

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

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

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 17th March 2018 at Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK), Vellore.**

Post Office Passport Seva Kendra, at Vellore will function on **Saturday the 17th March 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. **Applications under Fresh and Re-issue categories only will be accepted.**

The appointments will be released on **14th March (Wednesday) at 1430 hrs** for the mela to take place on Saturday, **17th March 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.**
