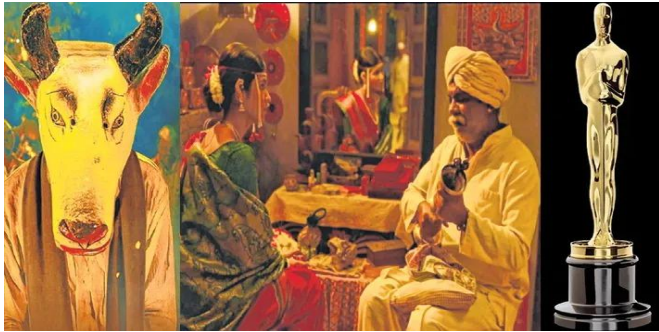


THE DAILY GK DOSE

Marathi movie Gondhal is India's official entry for Oscars 2027



- Gondhal, a Marathi thriller directed by Santosh Davakhar, has been selected as India's official entry for the 99th Academy Awards (Oscars 2027).
- It will compete in the Best International Feature Film category.
- It was selected from 33 Indian film submissions and is the fourth Marathi film chosen as India's Oscar entry.

Odisha Plans 870-Acre Silicon Valley Hub in Cuttack



- Odisha signed an LoI with QuadQuantum for a facility to manufacture silicon carbide (SiC) substrate wafers.
- The site has access to Paradip and Dhamra ports, major national highways and the Cuttack–Bhubaneswar corridor.
- Odisha received proposals worth about ₹ 23,600 crore, with potential to create around 6,100 jobs, during SEMICON India 2026.

Tamil Nadu to Launch One-Gram Gold Ring Scheme



- Inspired by the Tamil tradition of “Thaai Maaman Seer”, where the maternal uncle welcomes a newborn with gifts.
- Joyalukkas and Kalyan Jewellers, in a 70:30 ratio for the initial procurement.
- The scheme has also been extended to certain babies abandoned in government facilities under the Thottil Kuzhanthai Thittam.

Luke Lindberg Appointed New World Food Programme Chief



- He previously served as Under Secretary at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- He succeeded Cindy McCain as executive director.
- WFP is a United Nations agency that works to fight global hunger and provide food assistance.

Hansraj Singh Verma Appointed India's Next Ambassador to Cuba

- He has also served in Indian missions in Chittagong, Paris, Accra, Frankfurt, Maputo, Lisbon and Buenos Aires.
- Hansraj Singh Verma has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Cuba by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- T. Armstrong Changsan, the outgoing Ambassador to Cuba, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Armenia.

India Ranks First in Business Climate Among 41 Global Markets



- India has been ranked 1st globally for business climate among 41 markets in the Global Business Climate Survey 2026.
- The survey is conducted by Business Sweden, in collaboration with Swedish Chambers of Commerce and Swedish embassies/consulates.
- India and Ireland emerged as the top-ranked markets for a favourable business climate, followed by Vietnam, Poland and Denmark.

Sethuraman Panchanathan Wins 2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award



- Sethuraman Panchanathan has been named the 2026 recipient of the Arthur M. Bueche Award by the U.S. National Academy of Engineering (NAE).
- The award recognises leadership in science and technology policy, technological development.

- He becomes the first Indian American to receive the Arthur M. Bueche Award in its more than 40-year history.

Pawan Sehrawat Named India's Male Flag-Bearer for Asian Games



- Pawan Sehrawat has been named India's male flag-bearer for the 2026 Asian Games opening ceremony, which is being hosted by Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- Sehrawat is a prominent Indian kabaddi player and a star of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL).
- He replaces shot-putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor, who was originally selected as India's male flag-bearer.

THE FIVE AIFIS IN INDIA – HEADQUARTERS

NABARD	—	Mumbai
EXIM Bank	—	Mumbai
SIDBI	—	Lucknow
NHB	—	Mumbai
NaBFID	—	Mumbai

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

20-09-2026 / SUNDAY

20 September 2026 – World Cleanup Day – Theme: “From Clean Plates to Clean Cities,” focusing on reducing food waste and building cleaner, more sustainable cities.