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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 20 July 2023

### Henley Passport Index 2023

- **Singapore Has Replaced Japan** As The Most Powerful Passport Among All Passports In The World, As It Allows Visa-free Access To As Many As **192 Global Destinations**, According To The Latest Ranking.
- **Japan**, Which Was In The Top Spot For The Last Five Years, Dropped To Third, With Visa-free Access To **189 Nations** Around The World. It Shares Its Position With **Austria, Finland, France, Luxembourg, South Korea And Sweden**.
- **Russian** Ranked **49<sup>th</sup>**, Giving Easy Access To **115 Nations**. **China Placed 63<sup>rd</sup>** With Access To **80 Countries**, **India's Passport Ranked 80<sup>th</sup>**, And **Afghanistan's Passport Is The Least Useful**, Getting The Holder Into Only 27 Countries.
- **India**, On The Other Hand, Improved Its Position By 5 Spots From Last Year, And Is Currently **Ranked 80th On The Index** Along With Togo And Senegal, With **Visa-Free Access To 57 Countries**.

COUNTRY	RANK	ACCESS			
 Singapore	1	192	 Finland	3	189
 Germany	2	190	 France	3	189
 Italy	2	190	 Japan	3	189
 Spain	2	190	 Luxembourg	3	189
 Austria	3	189	 South Korea	3	189
			 Sweden	3	189

### International Chess Day

- International Chess Day Is Celebrated Annually On 20 July, The Day The International Chess Federation (FIDE) Was Founded, In 1924.
- The Idea To Celebrate This Day As The International Chess Day Was Proposed By UNESCO, And It Has Been Celebrated As Such Since 1966, After It Was Established By Fide.

- FIDE, Which Has 181 Chess Federations As Its Members, Organizes Chess Events And Competitions Around The World On This Day.
- As Recently As 2013, The International Chess Day Was Celebrated In 178 Countries, According To FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov.
- On 12 December 2019, The Un General Assembly Unanimously Approved A Resolution Recognizing The Day.



## International Moon Day

- First Observed In 2022, To Commemorates The Day Man First Walked On The Moon In 1969.
- Theme: Beginning the New Lunar Journey for Humanity.
- At 02:56 GMT On 21 July 1969, American Astronaut Neil Armstrong Became The First Person To Walk On The Moon.
- He Stepped Out Of The Apollo 11 Lunar Module And Onto The Moon's Surface, In An Area Called The 'Sea Of Tranquillity.'



## 26 Opposition Parties Meet In Bengaluru

- **I-N-D-I-A - The Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance** - Is What The **United Opposition Front** Will Be Known As, **26 Parties** Participating At The Crucial Meet In Bengaluru Decided On Tuesday, Setting What Congress's Rahul Gandhi Called A "**Modi Versus I.N.D.I.A**" Battle For The 2024 General Elections.
- Congress Led United Progressive Alliance Which Was Formed After 2004 General Election Got A New Name "**Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance**" Which Is A Grouping Of 26 Opposition Parties.



## US - India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership Meet

- The Ministerial Meeting Of The U.S.-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP) Was Held Between Petroleum And Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri And U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm In New Delhi.
- During The Meeting, They Noted The Growing Importance Of Bilateral Energy Cooperation Between The Countries. During The Meeting, The Two Sides Renewed Their Commitment To Work Towards A Just, Orderly, And Sustainable Energy Transition, Which Prioritizes Access To Reliable, Affordable, And Clean Energy Supply.
- Highlighting That India And The US Represent The Largest Democracies, And Fastest-growing Economies In The World, The Two Sides Underscored The Importance Of Joint Action And Collaboration Not Only For Bilateral Progress But Also For Navigating The Global Energy Transition.





## Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting In Indore

- Under India's G-20 Presidency, The Fourth And Final Employment Working Group-EWG Meeting Is Beginning From Today At Indore In Madhya Pradesh.
- The EWG Delegate's Deliberations Will Culminate With The G-20 Labour And Employment Ministers' Meeting On 21 July.
- The Employment Working Group Meeting Will Focus On Finalizing The Ministerial Declaration And Outcome Documents. Secretary, Ministry Of Labour And Employment Smt. Arti Ahuja Informed That The Meeting Will Be Presided Over By The Union Minister For Labour & Employment, Bhupender Yadav.
- Around 165 Delegates Including 24 Ministers From Different Countries Will Attend The Minister Level Meeting. While 86 Delegates Are Participating In The EWG Meeting.



## Global Food Regulators Summit 2023

- Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Will Inaugurate The Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 In New Delhi.
- The Two-day Summit Is Aimed At Creating A Global Platform For Regulators On Enhancing Food Safety Systems And Regulatory Frameworks Through Collaboration.
- It Will Provide An Opportunity To Exchange Knowledge And Strategies For Ensuring Safe Food Throughout The Food Value Chain.
- Considering The Evolving Landscape Of Emerging Food Hazards, New Technologies And Changing Consumer Needs, The Summit Envisages Developing A Cohesive Approach On Food Safety Policy Frameworks.
- The Event Will Have Several Technical Sessions Including On Global Regulatory Framework, Challenges And Solutions For Global Food Safety And Impact Of Animal Feed On Food Safety And Human Health.



