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தூத்துக்குடியில் அமைந்துள்ள வ.உ.சிதம்பரனார் துறைமுகத்தில் திரவ ஹைட்ரஜன் உற்பத்தி செய்யும் திட்டம் விரைவில் தொடங்கப்படவுள்ளதாக மத்திய துறைமுகங்கள், கப்பல் மற்றும் நீர்வழி போக்குவரத்துத் துறை தெரிவித்துள்ளது.

மேலும் இத்துறைமுகத்தில் ஆழ்கடல் காற்றாலை, மின் உற்பத்தி திட்டம் ஆகியவை விரைவில் செயல்படுத்தப்படும் என ஒன்றிய அரசு அறிவித்துள்ளது.

ராக்கெட்டுகளை செலுத்துவதற்கான எரிபொருளாகவும், விண்வெளி சூழலில் உயிர் மற்றும் கணினி அமைப்புகளை நிலைநிறுத்துவதற்கான ஆற்றல் மூலமாகவும் திரவ ஹைட்ரஜன் பயன்படுத்தப்படுகிறது.



## World Bank praises India's Financial Inclusion

World Bank that included in its G20 document that India has achieved financial inclusion targets in just 6 years which would otherwise have taken at least 47 long years.

### FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Financial inclusion may be defined as the process of ensuring access to financial services and timely and adequate credit where needed by vulnerable groups such as weaker sections and low income groups at an affordable cost.

### Financial Inclusion Initiatives



**1. Jan Dhan-Aadhar-Mobile (JAM) Trinity.** The government has launched schemes to promote financial inclusion and provide financial security to empower the poor. These include the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Stand-Up India Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, and Atal Pension Yojana.



## Financial Inclusion Initiatives

### 2. Expansion of financial services in Rural and Semi-Urban Areas

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have taken initiatives like

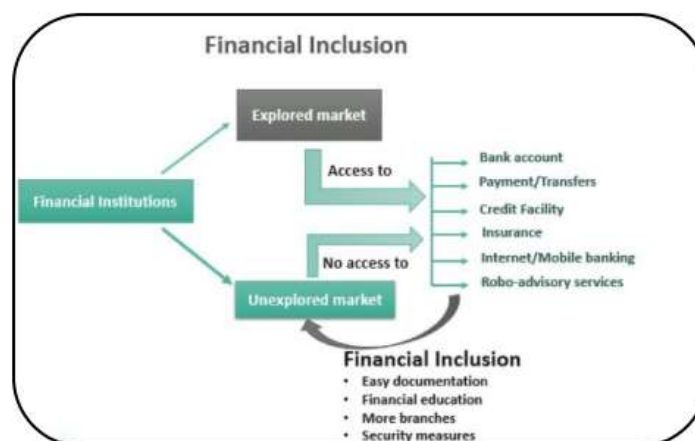
1. Opening of bank branches in remote areas.
2. Issuing Kisan Credit Cards (KCC)
3. Linkage of self-help groups (SHGs) with banks.
4. Increasing the number of automated teller machines (ATMs)

### 3. Promotion of Digital Payments

With the strengthening of the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) by NPCI, digital payments have been made secure, compared to the past.

### 4. Enhancing Financial Literacy

The Reserve Bank of India has undertaken a project titled "Project Financial Literacy".





### DISAPPEARING LANGUAGES, VANISHING VOICES

English as a common language in India has been acting as a thread by connecting multilingual Indians **since the time of the British Raj.**

The Economic Journal which forecasts the **extinction of 40% of languages with less than 35,000 speakers within 100 years.**

By extinction it is meant that the languages will no longer be spoken as a mother tongue, or as the principal language.

#### language index

- The Index of Linguistic Diversity (ILD), which was introduced to quantitatively understand the trends over the past 30 years
- **It ranges from 0 (everyone has the same mother tongue) to 1 (no two people have the same mother tongue).**
- Countries that have people with a smaller number of mother languages have a lower LDI than countries with a large number of mother tongues. **Eg : United Kingdom has an LDI of 0.139 when compared to 0.930 for India.**
- The three lowest ranking countries are **Haiti (0.000), Cuba (0.001) and Samoa (0.002)**
- The top ranking three countries are **Papua Guinea (0.990), Vanuatu (0.972) and the Solomon Islands (0.965).**

Category	Transmission of the language from one generation to another
Safe	The language is spoken by all generations; intergenerational transmission is uninterrupted.
Vulnerable	Most children speak the language, but it can be restricted to certain areas.
Endangered	Children no longer learn the language as a mother tongue at home.
Very endangered	The language is spoken by the grandparents; while the grandparental generation can understand it, they do not speak it among themselves with the children.
Critically endangered	The youngest speakers are grandparents and their ancestors, as they speak the language only partially and infrequently.
Extinct	There are no more speakers.




