

### Simplification of Passport rules

- Many Annexures have been repealed e.g. Annexure A (*Date of birth of illiterate applicant*), Annexure C (*Affidavit by single parent*), Annexure D (*Affidavit for change of name after marriage*), Annexure E (*Affidavit for change of name*), Annexure J (*Verification certificate by business persons*) and Annexure K (*Affidavit for reissue of passport regarding marriage in case of desertion by the spouse*);
- Practices of swearing before Magistrate/ Notary has been discontinued. Earlier swearing before first class Judicial magistrate was mandatory in case of proof of date of birth, marriage, divorce, name change etc ;
- Submission of registered adoption deed has been discontinued in case of adopted children;
- In case of marriage/divorce, **proof** of marriage/dissolution of marriage/divorce **has been discontinued**. Therefore, Annexure D & K are not required henceforth;
- Only declaration in Annexure C by a single parent is admissible henceforth. Earlier an affidavit sworn before judicial magistrate was required;
- For change of Name, either clippings from two Newspaper/Gazette Notification of Government with at least two public/school document are required now. Earlier an affidavit sworn before judicial magistrate was also required alongwith the above formalities;
- For change/addition of name/spouse name following marriage/remarriage / divorce, **no proof of marriage/dissolution of Marriage is required** except the details provided by the applicant in the application form. Earlier an affidavit sworn before judicial magistrate was required;
- Regarding date of birth for illiterate person, Annexure A has been repealed and a wide range of document have been prescribed as proof of DOB viz. Transfer Certificate or School leaving Certificate or Matriculation Certificate having Date of Birth or PAN Card or Aadhar Card or Service record (Govt. Servant) or Pension Order (Retired Govt. Servant) attested by Officer Incharge or Driving License or EPIC or Policy bond issued by LIC.