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"India taking big strides of progress"

## Modi appreciates collective efforts, transformative outcomes

Shares India's achievements in 2024

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflected on the year 2024 and appreciated the "collective efforts and transformative outcomes" that the country witnessed. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), PM Modi wrote, "2024 has been marked by many feats."  
Sharing a video along with the message, PM Modi said that India's achievements in this year have been "wonderfully summed up in this video." The video included "the unforgettable moments that marked a year of progress, unity, and steps toward a Viksit Bharat!"  
PM Modi also shared the beautiful moments he spent during his visits to Odisha in 2024.  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday wished a Happy New Year to country-



men in a post on X and recounted the remarkable progress and transformation achieved in 2024. Calling it a "poetic celebration", PM Modi, in his post, said, "Mera Bharat Badh raha."  
"From space to soil, railways to runways, culture to innovation, #IndiaIn2024 marked a year of remarkable progress & transformation!" wrote PM Modi in a message. "A poetic celebration as we

stride confidently into 2025," said Modi as he leads the nation into 2025.  
The PM's New Year post also carried a 2.41-minute video animation clip depicting the achievements made in an eventful 2024. The milestones depicted in the video included the country's space launches, super-computing, a boost in defense manufacturing, growth in the aviation industry, and infra marvels

like the underwater Howrah Maidan Metro, Rameswaram rail bridge, and Vande Bharat rail.  
The video also highlighted increased medical colleges and improved health facilities for the public, Atal Pension scheme, PM Awas, the first temple in Abu Dhabi, and the introduction of the three new criminal laws. In a virtual report card of the government's performance in 2024, the animation clip had special information on the economy. Besides highlighting the \$700 billion foreign reserves, it also showcased the country's emergence as the third biggest force in Asia and 24.82 crore people emerging from poverty.  
On the job creation front, the video highlighted the Rs 2 lakh crore package for

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WhatsApp Pay can now extend UPI Services to all users in India

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has lifted the limit from onboarding UPI users for the third-party app provider WhatsApp Pay with immediate effect.  
With this development, WhatsApp Pay can now extend UPI services to its entire user base in India, NPCI said in a statement.  
Previously, NPCI had permitted WhatsApp Pay to expand its UPI user base in a phased manner, it added.  
There was a cap of 100 million users which has been lifted by NPCI.  
With this notification, it said, NPCI is removing the limit restrictions on user onboarding on WhatsApp Pay.  
WhatsApp Pay will continue to comply with all existing UPI guidelines and circulars applicable to existing Third-Party Application Providers (TPAPs), it said.  
NPCI, an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India

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## Northern Army Commander reviews operational preparedness in Kashmir

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Army's Northern Commander Lt General M V Suchindra Kumar visited Kashmir to review the operational preparedness of the troops in the valley.  
"Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar visited Chinar Corps today to review the operational preparedness of the formation," the Northern Command of the Army posted on its X handle.  
Lt Gen Kumar complimented the troops for successful anti-terrorist operations in the valley.  
"The Army Commander complimented all ranks for successful conduct of counter terrorist operations and exhorted all ranks to maintain professionalism in conduct of operations," it added.  
Meanwhile, security forces conducted a mock drill at Qazigund railway station in South Kashmir to assess the emergency response mecha-



Army's Northern Commander Lt General M V Suchindra Kumar during visit to Chinar Corps.

nism and preparedness to handle critical situations like terror attacks.  
"Police along with CAPF, RPF, Fire and Emergency service in Kulgam conducted a mock drill exercise at Railway Station Qazigund today to assess emergency response mechanisms and preparedness in handling critical situations," a police spokesperson said.  
The mock drill was held to prepare field forces to respond promptly to any

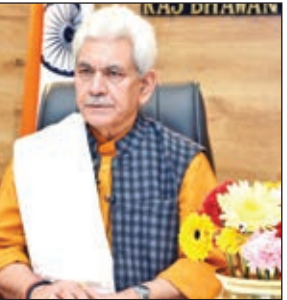
untoward incident, especially of a terror nature, with quick and safe response and to assess the security response time, coordination, and effectiveness, the spokesman said.  
He said the exercise also aimed to identify areas for improvement and streamline the response mechanism.  
"A team of specialist officers of Kulgam Police, CAPF, RPF, Fire and emergency service participated in the said exercise," he

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## LG greets people on New Year

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of New Year 2025.  
In a message the Lieutenant Governor said, "On the joyous occasion of New Year, I convey my warm greetings and good wishes to all.  
The commencement of the New Year reminds us to renew our pledge towards building a society that is peaceful and compassionate.

