India’s second Multi Modal Terminal on Ganga at Sahibganj in Jharkhand

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The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation India’s second riverine Multi Modal terminal built at Sahibganj in Jharkhand on 12 September, 2019. The Prime Minister will inaugurate the state of the art terminal through a two-way digital communication system at an event in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

About the Modal:

The capacity of the terminal is 30 lakh tonnes per annum

It will grow to 54.8 lakh tonnes per annum after an investment of ₹376 crores for capacity enhancement in Phase II under PPP mode.

The Multi-Modal terminal at Sahibganj will open up industries of Jharkhand and Bihar to the global market and provide Indo-Nepal cargo connectivity through waterways route. It will play an important role in transportation of domestic coal from the local mines in Rajmahal area to various thermal power plants located along NW-1. Other than coal, stone chips, fertilisers, cement and sugar are other commodities expected to be transported through the terminal.

Jal Marg Vikas Project:

• The Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) for capacity augmentation of navigation on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) is being implemented by the support of World Bank.

• One of the major problems for a commercially viable and safe navigation on NW-1 is low depth upstream of Farakka barrage due to low discharges from tributaries and difficult hydro morphological characteristics of the river Ganga.

• The project will contribute in bringing down the logistics cost in the country and will provide an alternative mode of transport which will be environment friendly and cost effective.

• It is being implemented by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (Ministry of Shipping).

• The project envisages fairway development through performance based contract for least assured depth of 2.2 metres to 3 metres and bottom channel width of 45 metres, bank protection works, and provisions of navigation aids.
• The states that are being covered under the Project are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal.