

World Food Day, 2021

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In news—World Food Day is celebrated every year on October 16.

About World Food Day

- It is celebrated to **commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation in 1945.**
- It was **established in November 1979**, as suggested by former Hungarian minister of agriculture and food **Dr Pal Romany.**
- It gradually became a way to raise awareness about hunger, malnutrition, sustainability and food production.
- It is **celebrated** by organisations like the **World Food Programme and the International Fund for Agriculture Development.**
- This year the day **was jointly led by organisations like FAO, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and the World Food Programme (WFP).**
- **Since 1981, World Food Day has celebrated various themes** to highlight the importance of food security, with most of them revolving around agriculture.
- **This year's theme** is **“Our actions are our future**— Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life”.

World Food Programme (WFP)-

- It is the food-assistance branch of the United Nations.
- It is the world's largest humanitarian organization, the largest one focused on hunger and food security, and the largest provider of school meals.
- Founded in 1961, it is headquartered in Rome and has

offices in 80 countries.

- It received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020.
- **WFP has been working in India since 1963**, with work transitioning from food distribution to technical assistance since the country achieved self-sufficiency in cereal production.
- As per WFP, India is home to a quarter of all undernourished people worldwide, making the country a key focus for tackling hunger on a global scale.

International Fund for Agricultural Development(IFAD)-

- IFAD is an international financial institution and a specialised agency of the United Nations that works to address poverty and hunger in rural areas of developing countries.
- It was founded in 1977, Rome Italy.