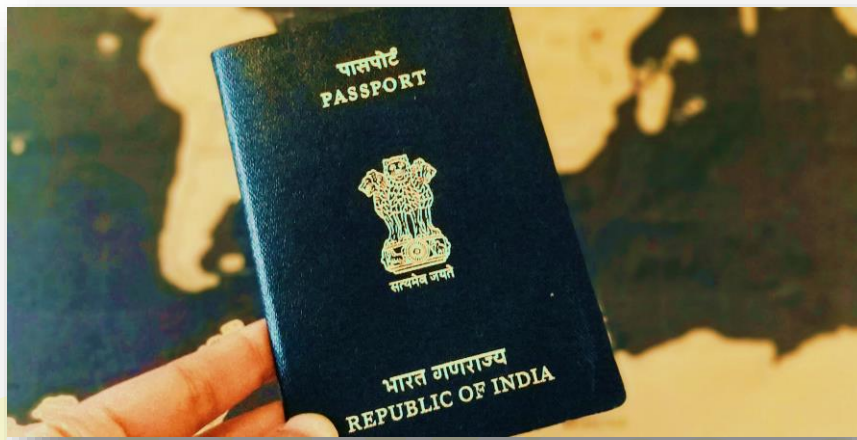


HENLEY PASSPORT INDEX 2024

Why In News?

- **India Has Ranked 85th** On The Henley Passport Index - A Global Passport Rankings Chart That Uses Data From The International Air Transport Authority (IATA) To Rank 'Strongest' And 'Weakest' Among **199 Passports**.



Henley & Partners Group

- **Founded In 1997**, Henley & Partners Is An **Investment Migration Consultancy** Based In **London**. It Advises Governments On **Residence And Citizenship-By-Investment Policy** And Works With Them To **Develop And Implement Residence And Citizenship Programs**.

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What Is The Henley Passport Index?

- The Henley Passport Index Is The **Original, Authoritative 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**. It Is Updated In Real-time Throughout The Year As And When **Visa Policy Changes Come Into Effect**.



Global Passport Ranking

- With Historical **Data Spanning 17 Years**, The Index Includes **199 Different Passports And 227 Different Travel Destinations**. **Updated Quarterly**, The Henley Passport Index Is Considered The **Standard Reference Tool For Global Citizens And Sovereign States** When Assessing Where A Passport Ranks On The Global Mobility Spectrum.

Why The Index Is Significant

- The Passport Index Defines The **Strength Of Diplomatic Relations** Of Any One Country With Others; Essentially, The More One Country Has '**Ease Of Access To Others**, The Higher it is Ranking.

Henley Passport Index 2024

- **France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, And Spain** Have The World's Most Powerful Passports. Allowing Visa-Free Entry To 194 Global Destinations, These Nations Have Occupied The Top Slot On The Latest Henley Passport Index.
- These Nations Are Followed By Finland, Netherlands, South Korea, And Sweden, Which Have Visa-Free Access To 193 Nations.

Top & Worst Performers

 France	<u>1st</u>	<u>194</u>	 Yemen	<u>105th</u>	<u>35</u>
 Germany	<u>1st</u>	<u>194</u>	 Pakistan	<u>106th</u>	<u>34</u>
 Italy	<u>1st</u>	<u>194</u>	 Iraq	<u>107th</u>	<u>31</u>
 Japan	<u>1st</u>	<u>194</u>	 Syria	<u>108th</u>	<u>29</u>
 Singapore	<u>1st</u>	<u>194</u>	 Afghanistan	<u>109th</u>	<u>28</u>
 Spain	<u>1st</u>	<u>194</u>			

India's Performance

- With Visa-free Access To **62 Nations**, India Stands At **85th Position** On The Index, Which Ranks 199 Passports Based On Their Strengths.
- Indians Have Visa-free Access To Popular Tourist Destinations **Like Indonesia, Malaysia, And Thailand**, Among Others. It Must Be Noted That India Has Slipped One Rank Compared To **Last Year's 84th Position**.
- The Country Stands Behind Nations Like **South Africa (55th), Maldives (58th), Saudi Arabia (63rd), China (64th), Thailand (66th), Indonesia (69th) And Uzbekistan (84th)**.
- India's Neighbouring Nations Like **Pakistan Are At 106th Place** On The Index, While **Sri Lanka Is At 101st Place**, **Bangladesh** Occupies The **102nd** Position And **Nepal** Is At **103rd** Position.