Let us also commit ourselves to the vision of Viksit Bharat and taking Jammu Kashmir to pinnacle of development



and prosperity. Let us celebrate the diversity of our rich culture and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood in our society. May the New Year 2025 bring happiness, health and prosperity to all."

## 14 foreign terrorists killed, 13 terror modules busted in Jammu region in 2024

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Fourteen foreign terrorists were killed and 13 terror modules were busted in the Jammu region while action has been taken against 827 individuals for their involvement in anti-national activities in 2024, a police spokesperson said.  
On the action taken under the anti-terror front, the spokesperson said that modules were busted all across the Jammu zone, including one each in Rajouri and Reasi, two each in Poonch and Kathua, three in Udhampur, and four in Doda.  
The neutralization of these foreign terrorists has been a critical blow to the networks attempting to disrupt peace and stability in the region.  
Additionally, constant pressure was

maintained on anti-national elements. There was a substantial crackdown on over ground workers (OGWs), with action taken against 827 individuals compared to 282 the previous year. Additionally, 180 individuals were detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA), higher than the 168 detainees in 2023.  
Jammu zone relentless efforts of law enforcement agencies and community awareness initiatives. This year, there were 476 NDPS cases registered and noteworthy seizures include 9 kg and 990 grams of heroin recovered from the LOC area in the Nowshera Sector in April and 33 kg and 58 grams from the Jammu bus stand area in August, leading to multiple arrests. Property worth significant amounts was seized or frozen

in 84 NDPS-related cases in 2024, with nine cases confirmed by the competent authority, SAFEMA.  
In the realm of general crime, the Jammu zone witnessed a significant decline in the registration of criminal cases in 2024 (13,163) compared to the previous year (15,774). This positive trend is attributed to the relentless efforts of police personnel in maintaining law and order and ensuring public safety across the region.  
Property theft cases, excluding motor vehicle thefts, saw a decrease with 944 cases reported compared to 1,321 in 2023, resulting in stolen property valued at Rs 14.18 crore, a reduction from Rs 18.75 crore in the previous year. Motor vehicle theft cases also declined to 507 from 653.

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## Hope 2025 will not be as eventful for me as 2024: Omar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday hoped that 2025 will not be as eventful for him as the year gone by.  
"2024 has been one hell of a year; when it was good it was amazing & when it was bad it really sucked. 2025 please go easier on my poor heart," Abdullah posted on his X handle.  
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in 2024, which saw him lose the Lok Sabha polls from the Baramulla seat only to Omar Abdullah on Tuesday hoped that 2025 will not be as eventful for him as the year gone by.  
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## Temperatures below freezing point in most parts of Valley

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The cold wave conditions intensified across Kashmir on Tuesday, with the weather department predicting fresh spells of light to moderate snowfall in the valley over the next week.  
Gulmarg, a tourist resort town known for skiing activities in north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 11.5 degree Celsius which was down one and half degrees from the previous night, the Met department said.  
The base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra in Pahalgam, south Kashmir, registered a minimum of minus 8.4 degree Celsius, slightly up from minus 9.2 degrees, it said.  
In Srinagar, the mercury dipped to minus 3.5 degrees Celsius on Monday night more than two degrees less than the previous night, it added.  
Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir, logged a minimum temperature of minus 7.5 degrees Celsius, while Konibal in

## Let's take nation further on path of unity, excellence: President Murmu in New Year's Eve message

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday greeted citizens on New Year's Eve and urged everyone to take "our society and nation" further on the path of unity and excellence.  
The coming of the new year marks the beginning of new hopes, dreams and aspirations, she said in a message.  
The occasion provides an opportunity to march forward with renewed vigour to fulfil "our wishes", Murmu said.  
"Let us welcome the new year with joy and enthusiasm and take our society and nation further on the path of unity and excellence," she said.



The president extended her "heartiest greetings and best wishes to all Indians, living in India and abroad".

## CB files charge-sheets in two complex fraud cases

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Special Crime Wing (SCW) of the Crime Branch, Jammu, has filed charge-sheets in two unique and intricate fraud cases, bringing them before the Courts of Law for judicial review and determination.  
Providing insights into the cases, SSP SCW Jammu, Sanjay Parihar said that the first case involves the fraudulent acquisition of a fake date of birth certificate to secure a government job under SRO-43.  
The second case pertains to a shocking act of fraud and forgery, where a husband illicitly withdrew

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## Chugh slams Rahul Gandhi for going overseas to celebrate New Year during national mourning

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday took strong exception to disgrace that Rahul Gandhi has brought to former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh during the national mourning time.  
In a statement, Chugh said that at a time when the nation was mourning the

demise of Dr Manmohan Singh, Rahul Gandhi has chosen to celebrate New Year out of the country. Chugh said it has glaring-

ly exposed hollowness of the Congress to respect its departed leaders. The hue and cry that the Gandhi family has been making on Dr Manmohan Singh was a complete sham, he said.  
The Gandhi family has humiliated and insulted many senior Congress leaders after their death and now Rahul Gandhi has lived up to the family tradition, Chugh added.



