



Bihar Bridge Collapse Over Gandaki River

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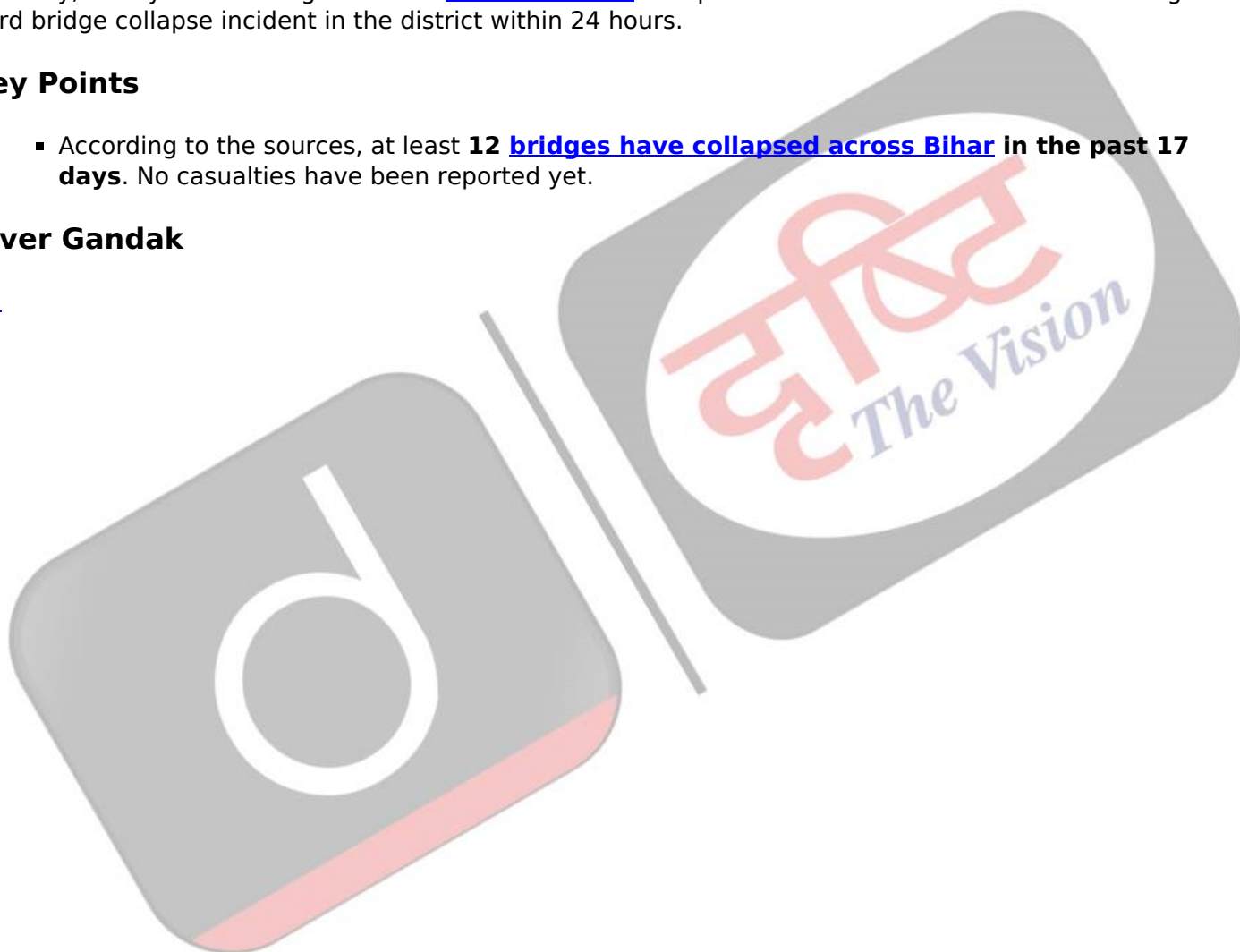
Recently, a 15-year-old bridge over the [Gandaki River](#) collapsed in **Bihar's Saran district** marking the third bridge collapse incident in the district within 24 hours.

