

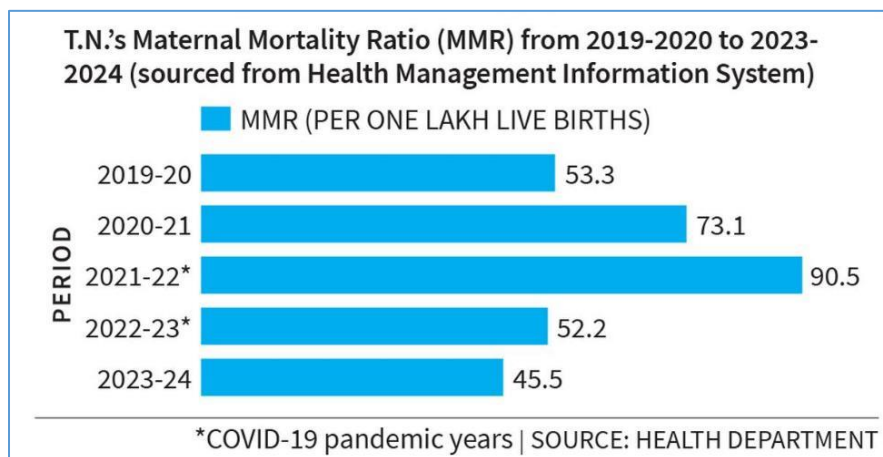
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh was conferred the prestigious “Lifetime Achievement Award” for his exemplary dedication to the advancement of the diabetology, diabetes care and diabetes research.
- ❖ Nita Ambani, International Olympic Committee (IOC) member, has officially inaugurated India House, marking India’s first-ever country house at the Olympic Games.
- ❖ The country's first sunken museum was inaugurated at the Humayun Tomb complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in Delhi.
- ❖ The “State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2024” (SOFI 2024) report was published by the FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO.
- ❖ India’s shooters Manu Bhaker - Sarabjot Singh pair clinched bronze medal in the 10 m air pistol mixed team event.
 - With this, Manu become the first Indian athlete to win two medals in a single Summer Olympic Games since independence.

TAMIL NADU

Tamilnadu Maternal Mortality Ratio 2023-24



- ❖ Tamil Nadu’s Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) recorded a significant drop during 2023-24.
- ❖ MMR is declining by over six points to reach 45.5 per one lakh live births.
- ❖ Virudhunagar Health Unit District (HUD) recorded nil maternal deaths during the same period.

- ❖ MMR has dropped from 52.2 per one lakh live births during 2022-2023 to 45.5 during 2023-24.
- ❖ Earlier, MMR dropped each year by two to three points.
- ❖ However, during 2023-24, the MMR dropped by 6.7 points.
- ❖ Norway had the lowest MMR at 1.8 per one lakh live births.
- ❖ Other European countries, such as Sweden and Finland, also have achieved the gold standard of having a single-digit MMR.

Tamilnadu Institutional deliveries data

மகப்பேறு நலனில் தமிழ்நாடு அரசு

- 2023-2024 ஆண்டில் மகப்பேறு இறப்பு 54 சதவீதத்திலிருந்து 45.5 சதவீதமாக குறைந்திருக்கிறது.
- தமிழ்நாட்டில் 99.9 சதவீதம் (Institutional delivery) மருத்துவமனைகளிலேயே பிரசவங்கள் நடக்கிறது.
- அரசு மருத்துவமனைகளில் 59 சதவீதம் பிரசவங்கள் நடக்கிறது.
- அதிக எண்ணிக்கையில் மகப்பேறு பராமரிப்பு மையங்கள் கொண்ட மாநிலங்களில் தமிழ்நாடு முதன்மை மாநிலமாக திகழ்கிறது.

- ❖ TN Health Ministry conducted a workshop in Chennai on 'Connecting the Missing Dots' to discuss measures needed to reduce maternal deaths in the State.
- ❖ In Tamil Nadu, 99.9% of deliveries take place in a health facility, of which 59% happen in government institutions.
- ❖ Out of this, 80% of deliveries have taken place in the Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care centres.

