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UAE visa amnesty extended till Dec 31

DUBAI: The UAE visa amnesty has been extended until December 31 owing to huge demand from overstayers looking to change their status, officials said.



Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security, said in a statement. “The initiative witnessed a large number of over-

stayers wishing to change their status.”

ise their stay in the UAE without having a ban,” Maj Gen Suhail Saeed Al Khaili, director of the Federal Authority for

Al Khaili confirmed this is the last extension for the initiative and that fines will be automatically listed on Jan 1, 2025. “The authority will launch extensive campaigns for checks for people without valid visas following the deadline,” he added.

“The authority was keen to give violators a good chance to overcome their obstacles and change their status by either leaving the country without paying fines or by having a work con-

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Better working conditions encouraging more Indian women to seek employment in Saudi

RIYADH/NEW DELHI: Indians represent the second-largest expatriate community in Saudi Arabia and “welcoming conditions” for women are increasing the kingdom’s appeal for Indian women seeking meaningful employment here, according to the country’s human resources and social development ministry. Official figures show that as of 2024, over 2.4 million Indian workers reside in the kingdom, with 1.64 million in the private sector and 7.85 lakh in domestic work. Bangladesh has the highest number of expat workers at 2.69million.

A spokesperson in the ministry said Indian workers, including women, play a vital role in Saudi Arabia’s labour market, comprising a substantial portion of the expatriate workforce.

“Comprehensive reforms, expanded workplace support, and investments in skills development create welcoming conditions for women from diverse backgrounds,” the spokesperson said.

“Improved infrastructure, including wom-

en-only transportation and childcare support, further enhances the appeal for Indian women seeking meaningful employment, enabling them to contribute to the kingdom’s growth while pursuing their professional and personal aspirations,” the spokesperson said.

Asked about some instances of Indians being duped by agents and touts in India on employment opportunities in Saudi Arabia, he said Saudi Arabia is dedicated to upholding international labour standards and has implemented substantial labour reforms to protect workers’ rights.

“To further support these efforts, Saudi Arabia has established bilateral agreements with various countries, including India, to ensure the protection of workers during recruitment, focusing on information exchange, joint investigations, and capacity-building to combat forced labour,” he said.

The Musaned and Qiwa platforms allow workers to file complaints regarding wages, contract terms, or mistreatment, ensuring that these con-

cerns are addressed and, where necessary, legal action is taken.

On the over 11,000 lawsuits involving Indian workers this year, the spokesperson said the first stage of consideration of labour disputes between the worker and the employer is the mediation process conducted to resolve the dispute and try to reach an amicable resolution acceptable to both parties if possible or refer the case to the labour court.

Elaborating on the working conditions for women, he said that Saudi Arabia’s advancements in supporting female employment position the country. The spokesperson said that efforts by the ministry to support and empower women in the workforce have led to an unprecedented reduction in female unemployment in the kingdom.

By the second quarter of 2024, the rate dropped to 12.8pc down from 14.2pc in the first quarter - a 1.4 percentage point decrease and a 3.1 percentage point drop from the same period in 2023.

Indian airlines garner global market share

NEW DELHI: Indian airlines gain international market share amid travel demand growth.

The total scheduled international passenger traffic from and to India

the post-pandemic period, Indian airlines have been strengthening their position in the segment vis-a-vis foreign airlines operating to and from India. As the overall pie of

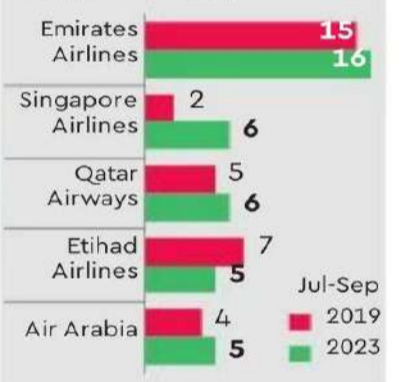


FLYING HIGH

Top 5 Indian carriers market shares (%)



Top 5 Foreign carriers market share (%)



in Q1 was 1.77 crore flyers, 13.3pc higher on the year and 13.5pc than the corresponding period of 2019.

