



M-Passport App

Why in News

Recently, the **Chief Secretary of the State Niranjan Arya** launched the **M-Passport App under the joint aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the State Home Department**. Mapping has been done by **connecting all the police stations of the state with the app**.

Key Points

- Principal Secretary Home Abhay Kumar told about the M-Passport app that, in this app, most of the **questions for police verification are recorded in 'yes' or 'no'**.
- This process is more transparent and convenient. With its introduction, the period of police verification for passports will be reduced from two weeks to one week. He said that after 'pilot run' at some places in the state, it is now being implemented in the entire state.
- Prabhat Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs said that the use of the M-Passport app in the police verification process will not only make it easier for Indian citizens to obtain passports, but also this will be useful in getting 'Police Clearance Certificates' for Indians living abroad and people of Indian origin.
- **Director General of Police Intelligence Umesh Mishra** said that to **reduce the time taken in police verification**, capacity building of policemen is being done (up to the constable level). This facility will improve the service quality of the police in the passport issuance process.

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