

Daily Current Affairs: 27 April 2026 Important Current Affairs

In today's edition of Daily Current Affairs, we are covering key political updates, government policies, and developments in science and technology. For those preparing for competitive exams, these updates are essential to stay on track.

Political Developments

01 AAP MPs and Anti-Defection Law

Seven AAP Rajya Sabha MPs have recently announced their intention to join the BJP, including six from Punjab and one from Delhi. Following this development, the AAP has petitioned the Rajya Sabha Secretariat to disqualify them under the Anti-Defection Law.

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- The Anti-Defection Law was incorporated into the Indian Constitution as the Tenth Schedule via the 52nd Constitutional Amendment in 1985.
- Under the 91st Constitutional Amendment Act (2003), a merger involving at least two-thirds of a party's members does not count as defection.
- Under the Tenth Schedule, the power to make the final decision on disqualification rests with the Speaker or Chairman of the respective House.

Science and Technology

02 Breakthrough Prize 2026

Dr. Atanu Nath, a prominent scientist from Assam, has been awarded the Breakthrough Prize 2026 for his exceptional contributions to science. This award is widely regarded as the "Oscars of Science."

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- Established in 2012, the Breakthrough Prize honors excellence in various scientific disciplines.
- Awards are presented in the categories of Fundamental Physics, Life Sciences, and Mathematics.
- It is recognized globally as one of the most lucrative and prestigious science awards.

03 Finland's Nuclear Waste Repository

Finland has become the first country in the world to construct 'Onkalo', a permanent nuclear waste repository, situated 450 meters underground.

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- Helsinki is the capital city of Finland.
- Finland is currently one of the world leaders in nuclear waste management.
- The country is a member state of the European Union.

Economy and Business

04 Paytm Payments Bank License Cancelled

Due to the violation of regulatory norms, the RBI has permanently cancelled the banking license of Paytm Payments Bank. However, customer deposits are safe and remain protected.

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established on April 1, 1935.
- Shaktikanta Das currently serves as the Governor of the RBI.
- Banking operations in India are regulated by the RBI under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

05 New NASSCOM President

Srikanth Velamakanni, the co-founder of Fractal, has been appointed as the new President of NASSCOM.

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- NASSCOM was founded in 1988.
- It is the premier trade body for India's massive information technology sector.

Important Days and Other News

06 World Intellectual Property Day

World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on April 26 to raise awareness about the protection of innovation and intellectual property rights.

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- The headquarters of WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) is located in Geneva, Switzerland.
- It is one of the 15 specialized agencies under the United Nations.

07 Brief Updates

- The Ministry of Social Justice has launched the 'SMILE' app to collect data on beggars.
- N. Chandrababu Naidu has been named 'Business Reformer of the Year 2025'.
- A new frog species named 'Limnonectes motijheel' has been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh.
- World Malaria Day was observed on April 25.

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