

# Daily Current Affairs

## 17 April 2026

### World Haemophilia Day 2026

- Haemophilia is a rare **bleeding disorder** where an individual can bleed for days from a minor cut or injury. The bleeding can be external, like cuts, or internal, like bleeding into joints or muscles.
- As per the World Federation of Haemophilia (WFH), 75% of people suffer from a severe bleeding disorder, Haemophilia, without even knowing it, simply because they don't have access to basic healthcare.
- By globally celebrating World Haemophilia Day 2026 (April 17) with a theme "**Diagnosis: First step to care**," everyone receives basic medical facilities and gets timely treatment.
- When a person bleeds, tiny blood cells (called platelets) rush to the injury site and form a solid clot. But in conditions like haemophilia, the blood lacks sufficient clotting factors, which are proteins essential for stopping bleeding.
- Here, clotting refers to the process of turning liquid blood into a solid clot, and factors are the specific components needed to make the clot. When clotting factors don't work properly, the clot doesn't form, and the bleeding time extends.
- **Why World Haemophilia Day matters?**
- Encourages early recognition of bleeding symptoms
- Promotes access to diagnostic testing
- Supports long-term management awareness
- Connects patients to specialised care centres



## MCA to Launch Structured Player Contract Model

- Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) has announced the introduction of the player contract system starting from the 2026-27 domestic season. This decision approved in the recent Apex Council meeting and which makes MCA the first state cricket association in India to implement this type of structured remuneration model.
- This initiative aims to provide the financial stability to the domestic players specially for those who are not featured in high-paying leagues like the IPL or the International Cricket.
- The Mumbai Cricket Association has taken foundational step by introducing the annual player contracts with the graded salary structure. This reform is expected to reshape how the domestic cricketers are supported financially across the India.
- The contract system will also categorize players into three grades,
- Grade A: ₹12 lakh to ₹20 lakh per annum
- Grade B: ₹8 lakh to ₹12 lakh per annum
- Grade C: ₹8 lakh per annum
- **Eligibility Criteria: Who Can Avail the Contracts?**
- To maintain the fairness and target genuine domestic talent MCA has set the specific eligibility guidelines for players seeking contracts.
- Players must have to,
- Be registered with MCA

- They have to meet the minimum fitness standards set by the association
- Also they should not have represented India in any format in the last two seasons
- Mainly they should not have been part of any IPL team in the last two seasons
- Also to be recommended by the selection committee



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## Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing Gets Special Economic Zone Nod

- To become the global semiconductor hub India has taken the strategic step. As the government has cleared the approval of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for the Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing in Dholera, Gujarat.
- It will be backed by the massive **₹91,000 crore** investment and this project will establish the country's first chip fabrication unit. The initiative is also expected to boost the domestic manufacturing, reduce reliance on the imports and will create the thousands of jobs.
- The government has officially notified the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for the Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing Pvt Ltd at Dholera.
- It is approved by the Board of Approval which is the highest authority for SEZ matters.
- It will also be Chaired by the Commerce Secretary.
- And it was notified by the Department of Commerce on April 9, 2026

- **Massive Investment For The Semiconductor Hub**
- Key Highlights Are,
- To establishment of the India's first chip fabrication unit
- Also strengthening the domestic production of semiconductors
- Will reducing the dependency on global chip imports



## Harivansh Narayan Singh Makes History with Third Term as Deputy Chairman

- Harivansh has been elected to unopposed to the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha for third consecutive term. This marks the historic moment as he becomes the first nominated member to hold the position.
- The election reflects the broad political consensus among the parties and recognition of his experience in the parliamentary functioning.
- Harivansh re-election to the chair come without any opposition candidate which indicating strong cross-party support. The motion for his election was moved by J P Nadda who is Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha.
- **Election of Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha**
- The Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha is elected by the Rajya Sabha itself from amongst its members.
- A candidate has to secure a Simple Majority i.e. majority of the members present and voting in order to get elected as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
- The election process is presided over by the Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
- **Tenure of Deputy Chairman**

- Usually the tenure of the Deputy Chairman is co-terminus with his/her membership of the Rajya Sabha.
- However, he/she has to vacate his/her office earlier in any of the following three cases:
  - If he/she ceases to be a member of the Rajya Sabha,
  - If he/she resigns by writing to the Chairman,
  - If he/she is removed by a resolution passed by a majority of all the then members of the Rajya Sabha (i.e. Effective Majority).



