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Right To Repair

Why in Newspapers?

Recently, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India has started preparing a framework to give "Right to Repair" to consumers with the aim of making repairing of all gadgets such as mobile phones and laptops a consumer right.

Quick Issue?

- For this, a committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Nidhi Khare, which will give its recommendation on Right to Repair.
- This committee will work to prepare the framework of how the right to repair right is to be implemented.

Historical Background?

- The first meeting of the committee was also held recently in which important sectors were identified for right to repair.
- It has been identified as including agricultural equipment, electronic items such as mobile phones, tablets, TVs, refrigerators, washing machines and motor-vehicle equipment under the right to repair and repair.
- After the enactment of the law, no one will be able to refuse to repair the service centre of the company.
- Consumers in the US, UK and EU have the right to repair.
- In the US, the Federal Trade Commission directs manufacturers to correct unfair non-competitive practices.
- The UK has passed a similar law, which covers all electronic goods manufacturers.
- The European Union has also passed legislation requiring manufacturers to provide parts for products to repairmen for ten years.
- According to the Global E-Waste Monitor report of the United Nations, India was the third largest e-waste producer in the world in 2019.

Other Key Facts?

What is 'Right to Repair'?

- He cannot refuse to repair it saying that the part is out of date and cannot be repaired anymore. In such a situation, the company cannot compel the customer to buy a new item. Under the 'Right to Repair' Act, the company cannot refuse to repair the old goods of the customers.

Likely Question Asked In Preliminary Exam

Que. For what purpose has the recently constituted Nidhi Khare Committee been constituted?

- (a) For change in priority sector lending
- (b) To promote renewable energy
- (c) To give right to repair to the consumers
- (d) To increase the ease of doing business

Answer: (c) To give right to repair to the consumers

Henley Passport Index 2022

Why in Newspapers?

Henley Passport Index 2022 was recently published by immigration consultancy Henley & Partners.

Quick Issue?

- In this index, India has been ranked 87th out of 199 most powerful passports in the world in 2022. The ranking was based on the number of destinations that passport holders can reach without prior visas.

Historical Background?

- Japan ranks first among 199 countries. It is followed by Singapore and South Korea.
- Japan's passport allows entry to 193 countries without a prior visa. Singapore and South Korea, on the other hand, allow seamless entry into 192 countries.
- The top 10 countries in the list of the most powerful passports in the world include Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Germany, Spain, Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, Austria and Denmark (in order).
- European nations, the US and the UK are among the other top-ranked countries.
- Afghan passport holders have access to only 27 countries. Iraqi passport, on the other hand, provides hassle-free entry to 29 countries. These two countries have been placed at the bottom.
- The Henley Passport Index is a worldwide ranking system for countries and their passports, based on the freedom of such passport holders to travel visa-free or obtain visas on arrival in various travel destinations.
- Previously known as the Henley & Partners Visa Restrictions Index (HVRI), it was first implemented in 2006. However, in January of 2018, the system was later renamed the Henley Passport Index.
- The visa-free score for a specific passport is basically the number of countries its holder can reach without a prior visa. Since 2006, Henley & Partners has analysed the state of visa

Other Key Facts?

Performance of India and its

Neighbours:

- In Asian countries; India, Mauritius and Tajikistan are ranked 87th with hassle-free entry to 67 countries without prior visas.
- China and Bolivia are ranked 69th. Their passports allow access to 80 destinations.
- Bangladesh is ranked 104th.
- With access to 32 destinations, Pakistan has the fourth worst passport in the world.
- This ranking has been given to countries based on data from the International Air Transport Association. It maintains the world's largest database of travel information.

Henley Passport Index

- The index provides a ranking of 199 passports that their holders can access visa-free or visa-on-arrival. This index is updated in real time throughout the year. It is prepared on the basis of specific data provided by the International Air Transport



regulations for all countries and territories around the world. For this, Henley & Partners has tied up with the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

- Worst passport in 2022
- North Korea is ranked 104th with 39 destinations reached.
- Nepal and the Palestinian Territories are ranked 105th with a score of 37.
- Pakistan is ranked 108th with a score of 31.
- Afghanistan has emerged as the worst performing country with access to just 26 countries.

Likely Question Asked In Preliminary Exam

Que. Who among the following has been ranked first in the Henley Passport Index 2022 regarding passport independence?

- (a) China and Pakistan
- (b) Japan and Singapore
- (c) Nepal and Bangladesh
- (d) Germany and Bhutan

Answer: (b) Japan and Singapore

