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The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has decided to expand the outreach of Passport Services to citizens at District Level and other locations by conducting Special Passport Seva Camps periodically on weekends. Accordingly, it has been decided to organize a Passport Seva Camp at Dindigul District on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The Passport Seva Camp will be held in the premises of St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Dindigul between 9.30am and 4.30pm. A total of 400 applicants are expected to be benefitted from the camp.

2. A special application for Passport Seva Camp which works over Internet in a secured manner has been developed and will be used in Camp for processing passport applications. The camp will be conducted on online appointment model. The appointments in the camp are exclusively for the residents of Dindigul District and only normal applications would be accepted. Tatkal and Police Clearance Certificate (PCC) applications will not be accepted in the Camp. Applicants will have to log on to the official website ' www.passportindia.gov.in ' to register their applications online, generate 'ARN' (Application Registeration Number), pay fees then schedule appointment in the passport Seva Portal online and www.passportindia.gov.in and then approach the venue of Passport Seva Camp as per the time slot allotted to them for submission of application. Applicants participating in the camp should visit the venue of the camp at the appointed date and time along with the printout of ARN with appointment details, two passport size photographs (with white background), original of supporting documents for verification and return, plus 1 set of self attested photocopies of all supporting documents (visit our official website www.passportindia.gov.in for required documents). The appointment for submission of application at Passport Seva Camp will be released at 2.00 p.m. on 13/10/2015. No application without appointment and online payment of fee will be entertained in the Camp.

3. During the camp, capturing of biometrics/photographs of applicants, digitization and uploading of documents in the system will be done. The documents will be verified by the Verification Officers of RPO at the Camp and granting activity, printing and dispatch of passport will be done at the Regional Passport Office.

4. Further, to create an awareness to the applicants who travel abroad on the strength of various visas, a special awareness programme is being organized between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m at St.Mary's Higher Secondary School, Dindigul. Officers from Regional Passport Office, Police Department, Protector of Immigrants, Income Tax Department, Customs Department and delegates from Non-Government Organisation will participate in the awareness programme to create awareness on various issues related to overseas travel and employment.

Applicants of Dindigul District are requested to make use of this facility.

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