



OAS HUB

TODAY'S KEY CURRENT AFFAIRS IN DETAIL



Thursday, 16 July 2026



Director

Lalitmohan Dasadhikari

13+ Years of
Experience Mentoring
5000+ Students

CONTACT US >>



+91 8926232634



oashub19



OASHUB



oashub19

Pankaj Pawar

Jio Platforms CEO



Jio Platforms Appoints Pankaj Pawar as CEO Ahead of Planned IPO

- Jio Platforms has appointed Pankaj Pawar as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), replacing Kiran Thomas, ahead of the company's proposed Initial Public Offering (IPO). He succeeded Kiran Thomas.

About Pankaj Pawar:

- Also serves as Managing Director of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.
- Associated with the Reliance Group since 2000.
- Has nearly 30 years of experience in telecom and digital services.

Jio Platforms IPO:

- The company plans to raise around USD 4 billion (₹37,700 crore) through the IPO.
- The IPO values Jio Platforms at approximately USD 137 billion.
- Up to 27 crore fresh equity shares (face value ₹10 each) will be issued.
- Shares will be priced through the book-building process as per SEBI regulations.

Board Composition:

- Mukesh D. Ambani – Chairman & Non-Executive Director.
- Akash Ambani – Managing Director.
- Manoj Harjivandas Modi – Non-Executive Director.
- Isha Ambani and Anant Ambani – Non-Executive Directors.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jio Platforms ahead of its planned IPO? **Pankaj Pawar**





EaseMyTrip Signs MoU with Jharkhand Government to Promote Tourism

- Online travel technology platform EaseMyTrip has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Tourism, Government of Jharkhand, to promote the state's tourism through digital campaigns. The partnership aims to increase Jharkhand's visibility among domestic travellers and boost tourism.

Tourism Promotion:

- EaseMyTrip will promote Shri Baidyanath Dham, temples, waterfalls, forests, eco-tourism, agri-tourism, and the state's cultural heritage.
- Digital marketing campaigns will target travellers across India.

Role of EaseMyTrip:

- The company will leverage its technology platform and customer base to increase tourist footfall.
- It will also use its dedicated spiritual tourism platform EasyDarshan to promote religious destinations.

Objective of the Partnership:

- Enhance destination visibility.
- Encourage domestic tourism.
- Showcase Jharkhand's spiritual, cultural, and nature-based attractions.
- Support the state's tourism-driven economic growth.

Q. EaseMyTrip signed an MoU with which state government to promote tourism? **Jharkhand**



Nepal and India Hold Energy Talks to Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation

- Nepal and India held high-level meetings in Kathmandu to strengthen cooperation in the energy sector. The Indian delegation included Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal and Additional Foreign Secretary Munu Mahawar.

Focus Areas of Discussion:

- Expansion of cross-border electricity trade.
- Strengthening transmission connectivity between the two countries.
- Cooperation in hydropower development.
- Enhancing regional energy security.

Objective of the Meeting:

- Deepen bilateral energy cooperation.
- Promote clean and renewable energy.
- Improve regional power connectivity and energy integration.

India–Nepal Energy Relations:

- India is Nepal's largest market for electricity exports.
- Both countries are expanding cross-border transmission infrastructure.
- Nepal exports surplus hydropower to India, particularly during the monsoon season.
- Energy cooperation is a key pillar of the India–Nepal bilateral partnership.

Q. India and Nepal recently held talks to strengthen cooperation in which sector? **Energy sector**



Renowned Tamil Writer Poomani Passes Away at 79

- Celebrated Tamil novelist and Sahitya Akademi Award winner Poomani passed away at the age of 79 due to age-related health issues. Known for his realistic portrayal of rural Tamil Nadu.

Background:

- Poomani was born in Tamil Nadu and drew inspiration from the lives of rural communities.
- His works focused on caste, social inequality, and human relationships.
- He was recognized as one of the leading voices in contemporary Tamil literature.

