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Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)

Why in the news?

- Finance minister said that nearly 3 crore new accounts will be opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) during the current financial year.

About PMJDY:

- PMJDY is a financial inclusion program initiated by the Government of India.
- Objective:
 - PMJDY aims to expand affordable access to financial services for Indian citizens.
 - These services include bank accounts, remittances, credit, insurance, and pensions.
- Eligibility: Indian citizens, including minors aged 10 and older (who can open an account with a guardian), are eligible to participate.
- The plan also envisages channeling all Government benefits (from Centre / State / Local Body) to the beneficiaries accounts and pushing the Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) scheme of the Union Government.
- Benefits under PMJDY:
 - Savings bank accounts for unbanked people.
 - No requirement to maintain any minimum balance.
 - Rupay Debit card is provided.
 - Accident Insurance Cover of Rs.1 lakh.
 - An overdraft (OD) facility up to Rs. 10,000 to eligible account holders is available.
 - PMJDY accounts are eligible for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency Bank (MUDRA) scheme.



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<p>Talley Valley Wildlife Sanctuary</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85 butterfly species spotted at Arunachal Pradesh's Talley Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. <p>About Talley Valley Wildlife Sanctuary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location: Lower Subansiri district, Arunachal Pradesh Rivers: Pange, Sipu, Karing, and Subansiri flow through the sanctuary Flora: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subtropical and alpine forests with silver fir trees, ferns, orchids, bamboo, and rhododendrons Unique bamboo species, Pleioblastus simone, found only in Talley Valley Fauna: Elephants, barking deer, giant squirrels, porcupines, leopards, clouded leopards, and wild boars inhabit the sanctuary.
<p>Nuclear Powered Trains</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railways plans to go nuclear as part of its green drive. <p>About Nuclear Powered Trains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Railways is exploring nuclear power through captive units. The goal is to increase reliance on non-fossil fuel sources. Initial focus: circuits served by the Nabinagar Thermal Power Plant. How Nuclear-Powered Trains Work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heat from a nuclear reaction produces steam. Steam drives turbines. One turbine powers the train, while another generates electricity for auxiliary systems (lighting, air conditioning). Historical Context: Interest in nuclear-powered trains dates back to the 1950s, particularly in the USSR.
<p>National Sports Day</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Prime Minister paid homage to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand on the National Sports Day. <p>About National Sports Day:</p>



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- **National Sports Day:** Celebrated annually on **August 29**, established in 2012 by the Indian government to recognize sports excellence.
- **Tribute to Major Dhyan Chand:** The date was selected to honor **Major Dhyan Chand**, known as the 'Wizard of Hockey', who was born on August 29, 1905, in **Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Major Dhyan Chand's Career:** Led India to win **three Olympic gold medals in 1928, 1932, and 1936**.
- **Theme for 2024:** The theme has **not been announced yet**; the **2023 theme** was "Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society."

Northern bald ibis



Why in the news?

- **Biologist Johannes Fritz** and the **Waldrappteam** have **successfully increased the Central European northern bald ibis population from zero to nearly 300 since 2002**.

About Northern bald ibis:

- **Scientific Name:** *Geronticus eremita*
- **Conservation Status:** Endangered (formerly Critically Endangered)
- **Historical Range:**
 - Once **native to Central Europe** until the 17th century.
 - Also **found in North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula**.
 - **Extinction in Europe:** Extinct in Central Europe by the 17th century due to **excessive hunting**.
- **Habitat:** Prefer open areas with short grass like meadows, pastures, and sports fields; not scavengers despite their vulture-like bald head.
- **Breeding Habits:**
 - Nest on steep rock faces with protective nooks.
 - Lay up to four greenish eggs; incubation begins with the first egg, leading to staggered hatching.



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