



B.Com Honours

Semester III

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TRAVEL FORMALITIES AND DOCUMENTATION

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Module III: Regulations Applicable to Foreigners in India

Covers statutory passport issuance rules, visa categories granted by the Indian Government, visa extension protocols, and foreigner registration requirements under FRRO.

Unit 10: Passports – Types, Documents Required, & Passport Seva Online

1. Passport Categories:

Ordinary Passport (Navy Blue Cover - Type P): Issued to general citizens for leisure/business.

Official Passport (White Cover - Type S): Issued to government officials on official state duty.

Diplomatic Passport (Maroon Cover - Type D): Issued to top diplomats and consular officers.

2. Passport Seva Portal Procedure: Online registration → Application Form filling → Fee Payment & Appointment Booking → Verification at PSK (Passport Seva Kendra) → Police Verification & Dispatch.

Unit 11: Types of Visas Granted to Foreigners in India & Extensions

Tourist Visa (t-Visa / e-Tourist Visa): Non-extendable 30-day, 1-year, or 5-year multi-entry.

Business Visa (B-Visa) & Employment Visa (E-Visa): Issued for corporate trade / employment contracts.

Medical Visa (MED-Visa): For international patients seeking treatment at accredited hospitals.

Unit 12: Reasons for Rejection of Visas & Online Application Steps

Common rejection factors: Incomplete documentation, insufficient proof of financial means, previous immigration violations, adverse security clearance reports, and invalid passport validity (< 6 months).

Unit 13: Registration of Foreigners at FRRO / FRO & e-FRRO Portal

Foreigners visiting India on long-term visas (> 180 days) must register with FRRO (Foreigners Regional Registration Office) within 14 days of arrival via the paperless e-FRRO portal. Hotel owners submit Form C reports electronically.

Practical Case Framework (Indian Republic Passport Categories Matrix): Compare technical specifications and entitlement rules of official Indian passport types.

Indian Republic Passport Classification Matrix:

Passport Type	Cover Color & Code	Eligible Holders / Recipients	Statutory Privileges / Perks
Ordinary Passport	Navy Blue (Type P)	General Indian citizens for personal / business travel	Standard immigration clearance & visa check requirements
Official Passport	White Cover (Type S)	Government officials & non-diplomatic state delegations	Expedited airport processing; official visa fee waivers
Diplomatic Passport	Maroon Cover (Type D)	Indian diplomats, Cabinet Ministers, & Supreme Court Judges	Diplomatic immunity under Vienna Convention; visa-free access
Orange Passport	Orange Cover (ECR)	Citizens without Class 10 (SSLC) education qualification	Mandatory Emigration Check Required (ECR) for 18 ECR countries

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