



New Year's Eve

time for people to come together and celebrate the end of the year and the beginning of a new one, New Year's Eve is a holiday that is celebrated on the last day of the year. Attending events, dancing, and watching fireworks are common New Year's Eve celebrations. Some people also make resolutions for the New Year, which are promises to themselves to make more changes in their lives for the better. It's a time of joy, hope, and reflection, and is often marked by traditions and customs that vary from culture to culture.



Shruti Kothari

Memories: A treasured tapestry intricately woven from joy, happiness, excitement, and nostalgia. They not only bestow invaluable lessons throughout our journey, but also illuminate the path towards a brighter future. As a boundless source of inspiration, they remind us of the blissful moments when we find ourselves adrift in life. As we prepare to embrace a new year, brimming with hope and visions of a luminous tomorrow, let us pause to reflect on the gifts that 2024 has bestowed upon us! Together, let us celebrate our shared memories, revisiting moments that were inspiring, joyous, and tinged with a hint of sadness for us all. Sadness for all the people we lost to Corona, the lockdown, and the glorious moment when we realised it's over. We woke up to life and gratefulness for this gift of God. The celebrations we savoured and the losses we endured, as a nation, beckon us to learn, inspire, and carry forward the remarkable legacies crafted by the finest souls of our country. Let us honour each individual and look forward to moving and growing together.

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Goodbye 2024 And Never Say Die!

As we gear up to kick off a brand new year, bursting with excitement and dreams of a brighter tomorrow, let's take a moment to rewind and see what 2024 delivered to our doorsteps! From cheering on Indian athletes to soaking in the opulence of the Ambani wedding extravaganza, let's hit rewind and relive the fabulous highlights of 2024! We kick off our adventure by taking a delightful stroll down memory lane, reliving the fabulous, larger-than-life wedding bash at Ambanis!



#SPORTS

T20 World Cup win to Paris Olympics medals: India's sporting achievements in 2024

India's historic T20 World Cup win

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Success at the 2024 Paralympics

India delivered its best-ever performance at the 2024 Paralympics. It bagged 29 medals, including seven golds. Following are the highlights of Paralympics:

- Shooter **Azmi Lekhara**, who reclaimed her women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 title with a world record, became the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic golds.
- Javelin thrower **Sumit Antil** retained his Paralympic title by surpassing his own record.
- High jumper **Mariyappan Thangavelu** became the first Indian to win medals in three consecutive Paralympics.
- At just 17 years old, archer **Sheetal Devi** became the youngest Paralympic medalist to secure bronze in the mixed compound open event.

Chess, Badminton

India's dominance extended to chess as both the men's and women's teams clinched gold at the 45th Chess Olympiad.

Dommaraju Gukesh, at just 18 years, became the youngest World Chess Champion by defeating China's Ding Liren in Singapore. In badminton, the Indian women's team won their first gold at the Badminton Asia Team Championships.

Mixed Outcomes in Various Sports

While cricket, chess, and badminton enjoyed remarkable successes, Indian football encountered significant obstacles.

The men's national team did not achieve a single victory, resulting in a drop in its FIFA rankings.

In a notable development, legendary striker Sunil Chhetri announced his retirement.

On a brighter note, Indian table tennis and the women's hockey team showcased impressive performances. The women's hockey team clinched their third Asian Champions Trophy title, while the table tennis duo secured a bronze medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships.

In contrast, Vinesh Phogat's journey to the Paris 2024 Olympics came to an end when she was disqualified for being 100 grams overweight.

Despite setbacks in football, India celebrated a historic achievement by winning the T20 World Cup and earning medals at the Paris Olympics and Paralympics.

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The stage is set to welcome the New Year 2025 as December is heading to bring down the curtain on the year 2024. As the year 2024 is setting in leaving behind a bag of mixed memories, let's rewind the major events that happened in the political circle. The year 2024 has been very crucial as the Lok Sabha elections 2024 and polls in several key states, including Maharashtra and Jammu and Kashmir, took place this year, which shaped up the political landscape of India and would continue to impact years to come pertaining to politics.

