



PM Unveils Development Projects in Bihar | Bihar | 04 Mar 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled development projects worth ₹ 21,400 crore in Bihar's Aurangabad district.

Key Points

- National highway projects worth over ₹ 18,000 crore were inaugurated.
- The PM laid the **foundation stone for a six-lane bridge over the Ganga**, which will be constructed parallel to the existing **JP (Jayaprakash Narayan) Ganga Setu**. Also, the foundation stone of Unity Mall in Patna, which will be constructed at a cost of over ₹ 200 crore, and provide a boost to the '[One District, One Product](#)' project.
- He dedicated to the nation three railway projects, which include the doubling of the Pataliputra-Pahleja line and a 26-km-long new line between Bandhua and Paimar.
- The PM also inaugurated 12 projects worth over 2,190 crore under the [Namami Gange scheme](#).
 - These include sewerage treatment plants in **Patna, Sonapur, Naugachia, and Chapra**.

One District One Product Initiative

- ODOP is an initiative to **boost economic growth at the district level by promoting and branding one product from each district** of the country.
- The idea is to **leverage the local potential, resources, skills, and culture of each district and create a unique identity for them** in the domestic and international markets.
- The **concept of ODOP was first launched by the Uttar Pradesh government in January 2018**.
 - The scheme was successful in reviving the traditional industries and crafts of the state, such as **chikankari embroidery, brassware, pottery, carpets, leather goods, etc.**
 - Inspired by it, the **central government adopted the concept and launched it as a national initiative**.

Namami Gange Scheme

- Namami Gange Programme is an **Integrated Conservation Mission**, approved as a '**Flagship Programme**' by the Union Government in June 2014 to accomplish the **twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation and rejuvenation of National River Ganga**.
- It is being operated under the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.
- The program is being implemented by the [National Mission for Clean Ganga \(NMCG\)](#), and its state counterpart organisations i.e State Program Management Groups (SPMGs).
- NMCG is the implementation wing of **National Ganga Council** (was set up in 2016; which replaced the National Ganga River Basin Authority - NGRBA).