## India-New Zealand FTA to Be Signed on April 27, 2026

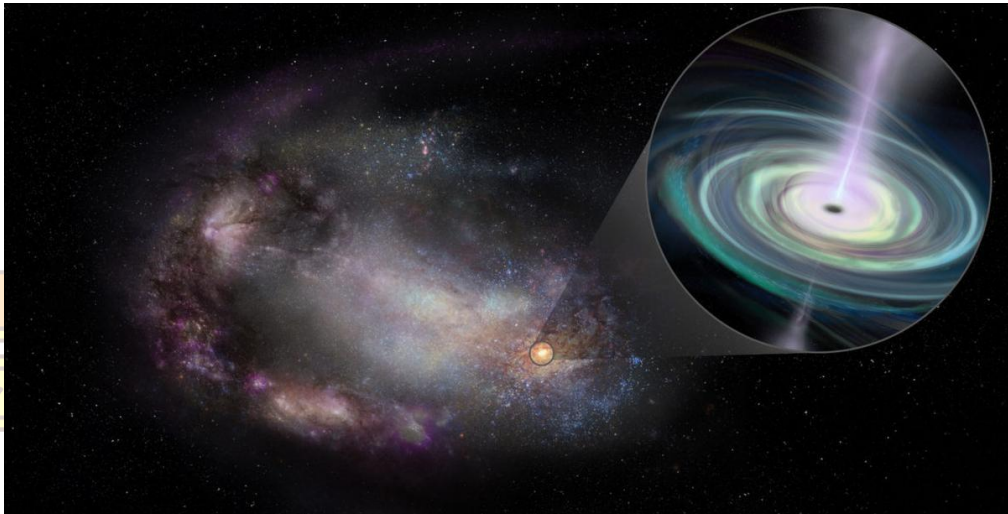
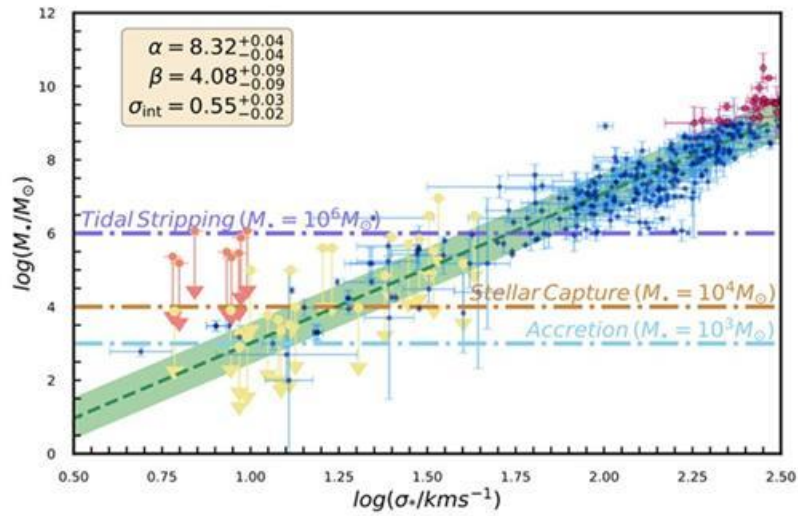
- On the 27th April, 2026 India and New Zealand are set to sign the Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The agreement also aims to strengthen the economic ties, boost exports and will attract nearly \$20 billion in investment over 15 years.
- The deal will also focus on to the improve market access and enhancing cooperation across the different sectors and with this marks the significant step in India's global trade strategy.
- Under the FTA agreement India will receive he duty free access on 100% of its exports to New Zealand. With this it will be benefiting the across the sectors like textiles, pharmaceuticals and engineering goods.
- In return India will reduce the eliminate tariffs on about **95%** of New Zealand's exports and this includes the products such as wool, coal, wood, wine and fruits like avocados and blueberries.

- The FTA is expected to double the bilateral trade to **\$5 billion** within five years between the both nations. It will also open the new opportunities for businesses and investors and make trade smoother and more cost-effective.
- The main highlight of the agreement is in to the services sector where the New Zealand will provide the temporary work visas for Indian professionals.



## Scientists Explore Black Holes in Dwarf Galaxies

- A recent study by scientists from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics has investigated whether small galaxies, known as **dwarf spheroidal galaxies** orbiting the **Milky Way**, can host **black holes**. This research aims to deepen understanding of how black holes form and evolve across the universe.
- Unlike large galaxies, where supermassive black holes are commonly found, dwarf galaxies are faint, gas-poor, and dominated by dark matter, making detection extremely difficult.
- The researchers developed advanced dynamical models incorporating stars, dark matter, and a potential central black hole. By analyzing stellar motion data, they estimated possible black hole masses in these galaxies.
- This study is significant as it helps address key questions about the origin of the first black holes and whether known relationships between black holes and galaxies apply even at the smallest scales. Future observations using advanced telescopes are expected to further test these findings.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Haemophilia Day is observed on which date?

- A. April 15
- B. April 16
- C. April 17
- D. April 18

**Answer: C. April 17**

2. What was the theme of World Haemophilia Day 2026?

- A. Health for All
- B. Diagnosis: First Step to Care

- C. Equal Healthcare Access
- D. Stop Bleeding Disorders

**Answer: B. Diagnosis: First Step to Care**

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**3. Haemophilia mainly affects which function of the body?**

- A. Digestion
- B. Respiration
- C. Blood clotting
- D. Nervous system

**Answer: C. Blood clotting**

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**4. Which organization provides global data on haemophilia?**

- A. WHO
- B. UNICEF
- C. World Federation of Hemophilia
- D. Red Cross

**Answer: C. World Federation of Hemophilia**

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**5. Which cricket body introduced a player contract system for domestic players?**

- A. BCCI
- B. ICC
- C. Mumbai Cricket Association
- D. Delhi Cricket Board

**Answer: C. Mumbai Cricket Association**

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**6. What is the maximum salary under Grade A in MCA contracts?**

- A. ₹10 lakh
- B. ₹12 lakh
- C. ₹15 lakh
- D. ₹20 lakh

**Answer: D. ₹20 lakh**

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**7. Where will India's first semiconductor fabrication unit be set up?**

- A. Noida
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Dholera
- D. Pune

**Answer: C. Dholera**

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**8. Who has been elected as Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha for the third term?**

- A. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- B. Harivansh Narayan Singh
- C. M. Venkaiah Naidu
- D. Om Birla

**Answer: B. Harivansh Narayan Singh**

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**9. India is set to sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with which country?**

- A. Australia
- B. Canada
- C. New Zealand
- D. Japan

**Answer: C. New Zealand**

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**10. Scientists from which institute studied black holes in dwarf galaxies?**

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. Indian Institute of Astrophysics
- D. IIT Delhi

**Answer: C. Indian Institute of Astrophysics**