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# 74% of people in India do not have access to healthy food

- India has emerged as the fifth largest economic power in the world
- Meanwhile, 74 percent of people in the country do not have access to healthy food, according to a World Bank report
- The report also mentioned that the cost of healthy food has increased significantly in various cities of the country
- It is reported that food prices have increased by 65 per cent in the last five years, especially in Mumbai, but wages have increased by only 28 to 37 per cent.

### Per person per day(In US dollars)

- Bhutan 5.3
- Nepal 4.6
- South Africa 4.4
- Sri Lanka 4.2
- Iran 4.1
- Pakistan 3.8
- Ethiopia 3.7
- Russia 3.6
- Egypt 3.5
- Brazil 3.4
- UAE 3.3
- Bangladesh 3.2
- India 3.07

### Proportion of people who do not have access to healthy food

- Ethiopia 84%
- Pakistan 83%
- Nepal 76%
- India 74%
- South Africa 67%
- Bangladesh 66%
- Egypt 62%
- Sri Lanka 56%
- Bhutan 45
- Iran 30%
- Brazil 22%
- Russia 3%

# Tharman Shanmugaratnam of Tamil origin becomes the President of Singapore

- Singapore presidential candidate Tharman Shanmugaratnam is of Tamil descent
- A native of Sri Lanka, he was elected MP from the Jurong constituency in Singapore in 2001.
- He has held various positions such as Chairman of the Monetary Board of Singapore, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Education, and Deputy Prime Minister.
- He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Singapore Indian Development Association
- He is of Tamil descent and is supported by the ruling People's Action Party









## Change in the number of people who do not have access to healthy food

FY	Global	Africa	Asia	South Africa	North America
2017-18	-11	1.9	-12	-0.5	-0.4
2018-19	-1.4	1.6	-2.8	0.05	-0.16
2019-20	18.6	3.1	15.4	0.2	-0.09
2020-21	-5.2	1.2	-8.2	1.2	-0.23
2019-21 (during Corona)	13.4	5.1	7.3	1.3	-0.32

## **Benefits of One Country One Election Scheme?**

- According to a statistic, around Rs 60,000 crore was spent in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections alone
- This includes the expenditure of the central government as well as the expenditure of the political parties
- If we include assembly elections in this, the cost of elections will exceed several thousand crores. A large part of this expenditure will be saved for India
- During every election, campaign of political parties will avoid inconvenience to public including students
- Various difficulties in the administration of Central and State Governments will also be reduced. Officers can focus on their regular duties
- The benefit will reach the public. Many services suspended for the public in the name of elections will continue
- The wastage of labor of central security forces and state police departments will be avoided. Nationallevel issues will dominate the new electoral system rather than state- and regional-level issues; The general public will also have a sense of nationalism.

#### Losses

- There is a possibility that the Lok Sabha will have more importance than the Legislative Assembly in a single country single election system
- Not surprisingly, this system may push back the importance of state and regional parties
- This time the election will have to be conducted in several phases like never before. Because central security forces have to be deployed to different parts of the country
- Similar elections have been held simultaneously in the country in the past. But then population and security issues were less.

# **Global ranking: RBI Governor ranks First**

- Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has topped the list of best central bankers in the world
- Central bankers are ranked based on the success achieved through their strategies measures such as inflation control, economic growth targets, currency stability and interest rate management.