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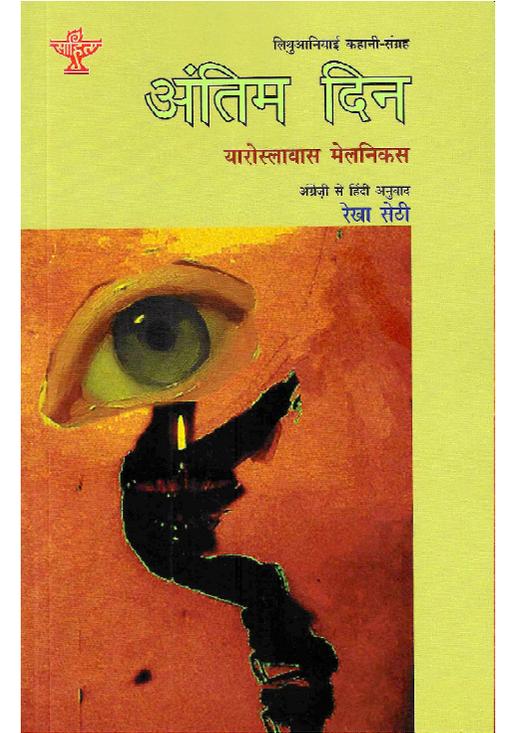
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'Antim Din' Hindi Translation – A New Chapter in India-Lithuania Literary Friendship

- ✓ Sahitya Akademi unveiled the Hindi version of the novel, The Last Day.
- ✓ The release of Hindi version celebrates literary exchange and cultural collaboration between India and Lithuania.
- ✓ The translated edition is titled, Antim Din. It is authored by Lithuanian-Ukrainian writer Jaroslavas Melnikas.
- ✓ The release ceremony was held at Rabindra Bhawan in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Hindi translation was released in collaboration with the Embassy of Lithuania.
- ✓ Sahitya Akademi President Madhav Kaushik described it as a landmark moment in promoting cross-cultural literary exchange.
- ✓ He highlighted that this is the first Lithuanian fiction work ever translated into Hindi.
- ✓ The novel explores deep themes of human transformation, identity, and cultural belonging.
- ✓ This initiative reflects Sahitya Akademi's larger mission to introduce world literature to Indian readers through translation.



Justice Surya Kant Appointed as the 53rd Chief Justice of India

- ✓ Justice Surya Kant has been named the 53rd Chief Justice of India.
- ✓ He will assume office on November 24, 2025. His tenure as Chief Justice will continue until February 9, 2027.
- ✓ The Union Law Ministry's Department of Justice issued an official notification confirming his appointment.
- ✓ Justice Surya Kant will succeed Justice Bhushan R. Gavai.
- ✓ Justice Gavai retires from the position on November 23, 2025.
- ✓ Justice Surya Kant was born in Haryana. He completed his law degree from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, in 1984.
- ✓ In 2000, he became the youngest Advocate General of Haryana.
- ✓ From 2007 to 2011, he served as a member of the Governing Body of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- ✓ In 2011, he earned his Master's degree in Law.
- ✓ He was appointed Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in 2018.
- ✓ Since May 14, 2025, he has been serving as the Executive Chairman of NALSA.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Attends 12th ADMM-Plus Meeting in Malaysia

- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as part of his two-day visit to attend the 12th ADMM-Plus meeting.
- ✓ The ADMM-Plus is scheduled to take place on November 1, 2025.
- ✓ He will address the second ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting under Malaysia's chairmanship.
- ✓ His speech will focus on Reflection on 15 years of ADMM-Plus and Charting the Way Forward.
- ✓ The meetings aim to enhance defence and security collaboration between ASEAN nations and India.
- ✓ ADMM-Plus includes ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste & Vietnam) and its eight Dialogue Partners (India, US, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia & New Zealand).
- ✓ India has been the dialogue partner of ASEAN in 1992.



