

World Food Day 2024

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Recently, **World Food Day** was observed on **16th October** focusing on the urgent need to **eradicate hunger** and build **resilient global food systems**.

- The theme for 2024 is the Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future.
- It marks the establishment of the <u>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</u> by the <u>United Nations (UN)</u> on **16th October**, **1945**.
- The World Food Day came into existence in 1979 during the FAO's 20th General Conference and the UN General Assembly endorsed it in 1984.
- Right to food is recognized by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948.
- Also, <u>WWF's Living Planet Report</u> praised India's food consumption pattern as the most sustainable among G20 countries.
 - It noted that if the global population adopted India's consumption patterns, only 0.84 Earths would be needed by 2050 to sustain global food production.
- India's Commitment to Food Security: <u>National Food Security Act, 2013</u>, <u>Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana</u>, <u>PM POSHAN Scheme</u>, <u>Antyodaya Anna Yojana</u>, <u>Rice Fortification</u> and <u>Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)</u> to manage price volatility of essential commodities.

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