Literary Contributions:

- One of the most respected writers in modern Tamil literature.
- Best known for novels depicting rural life, social justice, and the struggles of ordinary people.
- Authored acclaimed works including Vekkai and Agnyaadi.

Recognition:

- Received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2014 for his novel Agnyaadi.
- Widely regarded for his authentic storytelling and contribution to Tamil literature.

Q. Renowned Tamil writer Poomani, who recently passed away, received the Sahitya Akademi Award for which novel? **Agnyaadi**



NASA and Roscosmos Launch Expedition 75 Crew to the International Space Station (ISS)

- NASA and Russia's Roscosmos successfully launched the Expedition 75 crew to the International Space Station (ISS) from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The mission highlights continued U.S.–Russia cooperation in human spaceflight despite ongoing geopolitical tensions.

Objective of the Mission:

- Conduct scientific experiments in microgravity.
- Carry out maintenance and technological upgrades aboard the ISS.
- Support long-duration human spaceflight research.
- Strengthen international cooperation in space exploration.
- Ensure continuous human presence aboard the ISS.

Significance:

- Demonstrates that NASA–Roscosmos cooperation continues despite the Russia–Ukraine conflict.
- Supports research for future Moon and Mars missions.
- Highlights the importance of international collaboration in space science.
- Marks another milestone for Indian-origin astronaut Anil Menon.

Background:

- The International Space Station (ISS) is the world's largest habitable space laboratory.
- It has been continuously occupied by astronauts since 2 November 2000.

Q. Which mission recently transported a new crew to the International Space Station (ISS)? **Expedition 75**



Unjha Cumin and Fennel Receive Geographical Indication (GI) Tag

- Unjha Cumin (Jeera) and Unjha Fennel (Saunf) from Gujarat have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. The recognition identifies the spices as products originating from Unjha, North Gujarat.

Background:

- India is the world's largest producer and exporter of cumin.
- Gujarat contributes the largest share of India's cumin production and exports.
- Major cumin- and fennel-producing districts include Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha, and Gandhinagar.

Institutions Involved:

The GI registration was secured through the joint efforts of:

- Unjha Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC)
- Department of Horticulture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of Gujarat
- Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University (SDAU)
- Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)

Benefits of GI Recognition:

- Provides legal protection against misuse of the geographical identity.
- Ensures product authenticity and quality.
- Enhances domestic and international market credibility.
- GI-tagged products can fetch 20–30% higher prices than non-GI products.
- Expected to increase farmers' income and promote exports.

Q. Which two agricultural products from Gujarat recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag? **Unjha Cumin (Jeera) and Unjha Fennel (Saunf).**



India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) Comes into Force

- The India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) came into effect on 16 July 2026, marking one of India's most significant Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with a developed economy. The agreement aims to boost bilateral trade, investment, market access, and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Key Highlights:

Implementation of CETA:

- It is the sixth Free Trade Agreement (FTA) implemented during the Narendra Modi government's tenure.
- It is among India's first major trade agreements with a developed economy in recent years.

Objective of the Agreement:

- Increase bilateral trade and investment.
- Provide greater market access for goods and services.
- Reduce or eliminate tariffs on several products.
- Strengthen supply chains and global value chain integration.
- Enhance economic cooperation between India and the UK.

Background:

- The India–UK FTA negotiations began in 2022.
- The agreement was concluded in 2026 after multiple rounds of negotiations.
- The UK is among India's major trading partners in Europe.

Q. What is the full form of CETA signed between India and the United Kingdom? **Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.**



MoSPI Releases India's First Trial Index of Services Production (ISP)

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released India's first trial Index of Services Production (ISP) with 2024–25 as the base year.

Key Highlights

- The trial index covers 19 formal services sub-sectors, accounting for about 60% of India's services economy.
- 14 out of 19 sub-sectors recorded double-digit year-on-year growth in April 2026.
- The overall ISP will be introduced after expanding coverage and assessing the stability of the trial series.
- Sub-sectoral indices will be released on the 29th of every month.

