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- ✓ Government Schemes
- ✓ MCQs & One-Liners

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- ★ Census 2027 Updates
- ★ AI & Space Technology
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- ★ Karnataka Governance Reforms

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APRIL -01 -- 2026

1. 15th Finance Commission Grants Issue – Karnataka

- Karnataka alleged non-release of **₹15,583 crore** recommended by the 15th Finance Commission.
- 15th Finance Commission tenure: **2021–2026**.
- Karnataka's tax devolution under 16th Finance Commission:
 - 4.13%**
 - Amount: **₹63,049 crore (2026–27)**.
- Disaster management allocation:
 - ₹8,559 crore**.
- Karnataka claimed:
 - ₹80,000 crore loss due to revised formula.
 - Total cumulative loss: **₹1.44 lakh crore**.

Criteria	15 th FC (2021-26)	16 th FC (2026-31)
Income Distance	45%	42.5%
Population (2011)	15%	17.5%
Demographic Performance	12.5%	10%
Area	15%	10%
Forest	10%	10%
Tax and Fiscal Efforts	2.5%	-
Contribution to GDP	-	10%
Total	100%	100%

Sources: Reports of the 15th and 16th Finance Commissions; PRS.

2. Rising Dog Bite Cases & Rabies Control

- Karnataka recorded:
 - 1.33 lakh dog bite cases**
 - 17 rabies deaths** in early 2026.
- Dog bite cases increased from:
 - 1.63 lakh (2022) → 4.99 lakh (2025).
- Dog bites declared a **Notified Disease (2021)**.
- Hospitals must stock:
 - ARV
 - RIG
- Free treatment for victims in all hospitals.
- Rabies Mukta Karnataka Action Plan launched.
- Snakebite also declared a notified disease.



3. BBMP Sahaaya App Issues

- Citizens complained that:
 - Sahaaya App
 - Helpline 1533
 were marking complaints resolved without action.
- Major civic issues:
 - Rajakaluve cleaning delay
 - Footpath encroachment
 - Garbage black spots
 - Sanitation worker shortage
- BBMP emphasized:
 - Waste segregation
 - Route-level monitoring teams
 - CSR support for infrastructure.

4. COMBRAIN Digital Repository

- COMBRAIN is India's first large-scale digital brain repository.
 - Developed by:
 - NIMHANS
 - NCBS
 - Supported by:
 - Rohini Nilekani Centre for Brain and Mind.
 - Data from:
 - 2,700+ patients
 - 1,100 families.
 - Uses:
 - Clinical
 - Biological
 - Imaging data.
 - Helps in:
 - Biomarker identification
 - Personalized mental health treatment.
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5. West Asia Conflict & India's Economy

- EY report predicts:
 - 1% decline in GDP growth
 - 1.5% rise in inflation.
 - India imports nearly:
 - **90% crude oil.**
 - Crude oil prices increased up to:
 - **50%.**
 - Affected sectors:
 - Textiles
 - Chemicals
 - Fertilizers
 - Cement
 - Tyres.
 - Government created:
 - **₹1 lakh crore Economic Stabilization Fund.**
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6. Low Awareness of Colorectal Cancer

- Survey covered:
 - 10,198 people
 - 14 cities.
- Bengaluru findings:
 - 88% used self-medication.
 - 80% consumed packaged food.
 - 61.4% had irregular bowel movements.
 - Over 80% unaware blood in stool is warning sign.
- Only:
 - 14.5% consulted doctors.

- Colonoscopy recommended for early detection.

7. Open Defecation in Chikkodi Taluk

- Despite ODF status (2018), nearly:
 - 50% households lacked toilets.
- Survey by:
 - ActionAid Karnataka.
- Covered:
 - 390 SC households
 - 13 villages.
- Problems:
 - No public toilets
 - Poor water supply
 - Non-functional toilets.
- Women faced:
 - Safety
 - Dignity
 - Menstrual hygiene issues.
- Low awareness of:
 - Swachh Bharat Mission subsidy.

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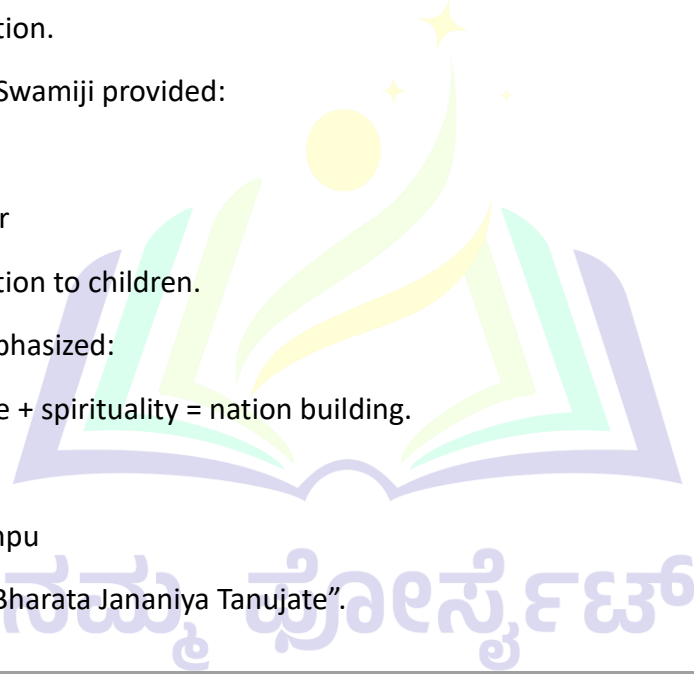
1. Karnataka Police Flag Day 2026

- Karnataka observed **Police Flag Day** on **April 2, 2026**.
- Event held at:
 - KSRP Parade Ground.
- Led by:
 - Siddaramaiah
 - G. Parameshwara.
- Objective:
 - Police welfare and support for families.
- Citizens contribute through police flags:
 - ₹100, ₹500, ₹1000.
- Welfare support includes:
 - Martyrs' families
 - Healthcare

- Education support.
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2. Shivakumara Swamiji Jayanti

- President **Droupadi Murmu** attended:
 - 119th Jayanti celebrations
 - Siddaganga Mutt.
- Siddaganga Mutt described as center of:
 - Food
 - Compassion
 - Education.
- Shivakumara Swamiji provided:
 - Food
 - Shelter
 - Education to children.
- President emphasized:
 - Service + spirituality = nation building.
- Mentioned:
 - Kuvempu
 - “Jaya Bharata Jananiya Tanujate”.



3. Bodhivriksha&Bodhivardhana Awards 2026

- **K. Veeramani** selected for:
 - Bodhivriksha National Award.
- Associated with:
 - Ambedkar Jayanti.
- Worked for:
 - Periyar ideology
 - Social justice reforms.

- Played key role in:
 - 69% reservation in Tamil Nadu.
 - Supported:
 - Mandal Commission implementation.
 - Bodhivardhana awardees contributed to:
 - Dalit empowerment
 - Farmers' rights
 - Rational awareness
 - Devadasi rehabilitation.
 - Award prize:
 - Bodhivriksha: ₹1 lakh
 - Bodhivardhana: ₹25,000.
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4. FCRA Amendment Bill 2026

- Discussion on FCRA Amendment Bill postponed in Lok Sabha.
 - Aim:
 - Regulate foreign donations to NGOs.
 - Government stated:
 - To prevent misuse of foreign funds.
 - Opposition criticized bill as:
 - Authoritarian
 - Misuse-prone.
 - Bill proposes:
 - Specific authority to manage NGO assets after license cancellation.
 - Focus:
 - Stricter monitoring of foreign contributions.
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5. Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls

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- SIR process in Karnataka reached:
 - 80%.
- Unmatched voter details:
 - 1.10 crore.
- Karnataka total voters:
 - 5.57 crore.
- Matched records:
 - 4.46 crore.
- Conducted by:
 - Election Commission of India.
- Verification compared:
 - 2002 & 2025 electoral rolls.
- Concerns raised:
 - Lack of transparency
 - Software inaccuracies
 - Risk of wrongful voter deletion.

6. GST Revenue Collection 2025–26

- March 2026 GST collection:
 - ₹2 lakh crore.
- Growth compared to March 2025:
 - 8.8%.
- Domestic GST revenue:
 - ₹1.46 lakh crore.
- Import revenue:
 - ₹53,861 crore.
- Total GST refunds:
 - ₹22,074 crore.

- FY 2025–26 total GST collection:
 - ₹22.27 lakh crore.
 - Strong-performing states:
 - Maharashtra
 - Karnataka
 - Telangana.
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7. KSRTC Wins World HRD Congress Award 2026

- KSRTC won:
 - World HRD Congress Award 2026.
 - Category:
 - Best in Training and Organisation Development.
 - Award presented at:
 - Kochi, Kerala.
 - KSRTC training includes:
 - Fuel efficiency
 - Road safety
 - Refresher courses
 - Simulator-based training.
 - Aim:
 - Improve operational efficiency and public safety.
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APRIL – 03 -- 2026

1. AI-Based Dialysis Monitoring System – KC General Hospital

- AI-based dialysis monitoring system launched at:
 - KC General Hospital.
- Launched by:
 - Dinesh Gundu Rao.
- Implemented by:

- NephroPlus under PPP model.
 - AI monitors:
 - Blood pressure
 - Fluid removal
 - Electrolyte balance.
 - Tracks nearly:
 - 28 key parameters.
 - Benefits:
 - Real-time monitoring
 - Better clinical decisions
 - Uniform treatment quality.
 - Karnataka plans expansion to other hospitals.
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2. Rashtriya Kishor SwasthyaKaryakram (RKSK)

- Karnataka ordered expansion of:
 - Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (AFHCs).
 - Implemented under:
 - RKSK
 - National Health Mission (NHM).
 - Focus:
 - Mental health
 - Physical health
 - Reproductive health.
 - Integrated Counselling Centres (SSK) to be established.
 - Special counselling sessions held on:
 - 13th of every month.
 - School outreach programmes supported by Education Department.
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3. Akka Mahadevi Jayanti

- Akka Mahadevi highlighted as:
 - Early woman social reformer.
- She was:
 - 12th century saint-poet.
- Famous for:
 - Vachanas.
- Her writings promoted:
 - Equality
 - Devotion
 - Social justice.
- Proposal made to:
 - Install her statue in Bengaluru.
- Event organised by:
 - Department of Kannada and Culture.

4. Mukhyamantri Medal 2025 & Police Modernisation

- Siddaramaiah awarded:
 - Mukhyamantri Medal 2025.
- Awarded to:
 - 153 police personnel.
- Focus areas:
 - Cybercrime prevention
 - Organized crime control
 - Technology adoption.
- Karnataka established:
 - Cyber Command Unit.
- Recruitment plans:

- 8,000 constables
 - 600 PSIs.
 - Measures initiated against:
 - Drug networks
 - Criminal activities.
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5. Census 2027 – Self Enumeration

- Government introduced:
 - Self-enumeration facility for Census 2027.
 - Portal:
 - se.census.gov.in
 - Uses:
 - Mobile OTP authentication.
 - Data collected:
 - Housing conditions
 - Water source
 - Sanitation
 - Electricity
 - LPG/PNG
 - Digital devices.
 - Uses:
 - Satellite-based geotagging.
 - Generates:
 - SEIN (Self Enumeration Identification Number).:- a unique **11-digit SE ID**
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6. Ko. Chennabasappa Award 2026

- G. Ramakrishna selected for:
 - Nadoja Ko. Chennabasappa Award 2026.

- Award related to:
 - Kannada literature
 - Social service.
 - Instituted by:
 - Koche Sahitya and Shikshana Trust.
 - Cash prize:
 - ₹50,000.
 - Award promotes:
 - Kannada literary traditions.
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7. Expansion of Sneha Centres under RKSK

- Karnataka approved expansion of:
 - Sneha Centres
 - Integrated counselling units.
 - Sneha Centres operate under:
 - RKSK through NHM since 2015–16.
 - 14 districts currently lack Sneha Centres.
 - New model introduced:
 - SamagraSamalochana Kendra (SSK).
 - Services include:
 - Mental health
 - TB counselling
 - NCD counselling
 - Adolescent counselling.
 - Programme linked with:
 - School Health Programme
 - NIMHANS modules.
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APRIL – 04 -- 2026

1. Karnataka Arogya Sanjeevini Yojana

- Health insurance scheme for Karnataka government employees and dependents.
 - Provides cashless inpatient healthcare through empanelled hospitals.
 - Launched on 1 October 2025.
 - Private hospital participation is low due to pending revision of treatment package rates.
 - Over 700 hospitals awaiting inclusion after rate revision.
 - Monthly employee contribution ranges from ₹250–₹1000.
 - Scheme also includes parents of female employees.
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2. International Agri-Tech Summit 2026

- Organised by FKCCI in Bengaluru from April 24–26.
 - Aim: Promote agricultural innovation and technology adoption.
 - Over 100 agri-startups and 200 stalls expected.
 - 80% stalls reserved for farmers.
 - Focus areas: farm mechanisation, food processing, agribusiness, and modern farm equipment.
 - Conducted with support from UAS Bengaluru and Agriculture Department.
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3. 'Chiguru' Initiative & Malnutrition in Karnataka

- Karnataka reported 4.26 lakh severely stunted Anganwadi children.
 - 'Chiguru' is a community-based programme to tackle acute malnutrition.
 - Implemented under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS).
 - Children receive supplementary nutrition for 300 days annually.
 - Eggs and milk provided under Ksheera Bhagya Yojana.
 - High stunting districts: Raichur, Ballari, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, and Bidar.
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4. Babu Jagjivan Ram Award 2026

- Karnataka government selected five awardees for contributions to social justice.

