



## **SIOS NEWS BRIEF (23-28 December)**

### **President Biden hails Manmohan Singh's pivotal role in strengthening U.S.-India ties (Dec 28)**

U.S. President Joe Biden mourned the passing of former PM Manmohan Singh, called him “a true statesman” and credited his political courage and strategic vision for the unprecedented level of bilateral cooperation. Dr. Biden said, “The unprecedented level of cooperation between the U.S. and India today would not have been possible without the Prime Minister’s strategic vision and political courage”.

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### **Prayers and tears mark 20 years since the Indian Ocean tsunami that killed (Dec 26)**

To mark 20 years since the Indian Ocean tsunami, people gathered and visited the mass graves in Indonesia’s Aceh province. On December 26, 2004, a powerful 9.1 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Sumatra (Indonesian island), triggered a tsunami that killed around 23,000 people across number of countries, reaching as far as East Africa. The four worst-affected countries were Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

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### **EAM Jaishankar, U.S. Secretary of State Blinken review advancement of U.S.-India partnership(Dec28)**

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met with the U.S. National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan, in Washington, DC. In a post Jaishankar wrote, “Good to meet US NSA@JakeSullivan46 in Washington D.C. this morning. A wide ranging discussion on the progress of India-US strategic partnership. Also exchanged views on current regional and global developments”.

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