

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Inauguration of Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) at Jalgaon**

The Passport Seva Project (PSP), an ambitious Mission Mode Project of the Government of India, is being successfully run in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode as part of the National e-Governance Plan. It has emerged as one of the most noticeable statutory and citizen-centric services being rendered by the Government. Passport Seva Project is launched by MEA in association (Public Private Partnership) with M/s Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) which is the Service Provider for the PSP services.

In order to extend passport services to our citizens on a larger scale and to ensure wider area coverage, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Department of Posts (DOP) have now agreed to utilize the network of Post Offices in the various States as Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) for delivering passport related services to the citizens of our country. Applicants, who apply for their passports online through the passport portal, can now schedule an appointment and then visit the designated POPSK to complete the formalities akin to those at the PSK prior to the issue of the passport.

Delivery of passport related services through the POPSK would be yet another citizen-centric measure of the Government in taking IT- driven public services closer to the people of the country. This partnership would be an important step forward enabling the Government to continue to deliver passport related services to the citizens in a timely, transparent, more accessible, and reliable manner through streamlined processes and a committed, trained and motivated workforce.

After opening POPSKs at Aurangabad, Daman, Silvassa and Vikhroli (Mumbai) under the jurisdiction of Regional Passport Office, Mumbai, it has now been decided to formally inaugurate POPSK at Jalgaon on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 for commencement of its operations thereafter. Hon'ble Member of Parliament from Jalgaon - Shri A. T. Nana Patilji will inaugurate the POPSK at Jalgaon in the presence of Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly for Jalgaon City, Shri Suresh Damu Bholeji.

The Inaugural Ceremony will be held on May, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at 11.00 hrs at "Patrakar Bhawan", Baliram Peth, Near Tehsil Office, Jalgaon.

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