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India Strengthens Global Food Security: FCI Signs Five-Year Rice Supply Agreement with World Food Programme

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The Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the World Food Programme (WFP) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the 18th of February, 2026 for the supply of rice in support of global humanitarian operations aimed at combating hunger.

The MoU was signed by Rabindra Kumar Agarwal, CMD, FCI for Government of India and Carl Skau - Deputy Executive Director, WFP in presence of Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution. Under the MoU, FCI will supply**200,000 metric tonnes** of rice (up to 25% broken) to WFP. The MoU will be valid for a period of five years from the date of signing and may be extended by mutual consent. The price will be mutually agreed on an annual basis, with the current price fixed at INR 2,800 per quintal up to 31 March 2026 .

Mr Sanjeev Chopra, Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, said: “Through our partnership with WFP, we are exporting hope, nutrition, and dignity to those facing hunger. This agreement showcases India's resolve to ensure no one goes hungry. India will continue to stand with the international community in combating malnutrition and food insecurity.”

Mr Carl Skau, Deputy Executive Director, UN World Food Programme, said: “This agreement with India marks a key milestone in fighting global hunger. India's support will help WFP reach vulnerable populations with nutritious food more effectively over the next five years. As a major agricultural nation and a proponent of global solidarity, India inspires us to turn the Zero Hunger goal into action. I thank India for this transformative partnership.”

This partnership reinforces India’s commitment to global food security, strengthens cooperation with WFP in addressing humanitarian needs worldwideand reinforces India’s role as a trusted and responsible contributor to global food systems.

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