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**PRESS RELEASE**

Subject:          **BETTER, FASTER SERVICES AT INDIAN EMBASSY**

Indian Embassy is celebrating 50 years of the Passports Act of India on Saturday, 24th June, 2017.  In this connection, Hon’ble External Affairs Minister’s message is enclosed.   The year 2017 saw commendable steps taken by Indian Government towards rendering better and faster passport services to our Diaspora.  Passport Rules and regulations have been amended and simplified in order to make consular services more efficient and faster.

2.         Indian Embassy remains fully committed to providing timely and efficient consular services to all Indians in Kuwait.   The Embassy is issuing passports within three days (first day applications received, second day processed and third day passports delivered).   Attestation services are rendered within 60-90 minutes.  Besides, new passports on TATKAL basis are provided the same day.  During 2016, Embassy issued more than 96,000 new passports, carried out more than 95,000 attestation services and around 6,000 other miscellaneous services (birth, death, marriage certificates etc.).  Over 14,000 visas were also issued during the last year by the Embassy.

3.         Indian Embassy takes this opportunity to warn all service seekers about 10-12 touts operating around its premises as well as at three service centres.

4.         The Embassy welcomes suggestions/comments for further improvement of its services to one and all.

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