## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE CHENNAI

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## PRESS RELEASE

In order to meet the public demand and to facilitate submission of applications for the frequent travellers due to extended time in getting appointments, Regional Passport Office, Chennai will be holding 'Special Passport Mela' on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Passport Seva Laghu Kendra, (PSLK) Puducherry.

Passport Seva Laghu Kendra, at Puducherry will function on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017 like any other normal working day and accept applications as per time slots allotted to the applicants. Approximately 160 applicants are expected to be benefitted from this Mela.

To participate in this Passport Mela, all applicants have to log on to the official website 'www.passportindia.gov.in', register on-line, generate 'ARN' [Application Registration Number], and pay online fees and then take appointment. Applicants participating in the mela should bring the print-out of ARN with appointment details, to the PSLK along with the requisite documents in originals, plus one set of self attested photocopies. Applications under Fresh and Re-issue categories only will be accepted.

The appointments will be released on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (Wednesday) at 1430 hrs for the mela to take place on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017. On the day of mela, applications will be accepted only as per the time slot allotted to them. Applications for PCCs, Walk-ins including On-Hold and Refused Tokens will not be entertained during the Mela.