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FREQUENCY
Annual
INDIA'S RANK
68 / 113 +3
TOP PERFORMER
Finland
KEY FINDINGS

- India scored 58.9 out of 100, improving from 57.2 in 2021
- India ranked 68th out of 113 countries, up from 71st in 2021
- Finland topped the index; Ireland and Norway rounded out the top three
- Global food security declined for the second consecutive year in 2022
- The 2022 edition added 14 new indicators including farm-level and first-mile metrics
- Four pillars assessed: Affordability, Availability, Quality and Safety, Natural Resources and Resilience

ABOUT THE INDEX

The Global Food Security Index (GFSI) is designed and constructed by Economist Impact (formerly the Economist Intelligence Unit) and sponsored by Corteva Agriscience. It measures the underlying drivers of food security across 113 countries using 68 unique indicators.

The GFSI evaluates countries across four pillars:

- **Affordability** — food prices relative to income, food safety net programmes, access to financing for farmers
- **Availability** — sufficiency of national food supply, agricultural research, infrastructure
- **Quality and Safety** — dietary diversity, nutritional standards, food safety mechanisms
- **Natural Resources and Resilience** — exposure to climate risks, water availability, land degradation, adaptation measures

The 2022 edition incorporated 14 new indicators to better capture the global and interconnected nature of modern food systems, including farm-level productivity metrics.

Note: The 2022 edition is the latest publicly available GFSI report. No 2023 or 2024 edition has been released as of March 2026.

INDIA'S PERFORMANCE

India improved its ranking to **68th out of 113 countries** with a score of **58.9**, up from 71st position (score 57.2) in 2021. The 1.7 percentage-point improvement was driven by gains in affordability and availability parameters.

India performs relatively well on food availability due to its large agricultural production base, but lags on quality and safety metrics, reflecting challenges in dietary diversity, micronutrient deficiency, and food safety enforcement.

Regional / BRICS Comparison

COUNTRY	GFSI RANK	SCORE
China	25th	74.2
Brazil	36th	69.3
South Africa	63rd	60.8
India	68th	58.9
Indonesia	69th	58.6

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF LATEST EDITION

- Global food security declined for the second year in a row, driven by the Russia-Ukraine conflict, supply chain disruptions, and climate shocks
- The overall global GFSI environment score fell to 58.5 in 2022, the largest year-on-year drop since the index began
- High-income countries dominated the top ranks: Finland (1st), Ireland (2nd), Norway (3rd)
- Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia remain the most food-insecure regions globally
- Rising food prices and fertiliser cost inflation disproportionately impacted low-income countries
- The Natural Resources and Resilience pillar saw the sharpest global decline

UPSC RELEVANCE

GFSI issuing body, India's rank, four pillars, top-ranked country **Mains GS-3:** *Food security challenges, National Food Security Act 2013, PDS reforms, impact of climate change on agriculture, India's nutritional security gaps* **Interview:** *"India is a major food producer yet ranks poorly on food security indices. How do you reconcile this?"*

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