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360° SPECIAL — One Issue. Every Angle. Complete Clarity.

Karnataka's Reservation Crisis: The challenge to not breach the limit of 50%

Context:

- ★ The Karnataka government is launching one of its largest public recruitment drives in recent years, aiming to fill 56,432 vacant posts
- ★ However, the drive comes bundled with a major, controversial overhaul of the **state's internal reservation matrix** to clear a backlog of legal hurdles

SC & ST reservation Quota of 2022:

- In **2022**, the Karnataka state government had enhanced reservations for Scheduled Castes (**SCs**) from 15% to **17%** & Scheduled Tribes (**STs**) from 3% to **7%**
- This was done through the ***Karnataka Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or Posts in the Services under the State) Act, 2022***
- The reasons given for the increased reservation were based on:
 - increased population
 - backwardness
 - inadequate representation in government employment & education
- The **OBCs' 32% reservation** quota in Karnataka was unchanged

The 50% Cap Dilemma: Why the Quota Changed?

- ★ However, the quota increased for SC & ST in 2022 **breached the 50% limit mandated by the Supreme Court in the 1992 Indra Sawhney case**
- ★ To bypass these legal challenges, the government has used executive decisions to **roll back the percentages to their original limits**
- ★ Hence, the present status is that the government has now reversed the quota to **15%** from 17% & **3%** from 7% to SCs & STs respectively, **bringing the overall quota back to the earlier 50%**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA - RESERVATION POLICY UPDATE			
 KARNATAKA STATE RESERVATION QUOTA REVISIONS (2022 vs. New) 			
Category	2022 Enhanced Quota	New Reverted Quota	Status
 Scheduled Castes (SCs)	17%	15%	Reverted to original
 Scheduled Tribes (STs)	7%	3%	Reverted to original
 Other Backward Classes (OBCs)	32%	32%	Unchanged
 Total Reservation	56%	50%	Within Legal Cap

The Scheduled Tribes Backlash: Shrinking Opportunities

- The reduction of the ST quota from 7% back to 3% has sparked deep anxiety among tribal youth regarding shrunk employment opportunities.
- *The Population Mismatch:* The State government fixed the **3% reservation quota back in 1958** for STs based on their population which was less than 1%. Today the ST list has grown from **6 tribes in 1950 to 51 tribes** (including the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) making up over **7% of the state's population**. This increase in number of tribes & ST population was due to the
 1. **removal of geographical restrictions in 1976:** ST population increase started after the **Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976**, by which geographical limitations attached to the castes/ tribes were removed, resulting in extraordinary increase of ST population
 2. **inclusion of new groups by the Central government** like the dominant Nayakas/Valmikis/Bedas during post 1991
- *Proportional Representation Deficit:* Critics point out that while political seats (2 Parliamentary, 15 Assembly) are reserved in proportion to their 7%+ population, job & education reservations have now been dragged backward.
- Also, in **2015, the Karnataka High Court** directed the State government to consider increase of reservation for STs

Numbers in Karnataka

■ Original ST list
6 communities

■ Current ST list
51 communities

■ Earlier estimated population
of STs **0.8 %**

■ Current estimated population
over 7 %

Reasons for increased ST population

- Centre removing geographical restriction for drawing 1e ST list in 1976
- Subsequent adding of synonymous names of tribes bringing more population into fold
- Inclusion of Nayakas/ Valmikis/ Bedas in 1991 brought big jump in population

Supreme Court on internal reservation:

- **Supreme Court delivered a verdict on August 1, 2024** in the *State of Punjab v. Davinder Singh* case authorising state governments to provide internal reservation after reclassifying sub-castes through a survey to ensure social justice for all
- It has set the criteria for internal reservation as
 - educational backwardness
 - under-representation in government jobs
 - social backwardness

Scheduled Caste Sub-Classification: A Tangled Knot

- ❖ After the Supreme court verdict, the Karnataka state government appointed **H.N. Nagmohan Das Commission** to recommend on internal reservation for SCs with the 17% matrix (increased from 15% in 2022)
- ❖ However, now Karnataka state government has reversed the decision to give internal reservation within 15%
- ❖ While the overall reduction of the SC quota to 15% has faced minimal resistance, **internal sub-classification among the 101 SC communities** remains highly contested
- ❖ **The New Matrix:** Karnataka introduced a new sub- classification model among SCs under '*The Karnataka Scheduled Castes (Sub-classification) Act, 2025*' & it has also received the Governor's assent.

BREAK UP: The Revised SC Quota Matrix (15% Total)

- **Category 1 (5.25%):** Dalit Left factions (Edagai), primarily consisting of Madiga and Adi Jambava allied castes.
- **Category 2 (5.25%):** Dalit Right factions (Balagai), primarily of Holey and Adi Karnataka Allied castes.
- **Category 3 (4.5%):** Other SC communities, including Bhovi, Lambani, Koracha, Korama, and 59 nomadic (Alemari) groups.
 - Within Category 3, 20% of the posts are specifically reserved for 59 nomadic and semi-nomadic communities

❖ *The Conflict:* 49 nomadic tribes & 10 microscopic SC communities (total 59) are threatening legal action. Despite **Nagmohan Das Commission** recommending a separate category for these 59 vulnerable castes, the government clubbed them into "**Category 3**" alongside relatively more advanced & dominant communities like the **Banjara, Korama, Koracha, & Bhovi**

H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission on SC internal reservation:

- It was a **one-man commission** headed by retired judge **H.N. Nagamohan Das**
- Appointed by the Karnataka government on **November 12, 2024** to study & recommend measures for internal reservation within the Scheduled Caste (SC) quota
- **Interim report:** Commission submitted an interim report on March 27, 2025 recommending a fresh survey due to the lack of existing data
 - The Cabinet approved this interim recommendation & a **statewide survey was conducted between May 5 & July 6** covering ~27.24 lakh families & ~1.16 SC population in Karnataka
- It relied on 2011 census data & made recommendations based on the 17% reservation matrix (given in 2022) among 101 scheduled caste
- **Final report:** It submitted its comprehensive **1,766-page report** to the government on **August 4, 2025** with **six recommendations**. It sliced 17% SC population into **5 categories**
 - a. **Category A – 4%** quota for Lambanis, Koramas, Korachas, & Bhovis

- (touchable communities)
- b. **Category B – 6%** reservation for the Dalit left
- c. **Category C – 5%** for the Dalit right
- d. **Category D – 1%** to more than 40 nomadic tribes classified as micro communities
- e. **Category E – 1%** for Adi Karnataka (AK), Adi Dravida (AD) & Adi Andhra (AA) communities
- However the Karnataka state government has not implemented the quota matrix as it was given by the commission as the government brought a new quota matrix for 15%

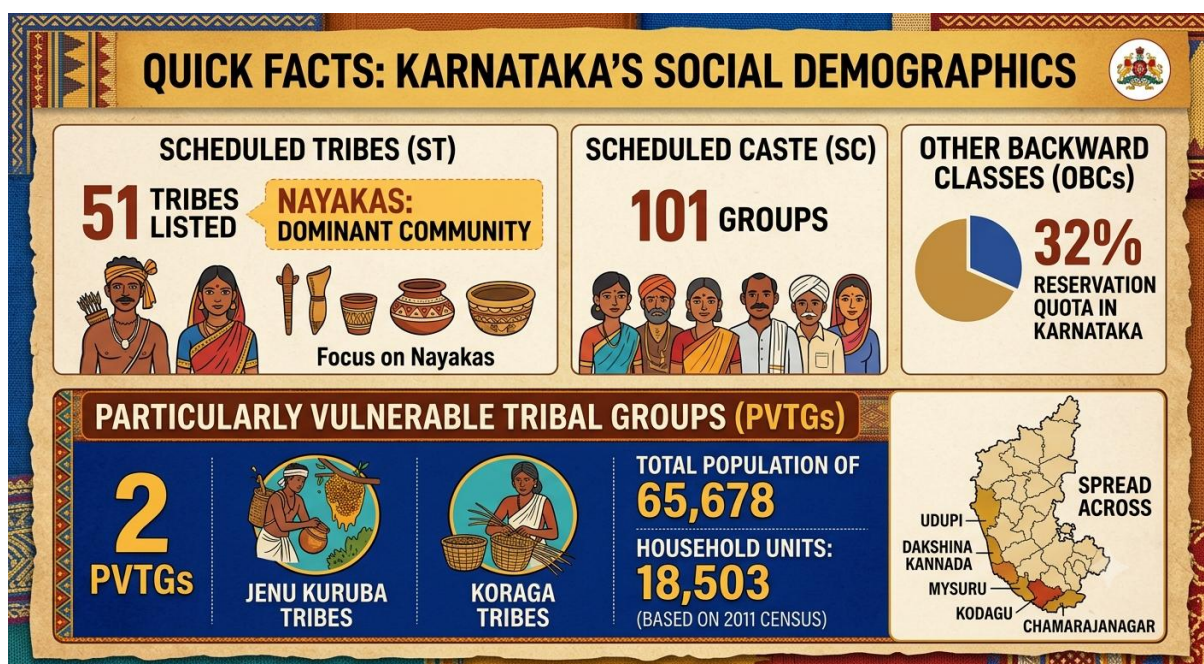
Note:

- H.N. Nagmohan Das Commission is the second attempt at resolving the internal reservation issue in Karnataka
- **A.J. Sadashiva Commission, which was constituted in 2005 and submitted its report in 2012** & relied more on statistics from the 2011 census. But it was not implemented.

Way forward: The Legal Catch:

- States like Tamil Nadu have been able to breach the limit by bringing their reservation matrix under the **Ninth Schedule**
- Legal Experts note that to safely breach the 50% cap (similar to Tamil Nadu's 69% quota), **Karnataka's 2022 law must be included in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution**
 - But this power rests solely with the **Central government**
- Karnataka government has already submitted its demand to Union government to sought the inclusion of enhanced reservation under the 9th Schedule

Fact Focus:



e-Swathu & SVAMITVA Integration

Why is in News?

- **Karnataka Revenue Department** is planning to integrate Karnataka government's **e-Swathu** with the **Centre's SVAMITVA Yojana** to streamline rural property records

Highlights of the initiative:

- Initiative by : **Karnataka Revenue Department**
- Aim: To **bring all rural property-related information onto a single platform**, including sketches & geo-site images features that are currently not available in e-Swathu
- This would help digitally map roads, drains & open spaces in villages, making it **easier to identify encroachments on public spaces** & bring all village property-related details under one system
- The state government is looking to go beyond the Centre's basic objective of loan facilitation under the Svamitva.
- As part of **Phase I** of the amalgamation, the government plans to **conduct first-time surveys of unsurveyed gramathana areas** & create official digital records for such village settlements
- The goal is to **transform the Svamitva into a broader land modernisation initiative**, not limited to property loans alone, but focused on creating
 - reliable records
 - GIS-based decision-making
 - long-term benefits for rural governance

Why the Integration is Crucial (The Data Gap):

- A pilot study conducted across 10 villages highlighted a **massive gap between drone survey data under Svamitva scheme & Karnataka government's official land records**
- Thousands of properties surveyed using drones are still to be brought under government records.
- Out of the total properties mapped via drone (Svamitva) **only 45% had updated digital records digital record status (PID Khata in e-Swathu system)**
 - 27% were still stuck on old manual paper records
 - 28% had no official record at all
- The Reality: 3 out of every 10 properties surveyed by drones through the Svamitva exercise remain completely outside official records despite being mapped
- This mismatch is due to the expansion of Gram Panchayat Habitation areas much beyond old official boundaries (**Gramathana area**)
- Svamitva database has been created for 11.40 lakh properties across the State. Of these, over 2.80 lakh properties are located within gramathana areas, while **more than 8.60 lakh are outside gramathana limits**

Key Benefits:

- **Automated Updates:** Property records will update seamlessly across departments.
- **Tax Efficiency:** Gram Panchayats can easily identify unrecorded houses to improve local property tax collections.

