



Udaipur Receives Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation

Why in News?

Udaipur, often referred to as the '**City of Lakes**', has achieved a significant milestone by receiving the esteemed **Ramsar [Wetland City accreditation](#)**.

- This recognition was conferred during the **Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards and Wetland Cities Recognition Ceremony 2025**, organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Udaipur's Efforts in Wetland Conservation

- **About:** Udaipur city is **surrounded by five [major wetlands](#)**, namely, Pichola, Fateh Sagar, Rang Sagar, Swaroop Sagar, and Doodh Talai.
 - These wetlands are an **integral part of the city's culture** and identity, help maintain the city's microclimate, and provide a buffer from extreme events.
- **Recognition:** Udaipur earned this distinction for its exemplary wetland conservation practices, placing it among a **select group of cities worldwide** recognized for their comprehensive approach to wetland protection and management.
 - Udaipur's efforts include **active community engagement** in lake and wetland protection, as well as the successful integration of wetland management into **urban planning**.

Wetland City Accreditation (WCA)

- **About:**
 - The WCA is a voluntary accreditation system established by the **[Ramsar Convention](#)** during the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP) 12, 2015, to recognize cities that have taken exceptional steps to safeguard their urban wetlands.
 - It is **awarded to urban centers** that exhibit exceptional efforts in safeguarding wetlands, promoting biodiversity conservation, and supporting sustainable livelihoods.
 - The scheme aims to promote the conservation and **wise use of urban and peri-urban wetlands**, as well as sustainable socio-economic benefits for local populations.
 - The WCA is **valid for 6 years**.
- **Significance:**
 - **Encourages cities to develop positive relationships** with valuable ecosystems like Wetlands of International Importance.
 - Aims to gain international recognition for cities valuing their natural or human-made wetlands.

