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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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