



'Kalughat Inland Waterway Transport Terminal'



Why in news ?

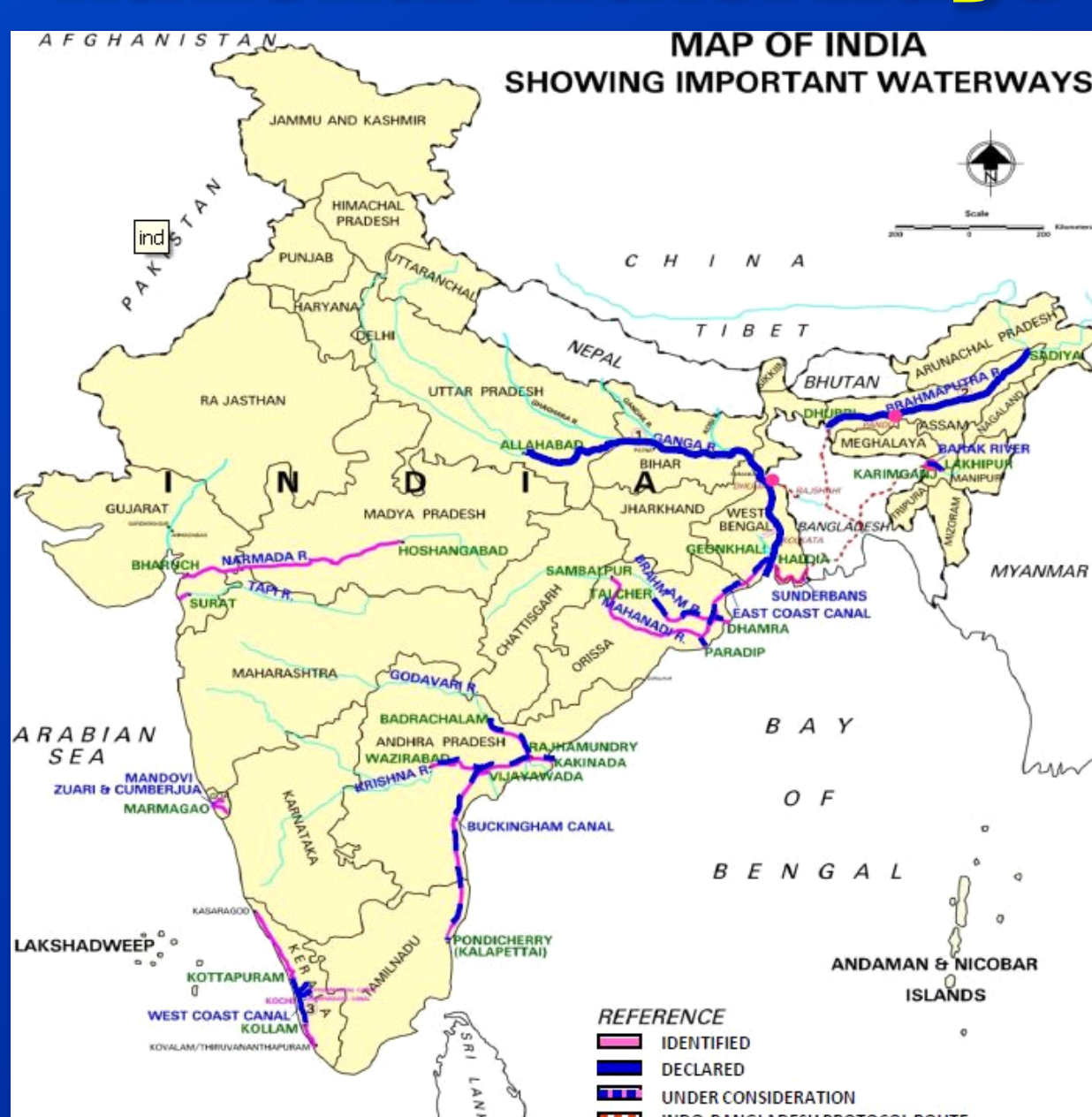
- Recently the newly constructed 'Kalughat Inland Waterway Transport Terminal' in Bihar was inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.
- 'Kalughat Inland Waterway Transport Terminal' will provide seamless connectivity to vessels from Haldia and Kolkata ports along National Waterway-1 (NW-1).

Key Points

- It will serve as an important link for cargo movement, especially for shipments bound for Nepal, in addition to the two community ghats in West Champaran.
- Strategically located on the northern bank of river Ganga, with direct access to National Highway-31, the IWT at Kalughat will facilitate movement of goods through Raxaul and the hinterland of North Bihar.
- Kalughat IWT MMT is one of the four Multimodal Terminals (MMT) developed on the National Waterway (NW) including Varanasi, Sahibganj and Haldia.



National Waterways



- As per the National Waterways Act, 2016, 111 waterways have been declared as National Waterways (Nws), including five existing NWs.