

## GLOBAL FOOD INSECURITY-AN APPRAISAL

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### ABSTRACT

The economic and environmental concerns in recent years have led to global food security problems and the problems which our country is facing today on food front are also immense. Food security is said to exist when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. Access and distribution of food for making people do not have to die due to hunger continues to remain elusive even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, depicting food security as one of the major global challenges. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP); World Food Convention (WFC); and other Non-Governmental Organizations are providing food at the time of emergencies so as to help and save lives of many people. But their efforts to strengthen capacities of countries to reduce hunger have remained inadequate. This paper is an attempt to highlight some of the contemporary perspectives on food insecurity in India and throws some light to the global food insecurity.

**KEY WORDS:** Food security, Food insecurity, chronic hunger, Global Hunger Index, Malnutrition, and Undernutrition.

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