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## Daily Current Affairs : Jan 28, 2025

**1. Which two Indian cities recently joined the list of accredited wetland cities under the Ramsar Convention?**

- [A] Cuttack and Ropar
- [B] Ahmedabad and Kolkata
- [C] Indore and Udaipur
- [D] Bhopal and Jaisalmer

**Correct Answer:** C [Indore and Udaipur ]

Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Udaipur (Rajasthan) are the first Indian cities accredited as wetland cities under the Ramsar Convention. The Ramsar Convention promotes conservation and wise use of wetlands globally across 172 member countries. Accreditation recognizes cities valuing and conserving natural and human-made wetlands. The latest round accredited 31 cities, including these two, bringing the global total to 74 wetland cities. India currently has 85 protected wetlands under the Ramsar treaty.

**2. Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) is developed by which organization?**

- [A] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- [B] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[C] Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

[D] Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

**Correct Answer:** A [Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)]

DRDO showcased the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) during the 76th Republic Day parade. ATAGS is a 155mm, 52-calibre howitzer developed indigenously by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). It has a range of 48 km, making it one of the longest-range towed artillery systems globally. It can operate in extreme temperatures and has high mobility due to its 6×6 towing platform. The gun achieves precision strikes with future Long Range Guided Munitions (LRGM).

**3.White-naped tit bird, which was recently spotted at Kappatagudda hills, is endemic to which country?**

[A] Australia

[B] Russia

[C] Bhutan

[D] India

**Correct Answer:** D [India]

The white-naped tit was recently documented in Kappatagudda hills, North Karnataka, for the first time. It is also known as the pied tit or white-winged tit. Its scientific name is *Machlolophus nuchalis*. The bird is endemic to India, with populations in Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. It inhabits dry thorn scrub forests. The white-naped tit is classified as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.

**4.Which city becomes the Inland Waterways Authority of India's (IWAI's) sixth regional office recently?**

- [A] Bhopal
- [B] Varanasi
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Gorakhpur

**Correct Answer:** B [Varanasi]

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) recently set up a new Regional Office in Varanasi. IWAI, established under the Inland Waterways Authority of India Act (1985), focuses on developing and maintaining Inland Water Transport infrastructure on national waterways. It receives grants from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways. The headquarters is in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, with regional offices in Guwahati, Patna, Kochi, Bhubaneswar, and Kolkata. The Varanasi office will oversee development works on the Ganga and its tributaries in Uttar Pradesh, including rivers like Betwa, Chambal, and Gomti.

**5.Which bank becomes the first Indian bank to implement Clari5's NCRP Integration Solution?**

- [A] Punjab National Bank
- [B] Bank of Baroda
- [C] Bank of India
- [D] Canara Bank

**Correct Answer:** A [Punjab National Bank ]

Punjab National Bank (PNB) becomes the first Indian bank to integrate Clari5's National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) solution. The solution was developed with the Indian Cyber Crime

Coordination Centre (I4C) to automate cybercrime complaint processing. It works across all retail banking channels like Internet and Mobile Banking, ATMs, UPI, and NEFT/RTGS. Features include automated lien marking, intelligent account freezes, and customizable whitelisting to protect customers. Rivi Varghese, CEO of Clari5, praised PNB's leadership, calling the integration a new benchmark for Indian banking innovation.

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