

Highlights of 12 July 2026 Current Affairs

- The Government of India has extended the anti-dumping duty on seamless tubes, pipes, and hollow profiles of iron, alloy, or non-alloy steel imported from China until 27 January 2027. Anti-dumping duty is a trade remedy imposed when imported goods are sold at prices lower than their normal value in the exporting country, a practice known as dumping.
- The Delhi Government has made the Pink Saheli Smart Card mandatory for free bus travel from 1 August 2026, substituting the current paper-based system of pink tickets. The Pink Saheli Smart Card is a digital smart card issued to eligible women passengers, who can tap it on the card reader while boarding the bus to avail the benefits of free travel.
- The Government of India, under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, has exempted eligible units operating in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), GIFT City, Gandhinagar, from the licensing requirement under Section 11 of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh has launched the Udyam Nidhi Yojana 2026, a women's entrepreneurship assistance program aimed at providing affordable credit facilities to women who wish to start or develop small or micro ventures.
- In another breakthrough, India has crossed the milestone of creating more than 93.95 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) numbers under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).
- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, is on a state visit to New Zealand, where a trade target of ₹35,000 crore has been set and ties have been elevated to a strategic partnership. Narendra Modi has also become the first Prime Minister of India to visit New Zealand in 40 years.
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and the Department of Posts (DoP) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to carry out the largest-ever performance survey of telecom networks in villages across India.
- The Government of India, under the Ministry of Environment, has taken a major step towards improving wildlife conservation with the inauguration of the Centre of Excellence on Human–Wildlife Conflict at the Wildlife Institute of India–Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (WII–SACON) campus in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- Jain Irrigation Systems Limited (JISL) and Indian Potash Limited (IPL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote drip irrigation systems for sugarcane cultivation in Gujarat, aiming to improve water-use efficiency, increase crop productivity, and encourage sustainable agricultural practices.
- The country is celebrating the foundation day of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), marking the 45th year since its inception.
- Sarvesh Anil Kushare, a 31-year-old Indian high jumper, became the first Indian to finish in the top three on his Diamond League debut in Monaco.
- Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, inaugurated the “Tower of Justice” in Gurugram, Haryana, which is North India's largest judicial complex. The complex houses 55 courtrooms equipped with modern facilities.

- A rare rediscovery of Himachal Pradesh's fern, *Dryopteris conjugata*, has been made in the forest area of Kasol. It was first documented in 1870 by Colonel Charles Ellison Bates in the Shimla Hills. This fern species is also found in Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya, and is scattered across China, Nepal, and Tibet.
- Typhoon Bavi hit the major Chinese city of Wenzhou in Zhejiang Province after pummelling Japan's southern Sakishima island chain.
- The Chief Minister of Haryana has launched the upgraded liquor tracking system, a QR code-based "Track and Trace" system for liquor, along with eight online excise services. The initiative aims to improve transparency, strengthen regulatory oversight, and boost state revenue through digital governance.

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Entity	Details
China	President – Xi Jinping; Capital – Beijing; Currency – Yuan/Renminbi
Delhi (UT)	Chief Minister – Rekha Gupta; Lieutenant Governor – Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu
Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways	Minister – Sarbananda Sonowal
Uttar Pradesh	Chief Minister – Yogi Adityanath; Governor – Anandiben Patel; Capital – Lucknow
Ayushman Bharat Yojana	Inception – 23 September 2018
New Zealand	Prime Minister – Christopher Luxon; Capital – Wellington; Currency – New Zealand Dollar
TRAI	Chairperson – Anil Kumar Lahoti

Entity	Details
Union Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change	Minister – Bhupender Yadav
NABARD	Chairperson – Shaji K.V.; Inception – 12 July 1982
India Judiciary	1 st Chief Justice of India – Justice Harilal Jekisundas Kania
Himachal Pradesh	Chief Minister – Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu; Governor – Kavinder Gupta; Capital – Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)
Haryana	Chief Minister – Nayab Singh Saini; Governor – Ahim Kumar Ghosh