- Award given by Department of Social Welfare.
 - Includes ₹5 lakh cash prize and 20 gm gold medal.
 - Recognises work for Dalit welfare, labour rights, social equality, and Ambedkarite thought.
 - Awards presented at Vidhana Soudha on April 5.
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5. Karnataka Wins India Adivasi Games

- Karnataka became overall champion at India Adivasi Games in Raipur.
 - Won 38 medals including 23 gold medals.
 - Dominated swimming with 15 gold medals.
 - Around 3800 athletes from 30 states and UTs participated.
 - Manikantha L emerged as top athlete with 8 gold and 1 silver medal.
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6. SSLC Third Language Grading Policy

- Karnataka proposed replacing marks with grading system for third languages in SSLC.
 - Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot asked government to re-examine the policy.
 - Concerns raised over reduced academic importance of third languages.
 - Hindi is studied by over 7.5 lakh students as third language.
 - Other languages include Urdu, Sanskrit, Tulu, Konkani, and Marathi.
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7. Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Logo

- GBA unveiled official logos featuring Kempe Gowda and Kempe Gowda tower.
 - Separate logos designed for five city corporations with different colours.
 - Names displayed in Kannada and English.
 - Move aims to strengthen digital governance and institutional identity.
 - Separate corporation websites planned for better transparency and public access.
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APRIL – 05 - 2026

1. Karnataka Tops Khelo India Tribal Games 2026

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- Karnataka became overall champion in Khelo India Tribal Games held in Chhattisgarh.

Achievement / Highlight	Details
Total Medals Secured	38 Medals
Gold Medals Won	23 Gold Medals
Major Contributing Sport	Swimming
Gold Medals in Swimming	15 Gold Medals
Outstanding Athlete	Manikanta L
Medals by Manikanta L	8 Gold + 1 Silver Medal
Significance of Event	Promotes tribal sports and indigenous talent

2. Kodava Family Hockey Tournament

- 26th Kodava Family Hockey Festival began at Napoklu in Kodagu.
- Event is listed in Guinness Book of Records.
- Around 240 Kodava families and 30 women's teams participated.
- 2026 theme: "One Goal, One Plant".
- Tournament promotes sports, culture, and environmental awareness.



3. Karnataka Leads in Drone Training for Women SHGs

- Karnataka trained highest number of women drone pilots under Namo Drone Didi Yojana.
- Scheme promotes women empowerment through agricultural technology.
- Drones used for spraying fertilizers and pesticides.
- Initiative supports rural livelihoods and modern farming practices.



4. Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Voter Rolls

- Election Commission initiated SIR of electoral rolls in Karnataka.
- Aim is to improve voter list accuracy and remove duplicate entries.

- About 3.8 crore voters mapped across the state.
 - Booth Level Officers (BLOs) conduct voter verification.
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5. "Art from the Heart" Exhibition – Bengaluru

- NGO Pragathi organised art exhibition for persons with disabilities.
 - Venue: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Bengaluru.
 - Objective is to encourage inclusion and showcase artistic talent.
 - Exhibition displayed artworks by differently-abled artists from Karnataka.
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APRIL – 06 - 2026

1. MGNREGA Slowdown & VBJY Issues

- New MGNREGA works stopped since January 2026 in Karnataka.
 - Delay in Vishwakarma Bhagyodaya Yojana (VBJY) due to absence of central guidelines.
 - Kalyana Karnataka and Kittur Karnataka regions badly affected.
 - Workers migrating to Maharashtra, Telangana, and Kerala for jobs.
 - Pending wage payments around ₹35 crore.
 - Situation causing seasonal unemployment and rural distress.
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2. Summer Animal Care Measures – Hampi Zoo

- Special cooling arrangements made at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Hampi.
 - Mud baths provided to reduce heat stress and infections.
 - Zoo maintains over 15 water ponds for animals.
 - Lions and tigers cooled using sprinkler systems.
 - Water supplied through borewells and solar pumps.
 - Measures ensure animal health and hygiene during extreme summer.
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3. PUCC Software Integration with VAHAN-4

- Karnataka introduced new PUCC software linked with VAHAN-4.
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- Implemented in 2,700 emission testing centres.
 - QR-code based certificates enable nationwide verification.
 - Geo-fencing prevents fake emission testing.
 - Automated SMS alerts sent before certificate expiry.
 - Initiative improves pollution monitoring and inter-state enforcement.
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4. BSF Proposal for Reptile Patrols

- BSF exploring use of snakes and crocodiles for border surveillance.
 - Proposal aimed at difficult riverine stretches along India–Bangladesh border.
 - Around 371 km border remains unfenced.
 - Initiative currently at feasibility stage.
 - Concerns raised about ecological impact and public safety.
 - Government also focusing on surveillance systems and floodlighting.
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5. BOSCON 2026 – Orthopaedics Conference

- BOSCON 2026 is the 29th annual conference of Bangalore Orthopaedic Society.
 - Focus on AI, robotics, biologics, and minimally invasive surgery.
 - Experts emphasized evidence-based and patient-centred healthcare.
 - Discussions included precision surgery and complex surgical cases.
 - Event organised with HOSMAT Hospitals.
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6. Progeny Mapping under SIR

- Progeny mapping exceeded 100% in 19 Karnataka districts.
- Refers to linking newly added young voters with existing electors.
- Kodagu and Udupi recorded over 120% mapping.
- Overall voter mapping reached 82.75%.
- Concerns raised over duplicate entries and exclusion of vulnerable communities.
- Demands made for house-to-house verification.

7. Drinking Water Scarcity in Karnataka

- Water scarcity reported in 324 villages across 20 districts.
 - Water supplied through tankers and private borewells.
 - Government allocated ₹60 crore for immediate relief.
 - Additional ₹14.5 crore for repair of drinking water units.
 - Continuous monitoring by district officials and Rapid Task Forces.
 - Measures include borewell leasing, flushing, and deepening.
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8. KPME as Nodal Agency for KUM Portal

- Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Authority designated as nodal agency.
 - Integration with Karnataka Udyoga Mithra (KUM) portal.
 - Initiative supports Ease of Doing Business reforms.
 - Provides single-window digital access for health approvals.
 - System improves transparency and reduces delays.
 - Health-related State and Central services to be integrated.
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APRIL – 07 - 2026

1. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Funding Dispute

- Karnataka demanded release of ₹16,863 crore pending central share under JJM.
 - Centre extended Jal Jeevan Mission till December 2028.
 - Karnataka estimates additional burden of ₹2,500 crore under revised structure.
 - Delay in signing agreement has affected rural drinking water projects.
 - Issue highlights Centre–State coordination challenges in welfare schemes.
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2. BWSSB One-Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme

- BWSSB launched OTS scheme for pending water bill dues.
- Scheme valid till June 2026 with full interest waiver.

- Around 5.11 lakh consumers have pending dues.
 - Total arrears stand at ₹851.33 crore.
 - Payments accepted through online mode, BWSSB offices, and Bengaluru One centres.
 - Aim is to improve revenue collection and financial sustainability.
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3. Road Maintenance Measures under GBA

- Greater Bengaluru Authority directed each corporation to procure pothole repair machines.
 - MARS software mandatory before road cutting works.
 - Agencies failing to restore roads will bear repair costs.
 - Authorities instructed to prevent sewage inflow into K-100 stormwater drain.
 - Action ordered against abandoned vehicles and illegal parking.
 - Census staff to receive ₹25,000 honorarium for enumeration work.
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4. Bengaluru Central RTO Revenue Performance

- Bengaluru Central RTO ranked 1st in Karnataka and 3rd in India in revenue collection.
 - Revenue collection reached ₹1,273.8 crore in FY 2025–26.
 - Enforcement drives collected ₹6.2 crore through penalties.
 - Violations targeted included pending taxes, invalid licences, and lack of fitness certificates.
 - Karnataka Transport Department collected ₹12,829.64 crore overall revenue.
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5. EV Charging Infrastructure Growth

- Karnataka ranked 2nd in India with 2,039 operational EV charging stations.
 - Major growth occurred during 2024–25 with 1,034 new stations added.
 - Infrastructure developed mainly by Oil Marketing Companies and private players.
 - Karnataka ahead of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat in EV infrastructure.
 - Government allocated funds under FAME-II and PM E-DRIVE schemes.
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6. Ran Samwad 2026

- Tri-service defence seminar to be held in Bengaluru on April 9–10.
 - Theme: “Multi-Domain Operations: An Imperative for Addressing Conventional and Irregular Threats”.
 - Organised by Ministry of Defence involving Army, Navy, and Air Force.
 - Focus on warfare across land, air, sea, cyber, space, and cognitive domains.
 - Emphasises Whole-of-Nation approach and civil-military coordination.
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7. Multi-Pair Kidney Swap Transplant Guidelines

- Karnataka became first State to frame guidelines for multi-pair kidney swap transplants.
 - Allows exchange among three or more donor-recipient pairs.
 - Addresses ABO mismatch and HLA incompatibility issues.
 - Only near relatives permitted as donors.
 - Approval from State Authorisation Committee mandatory.
 - Commercial organ transactions strictly prohibited.
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APRIL – 08- 2026

1. Kibo OCR Reader for Visually Impaired Students

- Bangalore University introduced Kibo OCR Reader technology.
 - Device converts printed text into audio format.
 - Implemented at Jnanabharathi campus Braille Resource Centre.
 - Initiative conducted with Bodh IT Foundation and Citivaorganisation.
 - Supports independent learning and digital inclusion for visually impaired students.
 - Students received training on use of OCR device.
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2. IVF Treatment Facility at Vanivilas Hospital

- Karnataka Government establishing IVF centre at Vanivilas Hospital.
- Aim is to provide affordable fertility treatment.
- Government allocated ₹1 crore along with CSR support.

- Facility includes laboratories, consultation rooms, and daycare units.
 - Around 120 BPL couples may initially benefit.
 - IVF services may be linked with Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY scheme.
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3. Eco-Sensitive Zone around Kali Tiger Reserve

- Union Government notified 663 sq. km Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- ESZ extends up to 10 km around Kali Tiger Reserve.
- Mining, quarrying, and stone crushing prohibited.
- Polluting industries and thermal power projects restricted.
- New hotels and commercial construction banned within 1 km boundary.
- State must prepare Zonal Master Plan within two years.



4. Inclusion of Minor Languages as Third Language

- Kannada Development Authority proposed inclusion of 27 minor languages in SSLC.
 - Languages include Kodava, Arebhashe, Badaga, Yarava, and Koraga.
 - KDA identified 290 micro-languages in Karnataka.
 - Initiative aims to preserve linguistic diversity and prevent language extinction.
 - Proposal suggests region-specific language teaching.
 - Kannada script recommended for languages without scripts.
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5. Expansion of Electric Bus Fleet in Bengaluru

- BMTC plans procurement of 4,500 electric buses under PM e-Drive initiative.
- BMTC currently operates 1,754 electric buses.
- Buses operated under Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model.
- Private operators manage buses while BMTC pays per kilometre.
- Concerns raised over safety issues and breakdowns in existing e-buses.

- State approval required before issuing Letters of Award.
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6. ECI & Karnataka Guarantee Schemes Controversy

- Election Commission objected to release of guarantee scheme funds during MCC period.
 - Schemes involved: Gruha Jyoti, Anna Bhagya, Gruha Lakshmi, Yuva Nidhi, and Shakti.
 - Issue related to Davangere and Bagalkot by-elections.
 - ECI stated prior approval required for fresh fund release during MCC.
 - Karnataka Government clarified instalments will be released after elections.
 - Controversy highlights balance between welfare delivery and election neutrality.
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7. Basava Day Proclamation in Kansas (USA)

- Kansas declared April 20 as “Basava Day”.
 - Announcement made by Governor Laura Kelly.
 - Basavanna recognised as philosopher, reformer, and founder of Lingayat movement.
 - His teachings emphasized equality, anti-caste ideology, and spiritual democracy.
 - Recognition reflects contribution of Lingayat community and Indian diaspora.
 - Promotes global awareness of Basavanna’s social reform ideas.
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APRIL – 09 2026

1. NPS Swasthya Scheme Expansion

- PFRDA expanded NPS Swasthya scheme services.
 - Subscribers can use up to 25% of NPS savings for medical expenses.
 - Scheme now includes both outpatient and inpatient healthcare services.
 - Services accessible through digital platforms like Maven app.
 - Initiative supports retirees and ageing population with healthcare security.
 - Enhances financial security and healthcare accessibility.
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2. AI Factory Initiative – Dayananda Sagar University & NVIDIA

- Dayananda Sagar University signed agreement with NVIDIA to establish India's first AI factory.
 - Project uses NVIDIA Blackwell AI supercomputing platform.
 - University to invest ₹175 crore for AI infrastructure.
 - Six Centres of Excellence planned in healthcare, defence, cybersecurity, semiconductors, mobility, and sustainability.
 - Initiative supports Atmanirbhar Bharat and technological self-reliance.
 - Focus on AI research, innovation, and industry-academia collaboration.
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3. Gaganyaan Mission & ISRO Conference

- ISRO announced three uncrewed missions before Gaganyaan human spaceflight.
 - Announcement made during international conference in Bengaluru.
 - Mission aims to send Indian astronauts into space using indigenous technology.
 - Chandrayaan-3 success highlighted as major milestone.
 - Rocket expected to place spacecraft into orbit within 15–20 minutes.
 - Conference focused on AI, advanced space operations, and global collaboration.
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4. Assembly Elections in Kerala, Assam & Puducherry

- Election Commission conducting single-phase elections on April 9.
 - Voting scheduled from 7 AM to 6 PM.
 - Security includes CAPF deployment and CCTV monitoring.
 - Special focus on postal ballot voting and election transparency.
 - Large participation of women and third-gender voters reported.
 - Elections seen as major political contest among national parties.
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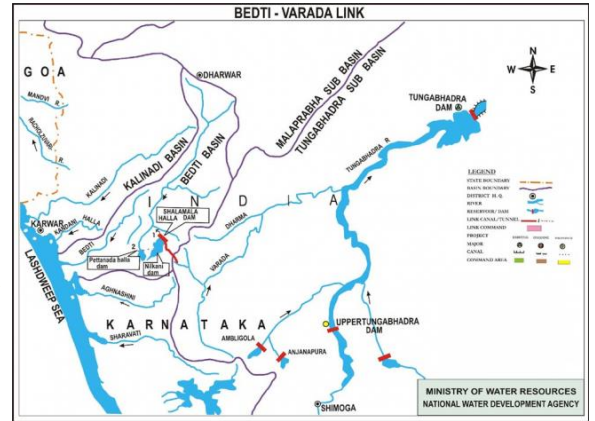
5. Reconstitution of NCERT Textbook Committee

- NCERT reconstituted National Syllabus and Teaching Committee (NSTC).
- Action followed Supreme Court criticism over textbook content.

