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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Consulate General of India  
Munich**

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**Extension of timeline for handwritten travel documents (PIO cards) till 31.12.2024.**

This is to inform that Bureau of Immigration (BoI), Government of India will accept handwritten travel documents (PIO Cards) as valid travel document till **31.12.2024** along with a valid foreign passport and all Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to accept PIO cards valid for exit/entry into India till **31.12.2024**.

2. This extension of the timeline is subject to the condition that if in the meantime any deadline is notified by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) thereby making hand written PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from the Consulate.

3. It is requested that all PIO cardholders should apply for conversion of PIO card to OCI card at the earliest.

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