UNESCO World Heritage Capital – Italy

Prelims: *Current events of national and international importance | Art & Culture*

Why in News?

Recently, Italy has become the country with the highest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, this includes 55 cultural heritage sites and 6 natural heritage sites.

- **UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) –** Grants World Heritage status to sites of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV).
- Recognition is given for cultural or natural importance, ensuring preservation for future generations.

Italy's Heritage Profile

- Italy's heritage includes landmarks such as Rome, Florence, Venice, Pisa, Pompeii, the Dolomites, and Mount Etna.
- **Legacy –** Reflects the Roman Empire, the Renaissance, medieval cities, archaeological sites, and diverse natural landscapes.
- **Global Standing –** Italy leads the world in heritage conservation and cultural diplomacy.
- **Latest addition – *Funerary Tradition in the Prehistory of Sardinia – Domus de Janas.***

Reference

Italia | UNESCO sites in Italy