gandhi addressed the **displaced people** (a refugee from Pakistan), who had temporarily settled at **Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition**.
- Gandhiji had reportedly said that he saw the **medium of radio as Shakti**, the miraculous power of God.



- Gandhiji began his speech saying, “My brothers and sisters who are suffering, I do not know if only you or some other people are also listening to it.
- The day was **declared as Public Service Broadcasting Day** or (Jan Prasaran Diwas) **in 2001**, after it was conceptualised by Suhas Borker, Convenor, Jan Prasar.
- Prasar Bharati has been given the responsibility of public service broadcasting, deepen democratic traditions and provide opportunities to all diverse communities and cultures.
- Mahatma Gandhi had decided to visit the studio of All India Radio, to convey his message through radio, as he couldn’t visit refugees of Partition stationed at Kurukshetra in Haryana.

India Supports UN Resolution

- Less than two weeks after it abstained on a **Jordanian-drafted resolution on the Israel-Hamas conflict**, India was among **145 countries** which voted in favour of a United Nations resolution that condemned Israeli settlement activities in “the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan”.
- The **UN draft resolution**, titled “Israeli settlements in the **Occupied Palestinian Territory**, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan”, was passed with overwhelming majority on November 9.



- While **seven countries** — United States, Canada, Hungary, Israel, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Nauru — voted against the resolution, 18 abstained from voting.
- With the resolution, the UN condemned settlement activities in the areas, and any activities involving the confiscation of land, disruption of livelihood of protected persons, forced transfer of civilians, and annexation of land, whether de facto or through national legislation

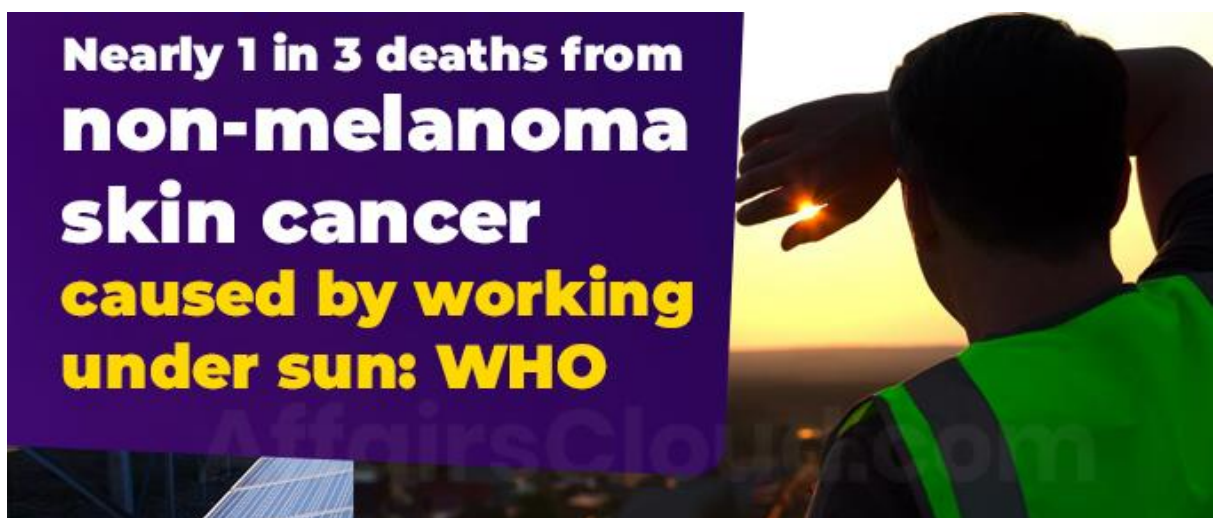
PM Modi Visits Lepcha To Celebrate Diwali

- 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. Hounbo, ILO Director-General.

