

Headlines at a Glance - 2nd January 2020

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EC launches online Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System (PPRTMS)

The Election Commission has launched an online system to allow political parties track their applications for the registration with the poll panel on a real-time basis. The Commission had amended the guidelines for registration last month. The salient features of the Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System (PPRTMS) is that applicants, applying for the party registration from January 1, will be able to track the progress of his/her application and will get the status update through SMS and e-mail. An association seeking registration has to submit an application to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of its formation.

SOURCE: *The New Indian Express*

Odisha's Dhanu Yatra, known as world's largest open-air theatre festival, being held in Bargarh

World's biggest open-air theatre 'Dhanu Yatra' in Bargarh to begin from December 31 and continue till January 10, 2020; dates finalized in meeting held at Collector's office. It is an annual drama-based open air theatrical performance celebrated in BARGARH district of Odisha. It is world's largest open air theatre and is based on mythological story of Lord Krishna and

Demon Uncle Kansa.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

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Railways announced fare hike across its network, excluding suburban trains

On the New Year's eve, the railways announced fare hike across its network, excluding suburban trains, effective from January 1, 2020, according to an order issued on Tuesday. While suburban fares remain unchanged, ordinary non-AC, non-suburban fares hiked by 1p/km of the journey. The railways also announced a two paise/km hike in fares of mail/express non-AC trains and four paise/km hike in the fares of AC classes. Premium trains like Shatabdi, Rajdhani and Duronto trains are included in the fare hike.

SOURCE: *Economic Times*

RBI

launches 'MANI' (Mobile Aided Note Identifier) app

Reserve Bank of India, RBI has launched a mobile app, MANI, Mobile Aided Note Identifier, to help visually challenged people to identify denomination of currency notes. The app, which is available both on Android and iOS operating systems, was launched by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das in Mumbai yesterday. The application can scan the currency notes using the camera of the mobile phone. It also gives audio output in Hindi and English. The RBI also said the app does not authenticate a note as either genuine or counterfeit.

SOURCE: *Livemint*

Government

appoints lawyer Rohan Shah as India's Representative and Governor on the board of ERIA

Ministry of Commerce and Industry has appointed Rohan Shah, a practicing counsel at the Supreme Court, as India's Representative and Governor on the board of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). The appointment is for a period of three years. The Board of ERIA meets once in every six months in Jakarta and then in Japan. ERIA, formed by the Governments of the ASEAN countries, is engaged in research and guidance on policy formulation related to economic integration, cross border trade issues and narrowing development gaps in the ASEAN region. Each of the 17 members of the ASEAN appoints a Governor to the ERIA board which usually includes Ministers, ex-Ministers and senior industry leaders.

SOURCE: *Economic Times*

Vinod Kumar

Yadav assumes charge as Chairman, Railway Board on reappointment

Vinod Kumar Yadav has assumed the charge of Chairman, Railway Board after being reappointed. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved the reappointment of Vinod Kumar Yadav as Chairman, Railway Board for

a period of one year.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*