Leading this expansion in market share, primarily, are IndiGo and Vistara.

As international air passenger traffic and demand continues on a growth trajectory in

international passengers flying to and from India continues to see robust growth, Indian carriers are expanding, and not just maintaining, their international market share by passengers carried.

An analysis of airline-wise international passenger traffic data

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Bengaluru leads as top job hub

MUMBAI: Bengaluru dominated as the country’s top city for job opportunities and salary growth as it has registered a 9.3pc year-on-year increase, closely followed by Chennai and Delhi.

This growth underlines Bengaluru’s reputation as a technology and business hub as the average monthly unified salary in the city stood at Rs 29,500, making it the highest-paying city in the country, according to TeamLease

The report is based on an analysis of unified salaries across temporary and permanent hiring markets. This was closely followed by Chennai and Delhi, which reported strong salary growth of 7.5pc and 7.3pc respectively, reflecting the competitive nature of

these job markets, it noted. Chennai’s average monthly salary stood at Rs 24,500 while in Delhi, it reached Rs 27,800, according to the report.

Mumbai and Ahmedabad also reported steady salary increases, reinforcing their importance as key employment centres with the financial capital of the country offering an average salary of Rs 25,100, while Pune stood at Rs 24,700, maintaining competitive pay levels. Meanwhile, the report revealed that on the industry front, retail has emerged as the top performer, with a remarkable 8.4pc salary growth. This trend was followed by consumer durables (5.2pc) and BFSI (5.1pc), both continuing (Cont. on page-2)

Neom's first region now open to visitors



Neom's first completed region in Saudi Arabia.

RIYADH: The latest edition of Dezeen Agenda newsletter features Sindalah, the first region of Saudi Arabia's Neom project to open for visitors. Italian studio Luca Dini Design has designed Sindalah, an island resort in the Red Sea that has become the first region of mega-project Neom to be completed in Saudi Arabia. The 8.4 lakh square-metre resort, located five km off the Neom coastline in the Red Sea, has opened to a select group of guests.

UAE visa amnesty extended till...

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Initially launched for two months, the amnesty started on Sept 1. It offers people on expired visas an opportunity to claim amnesty and either update their documents by finding employment or leave the country without fear of penalties, with any overstay fees waived.

Immigration centres across the country had been braced for a busy

day on Thursday, the day previously listed as the amnesty's deadline, with a high turnout of overstayers expected to arrive before the 8pm closure. At Dubai's Al Awir Centre, the number of immigration officers was doubled to deal with demand. With overstayers now offered an extra two months to regularise their stay, the message remains the same, and offers people a second chance.

"If you cannot find a job, please leave the

country, you can come back, you are most welcome any time," Col, Saleem bin Ali, director of the customer happiness department at Dubai's General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs, had said. A redemption story from this year's amnesty comes in the shape of an Indian software engineer duped by fraudsters promising a dream job with Emirates airline. He has now emerged from two years of turmoil to make a fresh start in the UAE.

Indian airlines garner...

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from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for April-June (Q1) shows that Indian airlines' cumulative market share strengthened to 45.6pc from 43.9pc a year ago. The growth was significantly starker when compared with corresponding quarter of 2019—prior to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic—when India's home-grown airlines had a combined market

share of just 34.7pc.

The total scheduled international passenger traffic from and to India in Q1 was 1.77 crore flyers, 13.3pc higher on the year and 13.5 higher than the corresponding period of 2019. The June quarter of last year had marked a full recovery for international air passenger traffic from the impact of the pandemic, which had brought the global civil aviation sector to a grinding halt.

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ing to offer strong growth opportunities for professionals, it said. On the other hand, sectors like logistics, FMCG, healthcare

and pharma, and construction and real estate showed more moderate increments, highlighting their steady demand for skilled professionals, the report stated.

UPI registers transactions worth Rs 23.5t in October

MUMBAI: In Oct, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) registered 16.58 billion transactions worth Rs 23.5 trillion, data from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) said. The transactions in Oct were the highest numbers for the digital system since it became operational in April 2016.

