## Opening of the first batch of new Post Office Passport Seva Kendras

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Department of Posts (DOP) announced on 24 January, 2017 their decision to utilize the Head Post Offices (HPO) in the various States as Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) for delivering passport related services to the citizens of our country. The objective of this partnership is to extend passport services on a larger scale and to ensure wider area coverage.

# Shri Balvinder Kumar chairs the 56th Meeting of Central Geological Programming Board

The Secretary Mines Shri Balvinder Kumar inaugurated the 56th Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) meeting of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines in New Delhi today. Addressing the members Shri Balvinder Kumar said, India has a huge untapped potential

### <u>Union Home Minister receives a cheque</u> of Rs. One Crore for CRPF Welfare Fund

The Managing Director of LG Electronics India, Mr. Kim Ki Wan handed over a cheque of Rupees One Crore to the Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh here today towards contribution to the CRPF Welfare Fund, which is dedicated to the soldiers.

#### Individual beneficiaries having Ration

# Cards under NFSA to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication to receive subsidies under NFS

The use of Aadhaar as identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner and Aadhaar obviates the need for producing multiple documents to prove one's identity. Aadhaar Act interalia provides that the Central/State Govt while making expenditure from Consolidated fund of India for any subsidy, may require such individual to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or undergo authentication.

#### **Student-Teacher Ratio**

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 in its Schedule lays down Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) for both primary and upper primary schools. At primary level the PTR should be 30:1 and at the upper primary level it should be 35:1. The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) framework stipulates that the PTR at secondary level should be 30:1.