- **Security:** A unified database significantly simplifies citizen services while cutting down on fake property cards & illegal document duplications

SVAMITVA Yojana - Survey of Villages & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas:

- It is a **Central Sector Scheme** launched on **April 24, 2020, on National Panchayati Raj Day**
- Nodal Ministry: **Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj**
- It provides a '**Record of Rights**' to **village household owners** & **issues legal ownership cards** to property owners by mapping land parcels using **drone technology**.
 - Agricultural lands are not covered under this scheme.
 - Property cards are generated & distributed, allowing owners to view them digitally via DigiLocker.
- Technology Partner: **Survey of India (SoI) handles drone-based mapping** & Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) networks to establish highly accurate ground control points
- State Level: Collaborates with State Revenue Departments and State Panchayati Raj Departments.

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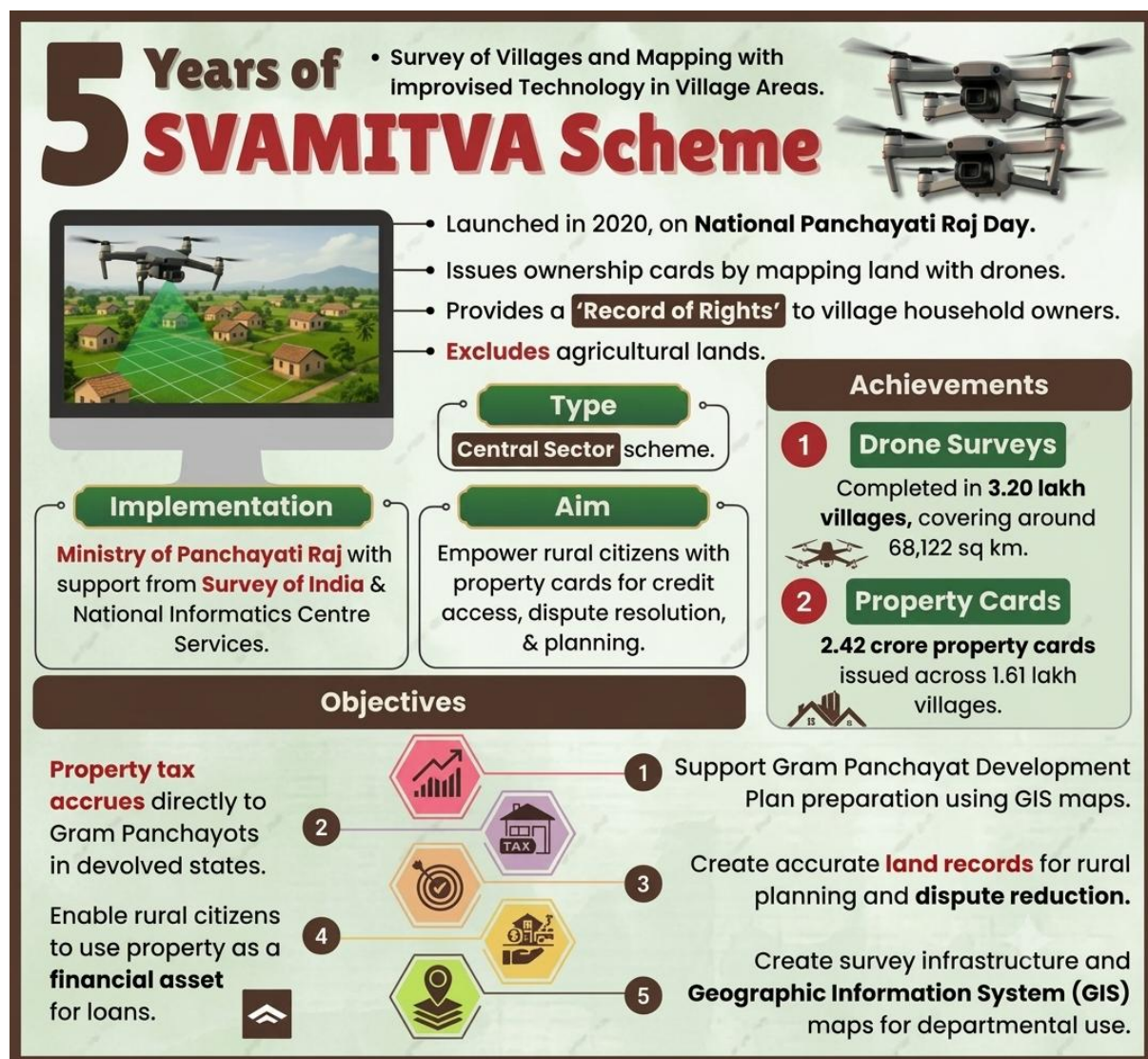
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E-Swathu portal:

- It is an **online property portal** launched by the Karnataka **Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department (RDPR)** in **2021**
- It is the **centralised digitally verified rural property records system** to **provide property ownership details** & ease the process of **property taxation** in rural areas of the State
- The **National Informatics Centre in Karnataka** manages the platform while the Karnataka RDPR department governs it.
- **Primary Aim:** To provide an easy solution to the residents to **access property-related documents** & reduce the chances of property scams and document forgeries.

Other roles:

- It helps the residents to **access Form-9 & Form-11** for taxation, registration, sale & purchase of properties
- **Streamline & digitise works** by enabling property data to be shared with relevant stakeholders such as gram panchayat, courts, banks, town planning officers & other government departments reducing the need for property owners to carry physical documents across offices.

- **Records changes in ownership** arising from sale, inheritance, gift or court orders
- Regulates the registration of unauthorised plots

Note:

- **e-Swathu & Bhoomi portals** are two different portals serving different purposes.
- **e-Swathu covers non-agricultural properties** within Gram Panchayat boundaries, such as residential plots, houses, and buildings.
- **Bhoomi RTC covers agricultural land records** (RTC — Record of Rights, Tenancy & Crops)

E-Swathu 2.0:

- E-Swathu 2.0 is the **upgraded digital platform launched by the Karnataka state Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department on December 1, 2025**
- Aim: **Managing rural property records & Panchayat Khata services**
 - Provide **convenience to property owners in rural areas** to get their documents without a hitch
- This new version supports **Aadhaar-based verification**, simple online applications, and better tracking of approvals.
- It allows property owners to
 - Download **Form 9** (property record) & **Form 11B** (building details)
 - Apply for **e-Khata** or **Khata transfer** (Panchayat Layout)
 - Check **property ID & tax details**
 - Track application status online
- The system **reduces paperwork, improves transparency**, and speeds up approvals in Gram Panchayat areas.
- Digital e-khata certificates (Forms 11A & 11B) will be issued through online and through Bapuji Centres **within 15 days of receiving the application**

What E-Swathu 2.0 consists?

- It records details of rural properties, including:
 - Ownership
 - Plot boundaries
 - Tax status
 - Form 9 and Form 11B
 - Non-agricultural (NA) property information
 - Property ID for Gram Panchayat areas
- Citizens can now use the platform for e-Khata services, online corrections, document downloads, and application tracking.

Why Was E-Swathu 2.0 Introduced?

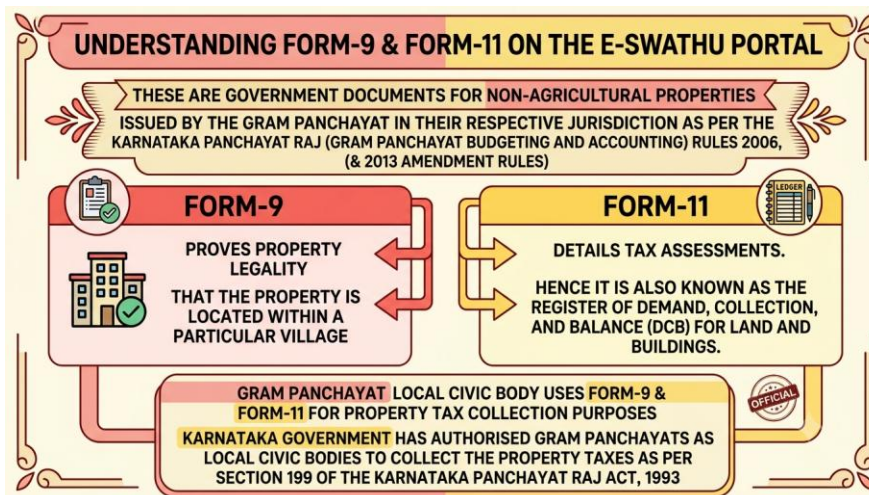
- The State rolled out this updated system to:
 - Reduce manual errors
 - Stop duplicate property records
 - Make village property data transparent
 - Support online approvals by Panchayat officials
 - Speed up Form 9 and Form 11B issuance

What is Form-9 & Form-11 on the E-Swathu portal:

- These are **government documents for non-agricultural properties** issued by the Gram Panchayat in their respective jurisdiction as per the **Karnataka Panchayat Raj (Gram Panchayat Budgeting and Accounting) Rules 2006, (& 2013 Amendment Rules)**
- **Form-9 proves property legality** that the property is located within a particular village
- **Form-11 details tax assessments.** Hence it is also known as the Register of Demand, Collection, and Balance (DCB) for land and buildings.
- Gram Panchayat local civic body uses Form-9 & Form-11 for **property tax collection purposes**
- Karnataka government has authorised Gram Panchayats as local civic bodies to collect the property taxes as per Section 199 of the **Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act, 1993**

What is Form-9 & Form-11 on the E-Swathu portal:

- A **Panchayat Khata is a property record** maintained by the Gram Panchayat.
- Unlike BBMP or municipal Khatas, the Panchayat Khata is used mainly in **village areas, gramathana layouts, converted lands, and rural sites**



POLITY & GOVERNANCE:

108 Arogya Kavacha Centralised Command & Control Centre

Why is in News?

