

Hunger, Poverty and Voice: The Nexus and Nemesis

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Even with the swashbuckling claim on growth and prosperity on the present civilization, the other side of this prosperity is so bleak and disastrous that have no match for the past centuries even. Out of around 7 billion population of the world, 1.5 billion are hungry. They don't have adequate access to food, if it is there; the quality doesn't stand anywhere near to fulfil their calorie requirement. In India 350 million people are living below the poverty line and of them; 200 million people have become victim of moderate to extreme hunger indexes. 42 per cent of the new born babies are under weight. 60 per cent of the children are suffering from moderate to high level of anaemia experiencing stunted growth. Beyond the curtain of hunger, there is another problem that is chronic hunger. Based on hunger index we the nation (India) is occupying 100th position in the world (IFPRI Report, 2017). The scenario of chronic hunger is even worse and astoundingly it is worse than African nations as well. Hunger is undoubted related to poverty and poverty is one of the many reasons of hunger. The study has been conducted on 100 ICDS semi urban beneficiaries near Kolkata, West Bengal, who confronting with abject poverty and chilling hunger. The combination of three social decadents' viz. hunger, poverty and voice has been inextricably tuned. The regression effect of silence on both hunger and poverty is isochronous and significant. This paper elicits the interrelation among hunger poverty and silence, the trifoliate evil who is restraining an empty stomach from having food; a houseless from having roof. Misinformation, no information, being unvoiced is detrimental. The neo information devices with unequal access range are vitiating the situation further. This section of the population is remaining un-tuned to the sources of information and becoming the object of being selectively uninformed. To redress the situation and for having an inclusive growth s, empowerment and entitlement of the poor should be done with significant policy formulation and modifications.

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