**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 16.4°C Min: 4.6°C

Humidity  
Max: 91 Min: 81

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 6.0°C Min: -0.9°C

Humidity  
Max: 96 Min: 63

Sunset: 17:32 Hours  
Sunrise: 07:23 Hours

## Goodwill gestures towards Hindu persecutors betray Mandate-2014

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What a shame? Notwithstanding the horrendous fact of the axe of Islamists falling on innocent Hindus, India has resumed trade with Bangladesh weeks after the forcible change of guard on August 5, 2024 with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fleeing the country.  
What initially appeared to be a political movement, turned out gruesome mayhem of Hindu-rape, murder, plunder, desecration and destruction of temples, massive arrests including those of monks and brazen violation of human rights. The script enacted by Jihadis was the same, as has been happening in Islamic nations like Pakistan and Afghanistan in the recent past and much earlier during the Mughals and British eras.  
In the midst of Hindu slaughter, reports of the transportation of first consignment of 27,000 tonnes of rice, out of the agreed upon 200,000 tonnes, on December 27, 2024 is like salt to the injuries of suffering Sanatanis.  
Resumption of trade is happening under the nose of the strongest ever Prime Minister

Narendra Modi-a man widely seen the world over as the only savior of Sanatan and Sanatanis. Actually, it was unbelievable to learn on September 12, 2024 itself from the Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal that trade and commerce have started with Bangladesh. "Trucks carrying essential commodities and other items are plying between the two countries carrying essential commodities," he said, adding that India has conveyed to Bangladesh to fulfill the shared aspirations of prosperity, security and development. Butchering of Hindus in Bangladesh can neither be shared aspiration nor in the 'mutual interest' of at least India.  
The so-called geo-political developments in the region are disturbing for Sanatanis, who are least bothered about diplomatic nuances. They want protection of Hindus and nothing else. They wonder what India is gaining from dispatching essentials to Dhaka except hostility at borders, drones hovering to cause death and destruction and continued persecution of Hindus?  
India and Indians have not learnt any lesson from the gory history of centuries. They have forgotten Mughal invasions that witnessed plun-

der resources, cities looted, wealth amassed to fuel the empire's expansionist ambitions, cultural heritage trampled, temples destroyed and above all women dishonoured ruthlessly, conversions enforced hugely and the Sanatan symbols destroyed beyond recognition. Imagine how a handful of soldiers on mules and horses embarked towards habitations and grew as a vast empire after killing men and taking women as wives. Those resisting suffered enslavement with barbarism and persecution in the name of religion. Rulers like Aurangzeb are still remembered for their policies of forced conversion and imposition of the jizya tax on Hindus. His destruction of temples is haunting even now when mosque bases are turning out to be the worship places of Hindus. Those glamourising Mughal brutality and describing Mughals as heroes are actually the descendants of lakhs of unfortunate men and women who were forcibly converted. Many went in hibernation bearing the brunt while some of them, though not converted, committed all the atrocities on fellow Hindu brethren to please their Mughal masters, which is recorded in Abul Fazl's Akbarnama, a recorded compendium of the Battle of Haldighati fought on June 18, 1576. It is said that when Mughals found saffron

Pakri donned personnel killing fellow compatriots, chanting 'Har Har Mahadev' the Mughal commanders enjoyed and lauded them. This syndrome of 'pleasing the masters' continues till date in different manifestations as the so-called pseudo secular Hindus are working against the Sanatan and Sanatanis to establish their credentials as 'secular' and loyal to a particular community. They can be seen joining zealots as the flag-bearers of the so-called Ganga Jamuni Tehzeeb and the Mughals to project those horrendous eras as the golden period of Indian history. Their cruelty continues in the manifestation of Hindu persecution and bashing in West Bengal, parts of Uttar Pradesh, Kashmir and many other states of independent India.  
This is what happened before the arrival of East India Company to India to replace the tyrannical, brute, jihadi and most persecuting era by yet another spell of disaster by Britons to bruise Bharat Mata. However, the silver lining this time around was the emergence of patriotic forces like Vir Savarkar, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose and lot many other unsung heroes, who ignited fire among patriots that continues to guide the generations.

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