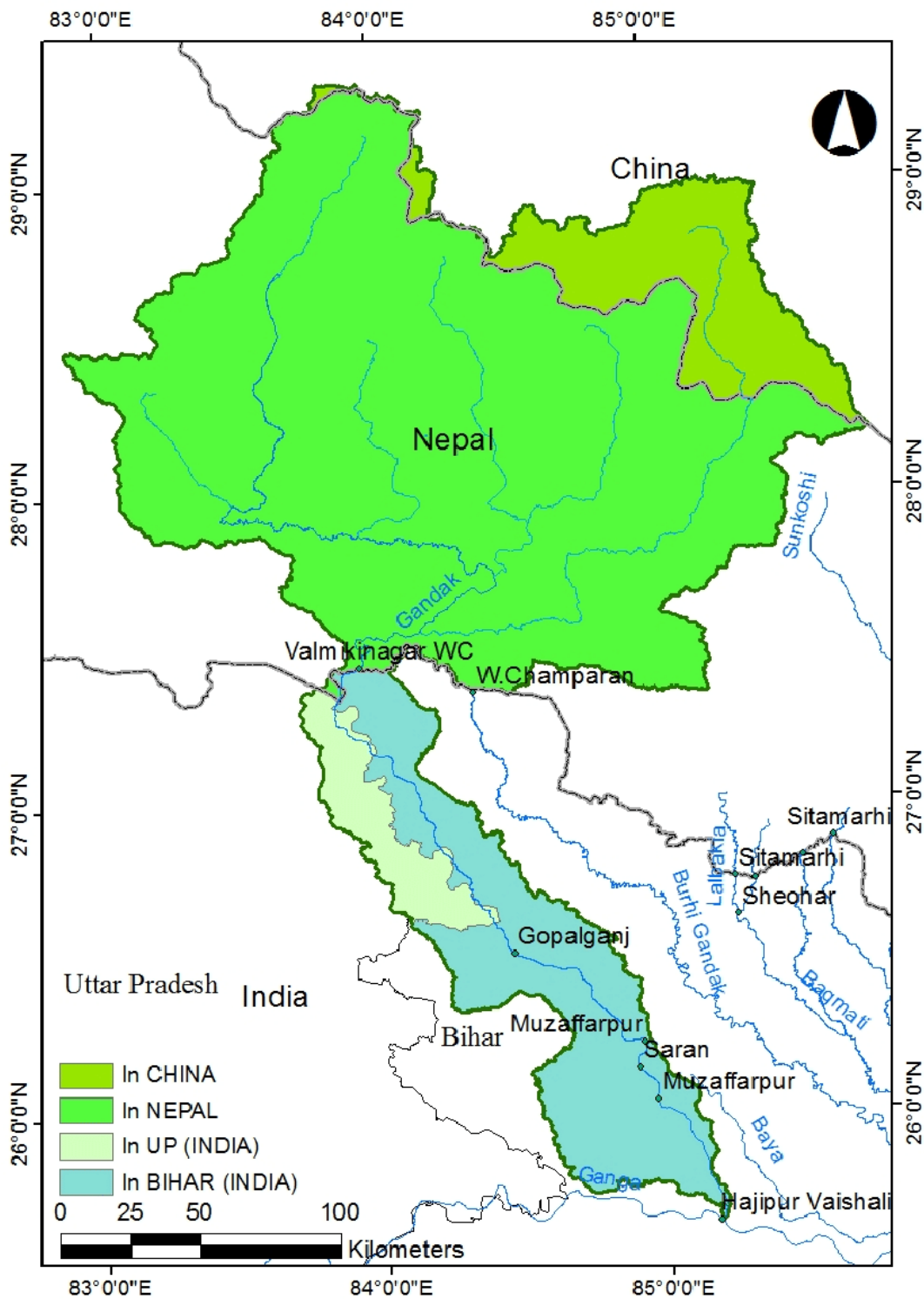
Key Points

- According to the sources, at least **12 bridges have collapsed across Bihar in the past 17 days**. No casualties have been reported yet.

River Gandak

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▪ **About:**

- The river Gandak, is also known as the **Gandaki and Narayani River in Nepal**. It is a significant river that flows through the **northern part of India and Nepal**.
- [Valmiki National Park and Tiger Reserve](#) in Bihar is located on the banks of this river.

▪ **Source:**

- The river Gandak originates at an altitude of 7620 m above main sea level in the **north of Dhaulagiri in Tibet near Nepal border**. Originating from the Himalayas, the river stretches over a length of 630 kilometers, with 445 kilometers running through India and 185 kilometers in Nepal.

▪ **Drainage Basin:**

- The Gandak River has a total drainage basin area of 29,705 square kilometers.
- The river **flows through the Indian states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh**, and joins

the **Ganges** near Patna just downstream of Hajipur.

▪ **Tributaries:**

- The major tributaries of the Gandak River include the Mayangadi, Bari, Trisuli, Panchand, Sarhad, Budhi Gandak.

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