- Issue related to chapter on “corruption in judiciary” in Class 8 textbooks.
- New committee consists of 20 experts.
- Aim is to ensure balanced, fact-based, and unbiased educational material.
- Highlights role of judicial oversight in education.

6. Bedti–Varada River Linking Project

- Andhra Pradesh demanded fair water share in Bedti–Varada project.
- Project proposes diversion of 18.50 TMC water to Krishna basin.
- Telangana also raised objections regarding Jurala irrigation project.
- Bedti River originates in Dharwad district.
- Project includes 246.58 km pipeline network and check dams.
- Expected to irrigate 1.04 lakh hectares and support drinking water supply.



7. MGNREGA Labour Budget Delay

- Delay in labour budget approval halted new MGNREGA works in Karnataka.
- About 4,869 gram panchayats reported zero expenditure.
- Workers affected during crucial pre-monsoon employment period.
- Problems include delayed wages, job card deletions, and digitisation challenges.
- Rural migration to urban areas increased due to lack of work.
- MGNREGA remains major livelihood source for rural households.

APRIL – 10 - 2026

1. Karnataka 2nd PUC Results 2025–26

- Karnataka recorded historic 86.48% pass percentage in 2nd PUC results.
- Around 6.32 lakh students appeared; 5.46 lakh passed.
- Passing marks reduced from 35% to 33%.

- Girls outperformed boys with 88.70% pass rate.
 - Rural students performed better than urban students.
 - Science stream recorded highest results.
 - Exam-2 allowed without fees for failed students.
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2. Davangere South & Bagalkot By-Elections

- By-elections held peacefully on April 9, 2026.
 - Davangere South recorded 68.55% turnout.
 - Bagalkot recorded 68.74% turnout.
 - Voting conducted from 7 AM to 6 PM.
 - Elections held due to death of sitting MLAs.
 - Tight security arrangements made at polling stations.
 - Vote counting scheduled for May 4, 2026.
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3. Root Canal Treatment under Ayushman Bharat

- Root canal treatment included under AB-PMJAY & Arogya Karnataka scheme.
 - Scheme covers both front and back teeth procedures.
 - Cost fixed at ₹1,360 for front teeth and ₹2,040 for back teeth.
 - Available for both BPL and APL families.
 - Coverage limited to 50,000 cases or ₹5 crore cap.
 - Initiative promotes affordable oral healthcare and preventive treatment.
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4. Multi-Domain (Tri-Service) Defence Operations

- Defence leaders stressed importance of integrated tri-service operations.
- Discussions held during Ran Samvad-2026 seminar.
- Modern warfare includes cyber attacks, drones, satellites, and missile systems.
- Emphasis on coordination among Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- Cyber warfare considered major national security threat.

- Focus shifting towards integrated command and control systems.
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5. Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Karnataka

- 61 railway stations selected for redevelopment in Karnataka.
 - Project investment stands at ₹1,981 crore.
 - Major stations include KSR Bengaluru, Yesvantpur, and Cantonment stations.
 - Focus on modern passenger amenities and multimodal integration.
 - Kavach train collision avoidance system being implemented.
 - Railway projects worth ₹52,950 crore under progress in Karnataka.
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6. Drunk Driving Enforcement in Bengaluru

- Bengaluru Traffic Police booked 9,794 drunk driving cases in Jan–Mar 2026.
 - Highest number of challans in last five years.
 - First offence penalty: ₹10,000 fine and up to 1 year imprisonment.
 - Second offence penalty: ₹15,000 fine and up to 2 years imprisonment.
 - Police expanded enforcement to alternate routes and accident-prone areas.
 - New system allows DL suspension even using photocopy of licence.
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1. Aranya Vihara Portal & Trekking Safety

- Aranya Vihara portal launched in 2024 to regulate trekking through advance booking.
 - Criticised for focusing mainly on ticket booking rather than safety management.
 - Recent trekking accidents raised concerns over lack of SOPs.
 - Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre suggested Standard Operating Procedures for safe trekking.
 - Only 33 trekking sites in 12 districts listed on portal.
 - Unauthorized trekking groups and weak enforcement remain major issues.
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2. Forest Land Encroachment Clearance in Kolar

- Forest Department ordered eviction of 60.23 acres of encroached forest land in Kolar district.
 - Action taken under Karnataka Forest Act, 1963.
 - Joint survey conducted in January 2025 confirmed encroachment.
 - Encroachers given 30 days to vacate land.
 - Department empowered to forcibly clear encroachments if needed.
 - Highlights strict enforcement of forest protection laws.
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3. BEML Indigenous Electric Dump Truck

- BEML launched India's first indigenous 35-ton electric dump truck from Mysuru unit.
 - Truck named BH35-2 EV.
 - Powered by Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor (PMSM).
 - Designed with zero tailpipe emissions for sustainable mining operations.
 - Battery charges up to 80% within 60–90 minutes.
 - Supports Atmanirbhar Bharat and green mobility goals.
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4. Justice Yashwant Varma Resignation

- Justice Yashwant Varma resigned amid allegations related to cash discovery incident.
 - Resignation submitted to President Droupadi Murmu.
 - Impeachment process became ineffective after resignation.
 - Article 217 allows High Court judges to resign by writing to President.
 - Resigned judges retain pension and service benefits.
 - Case highlights importance of judicial accountability and ethics.
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5. Bengaluru Monsoon Preparedness

- Greater Bengaluru Authority initiated flood-prevention measures before monsoon.
- Major inspections conducted in Yelahanka, Hebbal, Silk Board, and ORR areas.
- Rajakaluves and storm-water drains under construction and desilting.
- Drone monitoring and wetland restoration works underway.

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- Temporary pumping arrangements planned in vulnerable areas.
 - Authorities directed completion of key works before end of April.
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6. Gaganyaan Mission – IADT-02

- ISRO successfully conducted Second Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-02).
 - Test carried out at Satish Dhawan Space Centre.
 - Simulated Crew Module dropped from 3 km altitude using Chinook helicopter.
 - 10 parachutes deployed for controlled descent and safe landing.
 - Crew module recovered with support of Indian Navy.
 - Test validated parachute-based astronaut recovery system.
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APRIL - 12 – 2026

1. Karnataka Tops National Panchayat Awards 2026

- Karnataka emerged as the top-performing state in National Panchayat Awards 2026.
 - State won highest number of awards for excellence in local governance.
 - Awards recognise effective implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
 - Focus areas included rural development, sanitation, and grassroots governance.
 - Achievement highlights Karnataka's strong Panchayat Raj system.
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2. ISO Accreditation for CARI Bengaluru

- Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), Bengaluru received ISO 15189:2022 accreditation.
 - First CCRAS institute in India to receive this recognition.
 - Accreditation granted for biochemistry and hematology laboratories.
 - Improves credibility and quality standards in Ayurvedic clinical research.
 - Marks important milestone in traditional medicine research infrastructure.
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3. NHAI 'Arogya Van' Initiative

- NHAI launched "Arogya Van" project along National Highways.

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- Karnataka selected as one of the major implementation states.
 - Medicinal trees like Neem, Amla, and Jamun to be planted.
 - Initiative promotes biodiversity and environmental sustainability.
 - Project also supports green highway development.
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4. Chamundeshwari Temple in National Focus

- Shree Chamundeshwari Temple, Mysuru featured in discussions on cultural tourism.
 - Temple highlighted as model for state-managed heritage and tourism promotion.
 - Discussions focused on temple administration and pilgrimage management.
 - Initiative aims to boost religious tourism in Karnataka.
 - Mysuru continues to be major cultural tourism centre.
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5. Bengaluru Leads in Startup Funding

- Bengaluru accounted for 33% of India's startup funding in 2026–27.
 - City maintained leadership over Mumbai and Delhi in tech investments.
 - Reinforces Bengaluru's status as India's startup capital.
 - Major investments observed in AI, fintech, deep-tech, and SaaS sectors.
 - Strong ecosystem supported by innovation hubs and skilled workforce.
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6. K. Satyanarayana Raju Appointed MD & CEO of IDPIC

- Former Canara Bank MD & CEO K. Satyanarayana Raju appointed head of IDPIC.
 - IDPIC stands for Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation.
 - Organisation uses AI to detect and prevent digital payment frauds.
 - Appointment strengthens India's digital payment security framework.
 - Highlights Karnataka's role in banking and fintech leadership.
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7. PM Mudra Yojana Anniversary

- Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) completed 11 years.

- Karnataka among top states in Mudra loan disbursement.
 - Significant support provided to women and SC/ST entrepreneurs.
 - Scheme promotes small businesses and self-employment.
 - Loans classified under Shishu, Kishor, and Tarun categories.
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8. Safe Motherhood Awareness Campaigns

- Karnataka continued Safe Motherhood awareness campaigns on April 12.
 - Focus districts included Raichur and Yadgir.
 - Campaign aimed at reducing maternal mortality.
 - Emphasis placed on institutional deliveries and maternal healthcare.
 - Awareness programmes conducted in rural and vulnerable regions.
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APRIL – 13 – 2026

1. Dr. Rajkumar Autobiography – *Kathanayakana Kathe*

- Hampi Kannada University released Dr. Rajkumar's autobiography in Bengaluru.
 - Published by Dr. Rajkumar Study Chair.
 - Book highlights his life struggles, cinema journey, and cultural contributions.
 - Reveals unknown incidents behind films like *Gandhadha Gudi*.
 - Proposal made for Rajkumar Centenary Building in Yelahanka.
 - Virtual photo gallery on Rajkumar's life also unveiled.
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2. HAL Aerospace Museum Reopening

- HAL Aerospace Museum reopened after renovation from April 13.
- Located at Marathahalli, Bengaluru.
- Only aerospace museum in India dedicated to aviation research and manufacturing.
- Features Tejas, Prachand, Dhruv, MiG-21, and HF-24 Marut displays.
- Includes holographic guide "Tejaswi" and helicopter simulator.
- Promotes aeronautical awareness among youth.

3. KSRTC Wins National-Level Awards

- KSRTC received three national awards for branding, technology, and HR initiatives.
 - Avatar 4.0 system recognised for digital passenger services.
 - Features include real-time tracking, seat availability, and UPI payments.
 - Services like Ambari Utsav and Airavat Club Class enhanced branding.
 - Awards presented in New Delhi.
 - Focus on customer satisfaction and employee welfare.
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4. Traffic Rule Violations in Bengaluru

- Bengaluru records around 19,000 traffic violation cases daily.
 - AI-based cameras monitor signal jumping, overspeeding, and helmet violations.
 - 88% of violations recorded through contactless systems.
 - Traffic fine collection reached ₹258.16 crore in 2025.
 - Major violations include helmet-less riding and illegal parking.
 - Authorities considering FIR-based action for serious offences.
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5. Brain Co-Processor Technology for Stroke Patients

- IISc and Pratiksha Foundation developing AI-based brain co-processor chip.
 - Project named "Moonshot".
 - Technology aims to restore movement and sensation in stroke patients.
 - Device uses AI and neuromorphic hardware.
 - Both implantable and external devices under development.
 - Initiative funded by Kris Gopalakrishnan and Sudha Gopalakrishnan.
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6. Demise of Asha Bhosle

- Legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle passed away at age 92.
- Recorded nearly 12,000 songs in over 20 languages.

- Received Dadasaheb Phalke Award and Padma Vibhushan.
 - Recognised by Guinness World Records for highest studio recordings.
 - Belonged to the famous Mangeshkar family.
 - Last rites performed with full state honours.
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7. Forest Fire Situation in Karnataka

- Pre-monsoon rains reduced fire risk in Bandipur and Nagarahole.
 - BRT Tiger Reserve and MM Hills remain vulnerable.
 - 475 additional watchers deployed for fire monitoring.
 - Drones with thermal cameras used for surveillance.
 - Lantana camara identified as major fire-risk invasive weed.
 - Authorities remain on high alert till southwest monsoon onset.
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APRIL – 14 – 2026

1. 135th Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrations

- Karnataka celebrated 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar across the state.
 - CM Siddaramaiah led celebrations at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
 - CM highlighted education as a tool for social liberation.
 - Lalbagh hosted exhibitions on Ambedkar's life and constitutional contributions.
 - Rani Channamma University organised discussions on Ambedkar's social reforms.
 - Events emphasized equality, constitutional values, and social justice.
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2. HAL Prachand LCH Assembly Line

- HAL inaugurated dedicated Structure Assembly Line for Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand.
- Facility established at HAL Bengaluru.
- Automated Storage & Retrieval System (ASRS) also launched.
- Initiative modernises inventory and manufacturing systems.
- Supports indigenous defence production and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

- Facility also supports LUH and future helicopter projects.
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3. Meshadi Festival Observance

- Farmers across Karnataka celebrated Meshadi festival.
 - Marks beginning of new harvest season and solar new year.
 - Celebrated alongside festivals like Baisakhi and Vishu.
 - Festival associated with agriculture, prosperity, and seasonal transition.
 - Rural communities conducted traditional cultural and farming rituals.
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4. Karnataka & MGNREGA Funding Issue

- Karnataka planned to approach Supreme Court regarding MGNREGA fund release.
 - Concern related to implementation and labour budget approval for 2026–27.
 - Delay affecting rural employment opportunities.
 - Government seeking timely release of central funds.
 - Issue important for livelihood support in rural districts.
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5. Karnataka Bank FD Rate Revision

- Karnataka Bank revised Fixed Deposit interest rates from mid-April 2026.
 - Senior citizens offered rates up to 7.40% for selected tenures.
 - New digital deposit schemes introduced.
 - Initiative aims to attract retail investors and depositors.
 - Bank headquartered in Mangaluru.
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APRIL – 15 – 2026

1. Cauvery 6th Stage Drinking Water Supply Project

- BWSSB started preparations for Cauvery 6th Stage project with JICA inspections.
- Project cost estimated at ₹6,939 crore.
- Aim is to supply 500 MLD water to Bengaluru and suburban areas.

