

Henley Passport Index 2021

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Henley Passport Index 2021 for the **ranking of global passports** was released recently.



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Major Highlights:

Global Scenario:

- Japan and Singapore stood hold the first rank on the passport index. The Passport holders of these countries are allowed to travel visa-free to 192 countries.
- The list of Powerful passport index is:

1. Japan, Singapore (Score: 192)
2. Germany, South Korea

- The list of Least passport index is:

1. Afghanistan (Score: 26)
2. Iraq (28)
3. Syria (29)
4. Pakistan (31)

India's performance:

- India was on the 84th position in 2020 & **slipped six places** to 90th position in 2021.
- India passport holder can **travel up to 58** countries as visa on arrival.

About the Henley Passport Index:

- The index was first published by **Henley & Partners** in 2006.
- It lists the **world's passports** according to the **number of destinations** their holders can access **without a prior visa**.
- The ranking is based on data from **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**, a trade association of **some 290 airlines**, including all major carriers.
- The index includes **199 different passports** and **227 different travel destinations**.

Significance:

- The strength of a passport is defined as the countries to which **holders are eligible to travel** without a visa.
- The **Index** gives a fair **estimate of cross border flows** of people. The countries whose citizens can travel unhindered across borders have more vibrant economies.