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1) **Badshahi Ashoorkhana:** Telangana government and Aga Khan Trust are working to restore Hyderabad's 17th century Badshahi Ashoorkhana.

About Hyderabad's 17th century Badshahi Ashoorkhana:

- The 400-year old Ashoorkhana was built by **Muhammed Quli Qutub Shah**.
- **It was a house of mourning**, where large congregations of Muslims gathered in memory of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain during the month of Muharram.
- **The building consists of** a Kaman, Naqqar Khana (where ceremonial drums are beaten), Niyaz Khana (where visitors are fed), Sarai Khana (place to rest), Abdar Khana (drinking water is stored), the chabutra (platform) and a guard room.

2) Odisha government has launched "**Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana**" for working journalists. The health insurance scheme for working journalists will be implemented with effect from June 1, 2018.

- Under the scheme, journalists from across the state will get health insurance coverage up to Rs 2 lakh.
- At least five members of a journalist's family would be covered under the scheme.

Gopabandhu Das (1877–1928) was a social worker, reformer, political activist, journalist, poet and essayist from Odisha. He was popularly known as Utkalamani (Jewel of Utkal or Orissa).

3) Acting on the Supreme Court's direction, the Centre recently constituted a Cauvery Water Management Authority (CMA) to address

the dispute over sharing of river water among Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry.

Composition: The authority would comprise a chairman, eight members besides a secretary. Out of eight members, two each will be full-time and part-time members, while the rest four would be part-time members from states.

Powers: The authority will exercise power and discharge such duty for "sufficient and expedient for securing compliance and implementation" of the Supreme Court order in relation to "storage, apportionment, regulation and control of Cauvery waters". It can also seek the help of the central government for implementation of the award and take appropriate action.

4) India recently successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable **Long Range Ballistic Missile Agni-5** from Dr Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.

5) **Odisha beach is Asia's first to get 'Blue Flag' tag**

The Chandrabhaga beach on the Konark coast of Odisha will be the first in Asia to get the Blue Flag certification. Twelve more beaches in the country are being developed by the Society for Integrated Coastal Management (SICOM), an Environment Ministry's body working for the management of coastal areas, in accordance with the Blue Flag standards.

6) **The India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has commissioned two very high resolution (12 km grid scale) state-of-the-art global Ensemble Prediction Systems (EPS) for generating operational 10-days probabilistic forecasts of weather. The EPS involves the generation of multiple forecasts using slightly varying initial conditions.

7) **Financial Literacy Week:** To emphasize the importance of financial literacy, RBI is observing Financial Literacy Week in the month of June. Focus: It will focus on creating awareness among customers of banks about financial products and services, good financial practices and going digital.

8) Indian Railways has introduced a new Humsafar Jodhpur Bandra express.

Humsafar express: Humsafar would be fully air-conditioned third AC service with an optional service for meals. Humsafar Express coaches have mobile charging points and reading lights for each passenger along with easy upper berth climbing arrangement. The coaches also have facilities such as baby nappy changing pads and tea/coffee-makers, among other features.

9) **India's First Advanced Forensic Lab in Chandigarh dedicated to women related cases:** Sakhi Suraksha Advanced DNA Forensic Laboratory, India's First Advanced Forensic Lab dedicated to women related cases will be set up in Chandigarh.