- Water to be transported through 120 km pipeline network.
 - Major reservoirs planned near Ramanagara, Kengeri, and GKVK.
 - Completion target fixed for 2036.
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2. 'Bridge to Bengaluru' Initiative

- Karnataka to organise "Bridge to Bengaluru" event in New Delhi.
 - Initiative aims to strengthen global technology partnerships.
 - Event acts as precursor to Bengaluru Tech Summit.
 - Karnataka partnered with over 40 countries and supported 2,000+ startups.
 - State plans to host GITEX AI India 2027 in Bengaluru.
 - Expected investment worth ₹5,500 crore and 7,200 jobs.
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3. Karnataka State Cultural Awards 2025–26

- Basava National Award given to Beldal Siddarama Sharanaru.
 - Pampa Award conferred on Devanur Mahadeva.
 - Akkamahadevi Award awarded to K. Neela.
 - Shantala Natyarani Award presented to Pratibha Prahlad.
 - Awards recognise contributions in literature, arts, and social service.
 - Initiative promotes Kannada culture and heritage.
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4. Karnataka's 18-Point Memorandum to Centre

- CM Siddaramaiah submitted 18-point memorandum to PM Narendra Modi.
 - State demanded inclusion of 56% reservation under Ninth Schedule.
 - Requested ₹26,000 crore support for Bengaluru infrastructure.
 - Sought approval for Mekedatu Project and Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project.
 - Demanded release of ₹17,554 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission.
 - Requested national status for Upper Krishna Project Phase-3.
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5. Karnataka Menstrual Leave Policy

- Karnataka High Court directed strict implementation of menstrual leave policy.
 - Policy grants one day paid leave per month for women aged 18–52.
 - Applies to organised and unorganised sectors.
 - Karnataka Menstrual Leave and Hygiene Bill, 2025 proposed for legal backing.
 - Court stated policy supports substantive equality under Article 14.
 - Awareness among employers and employees emphasised.
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6. Yana Caves Declared Geo-Heritage Site

- Geological Survey of India declared Yana Caves as Geo-heritage Site of National Importance.
 - Located in Uttara Kannada district.
 - Famous for Bhairaveshwara Shikhara and Mohini Shikhara.
 - Formations made of Precambrian dolomitic limestone.
 - Site contains around 61 karst landforms.
 - Declaration promotes conservation, research, and geotourism.
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7. B-SMILE Funding Dispute

- Greater Bengaluru Authority proposed use of municipal bond funds for B-SMILE projects.
 - Funds intended for 13 elevated corridors worth ₹18,000 crore.
 - City corporations opposed move citing financial autonomy concerns.
 - Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited already secured loans exceeding ₹19,000 crore.
 - Debate centred on decentralisation and local governance autonomy.
 - Some corporations prefer using funds for smaller infrastructure projects.
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➤ **Menstrual Leave Mandated by High Court**

- The Karnataka High Court, led by Justice M. Nagaprasanna, directed the state government to implement mandatory menstrual leave across **all employment sectors**—explicitly extending it to the unorganized and vulnerable workforce.
 - **Constitutional Angle:** The court recognized menstrual leave as a fundamental constitutional right linked to **Article 21 (Right to Life and Dignity)** and humane working conditions rather than a mere privilege.
 - It helps bridge substantive gender equality gaps in labor policies.
- **PM Inaugurates Sri Guru Bhairavakaya Temple**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Karnataka to inaugurate the *Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira* (Temple) at the **Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt** in the Mandya district.
- Dedicated to the highly revered spiritual and social reformer *Sri Balagangadharnath Swamiji*. Questions on socio-religious movements, heritage sites, and major mutts of Karnataka are highly frequent in the Art & Culture/History section.
- **Judicial Appointments to Karnataka High Court**
- The Supreme Court Collegium officially cleared the appointment of three new judicial officers as judges to the Karnataka High Court.
- The appointees are **Smt. Rajeshwari Narayana Hegde, Smt. Kedambadi Ganesh Shanthi, and Shri Mahadevappa Brungesh**. *Keep an eye on High Court composition and judge appointment mechanisms (Articles 217 and 222) for Polity.*
- **The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 & Delimitation**
- **The News:** Parliament convened a special session to address the monumental **Delimitation Bill** and the **131st Constitutional Amendment Bill**.
 - **Lok Sabha Expansion:** Proposes expanding the lower house seats from **543 to 850** (815 for States, 35 for UTs) based on the 2011 Census by amending **Article 82** (lifting the long-standing seat freeze).
 - **Immediate Women's Reservation:** It fast-tracks the immediate implementation of a **33% quota for women** in Parliament (*Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam*), bypassing previous clauses that tied it strictly to a post-2026 census rollout.
 - *Note the Federal Imbalance impact:* Projections indicate Southern states' share of LS seats could slide from 24.3% down to roughly 20.7% due to demographic variations.
- **Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 (FoF 2.0) Launched**

- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry notified the establishment of **Startup India FoF 2.0** with a massive corpus of **₹10,000 crore**.
- Managed under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the fund specifically targets scaling up **Deep Tech** and **Advanced Manufacturing** startups.
- **NITI Aayog's R&D Ecosystem Reports**
 - NITI Aayog released two highly crucial policy reports: "*Ease of Doing Research & Development in India*" and the "*Survey Report on Ease of Doing R&D in India*".
 - Focuses on shifting Indian R&D from "production-centric" to "resilience-centric", advocating for increased private sector funding and simplified administrative clearance for early-stage researchers.
- **Quantum Reference Facility in Amaravati**
 - India's first open-access **Amaravati Quantum Reference Facility** was officially inaugurated in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, concurrently backed by a **\$340 million** Phase-1 infrastructure grant approved by the World Bank.

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1. Bengaluru Climate Summit 2026

- Karnataka to host Bengaluru Climate Summit on June 4–5 ahead of World Environment Day.
- Summit venue: CMR IT ACES Campus, Whitefield.
- DCM D.K. Shivakumar unveiled summit website and "Alternative-26" logo.
- Over 1 lakh participants expected.
- Event includes climate-tech exhibitions, art exhibitions, and thematic discussions.
- Youth hackathon to promote climate innovation and sustainability solutions.

2. Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026

- Union Government introduced Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill in Lok Sabha.
- Bill relates to women's reservation in legislatures.
- Proposal includes delimitation before Census 2027.
- Voting saw 251 members supporting introduction of the bill.
- Debate linked to representation and federal balance concerns.

- Bill became major issue between government and opposition alliance.
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3. Indian Artisans Haat Exhibition

- “The Indian Artisans Haat” exhibition to be held in Bengaluru from May 1–10.
 - Venue: Jayamahal Palace Hotel.
 - Organised by Prajavani and Deccan Herald.
 - Exhibition showcases handicrafts from multiple Indian states.
 - Key attractions include Channapatna toys, Madhubani paintings, and Lambanijewellery.
 - Cultural performances, handloom products, and food stalls also included.
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4. Bengaluru Elevated Corridors Project

- Karnataka Cabinet approved 11 elevated corridors in Bengaluru.
 - Total corridor length: 75.60 km.
 - Estimated project cost: ₹13,262.70 crore.
 - Major routes include Hosur Road, Mysuru Road, and Kanakapura Road.
 - Longest corridor connects Yeshwantpur to KR Puram.
 - PPP-based waste-to-energy biogas projects also approved.
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5. Karnataka Rohith Vemula Bill

- Karnataka Cabinet approved Rohith Vemula Bill.
 - Aim is to prevent caste discrimination in educational institutions.
 - Bill ensures equal access for SC, ST, OBC, and minority students.
 - Violations punishable with imprisonment and fine.
 - Offences classified as cognizable and non-bailable.
 - Institutions violating provisions may lose government aid.
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6. West Asia Conflict Impact on Tourism & Aviation

- West Asia conflict caused decline in foreign tourist arrivals to India.

- Aviation sector expected losses around ₹18,000 crore.
 - Flight diversions increased travel time by 2–4 hours.
 - Hospitality sector facing major financial losses.
 - Rising fuel costs increased ticket prices and operational expenses.
 - Restaurants and tourism industry facing employment challenges.
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7. Extension of DG&IGP Tenure

- Karnataka extended tenure of DG&IGP M.A. Saleem till August 2027.
 - Decision based on Supreme Court judgment in Prakash Singh vs Union of India.
 - Judgment mandates minimum fixed tenure for police chiefs.
 - Extension aims to ensure administrative stability and independence.
 - Karnataka earlier assured compliance before Supreme Court.
 - Continuity expected in state law enforcement leadership.
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8. ISRO–ATREE Collaboration

- ISRO Space Applications Centre signed MoU with ATREE.
 - Collaboration focuses on sustainable land management and ecosystem mapping.
 - Satellite-based geospatial technology to map grasslands and ecosystems.
 - Project supports restoration of degraded lands and carbon estimation.
 - Initiative aligns with India's Land Degradation Neutrality goal by 2030.
 - Supports ecological research and climate action planning.
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APRIL – 18 – 2026

1. Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill Defeated

- Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill defeated in Lok Sabha after 23-hour debate.
- Bill proposed 33% reservation for women in legislatures.
- Proposed increase of Lok Sabha seats from 543 to 850.
- Bill failed to secure required two-thirds majority.

- Around 298 MPs supported while 230 opposed the bill.
 - Proposal linked to delimitation based on 2011 Census data.
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2. BWSSB Receives ISO 50001:2018 Certification

- BWSSB became first water utility in India to receive ISO 50001:2018 certification.
 - Certification awarded for efficient energy management systems.
 - Issued by Bureau Veritas.
 - Covers Cauvery water pumping stations at Thorekadanahalli, Harohalli, and Tataguni.
 - Certification also includes Cauvery Bhavan headquarters operations.
 - Highlights adoption of sustainable urban water management practices.
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3. Yogeesh Gowda Murder Case Verdict

- Special court convicted Vinay Kulkarni and others in Yogeesh Gowda murder case.
 - 16 accused awarded life imprisonment.
 - Case tried under IPC Sections 302, 201, 143, and 120B.
 - Special Judge Santosh Gajanan Bhat delivered verdict.
 - ₹16 lakh compensation ordered for victim's family.
 - Convicted MLA faces disqualification from legislative membership.
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4. Report on Century-Old Schools in Karnataka

- Kannada Development Authority submitted 206-page report on heritage schools.
 - Report recommends preservation of 3,222 century-old schools.
 - Suggests declaring these schools as heritage institutions.
 - Many eminent personalities like M. Visvesvaraya and Kuvempu studied in such schools.
 - Recommends development of science labs and heritage museums.
 - Vijayapura, Chikkodi, and Dharwad have highest number of such schools.
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5. SOP for Safe Trekking in Karnataka

- Karnataka Forest Department introduced SOP for trekking on 44 approved trails.
 - Registration through Aranya Vihara portal made mandatory.
 - One trained guide required for every 10 trekkers.
 - GPS-enabled monitoring and mobile tracking app introduced.
 - Trekking routes to include toilets, rest points, and safety markers.
 - SOP introduced after trekking incidents in Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru.
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6. Koppal Semi-Arid Landscape Study

- Study highlighted Koppal district as important wildlife refuge.
 - Region supports species like Indian grey wolf, blackbuck, sloth bear, and striped hyena.
 - Area classified as “wasteland” despite ecological importance.
 - Agro-pastoral farming practices support wildlife coexistence.
 - Renewable energy and industrial expansion seen as threats.
 - Study stresses importance of conservation outside protected areas.
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7. AI Centre of Excellence in Biotechnology

- Karnataka approved AI Centre of Excellence in Biotechnology at Electronics City.
 - Centre to be set up at Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology.
 - Project cost estimated at ₹20 crore over four years.
 - Developed with Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms.
 - Focus on AI-biotechnology integration and deep-tech innovation.
 - Supports Karnataka’s goal of becoming global AI hub.
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APRIL – 19 – 2026

1. Bengaluru Water Security & Cauvery Projects

- Karnataka accelerated Cauvery drinking water expansion projects for Bengaluru suburbs.
- BWSSB reviewed pipeline connectivity and reservoir works.
- Focus placed on reducing summer water scarcity in peripheral areas.

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- Authorities stressed sustainable groundwater management.
 - Rainwater harvesting implementation also reviewed.
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2. Forest Fire Prevention Measures

- Karnataka Forest Department intensified forest fire monitoring in Bandipur, Nagarahole, and MM Hills.
 - Drone surveillance and fire-line creation strengthened.
 - Additional fire watchers deployed in vulnerable forest zones.
 - Public awareness campaigns conducted in forest-fringe villages.
 - Lantana weed identified as major fire-spread factor.
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3. Bengaluru Startup & AI Ecosystem Growth

- Bengaluru continued to lead India's startup ecosystem in AI and deep-tech sectors.
 - State promoted innovation partnerships between academia and industries.
 - Focus sectors included biotechnology, semiconductors, and cybersecurity.
 - Karnataka reaffirmed goal of becoming global AI innovation hub.
 - Startup incubation and research investments increased.
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4. Karnataka Tourism Promotion Initiatives

- Tourism Department announced new initiatives to promote eco-tourism and heritage tourism.
 - Focus on Hampi, Mysuru, Kodagu, and coastal Karnataka circuits.
 - Emphasis on sustainable tourism and local employment generation.
 - Digital tourism campaigns and infrastructure upgrades planned.
 - Heritage conservation linked with tourism development.
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5. Trekking Safety Enforcement

- Karnataka strengthened implementation of new trekking SOP guidelines.
- Registration through Aranya Vihara portal strictly monitored.