Sector-wise Performance	Growth Rate
Accommodation & Food Services	37.2%
Retail Trade	30.8%
Administrative & Support Services	28.7%
Real Estate	27.7%
Telecommunications	22.8%
Banking	12.2%

Q. Which ministry released India's first trial Index of Services Production (ISP)? **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).**



Government Launches ‘Seafarer-First’ Initiative to Protect Indian Seafarers

- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the ‘Seafarer-First’ initiative to protect Indian seafarers amid the escalating maritime security crisis in West Asia following attacks on merchant vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. The initiative aims to ensure the safety, welfare, and emergency support of Indian seafarers in the conflict-affected region.

Key Measures under the Initiative:

- Sarbananda Sonowal chaired a high-level inter-ministerial review meeting in New Delhi.
- Directed real-time vessel-by-vessel monitoring of Indian seafarers operating in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman.
- Ordered the appointment of a dedicated liaison officer for every affected Indian seafarer.
- Directed the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) to establish a real-time operational dashboard to track every Indian seafarer, irrespective of the vessel's flag.
- Instructed authorities to coordinate closely with Indian Missions in Iran, Oman, and the UAE for navigational safety, medical evacuation, and repatriation.
- Directed shipowners, vessel managers, and recruitment agencies to ensure that no Indian seafarer is compelled to sail without adequate information, protection, and support.

Q. Which Union Minister launched the ‘Seafarer-First’ initiative? **Sarbananda Sonowal.**



Tamil Poet R. Vairamuthu Receives 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)

- Renowned Tamil poet and lyricist R. Vairamuthu has been conferred the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025), India's highest literary honour.
- The award was presented by Dr. Karan Singh at the Chinmaya Mission Auditorium, New Delhi.

Literary Contributions

- Vairamuthu is a renowned Tamil poet, novelist, and lyricist.
- His novel Kallikkattu Ithikasam received the Sahitya Akademi Award (2003).
- He has won the National Film Award for Best Lyrics seven times.

His notable works include:

- Karuvachi Kaaviyam
- Moondram Ulaga Por
- Thanneer Desam
- Sigaramgalai Nokki
- His literary works have been translated into several international languages.

Background

- R. Vairamuthu was born into a farming family in Tamil Nadu.
- His childhood was marked by poverty and displacement, which became major themes in his writings.
- He has been writing poetry, novels, and film lyrics for over five decades.

Q. Who received the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025)? **R. Vairamuthu.**

SOCIOLOGY

FOUNDATION BATCH -2

(2026)



STARTING DATE:
26 MAY 2026



30 (ONLINE AND
OFFLINE STUDENTS
ONLY)

