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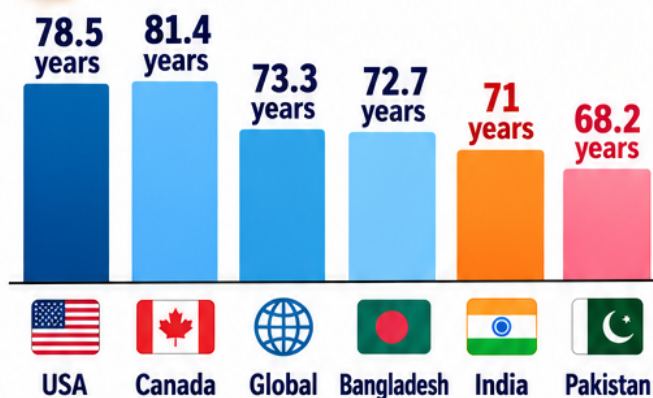
Why in News?

Recently, **WHO Global Health Estimates** released data on life expectancy, healthy life expectancy, causes of death and disease burden for 2000-2023.

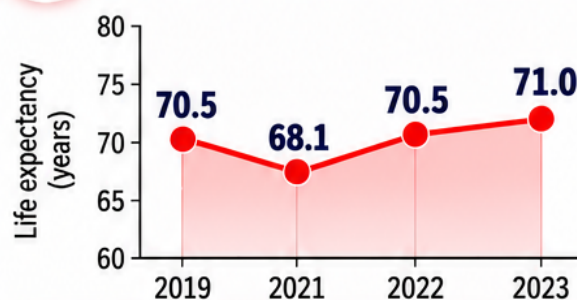
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Life Expectancy and Health Trends

1 Life Expectancy at Birth – 2023

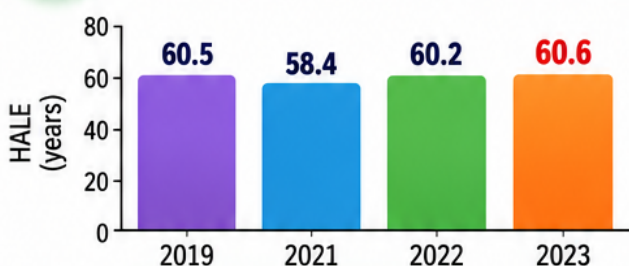


2 India – Life Expectancy Trend



India regained **2.9 years** of life expectancy between 2021 and 2023.

3 Healthy Life Expectancy (HALE)



Recovery in healthy life expectancy was **slower** than overall life expectancy.

4 Life Expectancy at Age 60 – India



Expected additional years of life at age 60

2019
18.4
years

2023
18.8
years

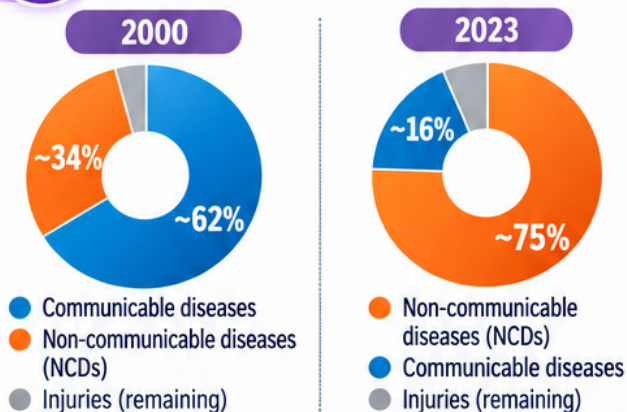


Expected years in full health

2019
13.4
years

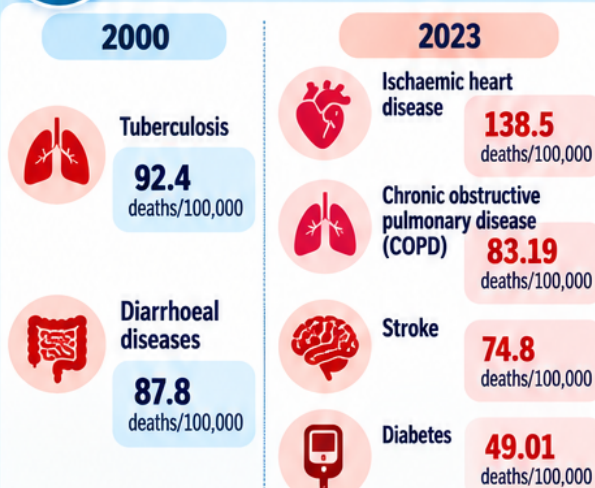
2023
13.7
years

5 India's Changing Disease Profile



Indicates a **major shift from communicable diseases → non-communicable diseases (NCDs).**

6 Major Causes of Death – India



Key Findings

- **Post-Pandemic Recovery** - India experienced an increase of **2.9 years** in expected lifespan during the two years following the pandemic-era lows.
- **Healthy Life Expectancy (HALE)** - In 2023, India's healthy life expectancy, defined as the number of years lived in full health, reached 60.6 years, an increase from 58.4 years in 2021.
- **Global Mortality and Life Expectancy Trends**
- Global life expectancy in 2023 was **73.3 years**.
 - In 2019, global life expectancy was **73.4 years**.
- Global healthy life expectancy in 2023 was 62.8 years.
 - This is 0.4 years lower than in 2019.
- Non-communicable diseases accounted for **74% of global deaths in 2023**, up from **58% in 2000**.
- **Eight of the ten leading causes of death** worldwide were non-communicable diseases.
- **Disease Burden** - Non-communicable diseases, such as ischemic heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), continue to be primary contributors to mortality in the region.
- Although non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are becoming more common, the leading causes of death in India in 2023 still included the following conditions:
 - Diarrhoeal diseases
 - Tuberculosis
 - Lower respiratory infections

Reference

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