1. Lok Sabha elections 2024:

The General Elections 2024, held between April 19 and June 1, 2024 in seven phases, was one of the biggest events of the year. The results of the elections were quite shocking as Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-



led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) failed to achieve the goal, *'Abhi Baar, 400 Paar'* set by the ruling coalition. Even though the NDA could not cross 400-mark, it retained power, enabling Narendra Modi to take oath as Prime Minister for the third time in a row. On the other side, the Opposition's INDIA bloc fell to draw political fortune. The Congress managed to improve its tally from 52 seats to 99.

2. Maharashtra Assembly elections:

The Maharashtra Assembly elections 2024 were surprising for the political experts as no one had expected that the ruling Maha Yuti would receive a mammoth victory, just a few months after the Lok Sabha election debacle in the state. Recovering from its Lok Sabha elections loss, the BJP won 132 seats, and Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's NCP bagged 57 seats and 41 seats, respectively. Congress-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) suffered a huge setback. The grand old party registered one of its worst performances in the state assembly polls after it won only



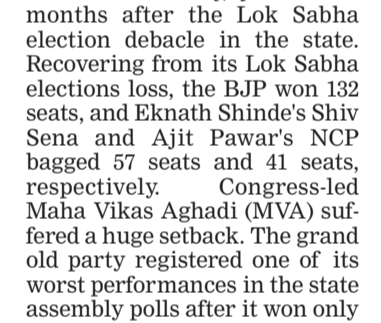
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6 seats. Sharad Pawar's NCP (SP) bagged just 10 seats, whereas Uddhav Thackeray's (UBT) secured 20 seats.

3. Jammu and Kashmir elec-

tions: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election 2024 was a landmark as it came after one decade in the absence of special status to the state under Article 370, which was abrogated in 2019. In the election, Omar Abdullah-led National Conference (NC) won 42 seats, making a resounding comeback. While the BJP won 29 seats, Mehbooba Mufti's PDP reduced to 3.



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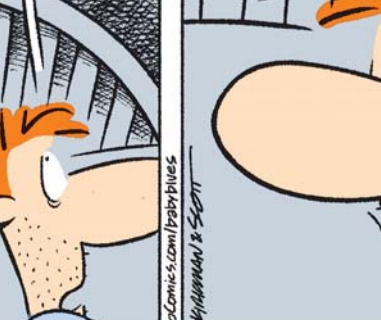
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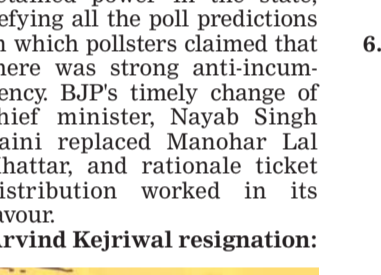
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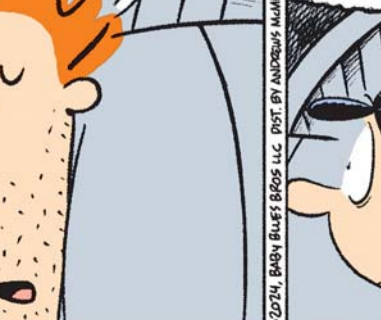
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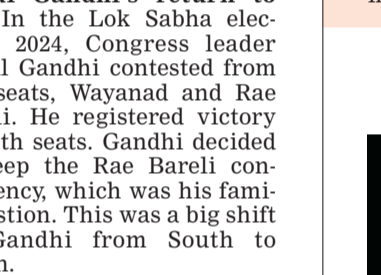
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'Sapna dekhna achi baat hai'



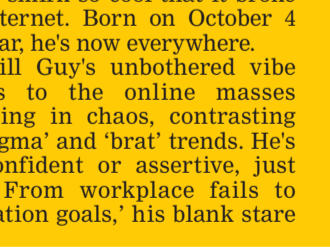
The Internet's latest motivational 'guru,' Benjamin P Joby, went viral with his Hindi reel wisdom. 'Sapna dekhna achi baat hai, lekin sapne ko lekar ke baate rehna aur sapno ke live sohte rehna yeh to sahi nahi hai.' Who knew this pint-sized life coach from Kerala could inspire snoozers nationwide? Soon, creators jumped on the bandwagon, flooding feeds with new takes, because, why not?