- For the **first time in the entire country**, Karnataka has launched the state of the art '**108 Arogya Kavacha Centralised Command & Control Centre (CCC)**' for health services on May 25 in **Bengaluru**

Highlights of the initiative:

- With the launch of '108 Arogya Kavacha Centralised CCC', Karnataka has become the **first State in India to establish a fully government-owned centralised command & control system**
- It is a **dedicated centralised platform for emergency ambulance services** to ensure seamless operation & maintenance of emergency ambulance services across the state
- Location of the centre : **Basaveshwaranagar** in Bengaluru
- **Slogan:** '*One call to us, emergency service to you*'
- **First announced:** **Karnataka State Budget for 2025-26**
- **Developed on:** **C-DAC NG-ERSS V2.0 platform** (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing Next Generation Emergency Response Support System Version 2.0)
- **Includes:** equipped with the Global Positioning System (GPS) details of health facilities and ambulances
 - Also a **50-seat call management facility** connected through Karnataka State Data Centre (KSDC), Karnataka State Wide Area Network (KSWAN), LAN infrastructure
- Major transition in Karnataka's emergency healthcare management system with **faster, reliable emergency care**
- Pilot: The system was **initially implemented on a pilot basis in Chamarajanagar**

Core Objectives & Transition:



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- **Goal:** Strengthen emergency medical response services through a **unified, technology-driven platform** integrating ambulances dispatch, emergency helplines & healthcare coordination
- **Major shift: Arogya Kavacha free 108 service** (covering all 31 districts) **launched in 2008** through PPP, will now **completely exit private management**
 - The government will gradually take over full operations over the next 3 to 4 months.
- **Why the Shift?** : Moving away from private management aims to **improve public accountability & oversight**

High-Tech Features & Integrated Systems:

- **Smart Dispatching:** Automatic caller location detection & intelligent allocation of the nearest available ambulance with Estimated Time of Arrival (ETAs) calculation
- **Live Tracking:** integrates public emergency platforms through real-time coordination with GPS-enabled ambulance tracking & automated SMS alerts sent directly to patients & callers
- **Digital Medical Records:** digital patient care data is recorded via Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) installed inside the ambulances
- **Hospital Pre-Alerts notification:** Notifying hospitals of incoming critical patients before arrival to maximize the "golden hour" (the critical first hour where timely treatment saves nearly 80% of trauma, cardiac, and obstetric patients).

One-Stop Helpline Integration

- ❖ The new Command & Control Centre merges **108 Ambulance & 104 Arogya Sahayavani services** under a single platform while linking directly with:
 - **112** (Emergency Response Support)
 - **181** (Women's Helpline)
 - **1098** (Child Helpline)
 - **TeleManas** (Mental Health Support) & **eSanjeevani** (Telemedicine)

Future Expansion Plans:

Upcoming phases for the network:

- **Fleet Inclusion:** Incorporating **State-sector ambulances** & the "**Nagu Magu**" **fleet** (used specifically for transporting mothers & newborns post-delivery).
- **Connected Ambulances:** **Introducing IoT & biotelemetry systems** to transmit live patient vitals (ECG, blood pressure, oxygen saturation, & heart rate) directly to emergency room doctors in real time while the ambulance is en route

108 Arogya Kavacha service:

- It is **Karnataka's free emergency ambulance network launched in August 2008** under a **public-private partnership model** and was being operated by **GVK EMRI (Emergency Management and Research Institute)**
 - GVK EMRI is India's largest not-for-profit emergency service provider, operating under a PPP model
- The service functions round the clock **across all 31 districts**

& caters to medical, trauma, & obstetric emergencies

CDAC NG-ERSS V2.0:

- Full form: **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing Next Generation Emergency Response Support System Version 2.0**
- NG-ERSS V2.0 is an advanced digital platform developed by the **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)**
 - C-DAC is a premier research & development Society operating under the **Union Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology**
- It serves as the technological backbone for India's unified "Dial 112" emergency helpline initiative
- The platform is designed to **digitize, centralize, and accelerate response times for all distress situations** — including police, fire, & medical

Grievance Redressal System for Gig Workers

Why is in News?

- Karnataka Government has officially announced the operationalisation of a specialized, **first-of-its-kind digital grievance redressal mechanism for platform-based gig workers** on May 1, 2026 (International Workers' Day).

Digital Grievance Redressal System for Gig Workers:

- It will be **India's First government-backed grievance System** handling mechanism for gig workers.
- Collaborative Development: The system was developed by the **Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers' Board** in collaboration with the **Department of e-Governance**
- Legal Foundation: This initiative forms a crucial part of **The Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2025** (notified in September 2025), with its enabling Rules notified in March 2026.
- It creates a formal **bridge between the lakhs of gig workers in Karnataka & the technology aggregators** they serve

How does the system work?

- **Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (IPGRS) portal:** Workers can officially lodge complaints including regarding pay, working conditions, & platform-specific disputes, through the **IPGRS portal**
 - IPGRS is the Karnataka State govt's centralised digital platform for addressing citizen grievances related to government schemes

- **Internal Dispute Committees (IDRC):** Under the **Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers (Social Security & Welfare) Act & Rules**, every aggregator platform must constitute an IDRC
- **Automated Routing:** Grievances filed on the IPGRS will be automatically routed to the respective platform's IDRC.
- **Strict Resolution Timelines:** Upon receiving a complaint, the IDRC is expected to attempt resolution **within 15 working days, & is allowed up to 45 days to issue a final order**
- **Escalation Path:** Any party aggrieved by the final decision can escalate the matter to the **Karnataka Gig Workers Welfare Board within 30 days**
- **Government's Role:** The **state acts as a central facilitator**, monitoring the entire flow of communication to ensure transparency and accountability.

What concerns can a gig worker raise?

- Gig workers can raise complaints related to suspension, blocking, or deactivation of accounts, termination from the platform, reduction or withholding of payments, unfair penalties, discrimination, unsafe working conditions, or other violations of rights guaranteed under the Act

What gap does it address?

- **Structural Accountability:** While many aggregator platforms have internal grievance redressal, they exist outside any formal dispute resolution framework & frequently ignore worker issues. This portal creates a government-monitored legal recourse for an informal workforce
- **Preventing Arbitrary Action:** The system is expected to bring transparency & legal recourse against sudden, arbitrary terminations or account deactivation of gig workers by tech platforms

Why is the mechanism being implemented now?

- **Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers (Social Security & Welfare) Act, 2025** was officially notified in September 2025
- In March 2026, **Karnataka became the first Indian State to notify the Rules to enact the law for gig workers**
- The grievance-redressal mechanism for gig workers in the State forms a crucial part of the Act

What are the other key developments related to the Act?

- In January 2026, the **Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers Welfare Development Board was constituted to implement welfare measures**
- Platforms have been mandated to furnish details of both the company and their gig workers — including name, age, phone number, Aadhaar number, UAN, and bank account details — to the Board. This data will be integrated into the Board's portal.
- So far, ~ 12 platforms/aggregators have provided details of 12 lakh active gig workers in the State.
- This is expected to be sorted once the government comes up with unique IDs for each worker.
- **The 1% Welfare Contribution:** Aggregator platforms are legally mandated to pay a 1% welfare fee on every transaction. This collection begins for the second quarter starting July 5.

- The fee will go to the **Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers' Fund** to provide social security & welfare benefits to platform-based gig workers in the State

Scientific Structuring:

- The board is working with experts from IISc, King's College, & Bristol University to scientifically structure the welfare scheme to include life insurance, accidental benefit, disability benefit, medical benefit, maternity benefit, and old-age protection, **based on labor effort, time period, & nature of work**

National AI & Digital Water Summit 2026

Why is in News?

- Recently, the **National Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Digital Water Summit 2026** was held in **Bengaluru on May 27**

National AI & Digital Water Summit 2026:

- Event: **India's first & the largest National AI & Digital Water Summit**
- Organizer: Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board (BWSSB)
- Core Focus: Using **AI & digital technologies** for predictive governance, accountability, & managing **urban water challenges** (climate change, rapid urbanization, groundwater depletion & infrastructure stress)

Key Takeaways & Leadership Insights

1. **Karnataka's Strategic Vision:** Positioning Karnataka as a national leader in AI-driven urban water governance to tackle infrastructure stress & climate challenges
 - Integration of technology with institutional frameworks, government mechanisms, and human cooperation
2. **BWSSB's AI Impact & Scale**
 - Population Served: Over **14 million citizens**
 - Leakage Reduction: It has reduced the **Non-Revenue Water** (leakage) from over 50% to ~26.5%, saving ~200 million liters of water daily
 - **Cost Savings:** AI-driven energy optimization identified ~₹42 crore in avoidable annual electricity expenses across pumping systems
 - Operational Shift: Moving from reactive operations to intelligent utility management and predictive governance

International Collaboration:

- Summit highlighted **Israel's success in recycling 90% of its wastewater & minimizing leakages** using AI and smart grids.
- Partnership: **Israel expressed readiness to share its water technology & expertise** with Karnataka and the BWSSB

<i>BWSSB among world's top 5 water utilities:</i>
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- BWSSB has been recognised as **one of the top five water utilities** at the **Global Water Summit 2026** being held in **Madrid, Spain**
- BWSSB's **Cauvery Stage-V Drinking Water Project** placed among the Top 5 global projects in the '**Water Project of the Year**' category
 - Cauvery Stage-V Project is implemented to address the Bengaluru's rising water demand

Kartavya-KAAMS Attendance App

Why is in News?

- Karnataka state government has launched the '**Karnataka Advanced Attendance Management System**' (**Kartavya-KAAMS**) mobile Application

Kartavya-KAAMS App:

- App: Karnataka Advanced Attendance Management System (**Kartavya-KAAMS**)
- **Purpose: To modernize attendance management** by identifying & monitoring the attendance of permanent teaching & non-teaching staff & officers
- **Launched by: Department of School Education & Literacy (DSEL)**
- **Developed by : Centre for e-Governance (CeG) & Karnataka AI Cell** under **Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms** (e-Governance)
- **Technology:** It combines Aadhaar-based **e-KYC**, Artificial Intelligence (**AI**) **powered facial recognition** with liveness detection & Geographic Information System (**GIS**) based geofencing
- **Announced: Karnataka State Budget 2025-26**
- **Mandate:** It is **mandatory for teaching & non-teaching staff to register attendance twice a day** on the app from the place where they are on duty
- **Effective from :** Tracking begins from **2026-27 academic year**
- It has linkage with the state's **Human Resource Management System (HRMS)** to verify attendance & physical presence at workplaces
- Employees can also access attendance, leave and On Other Duty (OOD) features through Android and iOS applications

How It Works & Key Features

- **Registration:** Government employees download the app & register using their KGID number linked to the HRMS portal.
- **Secure Verification:** Facial recognition & GIS technology confirm identity & location, eliminating opportunities for attendance irregularities or unauthorized corrections.
 - Employees mark attendance by taking a selfie within a 100-metre radius of their designated workplace, enabling real-time, location-verified attendance
- **Data Integration:** Attendance data populates directly onto a departmental dashboard, sending swift reports to higher authorities
- **Administrative Use Cases:** Competent authorities will utilize the generated data for performance analysis, staff assignments, rationalization, and salary processing.

Purpose & Administrative Need

- **Inefficient Existing Systems:** The department's previous decentralized or physical tracking methods lacked administrative efficiency and consistency.
 - **Large Workforce Scale:** As the State government's largest department, DSEL requires a streamlined solution to manage its massive volume of permanent school teachers and office staff.
 - **Tracking Diverse Work locations:** Beyond regular schools, the app will monitor staff attendance at various state, district, & block-level training centers, as well as district SSLC exam answer-sheet evaluation centers
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NIMHANS' Project SURAKSHA

Why is in News?

