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News: India ranks 111 out of 125 countries in hunger index

- India ranks 111 out of a total of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023, with its progress against hunger nearly halted since 2015, reflecting a global trend.

Global Hunger Report

- Global Hunger Report and Index is an **annual report jointly published by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.**
- It was first produced in 2006. It is published **every October.** The 2023 edition marks the 18th edition of the GHI.
- Though the **GHI is an annual report, the rankings are not comparable across different years.** The GHI score for 2023 **can only be compared with scores for 2001, 2008 and 2015.** This is **because each set of GHI scores uses data from a 5-year period.**
- Aim of the index is to **comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional and country levels.**
- The GHI scores are **calculated each year to assess progress and setbacks in combating hunger.**

It is calculated on the basis of four indicators:

- **Undernourishment:** Share of the population with **insufficient caloric intake**.
- **Child Wasting:** Share of **children under age five who have low weight for their height**, reflecting acute undernutrition.
- **Child Stunting:** Share of **children under age five who have low height for their age**, reflecting chronic undernutrition.
- **Child Mortality:** The **mortality rate of children under the age of five**.

Scoring

- Based on the values of the four indicators, the GHI determines hunger on a 100-point scale where **0 is the best possible score (no hunger) and 100 is the worst**.
- Countries are **divided into five categories** of hunger on the basis of their score, which are **'low', 'moderate', 'serious', 'alarming' and 'extremely alarming'**.

Key Points

- Based on current GHI projections, the **world as whole - and 47 countries in particular - will fail to achieve a low level of hunger by 2030**.
- After decades of decline, the global prevalence of **undernourishment - a component of the Global Hunger Index - is increasing**.
- **India ranks 111 out of 125 ranking economies in 2023, with its progress against hunger nearly halted since 2015, reflecting a global trend**.