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'Chin tapak dam dam'



'Chin Tapak Dam Dam' is a memorable catchphrase from popular children's show 'Chhoti Bheem,' where the villain, Takkia, employs it for mischief. This gained popularity when fans connected it to the idea of overcoming life's minor challenges. The trend gained popularity among netizens, inspiring countless memes across social media platforms.

'Very demure, very mindful'



Beauty influencer Jools Lebron sparked a viral phenomenon with her 40-second TikTok, redefining 'demure' as a mindful, modest approach to makeup. Drawing from her job interview experience, she inspired women to present themselves with professionalism and respect.

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'Good morning, pineapple'



Punjabi artist Aman transformed a catchy tune into an overnight viral hit with his jam, 'Good morning, pineapple. Looking very good, very nice.' Who knew pineapples could get this much love? The tune quickly grabbed the interest of social media users, transforming into a viral meme as people shared their own versions of the tune.

'Ek machhali paani mein gayi chappak'



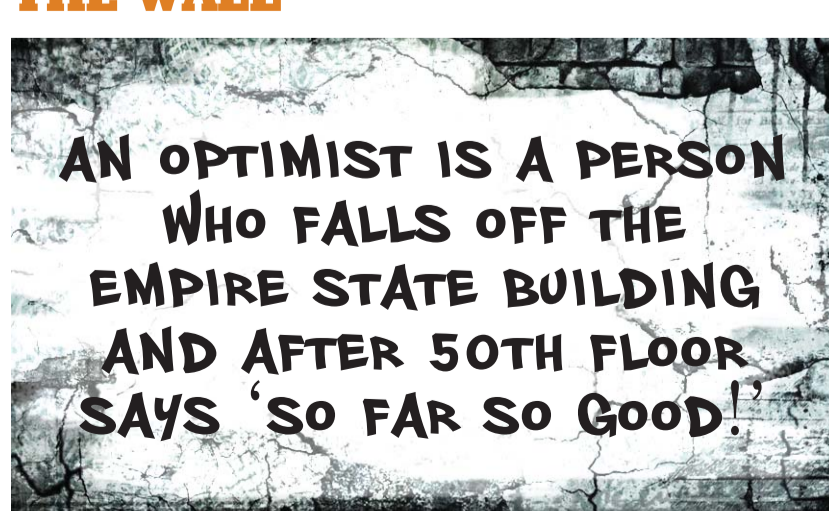
The viral game, popularised by Maan Tomar, involves players sitting in a circle. Each participant must follow a playful sequence of phrases and actions. Fumbling leads to elimination. It gained widespread attention, inspiring content creators and users to share their hilarious interpretations.

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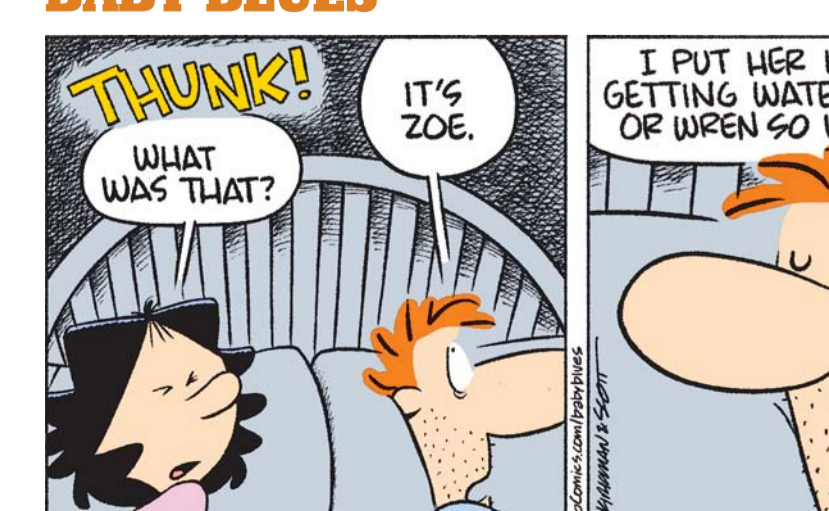