UPI's previous peak was 15.04 billion in volume terms in Sept 2024 and Rs 20.64 trillion in value in July. In terms of volume,

Oct witnessed a 10pc spike and 14pc in value compared with Sept. There were 14.96 billion UPI transactions amounting to Rs 20.61 trillion in August.

Data from previous months shows that the growth in transactions is driven by person to merchant transactions (for buying goods or services), which got a festival season push in Oct. It was the first time that UPI crossed 16 billion in volume and Rs 23 trillion in value.

After Diwali, come 48 lakh weddings!

NEW DELHI: After a successful Diwali season, traders and service sector across the country are now preparing for major business opportunities in the upcoming wedding season, set to begin with Dev Uthani Ekadashi on Nov 12 and continue until Dec 16.

According to a study conducted by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), the retail sector, encompassing both goods and services, is expected to benefit from about 48 lakh weddings, generating business worth nearly Rs 6-lakh-crore.

Wedding expenses are divided between goods and services, with main expenditure areas in goods including sarees, lehengas, and apparel, jewellery, electronics and appliances, dry fruits, sweets, and snacks, groceries and vegetables, gift items, among others.

This year, the increase in auspicious wedding dates is antic-

ipated to bring significant growth. In 2023, there were 11 auspicious dates, whereas this year

there are 18, further fuelling the trade, CAIT asserted. Delhi alone is expected to witness 4.5 lakh weddings.

According to Acharya Durgesh Tare, Convenor

of CAIT's Veda and Spiritual Committee, auspicious dates for this season fall on Nov 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, and 29, and on December 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 16.

Following this period, there will be a pause of about a month before the wedding season resumes from mid-Jan to March 2025. CAIT has derived these business estimates based on discussions

with major business organisations across 75 cities, specifically those dealing in wedding-related goods and services.

CAIT's Secretary General and Member of Parliament from Chandni Chowk, Praveen Khandelwal, stated that the study has also highlighted a shift in consumer purchasing behaviour, with people increasingly opting for Indian products over foreign goods, reflecting the success of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Vocal for Local" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" vision.



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Currency	Buying	Selling
US Dollar	84.50	83.99
Euro	92.65	91.84
Australian Dollar	57.42	56.61
Japanese Yen	61.87	61.06
Canadian Dollar	0.58	0.56
Singapore Dollar	65.11	64.30
Swedish krona	8.08	8.08
UAE Dirham	23.16	22.86
Swiss Franc (CHF)	97.98	97.98
British Pound	110.39	109.58
New Zealand Dollar	52.06	51.25
Thai Baht	2.59	2.52
Hong Kong Dollar	10.81	10.81
Saudi Arabian Riyal	22.39	22.39
Bahraini Dinar	224.12	224.12
Chinese Yuan	11.88	11.88
Danish Krone	12.31	12.31
Kuwaiti Dinar	274.03	274.03
Malaysian Ringgit	20.19	19.59
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Qatari Riyal	23.07	23.07
South African Rand	4.80	4.80

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Festival buying lights up economy

MUMBAI: Key high frequency economic indicators show a latent momentum in the economy due to Diwali. While passenger vehicles retail sales surged 20pc in Oct, consumption of auto and jet fuel rose between 0.8 and nine per cent. In the same month, registration of e vehicles jumped 55pc while UPI transactions hit a new high with a growth of 45pc.

GST collection in Oct grew by nine per cent to Rs 1.87-lakh-crore. This collection is related with goods consumed and services availed in Sept. Though the collection in October was in single digit for a second successive month, it needs to be noted that the annual ritual of Shradh was observed from Sept 17.

This means that there were just 16 auspicious days in Sept for fresh purchase, especial-

ly of consumer durables which account for a large chunk of GST collection. According to industry sources, retail passenger vehicle sales for Oct would be between 4.80 and 4.90 lakh as against 3.9 lakh during the same month in 2023, showing a growth of 20pc.

Boosting green mobility, total monthly Electric Vehicle (EV) registrations (including all categories) reached an all time high with the Oct registrations recording 2.18 lakh units which marked the highest monthly volume recorded to date. This represents a significant increase from 1.6 lakh registrations in Sept 2024 and 1.4 lakh units in Oct 2023. The electric two-wheeler market set a new record with 1.39 lakh units sold in Oct, surpassing the previous peak of 1.08 lakh units in July 2024.

