

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 <u>International Air Transport Association</u> (<u>IATA</u>), 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 visafree 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.

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