- GPS tracking and mandatory guide system enforced on approved trekking routes.
 - Measures introduced following recent trekking-related accidents.
 - Forest Department increased monitoring in Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru regions.
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6. Karnataka Renewable Energy Push

- State promoted expansion of renewable energy and green infrastructure projects.
 - Solar and waste-to-energy projects received policy support.
 - Karnataka remained among leading renewable energy states in India.
 - Discussions held on balancing industrial growth with ecological conservation.
 - Sustainable urban infrastructure remained key governance focus.
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1. Sustainable Energy Agenda 2047 Conference

- International conference on “Sustainable Energy – India Agenda 2047” held in Bengaluru.
 - Organised by Commonwealth Legal Education Association and Karnataka Energy Department.
 - Focus on transition from conventional to renewable energy sources.
 - Karnataka aims to strengthen energy infrastructure and storage systems.
 - Discussions covered law, policy, innovation, and energy security.
 - Initiative aligns with India’s long-term clean energy vision for 2047.
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2. Karnataka Excise Duty Policy Reform 2026

- Karnataka released draft Karnataka Excise (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026.
- Excise tax slabs reduced from 16 to 8.
- Duty of ₹1,000 per litre of pure alcohol proposed on IMFL and beer.
- Cheap liquor made more affordable through reduced lower slab duties.
- Premium liquor prices likely to increase with higher duty rates.
- Draft notification allows 7 days for objections before implementation.

3. Global Translation of Vachana Literature

- Basava Samiti translating Vachana literature into 37 languages.
 - Project covers vachanas of Basavanna, Allama Prabhu, and Akka Mahadevi.
 - Translation project started in 2008.
 - Completed in 28 Indian and 9 foreign languages.
 - Universities like JNU, BHU, and Karnataka University involved.
 - AI planned for faster translation into global languages by 2027.
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4. Forest Encroachment Clearance in Karnataka

- Karnataka has around 2.25 lakh acres of forest encroachment.
 - Shivamogga district recorded highest encroachment.
 - Conflicts reported between farmers and Forest Department during eviction drives.
 - Around 80,000 Forest Rights Act applications pending in Shivamogga region.
 - Supreme Court judgments expanded forest definition beyond notified areas.
 - Issue linked to human-wildlife conflict and governance challenges.
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5. Women Study Chairs in Universities

- Committee led by Baraguru Ramachandrappa recommended women-centric study chairs.
 - Karnataka has 117 study chairs in 32 universities.
 - Around 69 study chairs currently inactive.
 - Minimum ₹1 crore funding per chair recommended.
 - Study chairs to focus on migration, minority education, and rural issues.
 - Uniform guidelines and academic activities proposed.
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6. Femina Miss India 2026

- Sadhvi Satish Sail won Femina Miss India 2026 title.
- Event held at KIIT campus, Bhubaneswar.

- She is daughter of Karwar MLA Satish Sail.
 - Completed schooling in Karwar and higher education in Bengaluru.
 - Pursued postgraduate studies at University of British Columbia.
 - Fluent in seven languages and active in social service activities.
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7. Issues in SIR Voter Mapping Exercise

- Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Bengaluru faced voter data errors.
 - Cases of duplicate identities and EPIC mismatches reported.
 - 73.57% voters mapped in Bengaluru Urban.
 - Marginalised communities affected due to naming pattern issues.
 - Some valid voters showed “record not found” errors.
 - Migrant workers faced documentation and verification challenges.
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8. Heatwave Conditions in Karnataka

- Five Karnataka districts recorded temperatures above 40°C.
- **Koppal recorded** highest temperature at 43.2°C.
- Kalaburagi, Bidar, Raichur, and Ballari also witnessed severe heat.
- IMD predicted no major temperature change for next five days.
- Coastal Karnataka expected hot and humid weather.
- Southwest monsoon expected below normal in most regions of Karnataka.



APRIL – 21 – 2026

1. BWSSB Biogas Production Project

- BWSSB planned PPP-based biogas project using sewage treatment plants.
- Project will utilise 550 MLD sewage capacity from five STPs.
- Aim is to produce Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) from sewage waste.

- Estimated additional revenue of ₹120 crore over two decades.
- Private partner to invest around ₹85 crore under PPP model.
- Initiative considered one of India's largest waste-to-energy projects.

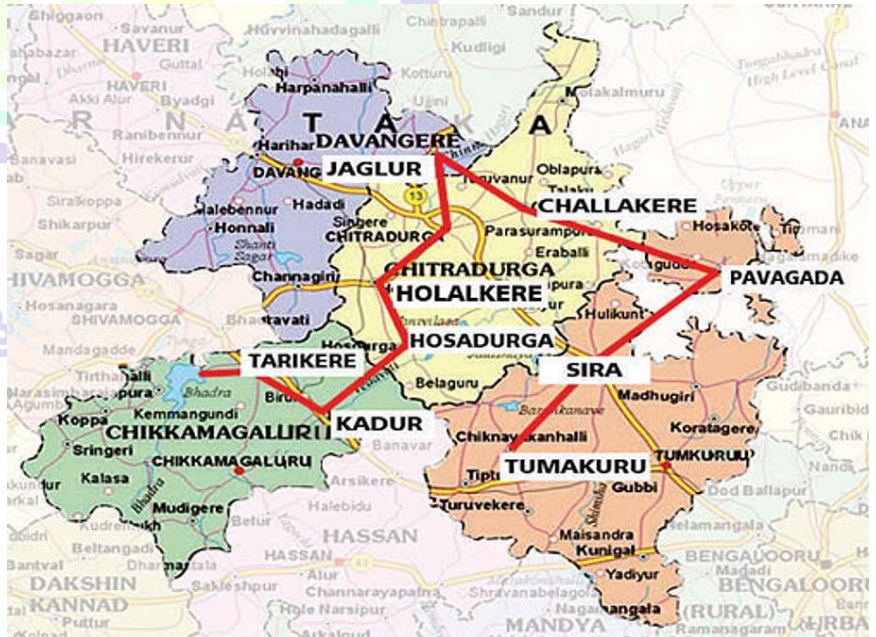
2. World Basava Jayanti & Vachana Promotion

- World Basava Jayanti celebrated in Bengaluru.
- Basava Samiti promoting Vachana literature globally.
- More than 2,500 vachanas of 136 sharanas being translated.
- Translation project covers 37 languages worldwide.
- CM Siddaramaiah released translated Vachana volumes.
- Japanese and German translations presented during celebrations.



3. Bhadra Upper Canal Project Approval

- Jal Shakti Ministry advisory committee approved **revised Bhadra Upper Canal Project**.
- Revised project cost fixed **at ₹21,167 crore**.
- No guarantee provided for ₹5,300 crore central funding.
- Project aims to provide irrigation to central Karnataka districts.
- About 90% land acquisition already completed.
- Completion target fixed for March 2029.



4. Straits & Canals – Global Trade Importance

- Global tensions highlighted importance of maritime chokepoints.
- **Strait of Malacca** carries around 25% of global trade.
- **Strait of Hormuz** crucial for India's oil imports.
- Suez Canal carries about 5 million barrels of oil daily.
- **Panama Canal** connects Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
- Disruptions in straits impact global trade and energy security.



5. Impact of West Asia Conflict on Rose Onion Exports

- Export of GI-tagged Bangalore Rose Onion halted due to West Asia conflict.
- Chikkaballapur district heavily affected.
- Onion prices crashed from ₹100–₹150/kg to ₹8–₹10/kg.
- Around 5,000 hectares under rose onion cultivation.
- Farmers **demanded Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)** support.
- Lack of storage and processing facilities worsened losses.

6. IISc AI Challenge for Cognitive Decline

- IISc launched AI challenge for early detection of cognitive decline.
- Initiative led by Centre for Brain Research.
- Conducted with **Alzheimer's Disease** Data Initiative and Microsoft Research India.
- Focus on detecting dementia and brain ageing patterns.
- Winners to receive ₹2 crore research grants.
- AI expected to support affordable healthcare solutions for elderly population.

7. ASTraM Traffic Violation Reporting Initiative

- Bengaluru Traffic Police reported 7,220 violations **through ASTraM initiative**.
- Programme involves students in traffic monitoring.

- Around 71.95% reported violations verified as genuine.
- Common offences include wrong-side driving and helmet violations.
- Traffic Management Centre verifies uploaded reports.
- Initiative also spreads awareness on road safety and cybercrime.



APRIL – 22 – 2026

1. SSLC Third Language Marks Issue

- Karnataka High Court ordered awarding marks instead of grades for SSLC third language subjects.
- Case heard by **Justice A.S. Indresh**.
- Government's proposal for grading system was rejected.
- State argued many rural students fail in Hindi annually.
- Court stressed transparency and fairness in evaluation.
- Karnataka **follows a three-language** policy.

2. Medicine Shortage in Urban PHCs

- Bengaluru Urban Primary Health Centres facing shortage of essential medicines.
- More than 150 PHCs affected despite high patient inflow.
- Shortage includes Metformin, PCM 650, Cetirizine, and respiratory drugs.
- Patients forced to buy medicines from private stores.
- Many centres function with only one doctor.
- Government initiated tenders for 500+ medicines.

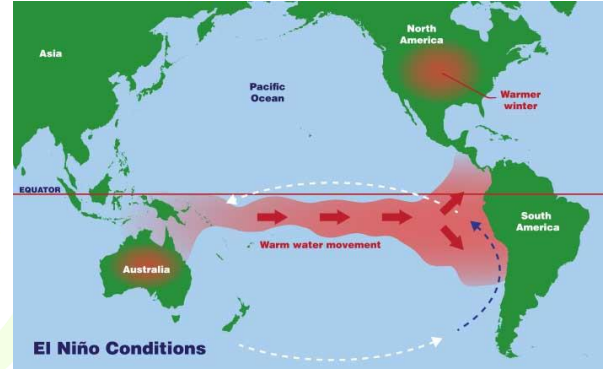
3. Low Charge Sheet Rate in Cyber Crime Cases

- Karnataka recorded 61,644 cyber fraud cases between 2023 and February 2026.
- Only 6.7% cases had charge sheets filed.
- Around 57,898 cases still under investigation.

- Delay beyond “Golden Hour” affects fund recovery.
 - Cyber complaints filed through National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal.
 - State increased cyber police stations to 45.
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4. El Niño & Climate Impact

- El Niño expected to weaken monsoon and affect agriculture.
- Caused by abnormal warming of Pacific Ocean waters.
- Occurs once every 2–7 years.
- Associated with drought and rainfall deficit in India.
- Around 60% of Indian droughts linked to El Niño events.
- La Niña causes above-normal rainfall and stronger monsoon.



5. Ethanol Fuel & Energy Self-Reliance

- Nitin Gadkari advocated 100% ethanol fuel usage in vehicles.
 - India already introduced E20 ethanol-blended petrol.
 - Ethanol produced from agricultural biomass like sugarcane and maize.
 - Initiative aims to reduce crude oil imports.
 - Supports farmers' income and clean energy transition.
 - Hydrogen fuel also identified as future energy source.
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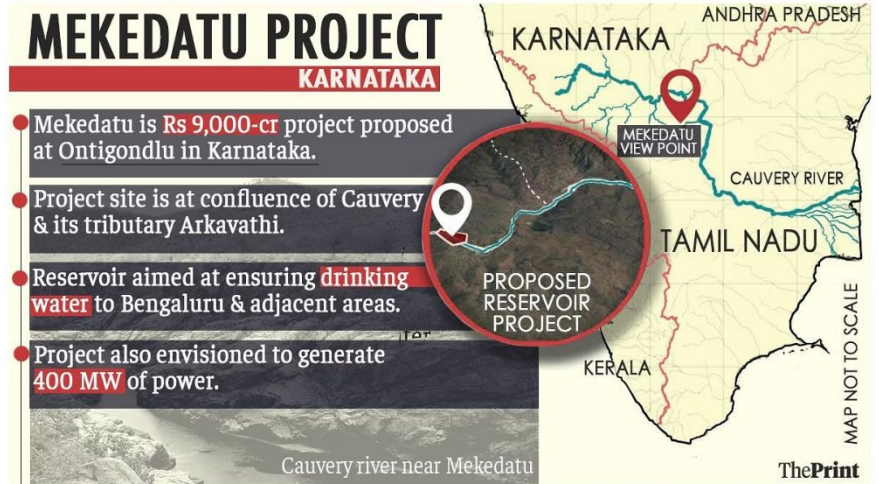
6. BMTC Smart Ticketing System

- BMTC planned external monitoring system for smart ticketing project.
- Around 11,000 Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs) already deployed.
- System integrated with Automatic Fare Collection System (AFCS).
- Supports UPI, QR code, NCMC, and digital pass payments.
- Focus on cybersecurity and revenue leak prevention.

- BMTC operates over 6,800 buses serving 45 lakh passengers daily.

7. Mekedatu Project DPR Submission

- Karnataka to submit Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Mekedatu project to Centre.
- Project proposes balancing reservoir on Cauvery River.
- Technical team formed under Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited.
- Supreme Court earlier termed Tamil Nadu objections as “premature”.
- Project important for drinking water and irrigation needs.
- Approval depends on CWC and Cauvery authorities.



APRIL – 23 – 2026

1. Bike Taxi Policy & Religious Freedom Judgments

- Karnataka government appealed in Supreme Court against High Court order on bike taxis.
- Karnataka High Court earlier allowed eligible motorcycles as bike taxis.
- Court stated bike taxis fall under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- Permits required under Section 74 of the Act.
- Commercial use of private bikes requires tax payment and licensing.
- Court also ruled religious activities are part of constitutional values and cultural heritage.

2. BasavalingaPattaddevar Amrit Mahotsav

- 75th birth anniversary of BasavalingaPattaddevar celebrated at Bhalki, Bidar.
- Event held at Channabasavashrama.

- Vice President and other dignitaries attended celebrations.
- ₹75 lakh donated for proposed Vachana University at Basavakalyan.
- Leaders highlighted Basavanna's ideals of equality and social justice.
- Demand raised for declaring Basavanna Jayanti as public holiday.

