

ICSSR Sponsored International Conference  
on  
**Food Security of India: Issues, Challenges and Prospect for Viksit Bharat @2047**

**Call for Papers**

Food security is attained when all individuals have perpetual access to a sufficient, secure, and nutritious diet that aligns with their dietary requirements and preferences, thereby enabling them to lead a healthy and active lifestyle. India is confronted with food insecurity, malnutrition, and poverty despite its remarkable economic development and technological advancements in agricultural production. Despite substantial food security initiatives, India's journey to eradicate starvation and malnutrition is challenging. These include the compounded vulnerabilities of marginalized communities in climate-sensitive regions, persistent poverty, climate change impacts on agriculture, and inequitable food distribution.

So, an inter-sectorial analysis and a multi-dimensional lens are necessary to assess food security in India. For example, food security encompasses nutrition in addition to caloric intake. The prevalence of malnutrition and anemia in India indicates that the issue is not solely related to food availability and diversity (nutrient-rich foods) but also socio-economic and political access to and control of food choices. This is evident in the way women's access to food (such as in patriarchal contexts) is frequently subordinate to men's needs, which leads to disparities in nutrition and security within households. Additionally, the imposition of large-scale agricultural practices fosters food insecurity within communities as the reliance on and transition to predominant crops intensifies.

Food security is also impeded by environmental and climate change factors and more profound structural issues, regardless of whether the region is in Bundelkhand or Seemanchal. The critical milestones of zero starvation and the abolition of malnutrition would necessitate substantial improvements in food security to achieve the Indian vision of "Viksit Bharat" by 2047, which is to become a developed nation.

To address these multifaceted challenges, it is necessary to develop resilient food systems that integrate diverse knowledge systems and are innovative, inclusive, and sustainable. This conference endeavors to cultivate an integrated comprehension of food security to support the national objectives of sustainable growth, environmental resilience, and socio-economic well-being. We invite researchers, academics, policymakers, and social practitioners to investigate food security mechanisms' strengths, limitations, and opportunities while proposing actionable strategies for creating equitable and sustainable solutions.

**Themes for Paper Submissions:** We encourage submissions on the following themes:

- **Food Security and Viksit Bharat by 2047:** Exploring synergies and challenges.
- **Food Security, Policy, Governance, and Institutions:** Innovative frameworks and solutions.
- **Food and Community:** Advancing rights-based food systems; Right to Food and legal- the social take on food security; Community Models- from vulnerability to resilience.
- **Food-Water-Energy Nexus:** Addressing climate change challenges and opportunities.
- **Food Security to Food Well-being:** Insights into caste, class, communities (like Adivasis).
- **Food Security and Gender Mainstreaming Approaches:** Gender Responsive Agricultural policies; Role of women in sustainable agricultural practices, Food production and storage traditions; Gender and Nutrition (addressing hidden hunger).
- **Alternative Food Systems:** Visioning sustainable pathways; Traditional knowledge systems on food diversity , micro-nutrients and food security

The list is not exhaustive, and submissions aligning with the broader concept of sustainable and equitable food security are highly encouraged. Join us in this critical dialogue to empower stakeholders and promote innovative solutions for a hunger-free and equitable future.

Abstract, between 250-400 words with 4-5 keywords, need to be submitted using the [google Form](#):

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqwF0\\_1fHT6IQKWv\\_W7tWowM\\_Q3Ehfol19rwN41IU5oTVLfQ/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqwF0_1fHT6IQKWv_W7tWowM_Q3Ehfol19rwN41IU5oTVLfQ/viewform?usp=header)

**Important Dates**

- **Late date for submission of abstracts: 23rd January, 2025**
- **Acceptance/Rejection emails sent out: 31st January, 2025**
- **Submission of full papers (around 5000 words): 25th February, 2025**
- **Conference: 28th February, 2025**

**Publication Opportunity:** Outstanding papers presented at the conference will be considered in a proposed special issue of Q1/Q2 Scopus-indexed journal or an edited volume with a recognized international publishing house.

**Travel Support:** A limited number of travel accommodations (3rd AC train fare) will be provided to selected participants based on the review committee's evaluation.

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