Jal Marg Vikas Project – Inland waterways

JMVP was announced by union government to enable commercial navigation of at least 1500 tonne vessels on the Ganga River. The project envisages the development of waterway between Allahabad and Haldia (NW-1) on the Ganga River. It includes the development of fairway, multi-modal terminals, strengthening of open river navigation technique, conservancy works, and modern river information system. The project is funded by the World Bank. It is carried out by the Union Ministries of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.

NW-1

- The National Waterway -1 or Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system runs from Allahabad to Haldia which is about 1,620 km (longest in India).
- It passes through West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and serves major cities and their industrial hinterlands.

- It is an important constituent of the Eastern Transport Corridor of India.
- This corridor along with NH-2 connects the National Capital Region (NCR) with the eastern and north-eastern states.
- It will also be an important link to Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal and other east and south-east Asian countries through the Kolkata Port.