- Recently, the NIMHANS has announced the expansion of **Project SURAKSHA** across all **5 taluks of the Bengaluru South district**

Expansion of the Project SURAKSHA

- **Collaboration:** It was announced by the NIMHANS Suicide Prevention, Research, Implementation Training and Engagement Centre (N-SPRITE) in collaboration with the **Karnataka government** and Himalaya Wellness Company
- **Why this expansion?:** Following a encouraging results from **successful three-year pilot in Channapatna taluk**, the NIMHANS decided to expand Project SURAKSHA across all 5 taluks of the Bengaluru South district

Project SURAKSHA:

- Full form: ***SURveillance system to trAck suicide and Self-HArm***
- Launched in **2023** by **National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)** in collaboration with the Karnataka government and Himalaya Wellness Company
- **India's first sustained community based suicide prevention initiative**
- It was developed in line with the **National Suicide Prevention Strategy, 2022**, & the World Health Organisation's **LIVE LIFE framework**
- First launched as a pilot programme in **Channapatna taluk of Ramanagaram district**
- It trains Medical & paramedical staff at the primary health centres (PHCs) to identify people with suicidal tendencies so that they could be counselled

Future Reach:

- The Karnataka State government has also approved the **first phase of implementation in Ballari district**, one of the districts reporting high numbers of suicides
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Health Emergency Operations Centre

Why is in News?

- **Karnataka's Health Department** launched a **state-of-the-art Health Emergency Operations Centre (HEOC)** at Arogya Soudha in Bengaluru on May

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State-of-the-art 'Health Emergency Operations Centre':

- **Purpose: Act as a centralised command & control facility** to strengthen preparedness & response to public health emergencies & disasters
- Established in line with WHO guidelines under Union government's **Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)**
- **Operation:** It will **operate round the clock through an integrated, technology-driven framework** aimed at shifting emergency management from a reactive approach to a **pro-active & preparedness-based system**
- **Karnataka is among the first major States in India** to operationalise such an advanced public health facility.
- **Features:** The facility is equipped with a central operations room, high-resolution video wall, video conferencing systems, emergency call handling systems, data servers, networking infrastructure, & real-time dashboards for monitoring & response coordination.
- **Need:** The initiative has been brought following the lessons learnt during COVID-19 pandemic, which exposed gaps in coordination, real-time surveillance and rapid response systems

Functions of HEOC:

- **Act as a centralised command & control facility** for surveillance, coordination, resource deployment & decision-making during health emergencies like fire accidents & other disasters
- Ensure timely decision-making, efficient utilisation of resources, & dissemination of accurate information during emergencies.
- Apart from the Health Department, it will also **coordinate with multiple agencies**, including **Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), State Disaster Management Authority**, Revenue Department, police, fire & emergency services, district administrations & other departments during a crisis

"Nanna e-Khata, Nanna Hakku" campaign

Why is in News?

- The **Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA)** has launched a new civic initiative called **"Nanna e-Khata, Nanna Hakku"** (**My e-Khata, My Right**)

Highlights of the campaign:

- **Purpose:** The campaign aims to **streamline property documentation**, eliminate middlemen, & resolve long-standing khata grievances.

- 2 important services offered: promoting both issuance of e-Khatas and the conversion of B-Khata to A-Khata.
 1. **e-Khata Issuance:** Transitioning traditional paper khatas to digital formats.
 2. **B-Khata to A-Khata Conversion:** Upgrading properties from B-Khata (indicative of tax payment but missing certain legal approvals) to A-Khata (fully legal, clear titles).
 - **General Grievances:** Handling property mutations, data corrections, & missing **electronic Property Identification (ePID)** numbers
 - **Timing:** Open houses will function **every Saturday** across Bengaluru city.
 - **Locations:** Set up at **52 different locations** covering **all 5 city corporations**
 - **100-Day Window:** This concession is temporary & applies strictly for **100 days starting May 16 through August 23**
 - **Capacity:** Each centre targets handling at least 100 pre-screened citizens per day, aiming for nearly 5,000 resolutions city-wide every Saturday.
 - **Future Plans:** **GBA-Government Seva Kendras (GSK) will be set up at 10 locations** across the city to eventually introduce a doorstep khata delivery system
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Karnataka: maternal & child health

Why is in News?

- The **National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6)** fact sheets were released by the **Union Health Ministry** on May 29, 2026

NFHS-6 survey findings related to Karnataka:

- Karnataka has registered **improvements across several key maternal & child health indicators** over the past 5 years, with
 - higher antenatal care coverage
 - institutional deliveries
 - skilled birth attendance
 - immunisation rates
- Karnataka records **near-universal institutional deliveries**, with **98.7%** of births taking place in health facilities, up from **NFHS-5 (2019-21)**
- Deliveries attended by **skilled health personnel** increased from earlier

Maternal health indicators:

- **Maternal healthcare coverage:** Improvement in
 - proportion of women receiving **antenatal care**
 - proportion of mothers receiving **antenatal check-ups**
 - **Maternal nutrition** indicators
 - percentage of pregnant women who consumed **iron & folic acid tablets**
 - proportion of consuming **supplements**
- **C-sections rise:** Considerable rise in Caesarean section deliveries
 - 45.7% of births were delivered through Caesarean section, up from 31.5% in NFHS-5

- The rate was considerably **higher in urban areas** compared with rural areas
- C-sections deliveries were more in private hospitals, compared to public health facilities

At a glance

Indicator	NFHS-5 (%)	NFHS-6 (%)
■ Institutional deliveries	97.0	98.7
■ Skilled birth attendance	93.8	96.6
■ First-trimester antenatal care (ANC*)	71.0	82.4
■ Four or more ANC visits	70.9	84.5
■ Pregnant women taking IFA tablets for 100+ days	44.7	78.9
■ Full immunisation (children aged 12–23 months)	84.3	90.2
■ Stunted children under five	35.4	26.5
■ Underweight children under five	32.9	27.8
■ Wasted children under five	19.5	18.7
■ Caesarean-section deliveries	31.5	45.7

*Antenatal care

Child health indicators :

- ★ Child health indicators showed improvement.
- ★ Exclusive **breastfeeding** among infants below 6 months improved marginally compared to NFHS-5
- ★ **Immunisation coverage:** Full immunisation coverage among children aged 12 to 23 months increased from NFHS-5
 Coverage of individual vaccines also remained high
 - Example: children receiving a measles-containing vaccine & receiving the second dose of the vaccine.
- ★ **Nutrition indicators:** presented a mixed picture.
 - The prevalence of **stunting** (low height for age) among children under 5 years declined significantly , indicating a reduction in **chronic undernutrition**.
 - The proportion of **underweight** children also fell
 - **Wasting** among children under 5 (indicator of acute **undernutrition** i.e, low weight for height) declined marginally suggesting that acute malnutrition continues to remain a public health concern
 - The child malnutrition continues to pose a challenge, even though some nutrition indicators have improved compared to NFHS-5
- ★ The children aged 6 to 23 months who received an **adequate diet** saw an improvement from NFHS-5

NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY – 6 (NFHS-6)

KEY ANNOUNCEMENT & CONDUCT

RELEASED: MAY 29, 2026



BY: UNION MINISTRY OF HEALTH
& FAMILY WELFARE (MoHFW)

CONDUCTED: 2023-24



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KWIN City

Why is in News?

- Recently, the **KWIN City** of Bengaluru has secured the major investment from **Toyota's 'BizIntel Hub'**

Highlights:

- Karnataka government** has officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM)** to establish a global-standard '**BizIntel Hub**' at the upcoming **KWIN City in Bengaluru**
- Initial Capital:** Toyota will invest **₹1,200 crore** over the next 5 years
- This marks the **first major investment for the KWIN City project**
- Land Allotment:** The State government will allot ~ **300 acres** of land to Toyota for the project
- Job Creation:** The initial hub is expected to directly generate ~200 jobs
- 'BizIntel Hub' facility acts as a **multi-functional automotive ecosystem** & undertake —
 - Vehicle manufacturing
 - testing activities
 - establishment of advanced automobile manufacturing facility
- The new centre is intended to **support engineering, digital & supply-chain** related functions in India, leveraging the country's engineering & technology talent base

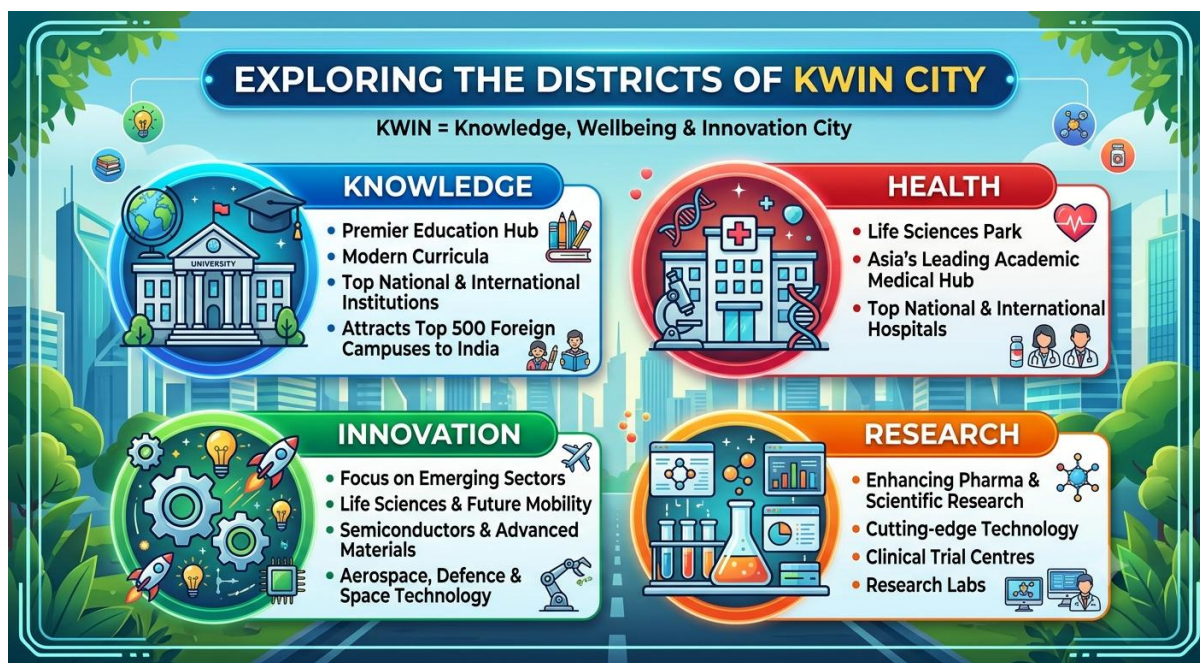
Note:

- Toyota already operates **manufacturing plants at Bidadi** with a combined installed production capacity of over 3.4 lakh units annually

Knowledge, Wellbeing & Innovation City (KWIN) City:

- It is an **industrial & technology zone** being developed by the State government between **Dobbspet & Doddaballapur** in phases across ~**5,800 acres**.
 - The first phase of development is already in progress
- Announced on : September 2024
- Earlier it was called Knowledge, Health, Innovation & Research (KHIR) City
- Top priority: **Innovation, Healthcare & Information Technology**
- It brings together leading institutions, research centers & industry partners & fosters **cutting-edge research**, entrepreneurship, attract global talent across sectors - **healthcare, biotechnology, AI & advanced manufacturing**
- It will be built on **public-private partnership (PPP)** model
- It is expected to attract investments worth **₹48,000 crore** & **generate ~ 1 lakh jobs**

KWIN city has 4 key districts:



Other features of KWIN City:

- The city will be equipped with modern amenities that reflect the highest standards of **living—state-of-the-art infrastructure, green spaces, renewable energy solutions, & digital connectivity that will define future cities**
- It will **feature a solar farm spanning 465 acres**, capable of generating 0.69 million MWh to meet its entire energy needs
- It would harness **50% of its water requirements through an advanced rainwater harvesting system**

Wisdom Valley Project

Why is in News?