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Thirumalai Nayakiar Palace and Marie Amman Tank

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Kailasanatha
Varadarajaswamy Temple
Temples of Ekambaswara
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BEWARE OF UNSCRUPULOUS AGENTS FOR OVERSEAS JOBS

Seeking employment abroad can be an exiting opportunity, but it also comes with risks if the intended job-seekers go through unauthorised agencies / personnel. Unscrupulous agents / persons may exploit these job-seekers through social media advertisements and channels, leading to financial losses, unsafe working conditions, fraudulent activities or even human trafficking. Therefore, it is crucial to stay informed and CAUTIOUS - among the overseas job aspirants. Job-seekers are advised to protect themselves by following means:

- 1) Verify credentials of the recruitment agency / persons. Ensure that, the recruitment agency / persons are licensed by the Ministry of External Affairs, OE, PROTECTOR GENERAL OF EMI-GRANTS, Government of India.
- 2) Avoid any upfront payment in case asked for.
- 3) Seek legal advice through trusted advisors or Regional Protector of Emigrants Offices.
- 4) Do not enter any dealings with lack of physical office or any credibility of the advertisers without referring their websites.
- 5) Do not deal with the unscrupulous agencies who are inconsistent or give evasive answers to your questions.
- 6) Reporting Fraud:
If you suspect that an agent / person is doing fraudulent activities related to overseas recruitment / employment, report it to the nearest POE Office, police station etc. etc; your report can help to prevent others from falling victims to scams.
Your safety and well-being are paramount, by staying vigilant and informed, you can avoid falling prey to unscrupulous agents and ensure a secure legitimate path towards overseas employment. - VS Abdulkareem (President, Indian Personnel Export Promotion Council - IPEPCIL).



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GULF FAQs

If I fail to make mortgage payments, do I risk losing property, installments?

I bought a flat in Dubai five years ago. What happens if I am unable to make the mortgage payments? Do I risk losing my house? If so, what happens to the installments I have paid already?

Pursuant to your query, it is assumed that you are an expatriate owning a property in Dubai. Therefore, the provisions of Law No. 14 of 2008 Concerning Mortgage in the Emirate of Dubai and the provisions of Federal Law No. (5) of 1985 On the Civil Transactions Law of the UAE are applicable.

If a mortgagor (borrower) defaults in repaying a mortgage loan to a mortgagee (lender), the lender may commence the sale of a mortgaged property upon serving a 30-day notice through a Notary Public to a mortgagor. This is in accordance with Article 25 of the Dubai Mortgage Law, which states: "In the event of default in the payment of a debt or upon fulfilment of a condition under which early repayment of debt is required the creditor-Mortgagee or his universal or particular successor may commence foreclosure and forced sale procedures against the mortgaged real property provided that the debtor or the person who has possession of the mortgaged real property or real property unit is served at least a 30-day notice through a Notary Public."

Thereafter, upon service of notice through a Notary Public by a mortgagee (lender) to a mortgagor (borrower), a mortgagee may file an execution case based on a mortgage deed and agreements signed between a mortgagor (borrower) and a mortgagee (lender) in a court which

has jurisdiction in the emirate of Dubai. Based on an execution case filed by a mortgagee (lender) against a mortgagor (borrower), an execution judge



may issue an attachment order against the mortgaged property to be sold in a public auction. This is in accordance with Article 26 of the Dubai Mortgage Law, which states: "If a debtor-mortgagor, his universal or particular successor or a real surety fails to pay the debt within the period stipulated in the preceding Article (Article 25 of Dubai Mortgage Law), the enforcement judge shall, upon request of the creditor-mortgagee, issue an attachment order against the mortgaged real property in order to sell it by public auction in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Dubai Land Department."

However, an enforcement judge on a request of a mortgagor (borrower) may postpone the auction of property for a period of 60 days if the judge is satisfied that a mortgagor (borrower) can repay the balance mortgage loan within the said 60 days or if the auction of the property may cause substantial damage to a mortgagor (borrower). This is in accordance with Article 27 of the Dubai Mortgage Law.

