



Gandak River

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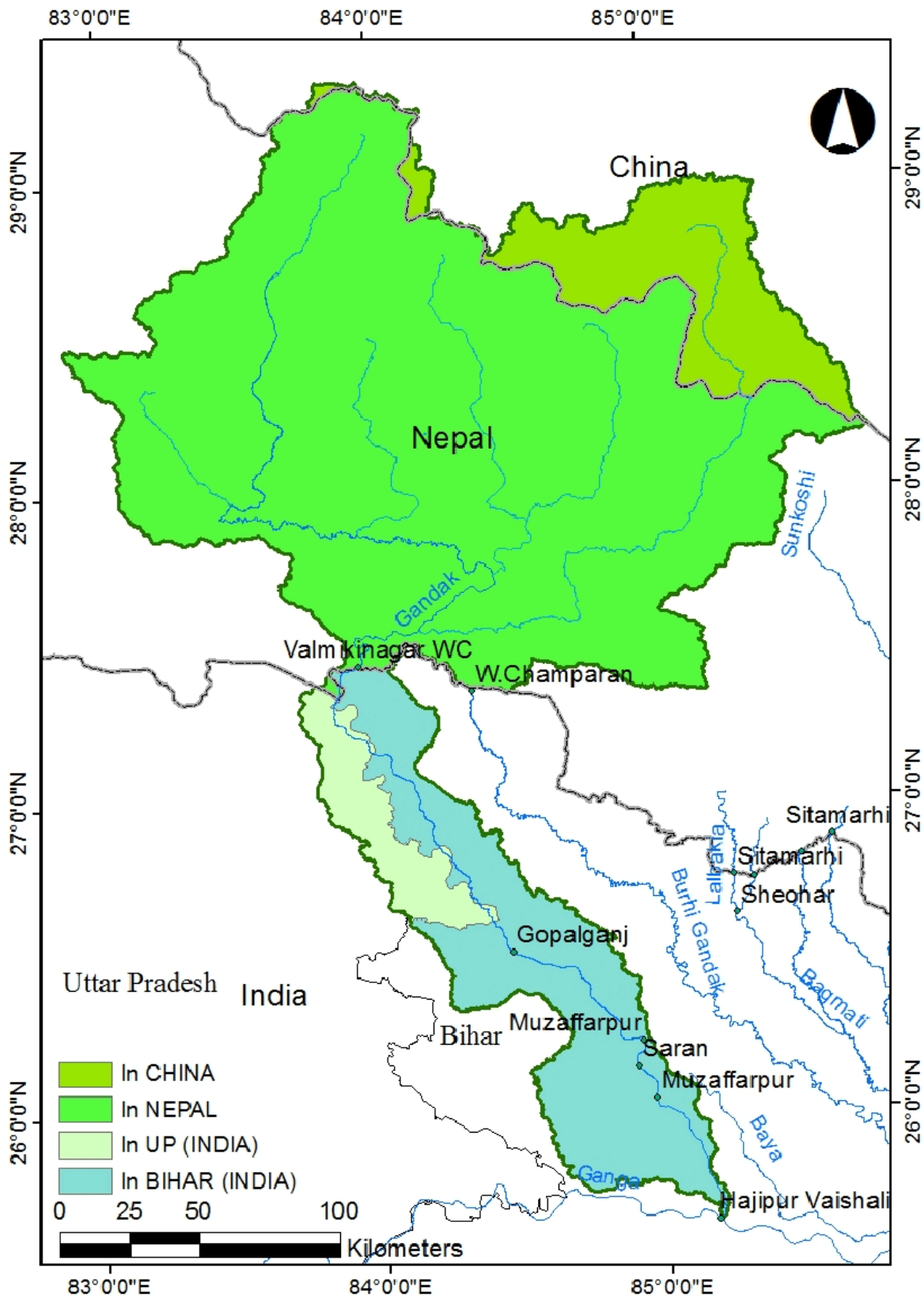
Recently, under [Namami Gange Program](#), the development of **river front** on **Gandak River** in the district of Gopalganj, Bihar has been undertaken and two Ghats have been constructed.

- River Gandak was declared as **National Waterway (NW)-37** from Bhaisalotan Barrage to Gandak and Ganga River confluence at Hajipur, Bihar along with **111 NWS in the country vide National Waterways Act, 2016**.

What are the Key Facts about River Gandak ?

- **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 Dhaulagisi 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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What is National Waterways Act-2016?

- The **National Waterways Act, 2016** is an act of the Indian parliament that was passed in March 2016. The act provides for the declaration of 111 waterways as National Waterways in India, including inland rivers, and [canals](#).
 - The act aims to promote the development of inland water transport and provide an alternative mode of transportation for goods and passengers.

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