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Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India recently discovered a new species of leopard gecko named Eublepharis jhuma from the rocky hills of Bihar, India.

About Eublepharis jhuma

- It is a new species of **leopard gecko**.
- It was discovered during a wildlife survey on the outskirts of the **Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, Bihar**.
- It is the first of its kind ever recorded in the state, with unique physical traits and distinct DNA.
- It is **named in honour of Dr. Dhriti Banerjee**, the **first female director of the Zoological Survey of India**, nicknamed Jhuma.
- Reaching about 14 centimetres in body length, this **medium-sized reptile** sports a **dark brown back** decorated with **two pale, spotty bands**.
- Unlike its closest known relative, Eublepharis satpuraensis, this new species has **large, flat, bumpy scales on its back** with unusually **wide gaps in between them**.

- It also features a **higher number of tiny, textured ridges**, known as **lamellae**, **underneath its fourth toe, which help with gripping**.
- It has a specific pattern of 12 to 13 pores near its tail, and if its tail drops and regrows, the new scales grow back in a distinct, flat, and rectangular shape rather than a circular one.

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