FEATURES



NCERT Basics of Sociology



OPSC PYQ Solutions pdf



Notes PDF



Sociological Current affairs



Unit Test weekly



13+ YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE



EXAM FOCUSED
PREPARATION



CONCEPT BASED
LEARNING



REGULAR TESTS &
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS



GUIDANCE BY
EXPERIENCED MENTOR



THE **30** MORNING BATCH - I FOR OCS 2026



ADMISSION OPEN



ONLINE CLASSES

**OAS PRELIMS + MAINS +
INTERVIEW GUIDANCE**

ENROLL NOW

LIMITED SEAT | BOOK NOW



8926232634 , 9827166018



Somi palace, M5/17, ground floor,
Acharya vihar, 751022



Oashub.in



oashub19@gmail.com



**EXPERT
FACULTIES**



**COMPREHENSIVE
STUDY MATERIAL**



**DAILY LIVE
CLASSES**



**REGULAR TEST
SERIES**



**PERSONALIZED
MENTORSHIP**

ORIGINAL PRICE
~~14,999/-~~

DISCOUNT PRICE

9999/-

LALIT MOHON DASADHIKARI

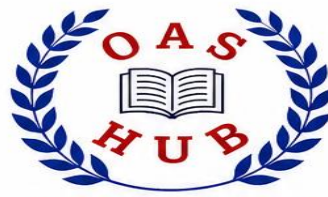
15+ YEAR EXPERIENCE

★ COUNTLESS SUCCESS STORIES ★



CRACK OAS / IAS WITH THE RIGHT GUIDANCE

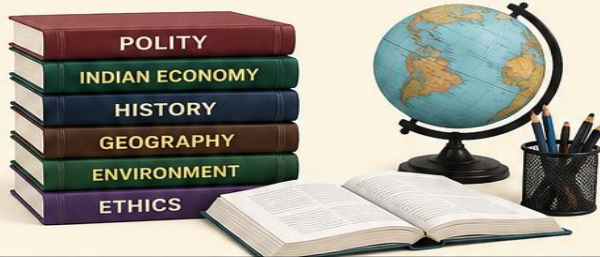
COMPLETE PREPARATION PROGRAMS
FOR SERIOUS ASPIRANTS



Best Institute for OAS/IAS

GS FOUNDATION – THE 30

Morning & Evening Batches



TEST SERIES & MENTORSHIP



Prelims Test Series



Mains Test Series
(GS + Optional)



Mains Mentorship Program

WHY CHOOSE OAS HUB?



Expert Faculty &
Strategic Mentorship



Live + Recorded
Learning Support



Answer Writing &
Regular Performance
Evaluation



Structured
Preparation for
Prelims + Mains



Competitive
Learning
Environment



YOUR DREAM JOB NEEDS SERIOUS PREPARATION

ONLINE | OFFLINE COURSES AVAILABLE

ENROLL NOW

BUY NOW



+91 89262 32634



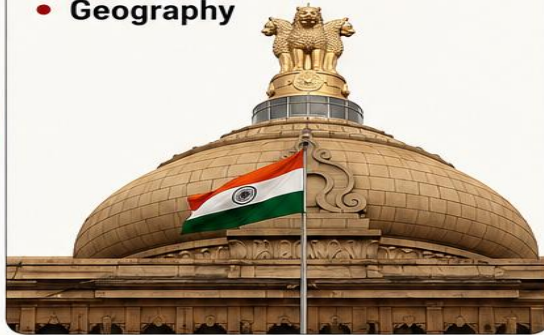
OAS HUB | Acharya Vihar,
Bhubaneswar



www.oashub.in

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

- Sociology Foundation
- Public Administration
- Home Science
- Political Science &
International Relations
- Geography



GET FLAT ₹15,000* OFF

THE 30

ENQUIRE NOW

FOR OPSC(OAS) & UPSC(IAS) ASPIRANTS

ACHARYA VIHAR, BHUBANESWAR

089262 32634

MENTOR

LALIT MOHAN DASADHIKARI

GET FLAT ₹15,000* OFF

THE 30

ENQUIRE NOW

FOR OPSC(OAS) & UPSC(IAS) ASPIRANTS

ACHARYA VIHAR, BHUBANESWAR

089262 32634

MENTOR

LALIT MOHAN DASADHIKARI



OAS HUB

THANKS FOR YOUR
ATTENTION

News Credits

PIB/ PTI/ News On Air/ The Hindu/ IANS/
Business Standard/ Times Of India/
Deccan Herald/ Hindustan Times/ BBC
News/ Aljazeera/ Mirror.Uk/ Times
Now/ Economic Times/ Financial
Express/ Indian Express

News Covered

Business News, financial news,
economy news, company news,
politics news, India news, breaking
news, Indian economy,
International News, Sports News,
and many more topics.....

 oashub19

 +91 8926232634

 OASHUB22

 OASHUB

 www.oashub.in

 oashub19

 oashub19@gmail.com

 M5/17, Acharya Vihar Bhubaneswar 751022