- Karnataka State Policy & Planning Commission (KSPPC)** has proposed the establishment of **Wisdom Valley**

Wisdom Valley projet:

- It is a **world-class Knowledge City dedicated to promoting education, research, innovation & sustainable urban development**
- Location: Bengaluru Airport City**, near the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), **Devanahalli**
- Designed on the lines of global innovation hubs like Silicon Valley & Research Triangle Park
- Focus:** interdisciplinary research in AI, biotech, aerospace, & sustainability, fostering start-ups and industry-academia partnerships
- It seeks to create a **globally recognised innovative urban development ecosystem** for knowledge creation, dissemination & application by integrating international institutes, research centres, innovation hubs, & knowledge-based industries within a single integrated urban framework

- *Estimated Cost:* ~ **₹15,500 crore**
- It will be implemented in **phased stages** comprising planning, infrastructure development, institutional establishment, & operationalisation



Bengaluru Airport City:

- It is being developed by **Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) in Devanahalli**
- Spread over **463 acres** & emphasise on **global connectivity, innovation & economic activity**
- The Airport City framework includes Business Parks & Technology Hubs, a global innovation hub, the start-up ecosystem, R&D & innovation clusters, an Education & Medical District, Hospitality, a retail dining entertainment village, world-class social infrastructure, including a Concert Arena & a Convention & Exhibition Centre, a knowledge park

MoU between TimbuckDo MoU & Karnataka DCTE

Why is in News?

- Student gig platform **TimbuckDo** signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Department of Collegiate & Technical Education (DCTE), Karnataka**

Highlights of the partnership:

- **Aim:** To enable students across government technical colleges to access **verified part-time gigs**, internships, project-based opportunities & career development resources through the startup's platform
- **Core Objective:** To establish a scalable & impactful **employability ecosystem** that helps the state's youth earn, learn, & grow
- **Skill & Career Growth:** Offers practical work exposure, financial literacy resources, & targeted skill-building initiatives to prepare students for the modern gig economy.
- **Campus Leadership:** Includes access to flagship initiatives like the Intrapreneurship Campus Ambassador Programme

TimbuckDo Platform:

- It is a **Bengaluru-based platform** founded in **2022** which connects students with verified part-time jobs, projects & gigs flexible earning opportunities
- Combines strict KYC-verified gigs & internships with AI-enabled opportunity matching, curated lifestyle benefits, upskilling resources, and community-driven engagement initiatives.
- One of its flagship initiatives, the **Intrapreneurship Campus Ambassador Programme**, spans over 300 colleges & provides students with leadership, sales & real-world project experience

CII Karnataka Strategic Roadmap

Why is in News?

- The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, **Karnataka**, on May 29 announced its strategic roadmap for fiscal year 2026-27

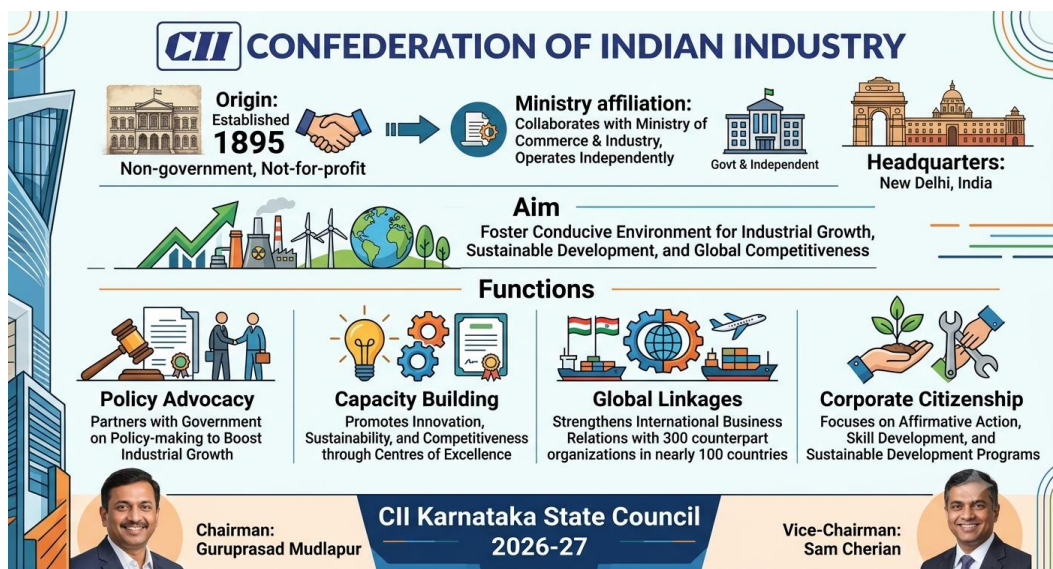
CII Karnataka Strategic Roadmap (FY 2026-27)

- **Theme:** "**Accelerating Karnataka's Competitiveness: Growth, Resilience, Inclusion, Sustainability and Trust**"
- **The 5 Core Pillars**
 1. **Growth:** Maintaining momentum as Karnataka records a 9.1% economic growth rate, heavily outpacing the national average.
 2. **Resilience:** Empowering supply chains & businesses to navigate global competition
 3. **Inclusion:** Ensuring regional equity via development frameworks
 4. **Sustainability:** Advancing energy transitions and green practices.
 5. **Trust:** Building robust industry-government collaboration & public policy advocacy

Key Strategic Priorities & Added Value :

- **"Beyond Bengaluru" Push:** Shifting focus away from the resource-stressed capital (traffic, water stress, costs) to build decentralized industrial/innovation hubs. Target Tier-2 & Tier-3 focus cities specifically include Mysuru, Belagavi, & Hubballi-Dharwad.

- **AI-Driven MSME Overhaul:** Deploying cluster models through CII's Centres of Excellence to fast-track digital adoption, upskilling, & AI transformation specifically tailored for MSMEs and family businesses.
- **Targeting Sunrise Sectors:** Aligning industrial capability building toward high-growth frontier tech like semiconductors, deep-tech, aerospace, space tech, and green hydrogen to leverage India's massive influx of Global Capability Centers (GCCs).
- **Global Integration & Ease of Doing Business (EODB):** Driving fast-paced policy advocacy to counter intensifying international subsidy models, making Karnataka-based firms future-ready for export market access.
- **Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) & Resource Stewardship:** Implementing strict benchmarks on industrial decarbonization, energy transition, and active water stewardship.



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ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Karnataka State amphibian and insect

Why is in News?

- Karnataka State Forest & Environment Minister announced that the process is under way to officially declare
 - **Asiatic honey bee (*Apis cerana*)** as the Karnataka State insect
 - **Malabar Tree Toad (*Pedostibes tuberculosus*)** as the Karnataka State amphibian

Highlights:

- The move is to strengthen biodiversity conservation by shifting conservation attention **towards lesser-known but ecologically significant species**
- The decision was announced on the occasion of **International Day for Biological Diversity, 2026 on May 22**
- **Recommendation:** **Karnataka State Biodiversity Board** had recommended these two species during 2020-21 after consultation from the University of Agricultural Sciences (**UAS**), Indian Institute of Science (**IISc**) ecologists, & horticulture and home department officials

State Insect (*Apis cerana*):

- This **cavity-nesting honey** is native to India
- Locally (in Karnataka) known as **Tudave Jenu**
- It is the preferred domesticated bee in Karnataka & used in agricultural & horticultural fields to enhance crop yields through pollination
- **Threat:** habitat loss due to rapid urban expansion on natural & rural areas, climate change & the spread of the **Thai sacbrood virus**

State Amphibian (*Malabar Tree Toad*):

- It also known as the **Warty Asian Tree Toad**
- The common name reflects its historical **discovery in the Malabar region**.
- This rare toad is **endemic to the evergreen forests of the Western Ghats** biodiversity hotspot
- Scientific Name: *Pedostibes tuberculosus*.
- Family: Bufonidae (True toads)
- It is the **only known arboreal** (tree-dwelling) **toad in India** & is the only known species of its genus
- IUCN: **Endangered**
- It was first documented in 1875-76 & had disappeared from records for over a century before being rediscovered in **Kerala** in 1980. It was later documented in parts of the Western Ghats in Karnataka as well
 - It is limited to a particular place & is found all across **W-Ghats** - Karnataka, Thiruvananthapuram, Amboli, and many other areas
- **Feature:** The difference from common toads is the fact that it's an **arboreal frog that can climb trees** & is found near the perennial streams
 - Also has distinctive reproductive biology since it deposits eggs in foam nests instead of egg strings & breeds before the monsoon

- **Indicator species:** Like most amphibians, it is is **highly sensitive to changes in the environment** & could act as an **indicator of ecosystem** health in the forests
- **Threat:** Modification of the habitats such as dam construction, water diversion etc.



Fact: Karnataka State

- State tree: **sandalwood**
- State animal: **Elephant**
- State bird: **Indian Roller** (Nilkantha)
- State butterfly: **Southern Birdwing** (Troides minos)

International Day for Biological Diversity:

- It is observed annually on **May 22**
- Officially proclaimed in 2000 by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- 2026 theme: **"Acting locally for global impact"**

Note:

- UNGA designated the years **2011-2020 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity**, aiming to advance the implementation of a strategic plan for biodiversity

Biodiversity Heritage Sites

Why is in News?

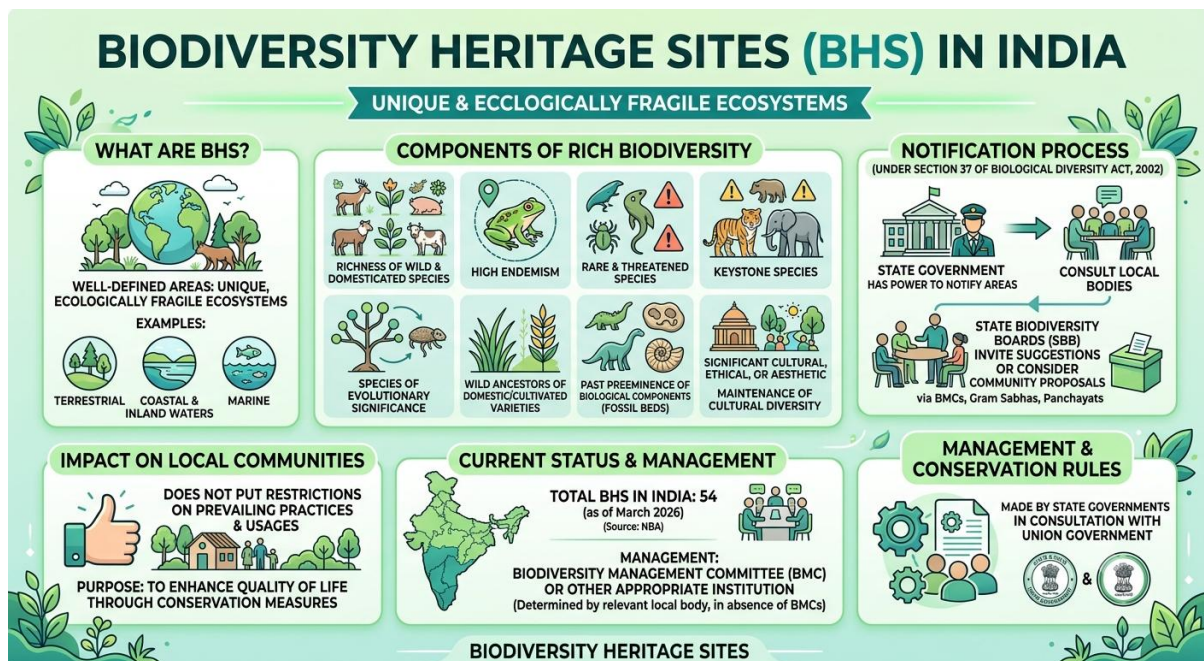
- Karnataka State Forest & Environment Minister mentioned that the Karnataka state has **5 biodiversity heritage sites** at the International Biodiversity Day celebrations in Bengaluru on May 22

