

MAY 15 – International Day of Families

Theme - “Families and inclusive societies”

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, visited an **exhibition on Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) technologies** at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in Trombay, Mumbai on May 15, 2018.
- A **new weekly train service between Darbhanga in Bihar and Jalandhar in Punjab Antyodaya Express** will be flagged off by the minister of state for Railways Manoj Sinha from May 15.
- **First Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK)** run by an **all-woman team** has started operations here **Phagwara POPSK, Punjab.**
- **The World Bank (WB)** is going to **provide Bangladesh a grant** to meet the basic needs of around one million **Rohingyas who fled their homeland Myanmar.**
- **YES Bank and YES Global Institute** have **launched Agenda 25×25**, to create a synergetic startup environment for budding **women entrepreneurs in India.**
- **NTPC** inked a **pact with Bihar** and its power utilities to acquire their entire stake in two joint ventures at Nabinagar and Kanti, and to buy Barauni thermal plant.
- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the **4th Global Exhibition on Services** and launched a **portal on 12 Champion Sectors in Services in Mumbai.**
- **Maharashtra** will create an **ecosystem for Services sector** – Maharashtra CM which can offer employment in large numbers.
- **Indian Army Women Officers’ Mountaineering Expedition to Mt. Bhagirathi-II** (6512 metres) consisting of nine women officers, was flagged off by Director General of Military Training on 14 May 2018.
- President Ram Nath Kovind recently launched **three welfare schemes for the benefit of weaker sections** of the society in a programme organised at Birla Auditorium in **Jaipur.**
- **India** emerged as the **third largest solar market** in the world in 2017 **behind China and the US**, Mercom Communications India said in a report.

- **US-based Kathak dancer** Anindita Anaam was honoured with the prestigious '**Shri Jayadev Rastriya Yuva Pratibha Puraskar 2018**' for outstanding contribution to the field of art.
- The founder of Sulabh International, **Dr.Bindeshwar Pathak**, has been honoured with the **Nikkei Asia Prize** in Japan for his **contribution to Asia's development**.
- **French player of the year prize** - Neymar
- **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** - **Brand ambassador** of online pharmacy **Netmeds.com**.
- The **Income Tax Department** launched the **ITR-2**, the third income return form for assessment year 2018-19, on the official **e-filing portal**.
- **Heena Sihdu** takes **gold** in Women 10m air pistol; **P.Shri Nivetha** settled for **bronze** at **International shooting championship**.