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India Leads Global Progress Against Hunger

In a hopeful turn for the global fight against hunger, new data from the **United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** reveals that the percentage of the world's population suffering from undernourishment has dropped to **8.2% in 2024**, approximately **672 million people**. This progress, highlighted in The **State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2025 (SOFI 2025)** report, is largely credited to significant gains made in Asia, especially India.

India alone has lifted an estimated **19.4 million** people out of hunger in **2024**, contributing nearly **80%** of the total reduction in undernourished people worldwide this year. Over the last two years, that figure stands at **47.1 million** Indians who have moved out of the hunger zone. This remarkable achievement has brought down India's undernourished population from **197 million to 149.9 million in just 24 months**, a **25% reduction**, and a testament to the impact of focused hunger alleviation efforts.

At Mumbai Roti Bank, we remain inspired by India's contribution to this global milestone — and more determined than ever to continue our work towards ensuring no one goes to bed hungry.

Source: The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2025 (FAO), released in Addis Ababa, July 2025.



Ashok Tower's Ongoing Commitment to Fighting Hunger

The residents of Ashok Tower have been unwavering pillars of support to Mumbai Roti Bank, generously donating large quantities of dry ration on every Amavasya for several years now, along with additional contributions on special occasions. This month's donation on **24th July 2025** stood out as their highest yet, an incredible **845 kgs of ration**, which will help feed hundreds of underprivileged individuals across our distribution centres.

Beyond collective efforts, many residents also contribute individually through monetary donations, ration supplies, and even volunteering at our distribution points. We are deeply grateful for this sustained compassion and involvement. A special mention goes to **Mrs. Jayshree Kapil and Mrs. Sudarshan**, who have been instrumental in organising regular ration drives, especially during festivals. **We are also delighted to welcome Mrs. Jayshree Kapil as our patron.** Her continued leadership and dedication are a source of immense inspiration to all of us at Roti Bank.



A Special Treat for 10,000 School Children

On 17th July 2025, Mumbai Roti Bank distributed a delightful snack of **vadapav** and **kheer** to over **10,000 children across 36 schools**. This initiative was not only about providing food but also bringing joy to young hearts. Our generous donor, **Ms. Renuka Ramnath**, joined us for the distribution at one of the schools, accompanied by her sister and a close friend. Their warm presence and active participation made the day even more special for the children.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the delicious snacks and eagerly interacted all of us, filling the atmosphere with laughter and energy. Such moments remind us of the joy that even a simple meal can bring. We are deeply grateful to our donors and well-wishers who continue to stand by us and make these heartwarming initiatives possible.





PCGT Interns Embrace 'The Joy of Giving'



Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), based in Mumbai, was founded in April 2002 by **B.G.Deshmukh, J.F.Ribeiro, and R.K.Anand** to advance good governance, curb corruption, instill values, and foster social harmony . PCGT runs a month-long internship program, mainly for law and social-science students, exposing them to RTI/RTS, Youth for Governance, and more.

In July, a group of interns and PCGT team members visited our kitchen to observe hygiene standards, meal prep, and distribution operations. They joined our staff at distribution centres , learning firsthand about efficient, large-scale meal production. Moved by the experience, they embraced “The Joy of Giving,” spending their time and energy distributing meals to those in need. Their empathy and teamwork left a lasting impact.

We thank **Ms. Rashna and the PCGT team** for facilitating the visit. This collaboration offered the students meaningful insights into food-service logistics and reinforced how compassion and partnership can drive positive social change.





Testimonials

Today was truly special. Visiting Roti Bank opened my eyes to the kindness and hardw ork that goes into feeding the hungry. From the moment we arrived, the team welcomed us with such warmth. They explained everything, how the food is prepared, the number of people they serve, and the areas they reach. What touched me most was seeing how much love and care they put into making each meal. We even got the chance to serve food outside KEM Hospital, which felt so meaningful. I came back with a full heart and a peaceful mind. Helping others like this is something I want to keep doing always.

-Amrita Morwale

(Intern at PCGT for July-2025)

Today's visit was very different. We visited the Roti Bank today, and they gave us proper information about their work. They distribute snacks to 15,000 students and provide meals to 4,500 people every day. This is a big thing for me. Until now, I had only heard about it, but today I saw it in reality. It was a very good experience. The kitchen was also well-maintained and hygienic. Mr. Tambe handles everything, and serving food gave me a very good feeling. One person told us, "You all are doing a great job" and that moment felt really nice. I hope I get a chance to visit again. Thank you, PCGT, for giving us this opportunity.

-Dipti Parab

(Intern at PCGT for July-2025)

Glimpses of Roti Bank's Core Team at the distribution Centre



Join Our Mission

Spread The Word

Roti In case you don't find an apt way to contribute from the above-mentioned ways then worry not, as you can still do your bit. If you believe in our cause as much as we do, please spread the word by sharing your personal story of food donation with the hashtag of #HUNGER_FREE_INDIA, #ROTI_BANK, #ROTI_BANK_MUMBAI, #ROTI_BANK_FDN on your social media with as many many people as you can. To kickstart your contribution SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER with your family & friends!

We need all the help we can get.

To donate funds, use the following details:

Beneficiary Name:
Roti Foundation Mumbai

Account No:
303402127218

IFSC Code:
RATN00000088

Bank Name:
RBL Bank, Lower Parel



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

Donate to the Cause

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 year 2022. We have served more than 21.5+ 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.

TO BEAT HUNGER TOGETHER!

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