Karnataka's Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS):

Karnataka has **5 Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS)** declared by the **Karnataka State Biodiversity Board**

Site & Location	Year Declared	Key Features & Ecological Significance
Nallur Tamarind Grove (Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural)	2007	➤ First Biodiversity Heritage Site of India ➤ Ancient grove featuring ~300 massive tamarind trees. ➤ Some trees are over 400 years old
Hogrekan (Kadur, Chikkamagaluru)	2010	➤ Hilly land featuring unique shola vegetation, grasslands, & medicinal plants ➤ Serves as a wildlife corridor connecting the Kudremukh & Bababudanagiri ranges with the Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary
Gandhi Krishi Vignan Kendra (GKVK) Campus (University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru)	2010	➤ Urban biodiversity hotspot. ➤ Acts as a refuge for hundreds of plant, bird, and mammal species
Ambaragudda (Sagar, Shivamogga)	2011	➤ Located in the Western Ghats. ➤ Nestled between Sharavathi & Someshwara wildlife sanctuaries. ➤ Known for its fragile grasslands
Shri Siddeshwara Swamiji BHS (Vijayapura)	2024	➤ Spans across a 1,495-acre forest area. ➤ Home to leopards, Indian foxes, and a variety of bird species. ➤ Formerly known as the Mamadapur reserve forest

Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS):



Fact:

- **West Bengal has the highest number** of Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) in India

Potential Biodiversity Heritage Sites:

Some proposals have been pending since 2021, as per the Annual reports. 10 BHS are awaiting notification in Karnataka:

- Kagga paddy region of Aghanashini estuary in Kumta,
- Karikanamma temple in foothills of Western ghats in Kumta,
- Mundige Jaddi bird nests in Sonda, Sirsi,
- Antargange hills in Kolar,
- Sri Lakshmi Adi Narayana hill in Chikballapur,
- Mahima Ranga hill in Nelamangala, Bengaluru rural,
- Jogimatti in Chitradurga,
- Shakunagiri hill, Shivamogga
- Urumbi village stretch of Kumaradhara river in Sullia, Dakshina Kannada
- Kondajji lake in Davangere

SafeDispose Bengaluru initiative

Why is in News?

- **Neo San**, a Bengaluru-based clean-technology company, announced the launch of “**SafeDispose Bengaluru**” initiative focused on on-site sanitary & biomedical waste processing across institutions in Bengaluru

Highlights of the initiative:

- **Neo-X smart units:** It focuses on the phased deployment of Neo San’s **Neo-X smart bins** across institutions in Bengaluru. These units are designed to **safely process sanitary & biomedical waste** at the point of waste generation through **controlled thermal treatment**

- **Purpose: Eliminating open burning & manual waste handling at sites**
- **Collaboration:** Implemented in collaboration with the **Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA)** & Govt. of Karnataka supported under a programme led by the **World Economic Forum**
- **Global Precedent:** It is part of a **World Economic Forum (WEF)-led initiative**, making **Bengaluru only the second city in the world after San Francisco** to host this global urban innovation model
- **Target Audience:** The initial rollout aims to support & protect more than 5,000 women
- **Funding Structure:** The initial pilot phase is funded via a grant from **United Way Bengaluru**, with the subsequent wide-scale city expansion planned as a government-funded program.
 - A grant provided to Neo San will fund the deployment of Neo-X units that
- **IoT Data Integration:** Every Neo-X unit features real-time **Internet of Things (IoT) monitoring** to log every cycle run & every kilogram of waste processed, providing localized data to assist in data-driven urban planning.
- **Emission Reduction:** Validated and approved by the **Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB)**, the technology mitigates overall process emissions by 98%
- **Implementation:** through collaboration with organisations including United Way Bengaluru, Deloitte, Amazon Web Services, Cisco, Salesforce & SAP, along with the Government of Karnataka and several ecosystem partners.

Neo San Startup:

- It is a **Bengaluru based clean-technology startup**
- **Neo-X units** are smart **on-site sanitary & biomedical thermal waste-processing units**
- **Neo San is a winner of the WEF UpLink Yes/Bengaluru Urban Innovation Challenge**, which brought together the GBA & a coalition of private sector partners to encourage startups to develop innovative solutions to the city's civic & infrastructural challenges across sustainability, sanitation & public health
- UpLink Yes/Bengaluru Urban Innovation Challenge is a World Economic Forum's early-stage innovation platform

Problem: Open Burning & Pollution:

- **Pollution Impact: Open waste burning is the third-largest source of particulate pollution (PM2.5) in Bengaluru** after transport and industry
- **Infrastructure Deficit: The "third stream" of waste** (sanitary, biomedical, & contaminated reject waste) typically lacks certified on-site disposal options, frequently leading to hazardous low-temperature open burning or toxic dumping.
- **Sanitation Vulnerability:** Prior to this initiative, local sanitation workers frequently had to sort & handle bio-hazardous waste manually without adequate protective gear or formalized safety protocols

Bannerghatta Biological Park

Why is in News?

- From June 4, public can view African **cheetahs** at **Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP)** which were brought from **South Africa**

Highlights:

- The **four cheetahs** (2 males & 2 females) **were translocated from the Induna Primate & Parrot Park in South Africa** on April 18, 2026 & housed at the BBP
- It is a part of the **international animal exchange programme** aimed at boosting genetic diversity, research & wildlife awareness
- This translocation aligns with India's conservation strategy, **Project Cheetah**
- As of April, 2026, 33 cheetahs have been brought into India from African nations to revive the species within the subcontinent
- Historically known in Karnataka as '**Sivangi**', the **Asiatic cheetah** once inhabited the Deccan plains now remains extinct in India due to excessive hunting and significant habitat loss

Bannerghatta Biological Park:

- It was carved out of the **Bannerghatta National Park in 2002** & brought under the **Zoo Authority of Karnataka**
- It covers an area of ~731 hectares within the greater Bannerghatta National Park
- It lies in the **foothills of the Anekal Range of the Eastern Ghats** in the Deccan Plateau's southern dry zone
- It has 4 divisions: **zoo, safari, butterfly park & rescue centre**
- **India's first enclosed butterfly park** was established within the park
- The valley of **Champakadhama hills** (Suvarnamukhi or Vahnigiri Hill) is inside the park
- Flora composition:
 - Scrub type (dry deciduous forests)
 - Southern tropical dry deciduous forests
 - Southern tropical moist mixed forest
- It is drained by **minor streams that ultimately join the Arkavathi River**, a tributary of the Cauvery

Animal Adoption Programme:

- In **May 2020**, Bannerghatta Biological Park), Karnataka has come out with the **Animal Adoption Programme** to conserve wildlife and allow people to adopt animals at the zoo during the lockdown period
- The programme provides an opportunity to get involved with the feeding & veterinary care expenses for zoo animals with a provision for Income Tax rebate under 80G

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Centre of Excellence for Space Technology

Why is in News?

- Karnataka government has launched **India's first State-led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology (CoE SpaceTech Foundation)** in Bengaluru.

CoE for space technology:

- The initiative is called the **CoE SpaceTech Foundation**
- Built around the Theme of ***“Space Tech for Societal Impact”***
- Core Objective: to turn space innovation & research into scalable, commercial products & bridge the gap between R&D capabilities & the global market.
- Established by the **Karnataka Innovation & Technology Society (KITS)** in collaboration with the **SatCom Industry Association of India (SIA-India)** to bridge the gap between R&D and market-ready products.
- The idea is to drive
 - advanced research & innovation in space technologies
 - industry-aligned training
 - talent development
 - start-up incubation & ecosystem building
 - cross-sector applications of space technologies

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To strengthen India's space ecosystem by enabling:

- ✕ Innovation to Commercialisation
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- ✕ Startup Incubation & Ecosystem Building
- ✕ Cross-sector Applications



Significance:

- It creates an ecosystem where **innovation can translate into real-world applications**, economic growth & high-quality jobs
- It focuses on **commercializing space innovations** & incubating startups
- Also plans to develop a **constellation of satellites** aimed at meeting end-user & societal needs, as the state seeks to build a stronger ecosystem around India's expanding private space sector
- **Areas identified for future work:** It aims to leverage space technologies to address challenges across agriculture, climate, disaster management, connectivity, pharma, life sciences & national security

Partnerships:

The CoE has also entered into partnerships with academic and industry organisations;

- **Manipal Academy of Higher Education** for research in space biology and microgravity studies,
- **Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE)** for startup and innovation programmes
- **US firm Helogen Corporation** to advance space-based bio-manufacturing, with a focus on healthcare outcomes & commercialisation.
- **French software firm Dassault Systemes** has been brought in as a technology partner to provide software tools and training support for space technology applications

Karnataka HPV Vaccination Campaign

Why is in News?

- **Karnataka's Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign for adolescent girls (aged 14–15)** has crossed the two-lakh mark beneficiaries covered so far
- HPV vaccination campaign aims to **prevent cervical cancer**

Highlights:

- **Northern Karnataka districts are leading the campaign**, while Bengaluru & some southern districts have recorded slower progress
- **Urban vs Rural Gap:** Urban areas (like Bengaluru) lagging while Rural areas performing better due to

HPV vaccination coverage in Karnataka

(% of target achieved)

Highest coverage areas

Kalaburagi: **68.5%**

Yadgir: **60.7%**

Shivamogga: **50.9%**

Hassan: **45.7%**

Ballari: **41.5%**



Lowest coverage areas

GBA: **10.4%**

Bagalkot: **17.5%**

Dakshina Kannada: **20.9%**

Belagavi: **21.7%**

Tumakuru: **22.0%**

Target population:

6.89 lakh girls aged 14 and 15 years

Total coverage till

May 11: 2,00,028 beneficiaries (29%)

Vaccine stock allocated

to Karnataka: 5,08,025 single-dose vaccine vials

- **Other Districts (above 35%) :** Koppal (39.2%), Bengaluru South (38.1%), Chikkamagaluru (37.8%), Raichur (37.4%), Bengaluru Rural (36.8%), and Kolar (35.8%)

Session Productivity (Average Girls per Session)

- The **average number of beneficiaries vaccinated per session** across Karnataka was **seven**.
- Highest: Raichur (18), Vijayapura (15), Kalaburagi (12), Koppal (12), and Bagalkot (12).
- Lowest: Bengaluru Urban (3), GBA (4), Kodagu (4), Chickballapur (4), and Dakshina Kannada (4).

