

## **INTRODUCTION OF MACHINE READABLE PASSPORT BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

In accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) guidelines, Government of India has introduced Machine Readable Passports in all passport offices in India and some Embassies/Consulates abroad.

Consulate General of India, Frankfurt will also be introducing MRPS w.e.f 26<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

As the issuance of MRPs involve uploading of data, photograph, signature etc to the central website and the passports are printed at the centralized printing unit of the Ministry of External Affairs, Delhi and then couriered by FedEx to the Consulate, all the passport seeking applicants are hereby advised to apply for their passports well in advance i.e. at least 15-20 days before their travel plans, so that they can receive the passports well in time.

All the NRI passport applicants are required to register and apply online at the flowing site <https://passport.gov.in>. After filling up details, a web file number and application form shall be generated and can be printed by the applicant. In case applicants are unable to get the print out the filled-up form due to any reason, the same can be printed later by entering web file number and date of birth. The printed application form along with required documents and fee should be submitted at the Consulate.