- ✓ First ADMM-Plus was held in Hanoi, Vietnam on October 12, 2010.
- ✓ Since 2017, ADMM-Plus is convened annually. It aims to promote the defence cooperation among ASEAN and plus countries.
- ✓ Under ADMM-Plus, India is the co-chair of Experts Working Group on Counter Terrorism with Malaysia for 2024-2027.

US President Donald Trump Orders Resumption of Nuclear Weapons Testing

- ✓ US President Donald Trump has directed the Department of Defence to resume nuclear weapons testing.
- ✓ The testing will be conducted at levels comparable to China and Russia.
- ✓ Department of Defence is now known as the Department of War.
- ✓ Trump announced the decision and cited the ongoing nuclear programs of other countries as justification.
- ✓ The announcement came shortly before his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in South Korea.
- ✓ This is the first meeting between Trump and Xi since 2019.
- ✓ The decision follows Russian President Vladimir Putin's recent claim.
- ✓ Putin said Russia successfully tested the nuclear-capable Burevestnik cruise missile.
- ✓ The United States last conducted a nuclear test, codenamed Divider, on September 23, 1992.
- ✓ After that, President George H.W. Bush imposed a moratorium on underground testing.



Chef Sanjeev Kapoor Honoured as Top Agri-Food Pioneer by World Food Prize Foundation

- ✓ Chef and author Sanjeev Kapoor was recognised as a top Agri-Food pioneer by the World Food Prize Foundation.
- ✓ The award ceremony took place in Des Moines, Iowa, during the annual Borlaug Dialogue Week.
- ✓ Chef and author Sanjeev Kapoor is also a Padma Shri awardee.
- ✓ The event brings together global leaders, scientists, policymakers, and innovators.
- ✓ They discuss issues related to food security, nutrition, and climate resilience.
- ✓ Kapoor was honoured for his work in promoting sustainable and healthy eating.
- ✓ He has also supported Indian agriculture and advocated the use of local, nutrient-rich ingredients.



Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2025 Concludes in New Delhi

- ✓ **The three-day Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2025 concluded in New Delhi.**
- ✓ It was conducted by the Indian Navy from October 28 to 30, 2025.
- ✓ The dialogue was themed ‘Promoting Holistic Maritime Security and Growth: Regional Capacity-Building and Capability-Enhancement.’
- ✓ Representatives from over thirty countries in and beyond the Indo-Pacific attended the dialogue.
- ✓ A session on the Blue Economy and seabed infrastructure highlighted challenges in protecting underwater assets.
- ✓ Discussions focused on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) and enhanced ASEAN-India cooperation.
- ✓ A publication titled ‘Maritime Perspectives: The Blue Economy and Resilience’ was released by National Maritime Foundation (NMF).



- ✓ Sanjeev Sanyal, member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, released the book ‘Operationalising Project MAUSAM’ by NMF.
- ✓ IPRD-2025 offered valuable insights for policymakers and practitioners.
- ✓ The dialogue explored ways to foster regional maritime collaboration and formulate new multilateral initiatives.

1,466 Personnel Honoured with Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak 2025

- ✓ **The Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak for 2025 has been awarded to 1,466 personnel.**
- ✓ Recipients are from various States, Union Territories, Central Armed Police Forces, and Central Police Organisations.
- ✓ The medal recognises outstanding performance. It promotes high professional standards and boosts morale.
- ✓ The award focuses on the fields of Special Operations, Investigation, Intelligence, and Forensic Science.
- ✓ The award was instituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs in February 2024.
- ✓ The medal is announced annually on October 31. The date coincides with the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- ✓ The award honours police officers, security personnel, intelligence officials, and forensic scientists.
- ✓ The Jammu and Kashmir Police team involved in “Operation Mahadev” received the award.



- ✓ This was a high-risk counter-terror operation near Dachigam National Park following the Pahalgam attack.
- ✓ The team was recognised for their bravery and exceptional service.
- ✓ Notable recipients include IGP Kashmir Vidhi Kumar Birdi, DIG Pande Rajiv Omprakash, SSP Srinagar G V Sundeep Chakraborty, SPs Tanweer Ahmed Dar and Zoheb Tanveer, and several DSPs.