Further, in the event a mortgagor (borrower) does

not repay the balance mortgage loan to a mortgagee (lender), then based on the judgment issued by an execution judge, the mortgaged property will be sold

in an auction conducted by the concerned auctioning authority within the grace period. This is under Article 28 of the Dubai Mortgage Law.

It should be noted that all the aforementioned provisions of Dubai Mortgage Law are read with Article 1430 of the UAE Civil Transactions Law, which states :

"A mortgagee may, upon maturity of the debt, take proceedings for the expropriation of the mortgaged property and the sale thereof, in case the debt is not paid on its due date, after notification of the debtor and the possessor of the property in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Law on procedures to be followed before the civil court-2 and the special laws."

Based on the aforementioned provisions of Dubai Mortgage Law and UAE Civil Transactions Law, if you as a mortgagor (borrower) fail to repay the mortgage loan to the mortgagee (lender), then the mortgagee (lender) may file an execution case before an execution judge in the Dubai Court to sell your mortgaged property through a public auction

conducted by any auctioning authority. The bidder, who wins the bid to buy your mortgaged property, needs to deposit the sale proceeds (auction amount)

to the Dubai Court's bank account within stipulated days. However, it is assumed that you have availed long-term mortgage loan from the mortgagee (lender) and as you

have only completed five years of owning your mortgaged property in Dubai. It is further assumed that you may have not repaid a substantial part of the mortgage loan. Therefore, in such a scenario if your mortgaged property is sold in a public auction, the bank may only be entitled to the outstanding amount of the mortgage loan, penalties whatsoever as agreed in the mortgage deed or agreement with you, court fees, auction fees, interests, and any other fees/costs if any. Thereafter, Dubai Court upon settling your bank's (mortgagee) outstanding amount as per the execution order, may transfer to your bank account if any residual amount is remaining from the sale proceeds of the auction of your mortgaged property

Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines eye flights to Noida airport

NOIDA: Noida International Airport (NIA) is poised to become a key global hub in aviation and will offer international routes to Zurich (ZRH), Singapore (SIN) and Dubai (DXB), operated by Lufthansa (LH), Singapore Airlines (SQ), and other international carriers enhancing global connectivity for India.

In addition to these international links, NIA will serve 25 domestic routes connecting major cities, positioning Noida as an essential travel hub.

Noida Airport (DXN) in Jewar, western UP, will initiate the second phase of its trial operations on Nov 15, a critical step towards its official launch. This trial phase, running until Dec 15, will feature daily flights from Akasa Air (QP), IndiGo (6E), and likely Air India (AI), as confirmed by Arun Veer

Singh, CEO of Noida International Airport.

"The testing process will continue for one month. We will upload the data to the DGCA website on Dec 20 and then apply for aerodrome licensing," Singh stated.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will evaluate this data to determine the airport's readiness for full operations, with hopes of obtaining the necessary licensing by March 20, 2025. If all goes according to plan, Noida International Airport will begin commercial operations on April 17, 2025. On its opening day, the airport expects to handle 30 flights, including 25 domestic flights, three international flights, and two cargo flights.

GLOSSARIES-HR HIRING /TRAVEL&TOURISM

Everything You Must Know About Passports

White Passport (S-type passport):

A white passport is a type of passport granted to Indian government officials travelling overseas for official work. The S-type passport is another name for it. White passports are usually issued to senior government officials, members of administrative services, high-ranking officials, and diplomats, members of the Indian Foreign Service, and IAS and IPS officers. Immigration officers can identify Indian diplomats and officials with the use of white passports. During immigration checks, they also enable passport holders to be given preferential treatment.

Maroon Passport (D-type passport):

The Maroon passports are diplomatic passports granted to high-ranking government officials and diplomats in India. The Maroon passport (the passport color in India for diplomatic passports is maroon) is a diplomatic passport. The major benefits of a Maroon passport are diplomatic immunity, easier immigration, legal protection and so on.

