Decline in MMR and IMR

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Why in news?

As per recent report by Sample Registration System (SRS) Report & United Nation Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group (UN-MMEIG) India sees a decline in MMR and IMR.

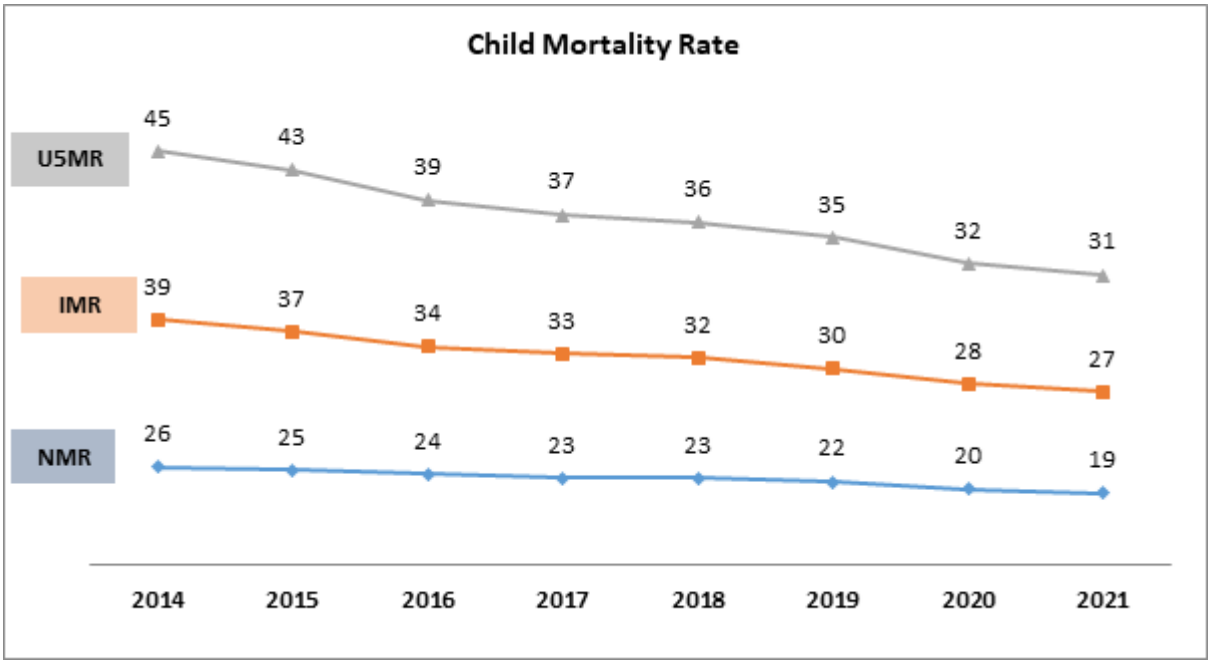
- **Sample Registration System (SRS) Report 2021** - The report was recently released by the Registrar General of India (RGI) shows that India has continued to witness a significant improvement in key maternal and child health indicators.

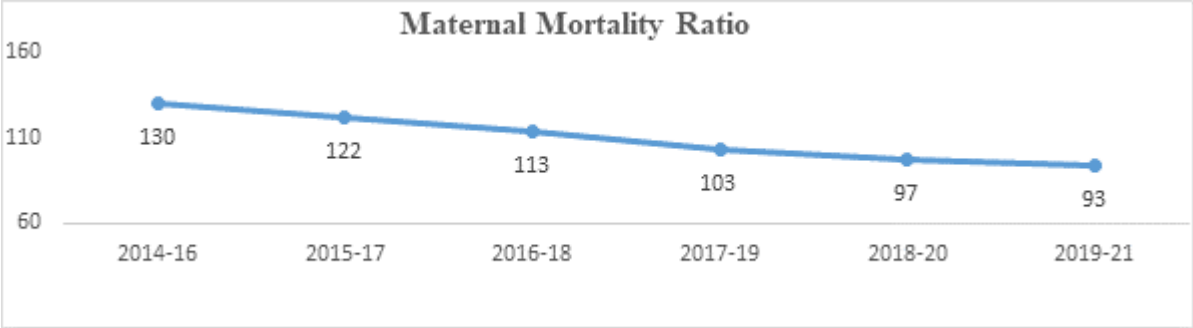
Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) 0-28 days /1,000 live births.

Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) – 0-11 months /1000 live births.

Under five Mortality rate (U5MR) – 0- 5years /1000 live births.

Indicator	2014	2021
Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)	130 per lakh live births	93 per lakh live births
Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)	39 per 1000 live births	27 per 1000 live births
Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR)	26 per 1000 live births	19 per 1000 live births
Under-Five Mortality Rate (U5MR)	45 per 1000 live births	31 per 1000 live births





The U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim at reducing global MMR to less than 70 per 100,000 live births.

- Eight States have already attained SDG target of MMR (<=70 by 2030).
- Twelve States/UT have already attained SDG target of U5MR (<=25 by 2030).
- Six States/ UT have already attained SDG target of NMR (<=12 by 2030).
- **UN-MMEIG Report 2000-2023** - India's MMR has reduced by 23 points from 2020 to 2023.

UN-MMEIG is an international collaboration focused on tracking global maternal mortality. The group was established to provide consistent and comparable estimates of maternal mortality worldwide.

- India's MMR declined by 86% from 1990 to 2023, compared to global reduction of only 48%.
- India achieved a 78% decline in U5MR, surpassing the global reduction of 61%.
- NMR in India declined by 70%, compared to global reduction of only 54%.
- India recorded a 71% decline in IMR, outperforming the global reduction of 58%.

Reference

[PIB| India Witnesses a Downward Trend in Mortality Rates]