3. SOP for Trekking in Karnataka

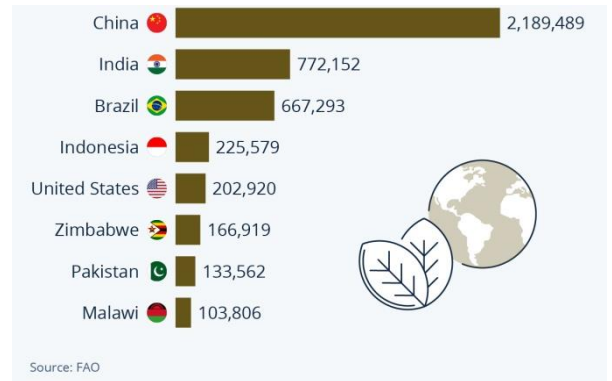
- Karnataka introduced Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for trekking safety.
- Mandatory certified guide required for trekking.
- Ratio fixed at 1 guide for every 10 trekkers.
- Daily limit of 150 trekkers per trail imposed.
- Registration through **Aranya Vihara Portal** made compulsory.
- Plastic use, campfires, and unauthorized night stays banned.

4. E85 Ethanol Blending Policy

- Union Government likely to introduce E85 fuel policy.
- E85 contains **85% ethanol and 15% petrol**.
- Initiative aims to reduce crude oil imports and improve energy security.
- India currently uses E20 fuel under National Biofuel Policy.
- Higher ethanol blends require flex-fuel engines.
- Concerns raised regarding food security, water use, and engine compatibility.

5. Tobacco Production Limit in Karnataka

- Tobacco Board reduced Karnataka tobacco production limit to 5.6 crore kg for 2026–27.
- Earlier limit was 9.9 crore kg.
- Around 66,000 Virginia tobacco growers likely to be affected.
- Decision taken due to fall in global tobacco prices.



- Maximum cultivation fixed at 0.85 hectares per barn.
 - Unauthorized tobacco cultivation banned completely.
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6. Dementia Specialisation Track by Christ University

- Christ University partnered with World Headache Society for dementia specialisation programme.
 - Five-year academic collaboration launched.
 - Programme introduced under neuropsychology studies.
 - Focus on early diagnosis and dementia care.
 - Addresses **Alzheimer's**, **vascular dementia**, and younger-onset dementia.
 - Experts highlighted rising cognitive health concerns among youth and elderly.
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APRIL – 24 – 2026

1. Karnataka SSLC Results 2025–26

- Karnataka recorded historic 94.1% SSLC pass percentage.
 - Out of 7.70 lakh students, 7.24 lakh passed.
 - Pass percentage increased by 13.7% compared to previous year.
 - Dakshina Kannada topped with 98.40%.
 - Kalaburagi recorded lowest result at 85.06%.
 - Seven students secured perfect 625/625 marks.
 - Around 2,200 schools recorded zero failures.
 - Exam-3 will not be conducted due to low failure rate.
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2. Basavashree& Vachana Sahitya Shree Awards 2026

- Basava Vedike announced Basavashree and Vachana Sahitya Shree Awards.
- H.D. Deve Gowda selected for Basavashree Award 2026.
- Gururaj Karajagi chosen for Vachana Sahitya Shree Award.
- Award ceremony to be held at Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bengaluru.

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- Vachana Sahitya Shree carries ₹10,000 cash prize and memento.
- Event organised as part of Basava Jayanti celebrations.

3. Corporate Commute Nudge Programme

- **Biocon launched Corporate** Commute Nudge programme.
- Initiative promotes metro and public transport usage.
- Employees using Tummoc app receive financial incentives.
- Programme implemented with WRI, BMRCL, BMTC, and ECIA.
- Tummoc app integrates metro, bus, and feeder services.
- Around 22,000 commuters used metro during IPL matches.
- Bengaluru traffic reportedly reduced after Yellow Line operations.

4. National Panchayati Raj Day 2026

- National Panchayati Raj Day observed on April 24.
- Marks implementation of 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act.
- Theme for 2026: "Empowered Panchayats, Holistic Development".
- Event held at **Vigyan Bhavan**, New Delhi.
- 73rd Amendment gave constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- **India's first Gram Panchayat** established at Nagaur, Rajasthan in 1959.

5. Expansion of e-Swathu Services

- Karnataka expanded e-Swathu services across integrated service centres.
- Services available through Grama One, Karnataka One, and Bengaluru One.
- Related to digital land and property (Khata) services.
- **₹45 fee fixed** for new Khata services.
- Additional ₹5 charged per page for scanning/uploading documents.

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- Service centres function from 8 AM to 7 PM.
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6. Biocon–IISc Metro Health Study

- Study conducted by Biocon Foundation and IISc.
 - Metro users showed lower hypertension and diabetes prevalence.
 - Metro commuters reported better physical activity and mental well-being.
 - Users gained additional 50–75 minutes walking weekly.
 - Heat stress and PM2.5 exposure found minimal among metro users.
 - Key barriers: high fares and poor last-mile connectivity.
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7. Low-Cost Air Quality Sensor Study

- CSTEP study highlighted need for calibration of low-cost air quality sensors.
 - 48 sensor devices evaluated at Indi-SET facility in Bengaluru.
 - Significant variation found among sensor readings.
 - Study recommended regular calibration and evaluation.
 - Region-specific correction methods improved accuracy.
 - Sensor reliability decreases over time without maintenance.
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APRIL – 25 – 2026

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1. Jayadeva–GBA MoU for 100-Bed Cardiac Hub

- Sri Jayadeva Institute signed MoU with Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).
 - 100-bed satellite cardiac unit to be established at Govindarajnagar, Bengaluru.
 - Aim is to decentralise cardiac healthcare and reduce burden on Jayadeva Hospital.
 - Facility will provide affordable or free treatment to patients.
 - ₹15 crore allocated as initial funding by Karnataka government.
 - Plans include cath-lab facility through CSR support.
 - Additional satellite units proposed in north, east, and central Bengaluru.
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2. Internal Reservation within Scheduled Castes

- Karnataka revised internal reservation formula within 15% SC quota.
- Right-hand and Left-hand SC communities allotted 5.25% each.
- Remaining 4.5% allocated to nomadic and 'touchable' SC communities.
- Earlier 6:6:5 ratio **revised to 5.25:5.25:4.5**.
- Around 56,432 vacancies to be filled using new formula.
- Group 'C' posts provide 20% reservation for 59 nomadic SC communities.
- Karnataka model projected as example for other states.

3. Global Agri-Tech Summit 2026

- Global Agri-Tech Summit inaugurated by CM Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru.
- Organised by FKCCI **at Palace Grounds**.
- Summit promotes agricultural technology adoption and profitable farming.
- Exhibition showcased agri-drones, solar pumps, and modern farm machinery.
- Around 200 stalls established during summit.
- Karnataka aims to become both IT hub and agri-tech capital.
- Focus placed on attracting youth back to agriculture through innovation.



4. AAP Rajya Sabha Members Joining BJP

- Seven Rajya Sabha MPs from AAP shifted allegiance to BJP.
- Anti-Defection Law petitions filed before Rajya Sabha Chairman.
- Two-thirds rule important to avoid disqualification under Tenth Schedule.
- Development significantly impacts Punjab politics and Rajya Sabha strength.
- NDA strength increased to 145 members in Rajya Sabha.
- BJP accused of conducting "Operation Kamal" by AAP leadership.

5. Karnataka–Naukri.com MoU for GCC Hiring

- Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society signed MoU with Naukri.com.
- Aim is to support hiring for Global Capability Centres (GCCs).
- Focus extended beyond Bengaluru to Mysuru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Mangaluru, and other cities.
- GCC Starter Package offered free for first 90 days.
- Includes employer branding and premium hiring support.
- Initiative implemented under Karnataka's KATALYST programme.
- MoU valid for two years.

6. Israel–Lebanon Ceasefire Extension

- **Israel and Lebanon** extended ceasefire for three weeks.
- Talks held in Washington with US mediation.
- Conflict involves **Hezbollah** militants and Israel.
- Strait of Hormuz tensions increased with US surveillance activities.
- Pakistan likely to mediate second round of **US–Iran peace talks**.
- Over 10,000 security personnel deployed in Islamabad and Rawalpindi.



7. National Junior Athletics Championship 2026

- 24th National Junior Athletics Championship held in **Tumakuru**.
- Uttar Pradesh athlete Nipam set national record in women's 100m (11.53 sec).
- Nipam qualified for Asian U-20 Athletics Championship in Hong Kong.
- Abhay Singh won men's 100m gold with 10.41 sec timing.
- Syringes found in stadium washrooms raised doping concerns.
- National Anti-Doping Agency to conduct athlete testing.

APRIL – 26 – 2026

1. Bengaluru Water Crisis & Cauvery Supply Review

- BWSSB reviewed Cauvery water distribution across Bengaluru suburbs.
- Focus placed on summer water scarcity management.
- Authorities monitored tanker supply and groundwater usage.
- Rainwater harvesting enforcement strengthened in urban areas.
- Steps taken to improve sustainable urban water management.

2. Expansion of Bengaluru Metro Connectivity

- BMRCL accelerated metro expansion and connectivity projects.
- Focus on improving last-mile connectivity and reducing traffic congestion.
- Integration of feeder buses and digital ticketing systems discussed.
- Metro expansion linked with sustainable urban mobility goals.
- Authorities promoted public transport usage in Bengaluru.

3. Karnataka Startup & GCC Growth

- Karnataka continued initiatives to expand **Global Capability Centres (GCCs)**.
- Focus extended beyond Bengaluru to tier-2 cities like Mysuru and Hubballi-Dharwad.
- Government promoted AI, semiconductor, and biotechnology sectors.
- Startup ecosystem strengthened through innovation partnerships.
- Karnataka maintained leadership in **India's technology** sector.



4. Forest & Wildlife Protection Measures

- Karnataka Forest Department intensified anti-forest fire operations.
- Drone monitoring and fire-line management strengthened in Bandipur and Nagarahole.

- Conservation measures focused on Western Ghats biodiversity protection.
 - Awareness campaigns conducted in forest-fringe villages.
 - Human-wildlife conflict mitigation remained major priority.
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5. Agricultural Technology Promotion

- Karnataka promoted agri-tech adoption following Global Agri-Tech Summit discussions.
 - Farmers encouraged to adopt agri-drones, solar pumps, and precision farming.
 - Government focused on profitable and sustainable agriculture.
 - Youth participation in agriculture highlighted as key objective.
 - Industry partnerships encouraged for rural innovation.
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6. Traffic & Smart Mobility Initiatives

- Bengaluru Traffic Police expanded AI-based traffic monitoring systems.
 - Focus on reducing violations and improving road safety.
 - Smart mobility projects integrated with metro and BMTC systems.
 - Digital transport and public mobility solutions promoted.
 - Authorities targeted congestion-prone corridors in Bengaluru.
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APRIL – 27 – 2026

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1. Mandatory Permit for Electric Transport Vehicles

- Karnataka Transport Department made permits mandatory for commercial electric vehicles.
- Applies to e-autos, taxis, buses, and goods vehicles.
- Earlier exemptions under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 withdrawn under Sections 66(3)(n) and 96.
- Permits issued free of cost but compulsory for transport EVs.
- Private-use EVs remain exempted.
- Karnataka has around 7.56 lakh EVs, including 72,631 transport EVs.
- Aim is to improve regulation, safety, and legal accountability.

2. BWSSB Rainwater Harvesting Initiative

- BWSSB introduced technology-based rainwater harvesting system in Bengaluru.
 - Initiative aims to reduce penalties and promote water conservation.
 - Installation cost recovered through penalty instalments.
 - Pilot project successfully implemented at 75 locations.
 - System can recover over 90% rainwater using 60-micron filtration.
 - Uses SS 316 anti-choke mesh and gravity-based filtration.
 - Supports Cauvery water conservation and sustainable water use.
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3. BESCOM Cyber Security Operations Centre (CSOC)

- BESCOM to establish Cyber Security Operations Centre in Bengaluru.
 - Project cost estimated around ₹130 crore.
 - **CSOC will protect** consumer data and digital infrastructure.
 - AI and Machine Learning used for cyber threat detection.
 - Centre will monitor hacking, unauthorized access, and cyber attacks.
 - About 2,000 BESCOM computers to be monitored.
 - First such cyber security initiative in Karnataka's energy sector.
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4. Internal Reservation Policy for Scheduled Castes

- Karnataka revised internal reservation formula within 15% SC quota.
 - Group A (left-hand) → 5.25%
 - Group B (right-hand) → 5.25%
 - Group C (touchable & nomadic communities) → 4.5%
 - 20% reservation within Group C allocated for 59 nomadic communities.
 - New roster system introduced to avoid allocation disputes.
 - Policy cleared recruitment process for 56,432 government posts.
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5. TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2026

- 18th edition of TCS World 10K held in Bengaluru.
 - Theme: “Endendigu Bengaluru”.
 - Over 33,000 participants took part.
 - Burundi’s Rodrigue Kwizera won men’s elite race with course record of 27:31 minutes.
 - Rwanda’s Florence Nyongesa won women’s elite category.
 - Harmanjyot Singh won Indian men’s category.
 - Sanjeevani Jadhav achieved hat-trick in Indian women’s category.
 - Event reaffirmed Bengaluru as global road racing hub.
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6. Karnataka Police SOP for Case & Counter-Case

- Karnataka Police issued SOP requiring single Investigating Officer (IO) for case and counter-case.
 - Reform introduced after Karnataka High Court observations.
 - Aim is to avoid contradictory investigations and improve prosecution quality.
 - Separate charge sheets to mention linkage between both cases.
 - SC/ST Act cases must be investigated by DySP/ACP-level officer.
 - Senior officers responsible for monitoring compliance.
 - Policy strengthens fairness and judicial consistency.
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7. Renewable Energy Growth & Mann Ki Baat Highlights

- PM Narendra Modi highlighted India’s renewable energy progress in Mann Ki Baat.
 - India achieved around 56 GW wind energy capacity.
 - India ranks 4th globally in wind energy production.
 - Around 28 GW wind energy capacity under construction.
 - PM promoted energy conservation and clean fuel usage.
 - Census 2027 participation also encouraged with digital safeguards assured.
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8. Rise in Wrong-Way Driving Cases in Bengaluru

