# Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration & Tracking (IVFRT) Scheme

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## Why in News?

*Recently, Prime Minister approved the continuation of the Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration & Tracking (IVFRT) Scheme for another five years (2026–2031).*

- **Aim –** To *modernize and upgrade immigration, visa issuance, and foreigners' registration services* by building a world-class immigration ecosystem and to strengthen national security.
- **Type –** Central sector scheme (100% funded by Union Government).
- **Launched in** – May 2010.
- **Nodal Ministry –** Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- **Implementing Agency –** *National Informatics Centre (NIC) in* collaboration with MHA.
- **Objectives –** Integration of immigration posts, Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO)s, and Foreigners Registration Offices.
- Adoption of emerging technologies (mobile apps, kiosks, e-gates).
- Strengthen monitoring of foreigners and address illegal migration.
- Boost tourism, business, and medical travel.
- **Benefits -** Faster visa processing
- Reduced passenger clearance time
- Boosts tourism, aviation, hospitality, and *ease of doing business.*
- Strengthens national security through integrated tracking.
- **Key Components for Travellers & Hosts**
- **e-Visa System** - A streamlined online process for tourists, business travellers, and medical patients.
- **Fast Track Immigration (FTI-TTP):** A Trusted Traveller Programme using automated e-gates at 13 major airports, reducing clearance time to approximately 30 seconds for enrolled Indian nationals and OCI

cardholders.

- **Foreigner Registration** - Mandatory for certain visa types (e.g., Student, Employment, Research) if staying longer than 180 days; registration must typically be done within 14 days of arrival via the official FRRO portal.
- **Form C-** A legal requirement for anyone hosting foreign nationals (hotels, guest houses, or private individuals) to report the guest's arrival through the Bureau of Immigration portal.

### References


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