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Let the festival of Diwali be a reminder to share the blessings we have and help those in need.

Wishing you a fulfilling and joyous Diwali!

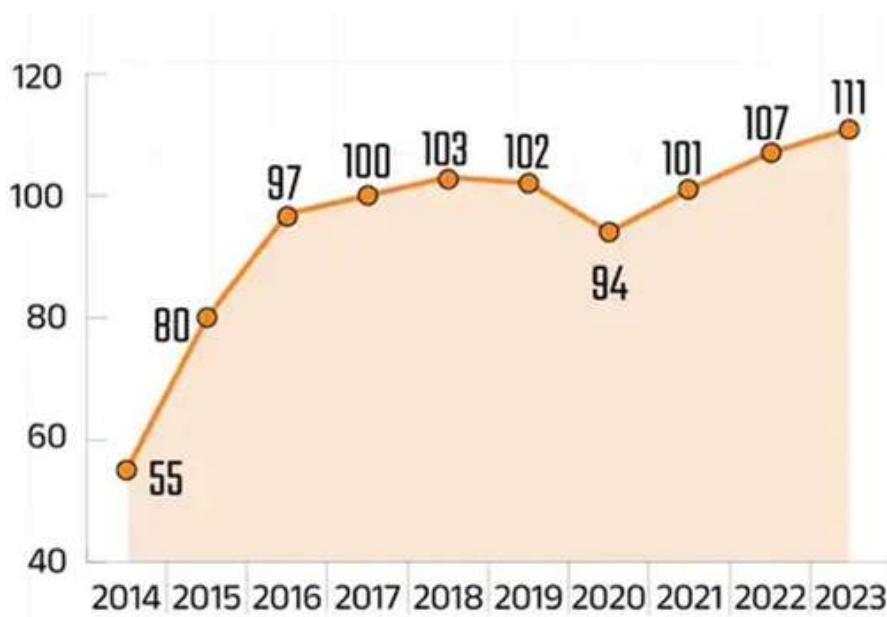
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India's Ongoing Battle Against Hunger

INSIGHTS FROM THE 2024 GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX

In a world striving to combat hunger and malnutrition, India's ongoing battle is evident in the 2024 Global Hunger Index (GHI) report. India ranked **105 out of 127** countries, signifying a 'serious' level of hunger severity. This rank represents a notable decline from 111 out of 125 in 2023. India's GHI score, a critical indicator on a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 reflects the best score (no hunger) and 100 signifies the worst, is recorded at **27.3**. This score encapsulates the extent of hunger-related issues persisting in the country. One of the most concerning statistics is the prevalence of child stunting in India, which stands at a staggering **35.5%**. India's child wasting rate is a concerning **18.7%**, the highest among all countries included in the report. The under-five mortality rate, as reported by the United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation in January 2023, stands at **2.9%**. This statistic is a critical indicator of the overall health and well-being of young children in India and serves as a stark reminder of the need for comprehensive efforts to address malnutrition and its consequences. India's performance in the 2024 Global Hunger Index serves as a call to action. The statistics reveal not only the extent of the challenge but also the urgency of addressing hunger and malnutrition comprehensively. The health and future of the nation's children depend on effective interventions, improved access to nutritious food, and a concerted effort to break the cycle of hunger.



India's rank in the last 10 years

Partnership with Aurum Ventures

Aurum नीव, a long-time supporter of Mumbai Roti Bank, once again joined hands with us from September 17th to October 2nd, helping distribute over 40,000 meals to those in need. This collaboration was part of Aurum Neev Service Fortnight 3.0, which focuses on various initiatives aimed at uplifting underprivileged sections of society. One of the key efforts was distributing nutritious meals, underscoring their commitment to societal betterment.

Aurum Ventures, driven by the ethos of The Joy of Giving, showcased their dedication to corporate social responsibility (CSR) not just through financial contributions but by being actively involved. **In October, Ms. Amrita Deora with Aurum team visited Aryan Highschool in Girgaon, directly engaging with school children and gaining firsthand insights into the impact of their efforts.**

This partnership reflects Aurum's long-standing mission to support community welfare and strengthen the reach of Mumbai Roti Bank's hunger relief efforts. Their invaluable support helps ensure that no one goes hungry, amplifying the impact of every meal shared.

It is always a deeply touching experience to witness the incredible work Roti Bank does. Every time I visit one of their food distributions, my heart swells with pride to be associated with such a compassionate and impactful organization. Whether it's seeing the smiling faces of students at a school or witnessing the gratitude in the eyes of people at a distribution center, I am reminded of the power of small contributions. Being able to play any part in their mission fills me with immense joy and a sense of purpose. On behalf of the entire Aurum family, we are honored to join hands with Roti Bank and hope to continue our association for years to come in every way possible.

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Testimonial

-Amrita Deora



Celebrating World Food Day 2024

World Food Day is an annual global celebration observed on October 16th, commemorating the establishment of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the millions of people worldwide who grapple with the challenge of affording a healthy diet and the critical need for consistent access to nutritious food. In the year 2024, World Food Day carries the theme, "Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future." This theme highlights the fundamental right to access nutritious, affordable, and sustainable food, emphasizing the importance of food for everyone's well-being and dignity. Despite notable progress in various global endeavors, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization cautions that far too many individuals continue to be marginalized, particularly in terms of food security. Access to nourishing food is a fundamental human requirement, and achieving a sustainable world demands that nutritious food be made available to everyone, everywhere, on a regular basis.

