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### **Tracking hunger in Bihar with Special Reference to Patna District (Danapur Area)**

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**Abstract :** *In 2009, India was ranked 66th among 88 countries in the Global Hunger Index drawn up by the International Food Policy Research Institute. In 2010, India's rank slipped to 67th among of 85 countries. India is home to a quarter of the world's hungry – about 230 million people – according to a World Food Programme report released on March 2009. More than 455 million Indians survive on US\$ 1.25 (Rs 56 approximately) a day or less, compared with 420 million in 1981. This paper is an effort to track, investigate and report the struggle to rid the emerging nation*

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*from its developing state of hunger and malnutrition. It is high time to transform the writhing Bihar to shining Bihar and take up those issues that are actually genuine to the poor masses. Bihar is India's second fastest growing state. There has been a package of surprises brought to limelight relating to infrastructural development, improvement in the IT sector, better health facilities and greater emphasis on education with mind mines in Bihar. Bihar's GDP grew by 11.03% between 2008-09 but still we lack a major revolution i.e. the revolution to make Bihar free from poverty and hunger. With a population of 9 crores, 54.04% of the population is BPL which is one of the highest figures of our country. The effort of the government to give the 'right to food' to the masses ,can be supplemented by the state authorities by various policy measures. In spite of numerous govt. schemes and programmes, the benefits have failed to improve the conditions of the deprived ones. The anomalies are there within the system and mere formulation of laws cannot help the situation. What is needed is a clear and loud expression of implementations of policies in spirit. Thus the only ray of hope is the increasing awareness and mobilization of the rural poor whose potential can be utilized to improve the management of the entire system.*

**Key words :** *Global Hunger, Infrastructural, Policies, Malnutrition, Deprived.*