INTERNATIONAL

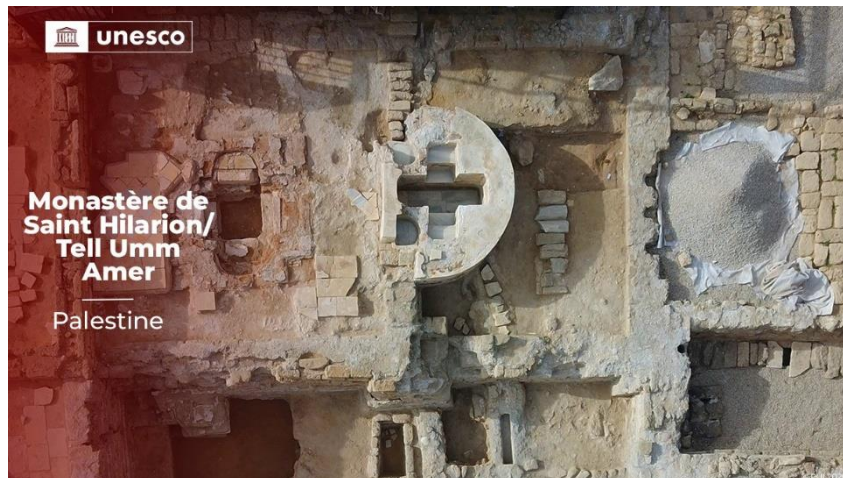
Japan's Sado Gold Mine - UNESCO Status

- ❖ The UNESCO World Heritage committee decided to register Japan's controversial Sado gold mine as a cultural heritage site.
- ❖ For this, Japan agreed to include it in an exhibit of its dark history of abusing Korean labourers during World War II.

- ❖ The mine on an island off the coast of Niigata in northern Japan operated for nearly 400 years.
- ❖ It was the world's largest gold producer before closing in 1989.
- ❖ Seoul has said some Koreans brought to Japan during its 1910-1945 colonization of the Korean Peninsula were put to forced labour at the mine.
- ❖ Another controversial Japanese site was granted UNESCO recognition in 2015.
- ❖ Gunkanjima, or Battleship Island, in Nagasaki prefecture, was a former coal mine site recognised as important to the Meiji Industrial Revolution in Japan.



Monastery of Tell Umm Amer



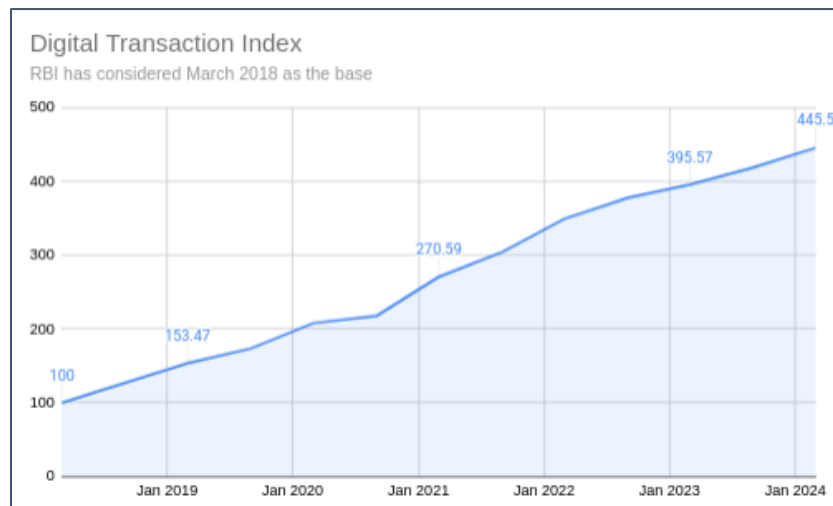
- ❖ The World Heritage Committee (WHC) has decided to include the Palestinian site of Tell Umm Amer in both the UNESCO World Heritage Site List.
- ❖ It is also known as the 'Monastery of Saint Hilarion' lies in the Gaza Strip.



- ❖ The ancient Christian monastery was founded in the fourth century by Hilarion the Great (291-371 CE).
- ❖ He is considered by some to be the father of Palestinian monasticism.
- ❖ The present-day archaeological remains of the site span more than the four centuries, from the time of Hilarion to the Umayyad period.
- ❖ UNICEF refers to it as “the first monastic community in the Holy Land”, and “a hub of religious, cultural, and economic interchange”.
- ❖ The monastery was likely abandoned after a seventh century earthquake, only to be uncovered by local archaeologists in 1999.

