



Henley Passport Index 2021

Why in News

India has been **ranked 90th** in the most powerful passport report '**Henley Passport Index 2021**'.

Key Points

▪ About the Index:

- The **Henley Passport Index** is the **original ranking of all the world's passports** according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.
- Originally created by **Dr. Christian H. Kaelin (chairman of Henley & Partners)**, the ranking is based on exclusive data from the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**, which maintains the world's largest and most accurate database of travel information.
- It was **launched in 2006** and includes 199 different passports.

▪ Global Rankings:

- **Japan** and **Singapore** stood at the **top** of this year's list, with their passport holders allowed to travel **visa-free to 192 countries**, while South Korea and Germany share the second position.
 - For the third consecutive year, Japan has secured the top position.
- Meanwhile, **Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, and Yemen** are among the **least powerful**.

▪ India's Performance:

- India **fell down to the 90th position**, with its passport holders **allowed to travel visa-free to 58 countries**.
 - India shares the rank with **Tajikistan and Burkina Faso**.
- India was **ranked 85th** in the January 2021's index', (84th) in 2020 and (82nd) in 2019.

[Source: IE](#)