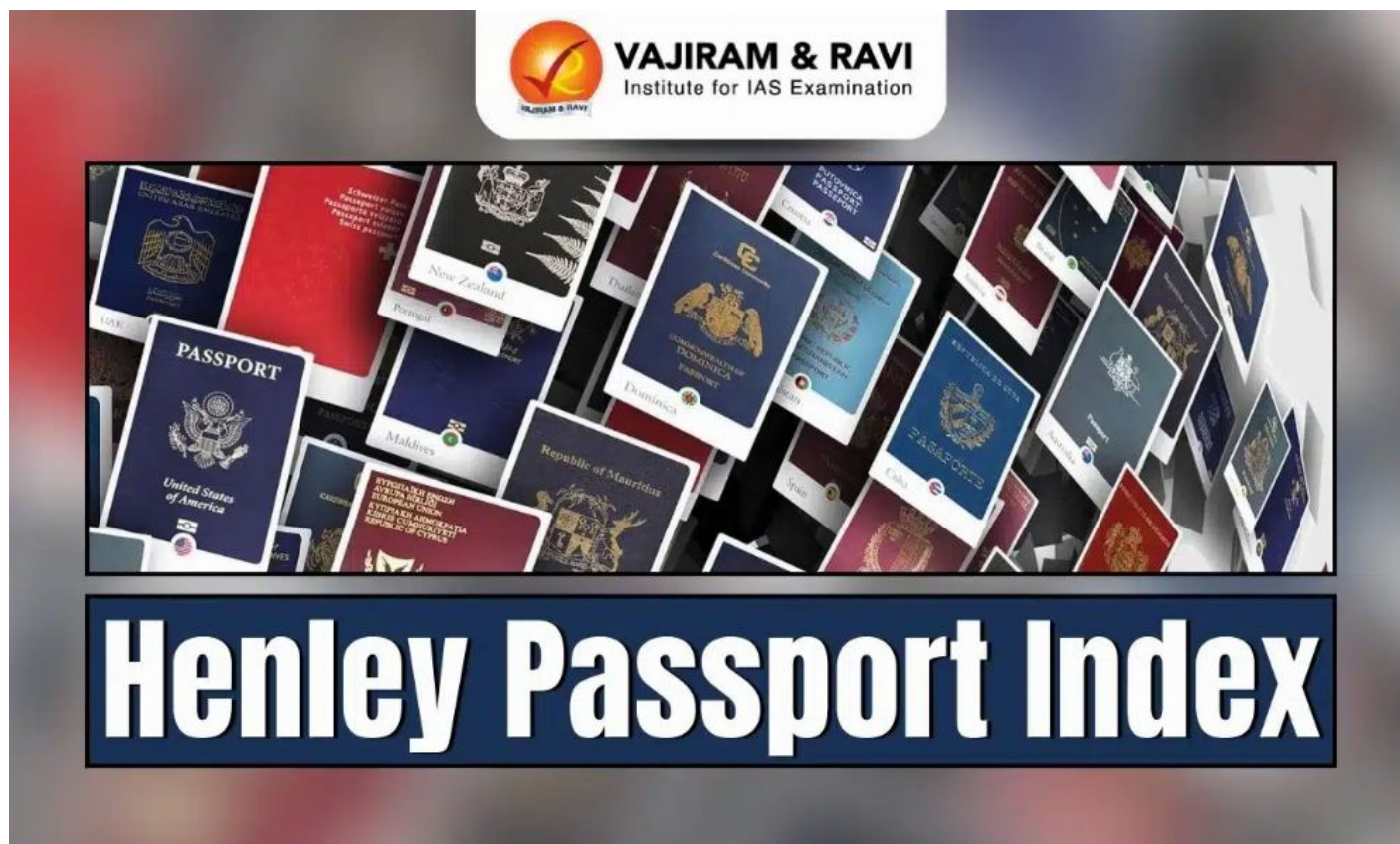


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The 2026 Henley Passport Index has shown significant shifts in global travel mobility, with Asia continuing to dominate the top ranks.

About Henley Passport Index

- It is a **popular ranking of global passports** that measures passport strength by the number of destinations that **holders can visit without a prior visa**.
- The index ranks countries based on statistics provided by **the International Air Transport Association (IATA)**.
- It **started in 2006** as the **Henley & Partners Visa Restrictions Index (HVRI)**.
- The index includes 199 different passports and 227 different travel destinations.
- **Significance:** The stronger the passport, the more countries its holders can enter without a prior visa — a privilege that reflects diplomatic ties, economic influence, and international trust.

Key Highlights of Henley Passport Index 2026

- **India's passport** also saw improvement, climbing **five spots to 80th position**
- The top three passports in the world come from Asia. **Singapore** ranks first, while **Japan** and **South Korea** are tied for second place.
- **Afghanistan** is at the bottom of the list, ranked 101st, with visa-free access to 24 destinations.

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