

# Let Justice Roll



NewsWatch on Livelihood, Food Security, Land Rights, Gender, Identity & Social Exclusion

## About Us

### Vision

"Where there is justice in the land, fields and forest; every living being will dance and sing"



### Mission

In the spirit of service and sacrifice of Christ, CNI-SBSS would like to accompany DBSS and its partners to engage with the reference communities, so that they will develop the capacity (skills and assets) to negotiate with the policy makers and to realize their rights and emerge as an alternative political force. To move towards this direction, communities would be sensitized socially, politically, economically and culturally to organize themselves and to claim their rights over livelihood means while protecting their identity.

### Our Resource Centres

CNI Resource Centre for Social Actions on Livelihood and Food Security, Agra

CNI Resource Centre for Social Actions on Land Rights and Dalit Studies, Pune

CNI Resource Centre for Social Actions on Tribal Identity and Indigenous Rights, Ranchi

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## News of the Fortnight



### The Challenge of Food Security in India

Today after the 60 momentous years of Independence, the nation is justifiably proud of its myriad achievements. Among these is the remarkable success in eliminating widespread famines and the impressive increases in food production. Nonetheless, there is a long road to be traveled before the vision of a truly food secure India is achieved.

Recent years have seen the economy booming and growth rates have been among the highest in the world. The flip side, however, is that one in every five Indians suffers from overt or covert hunger. "Hunger," as stated by Amartya Sen and Jean Dreze, is "intolerable in the modern world" in a way it could not have been in the past, because it is "so unnecessary and unwarranted." India is a poignant example of how food sufficiency at the aggregate level has not translated into food security at the household level. A staggeringly large number of undernourished — about 214 million people — are chronically food insecure. Many more, varying about 40 million, are exposed to natural disasters. About 50 per cent of children (mostly tribal and rural) are undernourished and stunted, 23 per cent have a low birth weight and 68 out of 1000 die before the age of one year. There is a high prevalence of anaemia and other micronutrient deficiencies.

Committed to the vision of a hunger-free India, the CBOs and NGOs have broadly set two goals. The first is to be a catalyst for change in the country's effort to reduce vulnerability and eliminate food insecurity. The second is to leverage policy and resources to demonstrate models that provide immediate and longer-term food security in the most food insecure areas.

The future beckons! As India surges ahead to take its rightful place in the comity of nations, let us look forward to the coming years with renewed faith and optimism and a firm belief that hunger and undernourishment can be banished.

Let us hope that the revised thrust of the joint endeavors will be to bring the hungry, malnourished, and vulnerable within the ambit of human development, to change the course of their destiny and unleash their potential through opening a new world

## Resources and Related Articles

### Food Security, Famine & Hunger

#### Background Materials

Food Security and famine and hunger are different concepts, although they deal with the same, most basic, need of life: food. This discussion paper deals with the concepts of food security and famine and hunger, and then attempts to relate them to famine early warning systems. Read More...[Click here](#)

#### Food Security in India

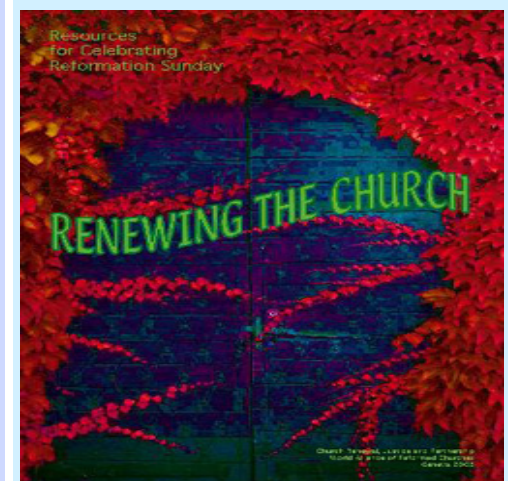
The focus on accelerated food grains production on a sustainable basis and free trade in grains would help create massive employment and reduce the incidence of poverty in rural areas. Read More...

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India's Consumer and Producer Price Policies: Implications for Food Security. Read More...[Click here](#)

Preventing and controlling micronutrient malnutrition through food-based actions in South Asian countries. Read More...[Click here](#)

Building on traditional gardening to improve household food security. Read More...[Click here](#)



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of opportunities.

World Alliance of Reformed Churches have urged Churches worldwide to dedicate the week of October 14-21 as time for heightened awareness, critical reflection, prayer, advocacy and call for trade justice. This is an opportunity to join with the global community in reflection and action on a justice issue exploring interactions between trade, agriculture, food and human rights which has a major impact on the economy and devastating consequences for the majority of the world's women, men and children.



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