#### The situation in India

- According to a report published by UNESCO in 2018, **42 languages are heading towards extinction in India.**
- These were spoken by **less than 10,000 people.**
- According to the norms set by UNESCO, any language spoken by only 10,000 people is potentially endangered.
- Most dying languages are from **the indigenous tribal groups** spread across India.
- Any loss of language is not only a loss of linguistic diversity but also a loss in terms of associated cultural variations, opinions, views and knowledge.

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## REVIVING BLACK SEA GRAIN INITIATIVE

United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres is on a mission to revive the Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI or BSI), in talks on the sidelines of the G 20 summit, Delhi may turn venue for this.

- The Initiative eased **Russia's naval blockade** and saw the reopening of **three key Ukrainian ports**.
- Allowing cargo ships to **travel between Ukrainian ports** and undergo inspections to ensure they were not carrying arms.
- The agreement created **procedures to safely export grain** from certain ports to attempt to address the **2022 food crisis**.
- It provides a safe maritime humanitarian corridor for Ukrainian exports (particularly for food grains) from three of its key ports

**Chornomorsk, Odesa and Yuzhny/Pivdennyi** in the Black Sea.

### Outcomes of this deal

- Approximately **9.8 million tonnes of grains** have been **shipped** so far since the deal was brokered.
- The initiative has also been credited for having made a huge difference in the **global cost of living crisis**. **Significance of Black Sea for Russia**
- Black Sea has traditionally been **Russia's warm water gateway to Europe**.
- For Russia, the Black Sea is both a **stepping stone to the Mediterranean**.
- It acts as a **strategic buffer between NATO and itself**.
- It showcases the Russian power in the Mediterranean and to secure the economic gateway to key markets in southern Europe.
- Russia has been making efforts to gain complete control over the **Black Sea since the Crimean crisis of 2014**.





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## HEAT INDEX STRIKE IRAN

Earlier in August, Iran recorded a scorching heat index of 70 degrees Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) in the coastal part of the country. **The country had also declared public holiday on account of "unprecedented heat"**. This is not the first time this year that Iran is dealing with extreme heat.



### About heat index

- Heat Index will calculate the **temperature along with the humidity levels** to provide a more **accurate measure** of what the **temperature** actually feels like.
- Informed that a heat index on experimental basis is **released by India Meteorological Department (IMD)**.

### Significance

- It will help people in **understanding the impact of humidity** on the high temperature.
- The information provided by this index could be **utilized to identify the heat implications to humans and to understand temperature ranges which are causing discomfort**.
- It will also help in **guiding people to take additional care** in order to reduce the discomfort.
- It will provide **day's minimum and maximum temperature** and also will inform what the existing **temperature feels like**.
- It will utilize **air temperature and relative humidity** data.
- However it is experimental and there is a need to change and validate this according to the **Indian conditions**.

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## AFRICAN UNION TO JOIN G20

African union is a continental body consisting of the 55 members states that make up the countries of the African continent.

- It was established in 2018 by the **African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AFCTA)**
- The African union is to join the G20 as negotiations.
- 55 members AU will join the European union as the only two regional bodies in the G20
- It will be renamed as **G 21**.

### Significance

To give African countries a greater chance in tackling Global Challenges.

1. Climate transition
2. Debt restructuring
3. Sustainable development

### About G20

- The G20 or Group of Twenty is an **intergovernmental forum comprising 20 countries including INDIA**
- The G20 is composed of most of the world's large economies, including both industrialized and developing nations, and accounts for around 90% of gross world product (GWP), **75-80% of International trade, two-thirds of global population, and roughly half the world's land area.**



**AFRICAN UNION**

### Chair Rotation

- To decide which member nation gets to chair the G20 leaders meeting for a given year, all members, except the European Union, are assigned to one of five different groupings