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PUBLIC NOTICE

1. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has set a deadline of the 24th November, 2015 for globally phasing out all non-Machine readable passports (MRPs). From 25th November 2015 onwards, foreign governments may deny visa or entry to any person travelling with non-MRP passport.
2. All handwritten passports with pasted photos earlier issued by government of India are considered non-MRP passports. All 20-year validity passports will also fall in this category. The Government started issuing MRP passports since 2001. All new Indian passports are ICAO-complaint MRP passports.
3. Indian citizens residing in India and abroad holding hand-written passports as well as 20 year passports with validity beyond the 24th November 2015, should therefore, apply for re-issue of passports and obtain MRP passports well before the deadline in order to avoid any inconvenience in obtaining foreign visa or immigration problem.
4. For more details related to passport services, Passport website (www.passportindia.gov.in) or the National Call Centre (toll free number 1800-258-1800) may be accessed.