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Social Issues

Meeting of Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH)

- **Key highlights –** *30 GHz radio frequency* has been allocated by the Department of Telecommunications for the development of *vehicle-to-vehicle communication systems*.
- **Aim –** To focus on *"Measures for Reduction in Road Accidents and Fatalities"*, emphasizing a multi-pronged and coordinated approach to curb road accidents and save lives.

Polity & Governance

Governors of States: Policy Address Controversy

- **Constitutional provision –** Under *Article 176*, the Governor must deliver a special address at the *1st session each year and after general elections.*
- **Nature –** The address presents the State government's policies and programmes, *not the Governor's personal opinions.*

Economy

Promotion of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Ecosystem

- **MoU between –** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and World Economic Forum (WEF).
- **Collaborative launch –** *A Skills Accelerator in India*, a multistakeholder platform aimed at identifying, scaling, and accelerating innovative solutions and public–private partnerships to address critical skills gaps in the workforce.
- **Objective –** To collaborate on strengthening India's skills and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) ecosystem.

PLI Scheme for White Goods

Five companies selected under PLI White Goods Scheme.

- The scheme offers incentives *ranging from 6% to 4% on a reducing basis on incremental sales for a period of 5 years*, following the base year and a one-year gestation period.
- Domestic Value Addition is expected to increase from the current 20–25% to 75–80%.
- **Objectives –** To create a robust domestic component ecosystem for the Air Conditioners and LED Lights industry.
- To position India as an integral part of the global supply chains.

White Goods

- “White goods” are *large household appliances* used for everyday chores, mainly found in the kitchen and laundry.
- Examples include *refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers.*
- These appliances are *durable goods*, designed to last for several years.
- White goods *do not include entertainment appliances* such as televisions, home cinemas, camcorders, CD and DVD players, which are included in the brown goods category.

Environment

India Energy Week (IEW) 2026

- **Held from –** 27 to 30 January at ONGC ATI, Goa.
- **Objective –** To focus on strengthening energy security, catalysing investment and advancing practical decarbonisation pathways.

Prakash Ganga

- **Tableau titled –** “Prakash Ganga: Powering an Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat” at the Republic Day Parade on January 26, 2026.
- **Theme Prakash Ganga –** Meaning *“River of Light”*, symbolises the seamless and continuous flow of power across the interconnected national grid.
- **Significance –** It showcasing India’s transformative journey in the power sector and its leadership in clean and sustainable energy.

Science

Humanoid Robot ‘ASC ARJUN’

- **Deployed by –** Indian Railways Deploys at Visakhapatnam Railway Station.
- **Fully designed and developed in –** Visakhapatnam using home-grown technology.
- **Equipped to -** Assist in intrusion detection through Face Recognition System (FRS), AI-based crowd monitoring, and real-time alerts to RPF control rooms.
- **Features -**
  - *Semi-autonomous navigation* along predefined paths and obstacle avoidance,
  - Patrol platforms round the clock,
  - Supporting effective surveillance while optimising manpower deployment.
  - *Fire and smoke detection systems* to enable timely response in emergency situations.

Miscellaneous

National Girl Child Day

- **Observed annually on –** 24th January.
- **Initiated in –** 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).
- **Objective –** To raise awareness about gender discrimination, promote equal opportunities, and foster an environment where girls can thrive as empowered citizens.
- **Significance –** It aligns effectively with India's vision of *women-led development and Viksit Bharat by 2047.*

Key Takeaways of National Girl Child Day

- *97.5 per cent of schools* nationwide are equipped with girls' toilet facilities.
- Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of girls at the secondary level has reached *80.2%, as per UDISE report (2024-2025).*
- **Union Budget 2025-26 –** Mission Shakti, received an allocation of Rs. 3,150 crores.
- As of January 2026,
  - A total of *2,153 child marriages* has been prevented.
  - *60,262 Child Marriage Prohibition Officers* have been appointed across the country.

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