The Maroon passport is issued to Indian diplomats, Members of Parliament, Union Council of Ministers and government officials with high-ranking diplomatic status, Indian Police Services (IPS), Indian Administrative Services (IAS), and Indian Foreign Services (IFS). High-ranking Indian state officials may also apply for and request a diplomatic passport while on official business.

Online or e-Passports:

An electronic passport, or E-passport, is one that has a chip that holds all of the holder's biometric data. As a result, this procedure speeds up immigration checks while enhancing the security and transparency of travel documents. Because it can be scanned, travelers can avoid standing in line and waiting for extend-



The reasons for traveling are numerous. While some individuals travel for work, others do so for leisure. Some travel to study further, while others travel to take a break from life. Similarly, others have business reasons to travel. Travel is a wonderful way to learn a lot of things in life, be it for job search, employment, entertainment or knowledge. Whatever the reason, travel opens a huge door for us to explore the world beyond our imagination and immerse ourselves in many things.

The fields of Overseas Manpower Recruitment and Travel and Tourism are full of jargon and acronyms. In order to make the ensuing journeys entertaining, educational, and potentially life-saving, SKILLSGURU presents a few glossaries explaining the domains of overseas manpower recruitment and travel and tourism. Skills Guru hopes that people who are unfamiliar with it will find this glossary helpful. Let us begin with Passport that ranks first in these fields even though it is not regarded as a glossary.

ed periods of time at the check gates. The information on an e-passport cannot be deleted.

E-Passport features:

With 41 features in all, an e-passport is a more secure option than a traditional passport. It makes

rules. These changes are intended to make your passport application process easier and safer, whether you are renewing your passport or applying for one for the first time. Knowing these new passport regulations will

A change in color coding is another aspect of the new passport regulations. For the following categories, passports will be issued in three different colors: Red: Diplomats; White: Government officials; Blue (Previous-



it possible to identify important information digitally, including name, birthdate and so forth. The biometric information of applicants will be gathered in order to issue electronic passports. The holder's digital signature serves as authentication for the data. 64 kb of storage will be available on the chip that is integrated into the passport. It will capture details from each of the passport holder's ten fingerprints.

8 Crucial New Indian Passport Rules for 2024 You Must Be Aware Of

Recently, in 2024, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India announced new passport

make the application process easier for you.

The following is a list of the main changes that are currently in place as well as some that will soon be implemented:

1. There will be no residential information on the last page of the passport.

According to the new Indian passport rules, your residential address will no longer be printed on the final page of your passport in order to protect your personal information. By scanning the barcode on the passport, the immigration officials can obtain the passport holder's information.

2. The new passport color codes

ly Orange): ECR (Emigration Check Required) & ECNR (Emigration Check Not Required). This color distinction makes it simple to identify the type of passport holder.

3. No parent names appear on the passport.

Your parents' names will no longer appear on the last page of the passport for privacy reasons. Children of single parents or those from estranged families particularly benefit from this rule. Parents are expected to clarify the status when submitting an application.

4. Online Police Verification

The new passport rules in India allow for an on-

line verification process through the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) in collaboration with the MEA, which will replace the traditional police verification system. This saves time by making the verification process faster and more effective.

5. Substitutes for Birth Certificate:

If you're applying for a passport, the following documents may be submitted in lieu of a birth certificate in accordance with the new regulations. These include: Aadhaar card, voter ID, PAN card, driving license, school leaving certificate, matriculation certificate, or transfer certificate, life insurance policy with birth date, and name of one of the parents or legal guardians. For many applicants, this flexibility facilitates a more seamless application process.

6. Reduced Annexes:

By eliminating multiple annexes, the new passport rules have simplified the paperwork. Since annexes are self-declaration forms, attestation is no longer required. To cut down on processing time, Annexes A, C, D, E, J, and K have been eliminated, and some have been combined.

7. Married and divorced individuals:

Since Annexure K has been eliminated in accordance with the new passport rules, neither a marriage certificate nor the spouse's name is needed. This change makes passport application processes easier for people who are married or divorced.

8. Urgent Passports for Jobs:

If government workers cannot obtain an identity certificate or No Objection Certificate (NOC) from their employers, they may submit a self-declaration form for an urgent passport. The issuance process will proceed more quickly as a result.

(To Be Continued)