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Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana Financial Inclusion Milestones

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WHY IN NEWS

- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PM-JDY) completed 12 years of implementation since its national rollout in August 2014.
- Total accounts reached 59.09 crore as of August 2026, with female beneficiaries accounting for 32.92 crore accounts.

WHAT IS PM-JDY?

- National Mission for Financial Inclusion launched in 2014 under the Ministry of Finance to ensure affordable access to financial services including basic savings accounts, credit, insurance, and pension.
- Pillar of the JAM (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile) trinity enabling direct benefit transfers (DBT) directly into beneficiary accounts without intermediaries.

KEY FEATURES AND OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS

- Zero balance provision with no minimum balance requirement for Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) accounts.
- Built-in benefits include a RuPay debit card with complimentary accident insurance cover up to Rs 2 lakh and an overdraft facility of up to Rs 10,000 for eligible account holders.
- India's Financial Inclusion Index (RBI) rose from 53.9 in 2018 to 67 in 2026, reflecting enhanced financial access, usage, and service quality.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Reduces economic vulnerability by shifting household savings from informal physical assets to formal banking channels.
- Enhances gender-targeted financial autonomy, with over 55% of PM-JDY account holders being women.

KEY TERMS

- **JAM Trinity:** Integration of Jan Dhan bank accounts, Aadhaar unique identity numbers, and mobile phones to target state subsidies directly to citizens.

- **Financial Inclusion Index:** A comprehensive index published by the Reserve Bank of India measuring financial access, usage, and quality across the country.

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PRELIMS FACTS

- PM-JDY accounts provide unbanked citizens basic savings accounts with RuPay debit cards and built-in accident cover.
- RBI's **Financial Inclusion Index** captures parameters of Banking, Investments, Insurance, Postal, and Pension sectors.

MAINS DISCUSSION

- Evaluate the role of PM-JDY in plugging leakage in social safety nets through Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT).
- Discuss structural challenges remaining in complete financial inclusion, including dormant accounts and low credit linkage.

KEY DATA

- **Launch Year:** 2014 - Core timeline fact for Prelims questions on national financial inclusion architecture.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Finance - Frequently asked administrative details in schemes questions.
- **Overdraft Limit:** Rs 10,000 - Durable operational parameter for PM-JDY account holders.

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