GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE CHENNAI

Dated the 29th January 2018

PRESS RELEASE

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Post Office Passport Seva Kendra, at Vellore will function on **Saturday the O3rd February 2018** like any other normal working day and accept applications as per time slots allotted to the applicants. Approximately **120** 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 POPSK along with the requisite documents in originals, plus one set of self attested photocopies. <u>Applications under Fresh and Re-issue</u> categories only will be accepted. The appointments will be released on **31st January 2018** (Wednesday) at 1430 hrs for the mela to take place on Saturday, **3rd February 2018**. 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.

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