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.

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