

PRESS RELEASE

Passport Mela at seven Passport Offices on 7th July 2012

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In order to meet high demand for Passport services during these months, the Ministry of External Affairs has decided to open Regional Passport Offices including Passport Seva Kendras under their jurisdiction at the following locations : **Jaipur, Kolkata, Patna, Cochin, Kozhikode, Thiruvananthapuram and PSK Ambala on 7th July 2012.**

The procedure and modalities for acceptance of applications for passport services are detailed as under :--

The applicant may fill up new application form (available on the website www.passportindia.gov.in for passport services and may visit the concerned RPO /PSK as above between **10 AM and 2 PM** along with a self-attested copy of each of the requisite documents. The applicant should also carry original documents for verification. The applicant is not required to take online appointment for submitting application during Passport Mela. Applications will be accepted only in person and not through any third party.

The applications for **all passport related services other than Tatkaal and PCC** will be accepted during Passport Mela.

The applicants will have to wait for their turn in queue for submitting applications. The Government officials after satisfying themselves will accept applications with a self-attested copy of each of the required documents along with requisite fees and recent colour photograph with white background of the 'size 4.5 cms x 3.5 cms'. The Government officials will issue a manual fee receipt and allocate a 'file number' based on which applicant will be able to track status of the application on website. The manually issued 'file number' will also be written on the form based on which data entry will be done subsequently.

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