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## ADB Retains India's Growth Forecast At 6.4 Percent

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) Retained India's Economic Growth Forecast At 6.4 Percent For The Current Financial Year And 6.7 Percent For The Next, The ADB Said Robust Domestic Demand Will Continue To Support The Region's Recovery.
- In An Update To Its Asian Development Outlook, The ADB Said Inflation Is Expected To Continue To Fall, Approaching Pre-pandemic Levels As Fuel And Food Prices Decline.
- It Forecast 3.6 Percent Inflation This Year For Developing Economies In Asia, And 3.4 Percent In 2024. The Indian Economy Grew 7.2 Percent In The 2022-23 Fiscal Ended March 2023.

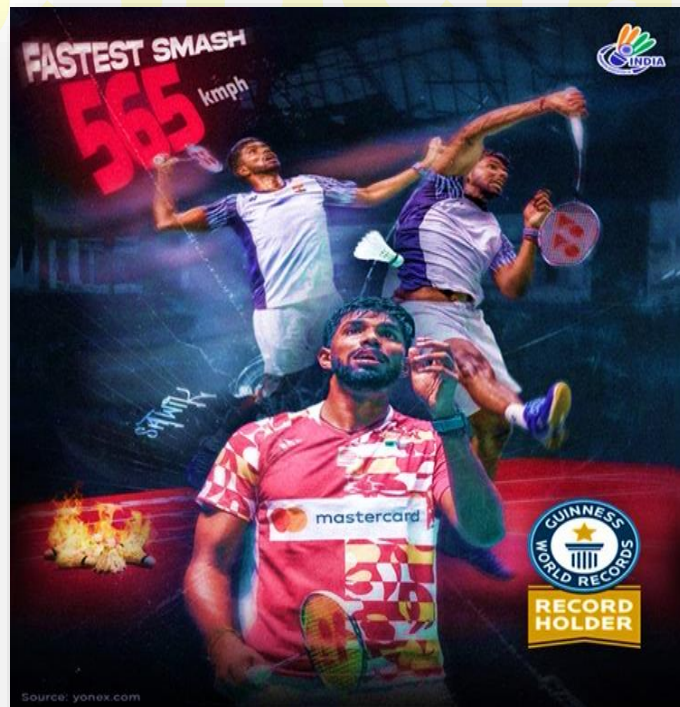


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## Shuttler Satwiksairaj Sets Guinness World Record

- Star Indian Shuttler Satwiksairaj Rankireddy Has Set The Guinness World Record For The Fastest Shot By A Male Player In Badminton, Recording A Mindboggling 565 Kilometres Per Hour With His Smash During The Game.
- Satwik, Who Along With His Partner Chirag Shetty Won The Indonesia Open Recently, Broke A Decade Long Record Set In May 2013 By Malaysian Tan Boon Heong, Who Had Produced A Speed Of 493 Kilometres Per Hour With His Smash.
- Malaysia's Tan Pearly Set The Guinness World Record For The Fastest Female Badminton Hits With A Remarkable Speed Of 438 Kilometres Per Hour.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. India Stood At \_\_\_\_ In Henley Passport Index 2023

- A. 80<sup>th</sup>
- B. 81<sup>st</sup>
- C. 86<sup>th</sup>
- D. 87<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: A**

2. India's Passport Provides Visa-Free Access To \_\_\_\_\_

- A. 50 Nations
- B. 57 Nations
- C. 70 Nations
- D. 80 Nations

**ANSWER: B**

3. \_\_\_\_ Stood Topped In Henley Passport Index 2023

- A. South Korea
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Singapore

**ANSWER: d**

4. \_\_\_\_ Stood Last In Henley Passport Index 2023

- A. Pakistan
- B. North Korea
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Syria

**ANSWER: C**

5. Henley & Partners Group Was Founded In

- A. 1967
- B. 1977
- C. 1987
- D. 1997

**ANSWER: D**



**6. HQ Of The Henley & Partners Group**

- A. New York
- B. London
- C. Paris
- D. Berlin

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Henley Passport Index Was Launched In**

- A. 2002
- B. 2004
- C. 2006
- D. 2008

**ANSWER: C**

**8. The Idea Of the Henley Passport Index Was First Mooted By**

- A. Paul Krugman
- B. Dr. Christian H. Kaelin
- C. Nouriel Roubini
- D. Dr. Henley Stan

**ANSWER: B**

**9. International Air Transport Association (IATA) Formed In**

- A. 1919
- B. 1927
- C. 1936
- D. 1945

**ANSWER: D**

**10.HQ Of International Air Transport Association (IATA)**

- A. Geneva
- B. Montreal
- C. Washington DC
- D. Brussels

**ANSWER: B**

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