- Bengaluru Traffic Police booked 1.78 lakh wrong-way driving cases in Q1 2026.
 - Figure accounts for over 58% of total 2025 cases.
 - Around 68% cases detected through special enforcement drives.
 - Major hotspots include HAL Airport, Jeevan Bima Nagar, Aduodi, and Shivajinagar.
 - Wrong-way driving fine fixed at ₹2,000.
 - Authorities stressed infrastructure correction along with enforcement.
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APRIL – 28 – 2026

1. SCADA Centre for Water & Sewage Management

- BWSSB set up advanced SCADA-based integrated water and sewage management centre in Bengaluru.
 - Located at Shinsaa Bhavan, Jayanagar under Cauvery Phase-5 project.
 - Supported by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
 - Considered one of Asia's largest integrated water and sewage management centres.
 - Monitors 775 MLD water supply to 110 villages around Bengaluru.
 - Uses AI for water demand estimation and leakage detection.
 - Linked with sewage treatment plants to ensure NGT compliance.
 - Supports predictive maintenance and biogas monitoring.
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2. GBA Municipal Elections Clarification

- Karnataka State Election Commission clarified that election delay request came from State Government.
 - Elections relate to five municipal corporations under Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).
 - Supreme Court directed elections to be completed before June 30.
 - Electoral roll for 369 wards already published on April 18.
 - Government sought extension till September 30 citing Census work and SIR revision.
 - Commission stated preparations are complete for conducting elections.
 - Requested immediate release of funds from government.
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3. Eight Guarantees for Government Schools

- CM Siddaramaiah announced eight guarantees for strengthening government schools and PU colleges.
 - Teacher shortages to be addressed through immediate recruitment.
 - Schools to receive better infrastructure, smart classrooms, and digital learning tools.
 - Free transport facilities planned for Karnataka Public School students.
 - Skill-based training to begin from school level.
 - Separate committees to monitor academic quality in schools.
 - Initiative expected to benefit over 50 lakh students.
 - Reforms to start from 2026–27 academic year.
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4. Rise of Garbage Black Spots in Bengaluru

- Garbage black spots increased due to new waste segregation rules and irregular collection.
 - BSWML instructed vehicles not to collect unsegregated waste.
 - Waste segregation mandatory into dry, wet, sanitary, and special-care waste.
 - Bengaluru recorded around 2,936 active garbage black spots.
 - 909 spots classified as severe and 566 as critical.
 - Major affected areas include Adugodi, Silk Board, ITPL Road, and GKVK Road.
 - Delayed contractor payments disrupted waste collection services.
 - Authorities ordered timely contractor payments and inspections.
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5. Amazon 'Amazon Now' Expansion

- Amazon announced expansion of "Amazon Now" quick commerce service.
- Mysuru and Mangaluru included in expansion plan.
- Service delivers products within a few minutes.
- Amazon plans expansion to 100 cities across India.
- ₹2,800 crore investment announced for expansion.
- Over 1,000 dark stores to support rapid delivery.

- Initiative expected to benefit more than 16,000 farmers.
 - Focus on strengthening e-commerce logistics ecosystem.
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6. Pan-IIT Bengaluru Summit 2026

- Karnataka government to host Pan-IIT Bengaluru Summit on May 16, 2026.
 - Theme: “Technology Sovereignty”.
 - Around 2,000 participants from 23 IITs expected.
 - Sessions planned on AI, semiconductors, defence, mobility, and healthcare.
 - Startup pitch-a-thon to connect founders with 200+ venture capitalists.
 - Large hackathon with 10,000 participants planned.
 - Summit highlights Bengaluru’s leadership in startups and deep-tech innovation.
 - Focus on making India leader in global technology ecosystem.
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7. Fertilizer Security in India

- Union Government stated fertilizer availability remains strong and stable.
 - Total fertilizer availability reached 190.21 LMT.
 - Kharif 2026 requirement estimated at 390.54 LMT.
 - Current stock meets around 49% of total requirement.
 - Urea stock increased to 71.58 LMT.
 - DAP stock rose to 22.35 LMT.
 - Government secured 25 LMT urea through global tenders.
 - Efficient logistics and advance stocking improved supply management.
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APRIL – 29 – 2026

1. Reclaiming Forest Land at Yelahanka Air Base

- Karnataka Forest Minister Ishwar B. Khandre announced action to reclaim forest land at Yelahanka air base.
- About 159 acres in Gantiganahalli classified as reserved forest land.
- Land records remain in Forest Department’s name.

- Government plans alternative land proposal if required.
 - Rapid urbanisation reduced Bengaluru's green cover.
 - Karnataka prioritising afforestation and sapling plantation.
 - IISc involved in climate change impact studies.
 - Heat stress concerns raised by ASHA, sanitation, and gig workers.
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2. Karnataka Lalitakala Academy Awards 2024–26

- Karnataka **Lalitakala Academy** announced Varnashree and Honorary Awards.
 - Honorary Awards given to 6 art achievers with ₹50,000 cash prize.
 - Varnashree Awards presented to 20 artists.
 - Each Varnashree award carries ₹25,000 prize.
 - Awards recognise contributions in painting, etching, photography, and mixed media.
 - Artists from Bagalkote, Udupi, Bengaluru, Kalaburagi, Kodagu, and other districts selected.
 - 53rd Annual Art Awards also announced for 10 artists.
 - Ceremony date to be finalised later.
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3. Bengaluru Startup Ecosystem Performance (Q1 2026)

- Bengaluru retained top position in India's startup ecosystem in Q1 2026.
 - City recorded 89 startup deals worth ₹7,747 crore.
 - Delhi recorded 74 deals, while Mumbai recorded 34 deals.
 - **Priyank Kharge** stated Bengaluru is largest startup hub outside US, Europe, and China.
 - Bengaluru emerged as world's fifth-largest unicorn hub.
 - Startups dominate deep-tech and innovation sectors.
 - City continues to attract major venture capital investments.
 - Bengaluru strengthened India's technology economy leadership.
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4. KSDL Growth Targets & Performance

- Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL) set ₹5,000 crore turnover target by 2030.
 - FY 2025–26 turnover reached ₹2,016 crore with ₹507 crore profit.
 - KSDL established in 1916 by Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadiyar IV.
 - Company crossed ₹2,000 crore turnover within four years after ₹1,000 crore milestone.
 - Product portfolio expanded from 34 to 94 products.
 - Production exceeded installed capacity with 47,494 metric tonnes output.
 - ₹157 crore dividend to be paid to Karnataka government.
 - New manufacturing unit planned at Vijayapura on 50 acres.
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5. Supreme Court Ruling on RTE Admissions

- Supreme Court upheld mandatory admissions under Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009.
 - Private schools must **reserve 25% seats under Section 12(1)(c)**.
 - Court stressed admission rights for economically weaker sections.
 - Article 21A highlighted as constitutional basis for right to education.
 - Bench comprised Justices P.S. Narasimha and Alok Aradhe.
 - Court emphasised role of neighbourhood schools.
 - Effective remedies for parents denied admission were stressed.
 - Appeal by Lucknow Public School dismissed.
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6. UAE Exit from OPEC & OPEC+

- UAE announced exit from OPEC and OPEC+ effective May 1.
- Decision linked to dissatisfaction with production quotas.
- UAE aims to increase domestic oil production flexibility.
- OPEC currently contributes **around 40% of global oil output**.
- UAE produced around 3.4 million barrels/day before recent conflict.
- Exit may weaken OPEC's influence on global oil market.
- Strait of Hormuz tensions affected oil supply concerns.
- Rising US oil production also reducing OPEC influence.

7. US–Iran Tensions & Strait of Hormuz

- Donald Trump claimed Iran sought US help to free Strait of Hormuz.
- Iran rejected external pressure and “illegal demands”.
- Strait of Hormuz remains key global oil transit chokepoint.
- US Secretary of State Marco Rubio stressed Iran’s nuclear programme issue.
- Nuclear negotiations linked with West Asia stability.
- Iran continues military preparedness amid regional tensions.
- Conflict impacts global energy security and oil supply routes.
- Geopolitical tensions remain high in West Asia.



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1. ‘Namma 112’ Multilingual Emergency Service

- Bengaluru City Police launched AI-based multilingual ‘Namma 112’ emergency service.
- Service supports 10+ languages including Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Spanish, and French.
- First AI-based multilingual police emergency system in India.
- Uses automated translation and voice AI technology.
- Helps reduce emergency response time and improve communication.
- Initiative launched by G. Parameshwara.
- During IPL matches, police used 500+ CCTV cameras and AI monitoring systems.
- Police registered 12 betting cases and 23 illegal ticket sale cases.

2. Yashodharamma Dasappa Award 2026

- Mallika Ghanti selected for Yashodharamma Dasappa Award 2026.
- She is former Vice-Chancellor of Hampi Kannada University.

- Award recognises contributions in literature and social service.
 - Award carries ₹15,000 cash prize and bronze plaque.
 - Instituted in memory of freedom fighter Yashodharamma Dasappa.
 - Award ceremony scheduled at Kannada Sahitya Parishat on May 20.
 - Former Legislative Council Chairman V.R. Sudarshan to present award.
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3. Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Act

- Karnataka imposed tax on out-of-state registered vehicles operating in the state.
 - Tax rates range from 5% to 15% based on vehicle value.
 - Vehicles above ₹15 lakh attract higher taxation.
 - Existing vehicles to pay 25%–93% of lifetime tax.
 - EVs now taxed at 5%–10%, ending earlier concessions.
 - Rental vehicles taxed based on seating capacity.
 - Luxury buses to attract ₹2,500–₹3,000 tax per seat.
 - Reform aims to improve state transport revenue and regulatory compliance.
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4. Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Funding Issue

- Karnataka accused Centre of delaying Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 funds.
 - Karnataka invested ₹17,554.63 crore for implementation.
 - State spent ₹8,880.71 crore towards expected central share.
 - Karnataka achieved 88.06 lakh tap connections.
 - Rural household coverage reached 86.93%.
 - Around 48,789 projects completed out of 66,344 works.
 - Jeeva Jal app and GIS-based monitoring improved governance.
 - Over 1.51 lakh women trained in water quality testing.
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5. West Bengal Assembly Election 2026 – Phase 2

- West Bengal recorded 92.6% voter turnout in Phase 2 polling.

- Overall turnout across two phases reached 92.9%.
- Highest turnout districts: PurbaBardhaman and South 24 Parganas.
- Lowest turnout recorded in Kolkata South.
- Election Commission retained 700 companies of Central forces.
- Allegations included EVM tampering and political violence.
- Despite incidents, polling witnessed large public participation.

6. e-Swathu 2.0 Application Disposal

- Karnataka disposed over 1.40 lakh applications under e-Swathu 2.0.
- Total applications received: 1,52,863.
- Around 18,011 applications remain pending.
- New Form 11B received around 82,640 applications.
- Platform digitises land and property records.
- Passport-based submission facility planned for overseas applicants.
- New features added for layouts and multi-storey buildings.
- System upgrades improved land measurement conversion and EC issue resolution.



7. Prada–LIDKAR Collaboration for Kolhapuri Footwear

- Prada launched Kolhapuri-style footwear in collaboration with LIDKAR.
- Initiative promotes traditional Indian craftsmanship globally.
- Products available in 40 international stores and Prada website.
- Karnataka and Maharashtra artisans contributed to production.
- Collaboration supports artisan livelihoods and cultural heritage.
- Prada conducting skill training programmes for artisans.
- Karnataka Institute of Leather & Fashion Technology supporting training.

Practice Questions- APRIL-2026

1. Under the 16th Finance Commission, what is Karnataka's allocated percentage share in tax devolution for the fiscal year 2026–27?

- A) 3.64%
- B) 4.13%
- C) 4.50%
- D) 5.12%

2. According to the health department data, dog bite cases in Karnataka recorded a steep upward trajectory, rising from 1.63 lakh in 2022 to how many lakhs in 2025?

- A) 2.85 lakh
- B) 3.50 lakh
- C) 4.99 lakh
- D) 5.21 lakh

3. Which official helpline number works alongside the BBMP Sahaaya App for grievance redressal in Bengaluru?

- A) 1100
- B) 1098
- C) 1533
- D) 1912

4. COMBRAIN, India's first large-scale digital brain repository, has been jointly developed by NIMHANS and which other premier institution?

- A) IISc Bengaluru
- B) NCBS
- C) JNCASR
- D) IIT Dharwad

5. An Economic Advisory report by EY regarding the West Asia Conflict predicted that a potential 50% spike in crude oil prices could cause inflation in India to rise by what percentage?

- A) 0.5%
- B) 1.0%
- C) 1.5%

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D) 2.5%

6. A colorectal cancer health survey conducted across 14 cities revealed that what percentage of respondents in Bengaluru practiced self-medication?

A) 55%

B) 61.4%

C) 78%

D) 88%

7. A field survey conducted by ActionAid Karnataka revealed persistent open defecation challenges in which specific Taluk of Belagavi district?

A) Athani

B) Chikkodi

C) Rayabag

D) Gokak

8. On which day does the state of Karnataka annually observe the State Police Flag Day?

A) April 2

B) April 5

C) April 10

D) April 14

9. President Droupadi Murmu visited Karnataka to attend the 119th Jayanti celebrations of the revered late spiritual reformer Shivakumara Swamiji at which historical Mutt?

A) Adichunchanagiri Mutt

B) Siddaganga Mutt

C) Sirigere Mutt

D) Murugha Mutt

10. Who has been selected for the prestigious Bodhivriksha National Award in 2026 for persistent advocacy of Periyar ideology and social justice reforms?

A) K. Veeramani

B) G. Ramakrishna

C) Devanur Mahadeva

D) K. Neela

11. The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, which faced heavy discussion postponements in the Lok Sabha, primarily proposes specific authorities to manage NGO assets after which administrative action?

- A) Auditing delay
- B) License cancellation
- C) Board reconstitution
- D) Name change

12. During the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) conducted by the Election Commission of India in Karnataka, voter rolls from which two baseline years were cross-verified?