ECONOMY

Digital Payments 2024



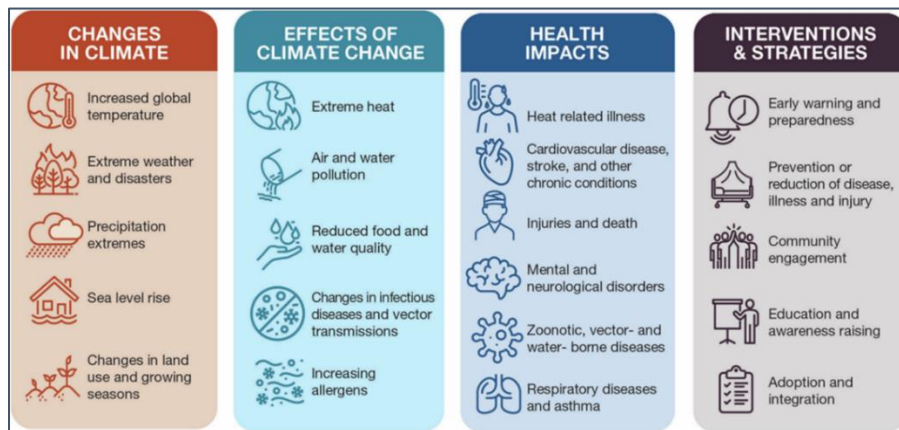
- ❖ Digital payments across the country registered a 12.6 per cent on-year rise as on March 31, 2024.
- ❖ RBI’s Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) stood at 445.5 at the end of March 2024.
- ❖ It was 418.77 in September 2023 and 395.57 in March 2023.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Impact of Climate Change on Education

- ❖ The Most low and middle-income countries are experiencing the climate-related school closures every year, increasing chances of learning loss and dropout.

- ❖ The Climate change has a negative impact on education indirectly through its displacement of people and the effects on people’s livelihoods and health.
- ❖ Over the past 20 years, schools were closed in at least 75% of the extreme weather events, impacting five million people or more.
- ❖ In the United States, without air conditioning, a school year hotter by 1-degree Celsius, reduced test scores by 1%.
- ❖ During 2022, 32.6 million were internally displaced due to disasters.
- ❖ Rainfall shocks over the first 15 years of life in India.
- ❖ It negatively affected vocabulary at age five and mathematics and non-cognitive skills at the age of 15.



STATES

Moidams of Assam



- ❖ India’s Moidams of Assam was inducted as India’s 43rd World Heritage Site.



- ❖ These are royal burial sites of the Ahom dynasty, which ruled over much of Assam and the North East from 1228 to 1826 AD.
- ❖ A moidam is a tumulus – a mound of earth raised over a grave – of Ahom royalty and aristocracy.
- ❖ Ahoms shifted capitals multiple times over their 600-year history.
- ❖ Charaideo is considered to be their first capital city established in 1253 AD by king Sukaphaa.
- ❖ After Sukaphaa was laid to rest in Charaideo in 1856, subsequent royals also chose it as their own resting place.
- ❖ While there are over 150 moidams in the region, only 30 are protected by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- ❖ The Moidams has propelled the nation at the 6th position globally for the most number of World Heritage Properties.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

World Heritage Committee's 46th Session



- ❖ The 46th World Heritage Committee Session held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

- ❖ This year, UNESCO has added 25 new landmark sites to the World Heritage List during this event.
- ❖ Two major boundary modifications have also been formalised by the Committee.
- ❖ Among these, 13 new sites added including Japan's Sado Island Gold Mines, Thailand's Phu Phrabat Historical Park, South Africa's Nelson Mandela Legacy Sites for Human Rights, Liberation and Reconciliation, Italy's Via Appia and China's Beijing Central Axis amongst others.
- ❖ 19 of these sites have been inducted as Cultural Heritage Sites.
- ❖ While 4 have been inducted under the Natural category and two have been under the "Mixed" category.

SPORTS

Olympics 2024: Greenest Games Ever



- ❖ Paris 2024 Olympics aims to hold the most eco-friendly Games ever.
- ❖ The organising committee has committed to reduce the event's carbon emissions by 50 per cent.
- ❖ It was lowering them from around 3.5 million tonnes at Tokyo 2020, Rio 2016, and London 2012, to 1.75 million tonnes for the upcoming Games.
- ❖ It completely relies on renewable energy sources, including geothermal and solar power.
- ❖ All Olympic venues are conveniently reachable via public transportation.
- ❖ The city has created 1,000 km of exclusive bicycle lanes and will offer 3,000 rentable bikes throughout the Games.



- ❖ It advocates for plant-based, locally-sourced, and sustainable food options.
- ❖ Paris is using the existing structures or temporary setups for 95 per cent of its Olympic events.

