<u>Sending mails checklist</u>

1. Reference –
   a. Variables settings - https://www.php.net/manual/en/ref.mail.php
   b. Mail function and its parameters -
      https://www.php.net/manual/en/function.mail.php


   *Follow up steps to configure sending mail from localhost using*
   *smtp.gmail.com*

1. <u>SMTP - **Simple Mail Transfer Protocol**</u>
2. **Note:** <u>Configure GMAIL`s "Less secure apps" settings for proper working.</u>
3. Go to **php.ini** file, find **[mail function]** and change

   ```
   SMTP=smtp.gmail.com
   smtp_port=587
   sendmail_from = my-gmail-id@gmail.com
                     /your gmail email here/
   sendmail_path = "\"C:\xampp\sendmail\sendmail.exe\" -
   t"
   ```

4. Open **xampp/sendmail/sendmail.ini.** Replace all the existing code in
   **sendmail.ini** with following code

   ```
   smtp_server=smtp.gmail.com
   smtp_port=587
   error_logfile=error.log
   debug_logfile=debug.log
   auth_username=my-gmail-id@gmail.com
           – Gmail email
   auth_password=my-gmail-password
           – Gmail account password
   force_sender=my-gmail-id@gmail.com
           – Add this if all your emails will be from a
             single sender
   ```

5. **Restart the server!**
6. If anything goes wrong – check the error log file in **xampp/sendmail/error.log**
7. For the log of emails sent check **mail/apache/mail.log**. This setting can be changed in in **php.ini**, look for **mail.log** variable.
8. How to make emails prettier.