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine:

- It is considered a **key preventive intervention against cervical cancer**, one of the leading cancers affecting women in India.
- On **February 28, 2026** the **Union government formally launched a nationwide HPV vaccination programme**, inaugurated by Prime Minister in Ajmer, Rajasthan
- Following this, **Karnataka initiated its State-level rollout** at K.C. General Hospital in Bengaluru
- In Karnataka, the **vaccine is being administered through Ayushman Arogya Mandirs** (Primary Health Centres), Community Health Centres, taluk & district hospitals, & government medical colleges

India's First Digital Drug Surveillance System

Why is in News?

- Karnataka Health Minister has launched the **country's first technology-driven surveillance system** in Bengaluru on May 14

Digital platform for Drug Surveillance:

- The digital platform will **monitor the pharmaceutical market**, enabling real-time detection of substandard medicines & tighter regulation of narcotic and psychotropic drugs
- **Core Objectives:**
 - **strengthen drug quality control**
 - improve supply chain transparency
 - protect patients
 - shift towards data-driven regulation
- **State Food Safety & Drug Administration (FDA)** has introduced **2 separate digital systems** :
 1. one to **automatically block the sale of medicines** found to be Not of Standard Quality (NSQ)
 2. another to **track dispensing of drugs** covered under Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act
- Data on stock: The **portal will also provide real-time data** on stock availability, stock-in-hand, and quantities returned to suppliers, helping regulators track compliance & speed up recalls
- **The Need:** Tracing substandard drugs after they enter circulation has long been a challenge.

- **Significance:** marks a **shift towards digital & data-driven regulation in the pharmaceutical sector**, where authorities can act faster against unsafe medicines while also checking abuse of prescription drugs

Ultra High-Performance Fiber Reinforced Concrete

Why is in News?

- For the first time in Karnataka, **Ultra High-Performance Fiber Reinforced Concrete (UHPFRC) technology** will be used to construct elevated corridors in Bengaluru

Highlights:

- **B-SMILE** will implement its **11 elevated corridors project** aimed at decongesting Bengaluru using **UHPFRC technology**
- UHPFRC technology has been used in several major infrastructure projects across India but this will be the **first time it is being used in Karnataka**
- **10-Year Maintenance Period:** B-SMILE is mandating a 10-year maintenance contract. This marks the **first project in Bengaluru to enforce a 10-year period**, a major step up from the typical 3-to-5-year civic standard.

Ultra High-Performance Fiber Reinforced Concrete (UHPFRC) technology:

- It is a **sophisticated concrete mix** which offers greater durability & does not require reinforcement bars, which are traditionally used
- **High Strength:** Withstands pressures up to 150 MPa (3x the strength of normal concrete) and resists cracking.
- **Enhanced Durability:** Expected lifespan is twice as long as conventional structures
- **Safety:** It can also resist cracking under load much better than conventional concrete mixes
- **Longer Spans:** Allows each span to be moulded up to 50 metres (compared to the usual 20–30 m in Bengaluru), resulting in faster construction and better aesthetics

Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE) :

- Incorporated on : **3rd June 2025**
- Initial Funding: **₹7,000core**
- Legal Status: **Non-government company with government ownership**
- It is a **Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)** established by the Karnataka government specifically to tackle Bengaluru's massive infrastructure challenges
- It is tasked with planning & executing mega projects, long-term urban infrastructure projects across Bengaluru
- It operates **independently of standard civic bodies** to fast-track major mobility & decongestion initiatives

It focus on projects in 3 major areas:

1. **Decongesting the city through mega infrastructure projects** such as elevated corridors and tunnel roads.

2. **Junction improvements & white-topping of arterial roads**
3. **Upgrading Bengaluru's lighting system**

HISTORY & ART & CULTURE

‘Namma Smaraka - Adopt a Monument’ initiative

Why is in News?

- Three years after the launch of Karnataka's **‘Namma Smaraka - Adopt a Monument’ initiative**, the programme has struggled to meet its stated objective, with only 23 of the over **800 State-protected monuments** drawing interest so far

Highlights:

- 3 years after the launch of Karnataka's **‘Namma Smaraka — Adopt a Monument’ initiative**, the programme has struggled to meet its stated objective, with only 23 of the over **800 State-protected monuments** drawing interest so far
- Of these, approval is still pending for 5 sites while 18 sites have been adopted.
- Of the monuments currently up for adoption, **temples account for the largest share** at 534, followed by 100 archaeological sites, 45 forts, and 16 tombs, among other sites

Adopted monuments

■ Nalknad Palace, Kakkabe	■ Gagan Mahal, Vijayapura
■ Venkatappa Art Gallery, Bengaluru	■ Aravattu Kambada Gudi, Nagavi
■ Shri Yoganandeeswara Swami Temple, Nandi Hills	■ Nandi Bhavi Temple complex, Chittapur taluk
■ Kalyani, Nandi Hill Station	■ Mallikarjuna Temple complex, Chittapur taluk
■ Rangasthala, Chickballapur	■ Mullayyanagiri, Chittapur taluk
■ Sri Venkataramana Temple, Alambagiri	■ Basavakalyana Fort, Bidar
■ Sri Bheemeshwara/ Nakuleshwar Temple, Kaiwara	■ Yadgir Fort
■ Fort Wall and Entrance Gate at Nandi Hills	■ Manyakheta/Malkhed Fort, Sedam taluk
■ Taj Bawdi, Vijayapura	■ Sri Ramadevaru Seetha Devi Temple, Kudlur, Channapatna

The list includes only adopted monuments and not those awaiting approval.

'Namma Smaraka - Adopt a Monument' initiative (Namma Smaraka Dattu Yojane):

- Launched in **September 2023** by the Karnataka State **Department of Archaeology, Museums & Heritage (DAMH)** in collaboration with Tourism department
- **Participant:** It invites **private firms, NGOs, & individuals** to adopt state-protected heritage sites & encourages **private participation & divert CSR funds** towards maintaining monuments
- **Core Objective:** to conserve, preserve & protect the **280 identified heritage monuments of the State**
- **Online portal:** '**Namma Smaraka**' portal ('Digital Vedike') developed by the Kalki Foundation (CulKey Foundation) will simplify applications & reduce paperwork. It will have all details pertaining to the scheme & enable the corporate companies to download the forms & upload the expression of interest and this will pave way for early approval of the adoption
- **Smaraka Mitra:** The selected applicants - Smaraka Mitra (custodians) - are entrusted with developing, upgrading & maintaining visitor facilities at the site
- Two phases: The scheme is set to be carried out in 2 phases — the
 1. first will **focus on building basic facilities** such as drinking water, sanitation, lighting & overall cleanliness

2. second phase will **focus on conservation & restoration** of the monuments using archaeologically sound methods
- The cost of adopting a monument is ~ **₹50 lakh for 3 years**. This includes providing basic visitor infrastructure, based on estimates prepared using a toolkit developed by the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Karnataka Chapter.
 - *Duration*: The agreement is **initially for at least 5 years** & is subject to regular monitoring and review by the department
 - *Adoption Guidelines*: **Adopting a monument does not transfer ownership**. All conservation & infrastructure plans require vetting & monitoring by the State Archaeological Department to ensure historical integrity

Other broader goals of the adoption scheme are to:

- Upgrade basic tourism infrastructure to enhance the visitor experience.
- Promote sustainable tourism & ensure regular operation & maintenance.
- Generate local employment & support the livelihoods of nearby communities

Facts: Karnataka monuments

- Karnataka has more than 20,000 heritage structures
- Of these, **844 sites** are declared & notified as protected under State government's **Department of Archaeology Museums & Heritage (DAMH)** protected through the **Karnataka Ancient & Historical Monuments & Archaeological Sites & Remains Act, 1961 (KAMASR Act, 1961)**
 - Of the 848 protected monuments in the State
 - 105 are under **Bengaluru division**
 - 365 under Belagavi division
 - 249 under Kalaburagi division
 - 120 under Mysuru division
- In addition to State-protected monuments, Karnataka is also home to **609 monuments protected** by **Archeological Survey of India (ASI)** under **Ministry of Culture** through '**The Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Sites & Remains Act, 1958**'

MISCELLANEOUS

India's second largest cricket stadium

Why is in News?

- The Chief Minister of Karnataka laid the foundation stone on **May 23, 2026**, for a massive **new international cricket stadium** & integrated **Sports Complex** in Anekal Taluk

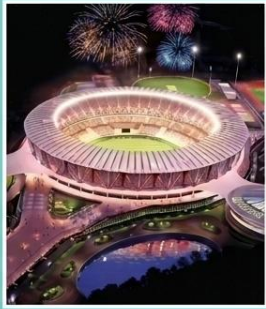
Features of the New Stadium:

- *Capacity*: **80,000-seat capacity**
- Specially: it will be the **second largest cricket stadium in India** after the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad in Gujarat (1,32,000 seat capacity)

- Location: **Indlawadi village, Surya Nagar 4th Phase, Anekal taluk** (Bengaluru Urban)
- Estimated Cost: **₹943.46 crore**
- Land Allocation: **75 acres**
- Developed by: **Karnataka Housing Board (KHB)**. It will be built entirely with funds from the KHB without additional government assistance.
- Execution: based on **Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC Mode-1)** turnkey basis through a **two-bid system** via the **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal**
- Multi-use stadium: Beyond cricket, the venue is planned as a **multi-disciplinary sports complex** equipped with **modern infrastructure**, advanced training facilities, & international-standard amenities designed to host global sporting events and support emerging athletic talent

SPORTING PUSH FOR NAMMA OORU

Features and Key Details of the New Stadium Project

₹943-crore international cricket stadium Planned in Anekal 80,000-seater venue (India's second largest)	Project spread across 75 acres near Bannerghatta Karnataka Housing Board tasked with development Multi-sport complex expected in two years	
SPORTING & ATHLETIC FACILITIES ➤ Cricket ground ➤ Athletics track ➤ Indoor sports arena (Badminton, Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis, etc.)	AQUATIC FACILITIES ➤ Olympic-size swimming pool ➤ Diving pool ➤ Practice pool (for aspiring swimmers) ➤ Changing rooms ➤ Shower rooms, Toilets	CONVENTION & COMMUNITY CENTRE ➤ Convention Centre ➤ Auditorium ➤ Exhibition halls ➤ Hall of Fame ➤ Conference rooms
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KHB Surya Kreed Grama:

- The new stadium is a part of the project '**KHB Surya Kreed Grama**' was announced in the **State Budget 2025-26**
- KHB Surya Kreed Grama is an **international standard sports complex**

Need of the stadium:

- Inadequate Existing Infrastructure: The **Justice John Michael Cunha Commission** investigated the stampede tragedy & concluded that Chinnaswamy Stadium (with only a 32,000 seating capacity spread over 17 acres) was entirely unsuitable for large-scale events and recommended a more spacious venue

Key Concerns: Proposed Stadium Near Bannerghatta National Park (BNP)

- **Ecological Threat to Wildlife Corridors:** The proposed stadium site on Bengaluru's southeastern outskirts is near Bannerghatta National Park & close proximity to **Karadikkal-Mahadeshwara wildlife corridor**
 - This region serves as a critical elephant corridor & a vital ecological link connecting the **Cauvery & Male Mahadeshwara wildlife sanctuaries**.
 - **Encroachment on Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ):** The identified land falls within the larger ESZ of BNP. While the Karnataka government reduced this ESZ from 268 sq km to 168 sq km in 2020, the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) recommended restoring the original 268 sq km boundary.
 - **Pending Judicial Scrutiny:** The final extent of the ESZ remains under legal review, with a case regarding the area's reduction currently pending before the Supreme Court.
 - **Severe Environmental & Wildlife Disruptions:** it would have an adverse impact on the local environment & wildlife. Floodlights, heavy traffic, immense crowd noise & rapid urbanization would severely disrupt the habitat
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Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team

Why is in News?

