



## A Study of Financial Inclusion in India under Punjab National Bank

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**Abstract :** *Financial inclusion* or inclusive financing is the delivery of financial services at affordable costs to sections of disadvantaged and low-income segments of society. An estimated 2.5 billion working-age adults globally have no access to the types of formal financial services delivered by regulated financial institutions. In India, RBI has initiated several measures to achieve greater financial inclusion, such as facilitating no-frills accounts and GCCs for small deposits and credit. The objective of the financial inclusion is to provide hassle-free credit to banks' customers based on the assessment of cash flow without insistence on security,

*purpose or end use of the credit. This is in the nature of revolving credit entitling the holder to withdraw up to the limit sanctioned. To further step up the opening of branches in rural areas so as to improve banking penetration and financial inclusion rapidly, the need for the opening of more bricks and mortar branches, besides the use of BCs, was felt. Accordingly, banks have been mandated in the April monetary policy statement to allocate at least 25% of the total number of branches to be opened during a year to unbanked rural centres.*

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