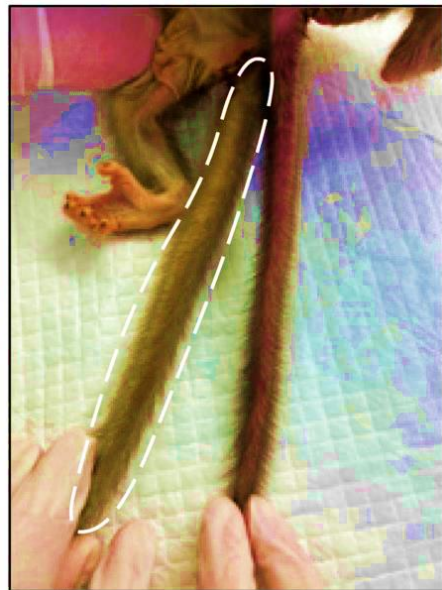


- Governments should establish, implement and enforce policies and regulations that protect **outdoor workers from sun-induced skin cancer** by providing shade, shifting working hours away from the solar noon, providing education and training, and equipping workers with sunscreen and personal protective 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.

Monkey Chimera

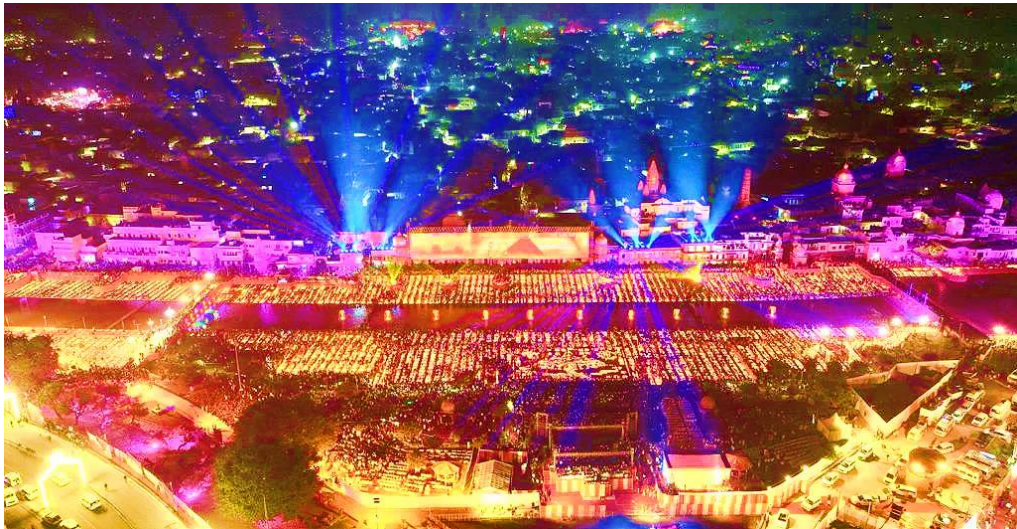
- **Chinese scientists** have achieved a significant milestone in the realm of genetic research by creating a **monkey chimera with two sets of DNA**.
- This experimental breakthrough could have far-reaching implications for medical research and the conservation of endangered species.
- The project, which involved **combining stem cells** from a **cynomolgus monkey** with a genetically distinct embryo from the same species, yielded a substantially chimeric primate.
- This achievement opens new avenues for understanding biological processes, modeling diseases, and advancing medical science.
- However, it also raises ethical concerns regarding the use of nonhuman primates in scientific research.



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.'

Uttarakhand 1st State To Adopt Uniform Civil Code

- **Uttarakhand is on the brink** of making history as it prepares to become the first state in India to implement the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)**.
- In a move towards **legal uniformity and gender equality**, the state government is set to convene a special session post-Diwali to clear the UCC Bill, marking a significant departure from the diverse personal laws that currently govern citizens based on their religious affiliations.
- The Uniform Civil Code falls under **Article 44 of the Constitution**, advocating for a uniform civil code across the country's territory.
- However, as **Article 37 clarifies**, directive principles are guiding principles for government policies and are not enforceable by courts.
- The UCC proposal is a significant step toward legal modernization and aligns with the constitutional directive to work towards a uniform civil code for all citizens.



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EXAMS

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. 1st 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