Embassy of India, Mexico City (Consular, Passport & visa Section)

<u>Further liberalization of Online e-Tourist Visa Scheme</u> w.e.f. 1st April 2017 (Also applicable to Mexican & Belizean nationals)

Key Changes:

- Online visa (renamed as e-Visa) will now be granted under three (3) categories: e-Tourist Visa, e-Business Visa and e-Medical Visa based on the proposed activity in India.
- e-Visa is now valid for stay up to 60 days in India (earlier was 30 days only).
- e-visa is now **valid for double (2) entries to India** with in the period of 60 days (earlier only 1 entry was allowed).
- e-Medical visa will be valid for Triple (3) entries to India. It can also be extended up to a period of 6 months by the FRRO on a case to case basis (was not possible earlier).
- e-Visa now can be applied up to 120 days before the date of entry in India (earlier it was allowed only 30 days before).
- Online Visa holders can now **also enter India from 3 major ports** viz. Cochin, Goa and Mangalore (earlier entry from Sea Pots was not allowed). Thus, now foreigners visiting India on board Cruise Ships are also covered by the e-Visa.
- e-Visa can be converted to Regular Entry Visa (X Visa) or Regular Medical Visa (MED Visa) in some situations (new provision).
- e-Visa facility has been **extended to the nationals of 8 more countries** taking the number of total countries covered to 161.
- Procedure for obtaining e-Visa remains unchanged. It is much easier and cheaper to apply for and get an online e-Visa:
- The Fees for e-Visa is low at US\$ 50/- only compared to Regular Tourist Visa Fees of US\$ 100/-, Regular Business Visa Fees of US\$ 120/- and Regular Medical Visa Fees of US\$ 80/- only.
- Also, no supporting documents, other than copy of photo and copy of passport, are required to be attached to the online visa application.

Full details of the scheme at: https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html
