



# Duration of Organic Corridor Scheme extended in Bihar

## Why in News?

According to information received from the media on July 9, 2023, the period of the ongoing organic corridor scheme in 13 districts of Bihar has been extended. Now this scheme will run till 2025.

## Key Points:

- It is known that earlier the period of the organic corridor scheme was till 2022-23.
- Under the organic corridor scheme, a total of 20,000 acres in selected 13 districts of the state will be made fully organic areas as per the standard of the National Program on Organic Production (NPOP).
- It is known that biological corridors have been made in Patna, Buxar, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Samastipur, Khagaria, Begusarai, Lakhisarai, Bhagalpur, Munger, Katihar and Nalanda located on the banks of river Ganga. Biological corridors have been made an important component of water-life greenery.
- Organic farming will be promoted as a cluster. Under this, the health and quality of the soil will be protected by agricultural ecosystem management, free from harmful substances. Infrastructure will also be provided to the farmers.
- At present, organic farming is being done in 17507.363 acres in these districts. The Bihar State Biological Mission is monitoring it.
- Under this scheme, farmers will be given a grant of Rs 11500 per acre in the first year. Also, in the second and third years, a grant of Rs 6500-6500 per acre will be given.
- Common Facility Center will be constructed under this scheme. Isolation vans, refrigerated vans will be provided at a 75 percent subsidy. Marketing of organic products will also be done through the agency. This will enable farmers to get a fair price for their produce.
- An organic incentive scheme will be run in 38 districts of the state to produce poison-free food. Under this, the cost price of crops will be reduced and productivity will be increased. This will increase the income of farmers.
- Under this scheme, farmers will get subsidies for the construction of vermicompost, and commercial vermicompost units. For vermicompost, 50 percent of the cost or a maximum of Five thousand rupees per unit subsidy will be given.
- At the same time, a maximum grant of Rs 6.40 lakh will be given for commercial vermicompost manufacturing. The amount will be paid in three instalments to the beneficiaries of commercial vermicompost.