'Gangajal Supply Scheme' | Bihar | 28 Nov 2022

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On November 27, 2022, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched the ambitious **'Gangajal Supply Scheme'** in Rajgir.

Key Points

- This is the chief minister's unique vision of taking surplus water from river Ganga to water-stressed cities in south Bihar and using it as drinking water under a far-reaching campaign **'Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali'**. The ambitious **'Ganga Water Supply Scheme'** was approved in a special cabinet meeting held in Gaya in December 2019 under his chairmanship.
- Under the guidance of the Chief Minister, the Water Resources Department has worked with alacrity and completed such a big scheme in less than three years despite the challenges of the Corona period.
- Ganga water has been transported from Hathidah to Rajgir, Gaya, Bodh Gaya and Nawada through 11 powerful pumps. A detention centre has been set up in Rajgir.
- 151 km through Ganga water pipeline. After traveling it has reached the reservoirs of Rajgir, Gaya and Bodh Gaya, from where it will be purified and quench the thirst of millions of people daily in the form of pure drinking water.
- Under this scheme, Gangajal will be supplied as pure drinking water to about 8031 houses in 19 wards of Rajgir city, about 75000 houses in 53 wards of Gaya city and about 6000 houses in 19 wards of Bodh Gaya city. Under the scheme, the target is to supply 135 liters of pure water per person per day.
- Apart from this, water will also be supplied to the city's institutions, hospitals, hotels etc., so that pure water can be supplied to the large number of tourists and devotees coming to these cities. Ganga water will also be supplied to the animals and plants of Nature Safari kept in Rajgir Zoo Safari.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the Jarasandh Memorial would be built near the Jarasandh Akhara. This will enhance the knowledge of the tourists.

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