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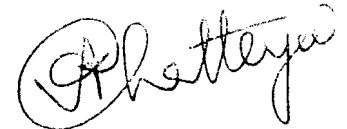
**Patiala House Annexe, New Delhi**  
**the 08<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:-** Acceptance of digitally signed Marriage Certificate as the proof of marriage for passport- reg.

Under the e-district project launched by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), from 01.12.2015 all the Certificates including Marriage Certificates are being digitally signed and issued by the Competent Authority of GNCTD. The authenticity of all the certificates could be verified at <http://edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in>. A copy of the digitally signed Marriage Certificate issued under the Hindu Marriage Act/Special Marriage Act/Compulsory Marriage Act along with the forwarding circular dated 04/02/2016 of GNCTD is enclosed for ready reference.

2. In view of the above, it has been decided that henceforth, Passport Issuing Authorities in India/abroad may accept the digitally signed Marriage Certificates issued by GNCTD as the proof of marriage for passport subject to verification of genuineness of the same from the abovementioned online portal of the Delhi Government.



**(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)**  
**Joint Secretary (PSP) &**  
**Chief Passport Officer**

1) ~~All the~~ **Passport Issuing Authority in India/Abroad.**

2) **Principal Consultant & Head (Technology), PMU Cell, CPV Division, MEA with the request to place the O.M. on the portal of the Ministry i.e. 'passportindia.gov.in'.**