- The prestigious **Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team of the Indian Air Force** celebrated its 30th anniversary on **May 26, 2026** by conducting air display at **Air Force Station Bidar** & paid tribute to the spirit of the Indian Air Force

Surya Kiran Aerobatic team:

- It was formed on **May 27, 1996**, at **Air Force Station Bidar** & initially operated the Kiran Mk-II aircraft
 - It is known as the “**Ambassadors of the Indian Air Force**”
 - Over the last 30 years, the team has conducted more than 800 air displays across India & countries including **China, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore & United Arab Emirates**
 - Since 2015, the team has been operating the **Hawk Mk-132** aircraft in its signature red-and-white colour scheme & nine-aircraft formation
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Namma Art Bengaluru

- The **Second Edition of the Namma Art Bengaluru** was held from May 6 to 10, 2026 by the **Chitrakala Parishath (CKP)** at its campus in Bengaluru
- Core Objective: Launched to establish a large-scale, inclusive national art fair deeply rooted in Bengaluru's art ecosystem.
- Significance: It provides a platform for artists to exhibit, network, and commercialize their work, while making art accessible to the general public

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MCQ Practice Questions based on May month Karnataka Current Affairs

- 1) Consider the following statements with respect to H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission appointed by the Karnataka government on Scheduled Caste (SC) internal reservation :
1. It was the first commission appointed to resolve the SC internal reservation issue in Karnataka
 2. It recommended to slice the 17% SC population into 4 categories for the internal reservation purpose
 3. Karnataka government has accepted & decided to implement the recommendations of the commission with respect to the reservation category matrix

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
 - b) 1 & 2 only
 - c) 2 only
 - d) None of the above
- 2) How many of the following is/are the officially designated Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) from Karnataka?
1. Koraga tribes
 2. Halu kuruba tribes
 3. Jenu Kuruba tribes
 4. Soliga tribes
 5. Siddi tribes

Select the correct answer from the options given below:

- a) Only two
 - b) Only three
 - c) Only four
 - d) None
- 3) Which of the following statements with respect to Karnataka government's *E-swathu initiative* is **incorrect** ?
- a) It is an online rural property portal launched by the Karnataka Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department in 2021
 - b) It covers agricultural properties such as agriculture land & warehouse within Gram Panchayat boundaries
 - c) Under this, the Digital e-khata certificates will be issued through online within 15 days of receiving the application
 - d) Recently, the Karnataka government has decided to integrate the E-swathu portal with the Union government's SVAMITVA program

- 4) Recently, the Karnataka government has launched the '108 Arogya Kavacha Centralised Command & Control Centre' for emergency health services.

Consider the following statements with respect to the initiative :

1. Karnataka has become the first State in India to establish a government-owned centralised command & control system for emergency ambulance services
2. The command centre is located in Davanagere district
3. The system was developed on National Informatics Centre in Karnataka
4. Under this, ambulance service is operated on Public Private Partnership

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 & 4 only
- c) 1, 3 & 4 only
- d) 3 only

- 5) Consider the following statements with respect to the Grievance Redressal System for Gig Workers:

1. Karnataka has become the first State in India to operationalise a government-backed digital grievance redressal mechanism specifically for platform-based gig workers.
2. Under this system, grievances filed on the centralized portal are directly reviewed and settled by the state's Gig Workers Welfare Board in the first instance.
3. Aggregator platforms are legally mandated to contribute a 1% welfare fee on every transaction to fund social security benefits for these workers.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

- 6) Consider the following statements with respect to the National AI & Digital Water Summit 2026 held recently in Bengaluru :

1. It was organized by the Central Water Commission to focus on using AI & digital technologies for predictive water governance
2. It highlighted the water-management success of Japan, which has partnered to share its expertise with Karnataka

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 & 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 7) Consider the following statements with respect to the 'Kartavya-KAAMS' mobile application launched by the Karnataka government:
1. It was developed by the Centre for e-Governance (CeG) and the Karnataka AI Cell to modernize attendance tracking for school education staff.
 2. The application utilizes a combination of facial recognition, liveness detection, & GIS-based geofencing within a 200-metre radius of the designated workplace.
 3. The system is linked with the state's Human Resource Management System (HRMS) for salary processing, leave management, & performance analysis.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
 - b) 1 and 3 only
 - c) 2 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2 and 3
- 8) Which of the following statements with respect to the Karnataka government's *Project SURAKSHA* initiative is correct?
- a) It is a surveillance system to track suicide and self-harm, launched in 2023 by NIMHANS in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
 - b) It is India's first sustained community-based suicide prevention initiative, developed in line with the National Suicide Prevention Strategy and WHO's LIVE LIFE framework.
 - c) Following a successful three-year pilot in Bengaluru South district, the initiative is being expanded across all 5 taluks of the Ramanagaram district.
 - d) Under the first phase of state-wide expansion the program is being rolled out in Kalaburagi district
- 9) Consider the following statements with respect to the Health Emergency Operations Centre (HEOC) launched recently in Bengaluru:
1. It was established under the Union government's Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)
 2. It functions as a round-the-clock command facility solely for the Health Department, explicitly operating independently from external agencies like the State Disaster Management Authority or local police.

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

10) Consider the following statements with respect to the National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6) findings for maternal and child health in Karnataka:

1. Karnataka has recorded near-universal institutional deliveries, with more than 98% of births taking place in health facilities
2. The state saw a significant decline in Caesarean section (C-section) deliveries, dropping down to 31.5% from the previous survey cycle.
3. Child nutrition indicators presented a mixed picture, showing a significant decline in stunting but demonstrating that wasting remains a persistent public health concern.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 & 2 only
- b) 2 & 3 only
- c) 1 & 3 only
- d) 1, 2 & 3

11) Consider the following statements with respect to the Knowledge, Wellbeing & Innovation City (KWIN City) project of Karnataka government :

1. It is an industrial & technology zone being developed in Ramanagara on a public-private partnership (PPP) mode
2. The city has 3 key districts namely - Innovation, Knowledge & Research
3. The project secured its first major investment from Toyota Kirloskar Motor to establish a 'BizIntel Hub'
4. To meet its environmental standards, the city is designed to meet its entire energy needs through a massive solar farm & generate 100% of its water requirements through rainwater harvesting

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 3 & 4 only

12) Which of the following statements with respect to the Karnataka government's Wisdom Valley project is **incorrect**?

- a) It is a world-class Knowledge City proposed by the Karnataka State Policy & Planning Commission to promote education, research & innovation
- b) The project is designed on the lines of global innovation hubs like Silicon Valley and is estimated to cost around ₹15,500 crore.
- c) It will be established within the Bengaluru Airport City near the Kempegowda International Airport in Devanahalli.
- d) The project spans across a dedicated solar-powered zone of 4,630 acres & will be completely operationalized within a single phase of development

13) Consider the following pairs with respect to Karnataka :

List-I (State Symbol)	List-II (Scientific / Local Name)
A. Proposed State Insect	1. Southern Birdwing
B. Proposed State Amphibian	2. Asiatic bee
C. State Butterfly	3. Indian Roller
D. State Bird	4. Malabar Tree Toad

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) A-2, B-4, C-1, D-3
- b) A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3
- c) A-2, B-4, C-3, D-1
- d) A-1, B-4, C-2, D-3

14) Consider the following statements with respect to the Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) in Karnataka:

- 1. Nallur Tamarind Grove in Devanahalli, holds the distinction of being the first officially declared Biodiversity Heritage Site in India.
- 2. The Gandhi Krishi Vignan Kendra (GKVK) Campus & Hogrekan are urban biodiversity hotspots located within the city limits of Bengaluru.
- 3. Shri Siddeshwara Swamiji BHS in Vijayapura is the most recently declared BHS & was formerly known as the Mamadapur reserve forest.
- 4. Karnataka has the highest number of Biodiversity Heritage Sites among all Indian states.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2 & 3 only
- b) 2, 3 & 4 only
- c) 1 & 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 & 4

15) The *SafeDispose Bengaluru* initiative was recently seen in the news in Karnataka . It is specifically related to

- a) Safe disposal of sanitary & biomedical waste at the point of waste generation

- b) Safe disposal of construction & building materials waste generated in infrastructure projects
- c) Waste water treatment method for industries in Greater Bengaluru Area
- d) Method adopted by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board for water supply to residents

16) “Nanna e-Khata, Nanna Hakku” (My e-Khata, My Right) campaign in Karnataka was recently launched by

- a) Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department
- b) Revenue Department
- c) Greater Bengaluru Authority
- d) Department of Land Resources

17) Recently, four cheetahs were translocated from the Induna Primate & Parrot Park in South Africa to Karnataka’s

- a) Pilikula Biological Park
- b) Bannerghatta Biological Park
- c) Bandipur National Park
- d) Panchavati Biological Park

18) Consider the following statements with respect to the ‘Centre of Excellence for Space Technology’ recently launched by the Karnataka government :

- 1. Karnataka became India's second state to launch this initiative after Gujarat
- 2. It was established through a collaboration between the Karnataka Innovation & Technology Society (KITS) and the SatCom Industry Association of India (SIA-India)
- 3. The foundation is built around the theme of “Space Tech for Societal Impact.”

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

19) Consider the following statements :

- 1. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine is considered a key preventive intervention against breast cancer
- 2. Karnataka government has recently initiated its State-level HPV vaccination campaign in Bengaluru
- 3. Northern Karnataka districts are lagging behind in the HPV vaccination campaign in Karnataka

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 & 2 only
- b) 2 only

- c) 2 & 3 only
- d) 1, 2 & 3

20) Consider the following statements with respect to the '*Namma Smaraka - Adopt a Monument*' initiative :

1. The initiative was launched by the Karnataka State Department of Archaeology, Museums & Heritage (DAMH) in 2025
2. It invites private firms, NGOs & individuals to adopt state-protected heritage sites
3. 'Namma Smaraka' portal developed by the Infosys foundation will have all details pertaining to the scheme
4. Under the guidelines, the first phase focuses on building basic facilities like sanitation & lighting, while the second phase addresses conservation & restoration using archaeologically sound methods

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1, 2 & 3 only
- b) 1, 3 & 4 only
- c) 2 & 4 only
- d) 3 & 4 only

21) Which of the following statements with respect to the upcoming cricket stadium in Karnataka is **incorrect**?

- a) The new venue was recommended following Justice Nagmohan Das Commission report which concluded that the existing Chinnaswamy Stadium is unsuitable for large-scale events.
- b) The stadium will feature an 80,000-seat capacity, making it second only to the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad
- c) The project is being developed by the Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) entirely with its funds without additional government assistance
- d) The venue is planned as a multi-disciplinary sports complex equipped with modern infrastructure

22) Recently, the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team of the Indian Air Force celebrated its 30th anniversary on May 26, 2026 by conducting air display at Air Force Station in

- a) Hassan
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Kalaburagi
- d) Bidar

Solutions:

1. d 2. a 3. b 4. a 5. c 6. d 7. b
8. b 9. a 10. c 11. c 12. d 13. a 14. c
15. a 16. c 17. b 18. b 19. b 20. c 21. c
22. d



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