



Jal Marg Vikas Project

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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.
- The Project is expected to be completed by **March, 2023**.