India gets 6-month exemption from US sanctions for Chabahar Port in Iran

- ✓ India has received a six-month waiver from U.S. sanctions on Iran's Chabahar Port, extending until April 2026.
- ✓ This waiver allows India to continue its operations at the port, which is crucial for its regional connectivity plans to Afghanistan and Central Asia.
- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson confirmed the development, which comes after intensive negotiations between India and the United States.

Chabahar Port

- ✓ The Chabahar port project was signed in 2003.
- ✓ Chabahar Port is situated in Sistan and Baluchistan province in the Southeastern part of Iran, on the Gulf of Oman.
- ✓ In December 2018, India took over the operations of the Port.
- ✓ It was being operated by India Ports Global Private Limited.
- ✓ India's first shipment of wheat to Afghanistan was sent through Chabahar Port.



IIT Madras Leads India's Breakthrough in VTOL Technology

- ✓ It refers to aircraft or drones that can take off and land vertically without a runway.
- ✓ Designed for operations in locations where runways are unavailable, enabling flexible air mobility.
- ✓ IIT Madras successfully demonstrated VTOL capability in real-time flight simulation.
- ✓ The technology is vital for defence, civil aviation, and space missions.
- ✓ Combines solid fuel and liquid oxidizer phases for propulsion.
- ✓ Usually polymer-based or hydrocarbon propellants that provide structural stability.
- ✓ Commonly liquid oxygen or nitrous oxide used to enhance combustion.
- ✓ Hybrid thrusters produce high thrust with better energy efficiency.
- ✓ Ideal for small aircraft, drones, and future air-taxi models in urban areas.
- ✓ Can power UAVs, missiles, and surveillance systems, improving tactical response.
- ✓ The Chandrayaan-3 lander used VTOL-inspired landing technologies.
- ✓ Cheaper and easier to maintain than traditional liquid engines.



- ✓ Strengthens India's *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* (self-reliant India) initiative.
- ✓ Promises revolution in urban air mobility, logistics, and emergency air-ambulance services.
- ✓ Spearheaded hybrid-thruster design, testing, and applications for both aerospace and defence sectors.

FIDE Chess World Cup Trophy Renamed as "Viswanathan Anand Cup"

- ✓ The FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 trophy has been renamed as the Viswanathan Anand Cup, marking a proud global recognition for Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand.
- ✓ The announcement was made in Panjim, Goa, in the presence of Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, and FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich.
- ✓ A total of 206 players from 80 countries will compete in eight knockout rounds of classical chess games.
- ✓ Indian chess stars D. Gukesh and R. Praggnanandhaa will represent India in the tournament, while Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura have opted out this year.
- ✓ World Women's Chess Cup champion Divya Deshmukh conducted the draw of lots for the event.
- ✓ Known as the Tiger of Madras, Viswanathan Anand is India's first Chess Grandmaster and a five-time World Champion. His remarkable achievements have inspired a new generation of Indian players like Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa, and Nihal Sarin.



Sheikh Hasina's Awami League Banned from Bangladesh Elections

- ✓ The Bangladeshi interim government (10th -11th May 2025) banned the **Awami League's activities** including online, social-media, publications, processions, and meetings under the **Anti-Terrorism Act**.
- ✓ On **12 May 2025**, the **Election Commission of Bangladesh suspended the party's registration**, preventing it from contesting national elections unless reinstated.
- ✓ The decision came amid investigations and trials by the **International Crimes Tribunal Bangladesh** concerning the **2024 protest incidents**.
- ✓ With the suspension, the Awami League one of the two major political forces in Bangladesh **cannot field candidates** in elections until the ban is lifted; the **next national polls are set for April 2026**.
- ✓ Led by **Sheikh Hasina**, the Awami League had ruled since 2009. Mass **student protests in mid-2024** over government job quotas triggered unrest; after a crackdown, Hasina **left for India in August 2024**, and an **interim government** took charge.
- ✓ The ban, though **temporary pending tribunal proceedings**, has drawn **international concern** over democratic backsliding and the weakening of plural politics in Bangladesh.