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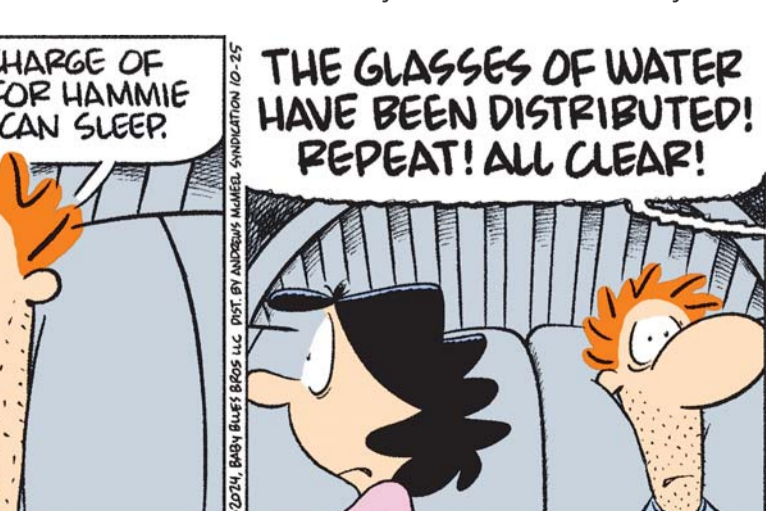
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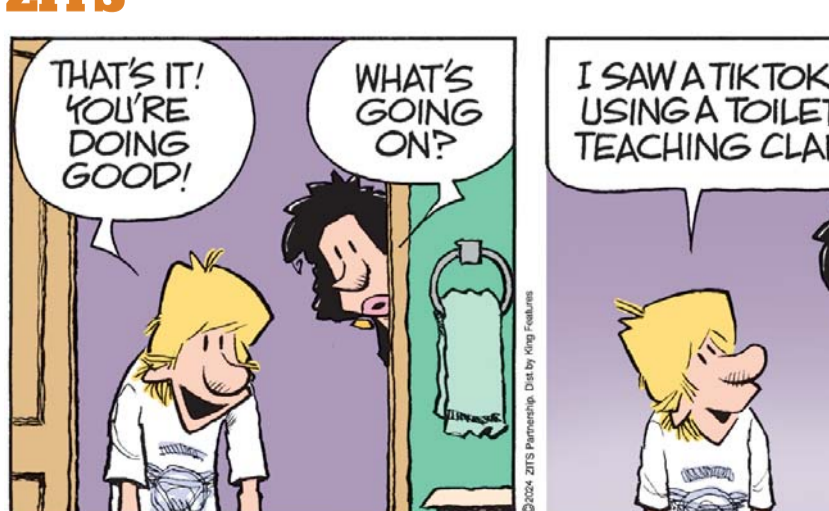
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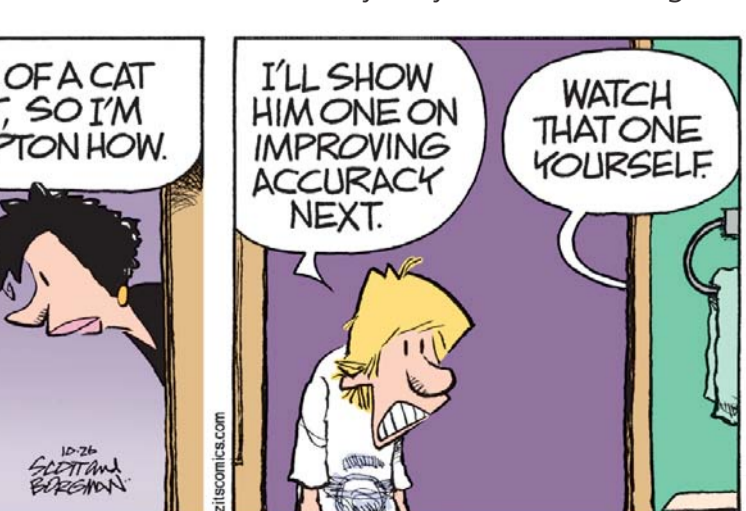
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