On World Food Day, we distributed snack boxes to 26 schools, reaching 21,000 school children with a selection of wholesome and nutritious snacks including sheera, laddoo, chikki, and bananas. Additionally, we extended our support to 5,000 underprivileged individuals outside hospitals and cancer centers, providing them with a nutritious meal consisting of dal rice, roti, vegetables, and bananas. Our Trusteed Mr. D. Sivanandhan, Dr. S. Natarajan and Mr. Sushilkumar Jiwaraajka visited Korba Mithagar Municipal School and Shivdi Wadala Estate Municipal School and directly engaging with school children.

On World Food Day, we reaffirmed our commitment to this cause and to building a stronger Bharat.





Celebrating World Food Day in Nagpur and Hyderabad

Nagpur: On World Food Day, Roti Bank Nagpur, under the guidance of Mr. Chandra Bagaria, organized a large-scale food distribution initiative to support students in need across various schools and institutions. This impactful event took place at **Dhiran Kanya Vidyalaya Nagpur, Dharamraj Prathmik Vidyalaya Kanhan, Prakash High School Mansar, Jupiter High School Nagpur, Adarsha Vidya Mandir Khapri, Rukminibai Dhawad Vidyalaya Khapri, and Tukdoji Cancer Hospital, benefiting over 5,100 schoolchildren.** The initiative emphasized the importance of food security and aimed to spread awareness about the issue of hunger, while Mr. Bagaria's mentorship inspired volunteers and students alike, fostering a spirit of compassion and community support in the city.

Hyderabad: On World Food Day, Roti Bank Hyderabad, led by Ms. Aruna Bahuguna, conducted a heartfelt food distribution initiative to provide nourishing meals to **600 schoolchildren at Mehboobia Girls Government School and NBT Nagar School in Banjara Hills.** Under Ms. Bahuguna's dedicated mentorship, the event brought together volunteers and supporters committed to not only to provide immediate support to students but also to instill a sense of care and social responsibility in the community, making a meaningful impact on World Food Day in Hyderabad.





A Community United Against Hunger

Mumbai Roti Bank is proud to spotlight the generosity of our dedicated monthly donors, who have come together to make a meaningful impact in the fight against hunger. Their monthly contributions of dry ration are vital to sustaining our mission, and each donation is a powerful reminder of the community's compassion and commitment.

This past month, the **residents of Ashok Tower** made a remarkable contribution of 1,020 kg of dry ration. Their collective support stands as a testament to the power of unity, as neighbors came together to extend help to those in need. Similarly, the **residents of Garden Court CHS**, with their heartfelt donation of 70 kg, exemplified the community's strong will to make a difference, no matter the size of the contribution.

Ms. Varsha Kusnur, with her individual donation of 131 kg of dry ration, added further to this impactful effort. Her generosity and dedication reflect the spirit of individual contribution, showing how each of us can play a role in uplifting others.

These monthly donations are more than just numbers—they represent hope, resilience, and the promise of a hunger-free future. Mumbai Roti Bank extends heartfelt gratitude to these donors and looks forward to growing this circle of kindness. Together, we can continue to bring nutritious meals to those who need them most. Thank you for standing with us on this journey!



We are grateful to the students of B.K. Birla School, Kalyan, for generously donating 621 kg of ration. Here are some photos from this inspiring act of kindness.



We are grateful to the students of Abhay International School, Vikhroli for generously donating 392 kg of ration. Here are some photos capturing this inspiring gesture.



We are grateful to the students of Bombay Scottish International School, Powai for the donation of 170 kg of ration. Here are some photos capturing this inspiring act of kindness.



Join Our Mission



Join the Food Revolution: Donate Dry Food to Roti Bank's Kitchen

If you are inspired to make a difference in the lives of the hungry, you can join hands with Roti Bank by donating food. By dialing +91 86555 80001, you can contribute dry food items such as ration, vegetables, and fruits. Your donation will help sustain the kitchen operations of Roti Bank, allowing them to continue serving meals to regular beneficiaries and making a positive impact in their lives. Together, we can work towards a hunger-free society.

Food Tie-Ups: Joining Forces to Fight Hunger with Roti Bank

If your establishment shares a passion for eradicating hunger and wishes to contribute on a regular basis, consider forming a food tie-up with Roti Bank. By aligning with Roti Bank, you can make a significant difference in the lives of the hungry and underserved. To initiate this alliance, reach out to Roti Bank and express your interest in becoming a food tie-up partner. Together, we can strengthen the fight against hunger and work towards building a world where no one goes to bed hungry.

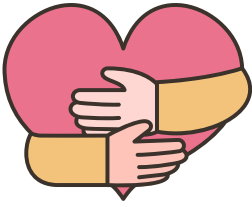


Collaborations with Schools/colleges

We intend to develop a network of zestful youth who share our values and will help in spreading our reach. As a student, you can donate your time to our cause. You may even join our VOLUNTEERING TEAM. If you are an engineering student, use your technical know-how to grow our operations as projects in your curriculum. We would like to tap the potential of existing and established student chapters and find synergies to work upon to make a #Hunger_Free_India

Food Tie-Ups: Joining Forces to Fight Hunger with Roti Bank

To make our movement of hunger elimination grow manifold, monetary backing is a boon. Roti Bank Founder, Mr. D. Sivanandhan envisions serving as many meals as possible in the next decade. We have served more than 18+ million meals so far, and to increase our reach further more, we need a bigger fleet of vehicles and more personnel to handle the logistics. Your support can go a long way in enabling us to free many more people from the suffocating grip of hunger.



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