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FCI–WFP MoU to Supply Rice for Global Hunger Relief

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The Food Corporation of India (FCI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to supply 2 lakh metric tonnes of rice to support global humanitarian hunger relief efforts.

Duration and Terms

The MoU is valid for five years from the date of signing and can be extended by mutual consent.

The rice supplied may include up to 25 % broken rice, which is acceptable for humanitarian distribution.

Pricing will be negotiated annually; currently, the price is fixed at ₹2,800 per quintal up to 31 March 2026.

Government's Stance

The Food Secretary said the agreement reflects India's commitment to ensuring that "no one goes hungry" and reinforces India's role as a responsible partner in global food security efforts.

About FCI

The Food Corporation of India is a statutory body established under the Food Corporations Act, 1964. Its primary roles include procurement, storage, and distribution of foodgrains to maintain buffer stocks and ensure food

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security in India.

FCI implements central food storage and distribution for schemes such as the Public Distribution System (PDS).

About WFP

The World Food Programme is the food-assistance arm of the United Nations and the world's largest humanitarian organization.

In 2024, WFP's global supply chain delivered millions of tonnes of food, assisting over 124 million people in more than 100 countries.

Why This Matters for Global Food Security

The partnership strengthens global efforts toward SDG-2: Zero Hunger, which aims to end hunger, achieve food security, and improved nutrition by 2030.

India's rice supply contribution helps WFP reach vulnerable populations in conflict zones, disaster-affected areas, and regions experiencing food insecurity.

India is one of the largest producers and exporters of rice in the world, enhancing its role in both domestic and global food systems.

India-WFP Collaboration History

India and WFP have worked together since the 1960s, transitioning from direct food distribution support to technical & logistical partnerships to improve food assistance efficiency.