- A) 1999 & 2024
- B) 2002 & 2025
- C) 2005 & 2026
- D) 2011 & 2025

13. What was the total gross GST revenue collection recorded by India for the entire financial year 2025–26?

- A) ₹18.45 lakh crore
- B) ₹20.10 lakh crore
- C) ₹22.27 lakh crore
- D) ₹25.50 lakh crore

14. The World HRD Congress Award 2026 was conferred upon KSRTC in Kochi under which specific corporate excellence category?

- A) Best IT Infrastructure Implementation
- B) Best in Training and Organisation Development
- C) Excellence in Public-Private Partnership
- D) Pioneer in Green Fleet Management

15. Which hospital in Bengaluru successfully deployed an advanced AI-based dialysis monitoring system tracking nearly 28 key clinical parameters under a PPP model?

- A) Victoria Hospital
- B) Bowring Hospital
- C) KC General Hospital
- D) Vanivilas Hospital

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16. Under the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) guidelines in Karnataka, dedicated adolescent health counselling sessions are scheduled at clinics on which recurrent day of every month?

- A) 1st of every month
- B) 5th of every month
- C) 13th of every month
- D) Last Saturday of every month

17. The Department of Kannada and Culture organized a major state event to honor which 12th-century saint-poet, where a proposal was raised to install her statue in Bengaluru?

- A) Akka Mahadevi
- B) Helavanakatte Giriyamma
- C) Sule Sankavva
- D) Muktayakka

18. How many police personnel were honored by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with the prestigious Mukhyamantri Medal for the year 2025?

- A) 120
- B) 142
- C) 153
- D) 165

19. The upcoming Census 2027 self-enumeration portal (se.census.gov.in) will issue which unique identification number to residents upon successful data submission?

- A) SEIN (11-digit)
- B) UIDAI (12-digit)
- C) NPR-ID (10-digit)
- D) HHID (9-digit)

20. Who among the following prominent scholars was selected for the Nadoja Ko. Chennabasappa Award 2026?

- A) Beldal Siddarama Sharanaru
- B) G. Ramakrishna
- C) Pratibha Prahlad
- D) Devanur Mahadeva

21. The newly integrated Samagra Samalochana Kendras (SSK) in Karnataka provide specialized services that bundle mental health, adolescent guidance, and counseling for which infectious disease?

- A) Malaria
- B) Dengue
- C) Tuberculosis (TB)
- D) Chikungunya

22. Under the cashless inpatient health insurance scheme 'Karnataka Arogya Sanjeevini Yojana', what is the fixed monthly premium contribution range for government employees?

- A) ₹100–₹500
- B) ₹250–₹1000
- C) ₹500–₹1500
- D) ₹300–₹1200

23. The Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) scheduled the International Agri-Tech Summit 2026 in Bengaluru with what percentage of exhibition stalls strictly reserved for farmers?

- A) 50%
- B) 60%
- C) 75%
- D) 80%

24. To combat severe stunting and acute malnutrition among 4.26 lakh children in Karnataka, which community-based nutritional intervention programme is being implemented via Anganwadis?

- A) Pushti Initiative
- B) Chiguru Initiative
- C) Bala Sanjeevini
- D) Mathru Purna

25. The Babu Jagjivan Ram Award 2026 presented by the Department of Social Welfare carries a gold medal weighing how many grams?

- A) 10 grams
- B) 20 grams

- C) 50 grams
- D) 100 grams

26. Who emerged as the most decorated individual athlete at the India Adivasi Games in Raipur, single-handedly clinching 8 gold medals and 1 silver medal for Karnataka?

- A) Manikanta L
- B) Sharath Kumar
- C) Chethan B
- D) Sandeep S

27. The Governor of Karnataka, Thaawarchand Gehlot, requested the government to re-examine the SSLC grading policy concerning which language category?

- A) First Language
- B) Second Language
- C) Third Language
- D) Classical Language

28. The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) unveiled its distinct institutional logos featuring which iconic architectural or historical symbol of the city?

- A) Vidhana Soudha
- B) Attara Kacheri
- C) Kempe Gowda Tower
- D) Bangalore Palace

29. Which traditional sporting event celebrated its 26th festival edition at Napoklu in Kodagu district under the thematic banner "One Goal, One Plant"?

- A) Kodava Family Hockey Tournament
- B) Kambala Buffalo Race
- C) Malnad Cricket League
- D) Karavali Kabaddi Utsav

30. Karnataka secured the top rank in India for training the highest number of rural women drone pilots under which centrally sponsored tech-livelihood scheme?

- A) PM Mahila Kisan Yojana
- B) Namo Drone Didi Yojana

C) Drone Shakti Abhiyan

D) Rashtriya Krishi Drone Mission

31. Rural wage-labor structures encountered a severe slowdown across Kalyana Karnataka and Kittur Karnataka due to an implementation delay in which state scheme?

A) Vishwakarma Bhagyodaya Yojana (VBJY)

B) Kayaka Badavara Bandhu

C) Raitha Shakthi Yojana

D) Swavalambi Sarathi Yojana

32. To combat extreme summer heat stress and parasitic infections, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park in Hampi introduced which unique therapeutic management practice for its animals?

A) Ice-block feeding

B) Mud baths

C) Specialized shade nets

D) Artificial mist chambers

33. The Transport Department of Karnataka introduced a new Pollution Under Control Certificate (PUCC) software that mandates nationwide verification via linking with which database portal?

A) SARATHI-4

B) VAHAN-4

C) mParivahan

D) FASTag Core

34. The Border Security Force (BSF) explored an experimental feasibility proposal to deploy snakes and crocodiles for tactical patrolling along the unfenced riverine stretches of which international border?

A) India–Pakistan Border

B) India–Myanmar Border

C) India–Bangladesh Border

D) India–Nepal Border

35. BOSCON 2026, organized alongside HOSMAT Hospital in Bengaluru, is the 29th annual conference dedicated to which specialized medical branch?

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- A) Cardiology
- B) Orthopaedics
- C) Neurology
- D) Oncology

36. Under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) voter validation data, which two districts recorded a remarkable progeny mapping milestone exceeding 120%?

- A) Bengaluru Urban & Mysuru
- B) Kodagu & Udupi
- C) Belagavi & Hubballi
- D) Dharwad & Shivamogga

37. Which statutory body has been formally designated as the primary nodal agency to coordinate medical approvals via the digital Karnataka Udyoga Mithra (KUM) single-window portal?

- A) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS)
- B) Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Authority
- C) KMC (Karnataka Medical Council)
- D) Directorate of Health and Family Welfare

38. The Central Government extended the final execution timeline of the ongoing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) funding architecture up to which month and year?

- A) December 2026
- B) March 2027
- C) December 2028
- D) June 2030

39. What is the total financial volume of water bill arrears targeted under the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board's (BWSSB) One-Time Settlement (OTS) interest-waiver scheme?

- A) ₹450.50 crore
- B) ₹620.15 crore
- C) ₹851.33 crore
- D) ₹1,025.00 crore

40. To enhance standard infrastructure transparency, the Greater Bengaluru Authority made which software application mandatory prior to authorizing any utility road-cutting works?

- A) MARS software
- B) SAKALA online
- C) URBA-Plan
- D) BBMP-RoadSafe

41. Which Regional Transport Office (RTO) achieved the distinction of ranking 1st in revenue collection across Karnataka for the fiscal year 2025–26, generating ₹1,273.8 crore?

- A) Indiranagar RTO
- B) Bengaluru Central RTO
- C) Jayanagar RTO
- D) Yesvantpur RTO

42. According to recent EV infrastructure data, Karnataka secured the 2nd spot nationally by maintaining how many operational EV charging stations?

- A) 1,540
- B) 1,890
- C) 2,039
- D) 2,450

43. The Ministry of Defence organized 'Ran Samwad 2026' in Bengaluru, focusing heavily on modern warfare strategies across which specific domain structure?

- A) Joint Counter-Insurgency Operations
- B) Multi-Domain Operations
- C) Maritime Security Frameworks
- D) Aerospace Defense Paradigms

44. Karnataka became the first state in India to formalize clinical regulatory guidelines to streamline which complex surgical procedure?

- A) Cadaveric Heart Transplants
- B) Multi-Pair Kidney Swap Transplants
- C) Robotic Deep-Brain Stimulations
- D) Autologous Stem Cell Therapies

45. Bangalore University integrated the innovative "Kibo OCR Reader" at its Jnanabharathi campus Braille Resource Centre to assist visually impaired students by converting printed text into which medium?

- A) Large-print digital text
- B) Tactile graphics
- C) Audio format
- D) High-contrast PDF

46. The Union Government officially notified an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) measuring 663 sq. km extending up to 10 km around which ecologically critical reserve in Karnataka?

- A) Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- B) Kali Tiger Reserve
- C) Nagarahole Tiger Reserve
- D) Biligirirangana Betta (BRT) Tiger Reserve

47. The Kannada Development Authority (KDA) formally proposed incorporating how many regional minor/micro-languages as selectable third-language options for SSLC students?

- A) 12
- B) 18
- C) 27
- D) 35

48. Which overseas administrative territory declared April 20 as "Basava Day" to honor the Lingayat philosopher-reformer's timeless principles of spiritual democracy and anti-caste ideology?

- A) Texas (USA)
- B) Kansas (USA)
- C) Ontario (Canada)
- D) London (UK)

49. Dayananda Sagar University collaborated with tech giant NVIDIA to configure India's first dedicated AI factory utilizing which next-generation supercomputing platform?

- A) NVIDIA Hopper H100
- B) NVIDIA Blackwell
- C) NVIDIA Grace Hopper

D) NVIDIA Ampere A100

50. The Bedti–Varada River Linking Project, which met water-sharing objections from neighboring states, originates in which northern district of Karnataka?

A) Belagavi

B) Dharwad

C) Gadag

D) Uttara Kannada

51. The 'Alternative-26' logo was unveiled by D.K. Shivakumar for which event?

A) Bengaluru Climate Summit

B) Global Agri-Tech Summit

C) Pan-IIT Summit

D) World Environment Day

52. Which event venue hosted the 'Bengaluru Climate Summit 2026'?

A) Palace Grounds

B) CMR IT ACES Campus

C) KTPO

D) Vidhana Soudha

53. The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, aimed to provide what percentage of quota for women in legislatures?

A) 25%

B) 30%

C) 33%

D) 50%

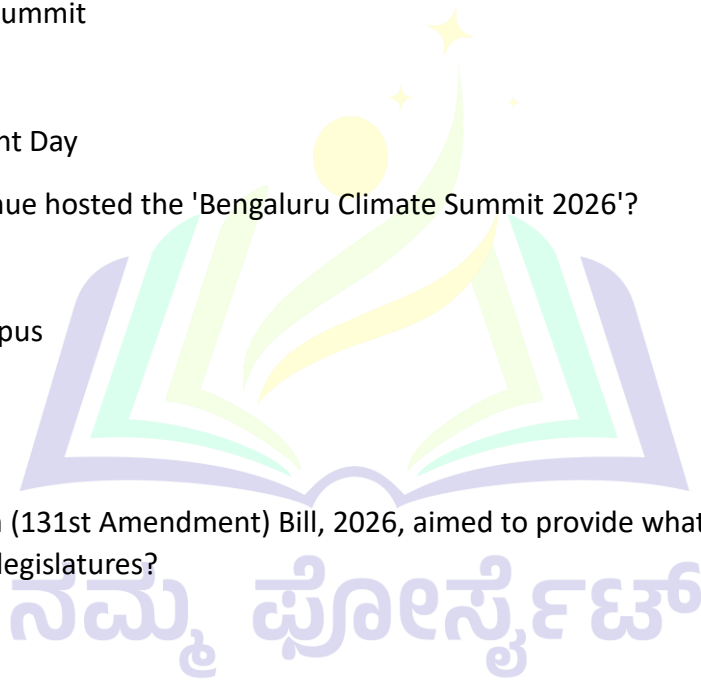
54. 'The Indian Artisans Haat' exhibition in Bengaluru was organized by:

A) Prajavani and Deccan Herald

B) Times of India

C) Karnataka Tourism

D) FKCCI



55. Which major corridor route is identified as the longest in the Bengaluru Elevated Corridors project?

- A) Hosur Road to Silk Board
- B) Yeshwantpur to KR Puram
- C) Mysuru Road to Kengeri
- D) Kanakapura Road to NICE Road

56. What is the penalty for violating provisions of the 'Rohith Vemula Bill'?

- A) Only fine
- B) Imprisonment and fine
- C) Warning
- D) License cancellation

57. The West Asia conflict caused an estimated loss of how much in the aviation sector?

- A) ₹10,000 crore
- B) ₹15,000 crore
- C) ₹18,000 crore
- D) ₹20,000 crore

58. The extension of DG&IGP M.A. Saleem's tenure is based on which Supreme Court judgment?

- A) Kesavananda Bharati case
- B) Prakash Singh vs Union of India
- C) Vishaka guidelines
- D) Maneka Gandhi case

59. Which entity collaborated with ISRO to use satellite-based geospatial technology to map grasslands?

- A) ATREE
- B) IISc
- C) IIM-B
- D) TIFR

60. How many hours of debate took place in the Lok Sabha on the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill?

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A) 12 hours

B) 23 hours

C) 30 hours

D) 48 hours

61. Which Bureau issued the ISO 50001:2018 certification to BWSSB?

A) Bureau of Indian Standards

B) Bureau Veritas

C) Quality Council of India

D) International Organization for Standardization

62. What is the compensation amount ordered for the family of Yogeesh Gowda?

A) ₹10 lakh

B) ₹16 lakh

C) ₹20 lakh

D) ₹25 lakh

63. How many trails are currently covered by the new SOP for safe trekking in Karnataka?

A) 20

B) 33

C) 44

D) 50

64. The AI Centre of Excellence in Biotechnology in Electronics City is a project of how many years?

A) 2 years

B) 4 years

C) 5 years

D) 10 years

65. Which organization collaborated with ISRO Space Applications Centre for land management?

A) ATREE

B) IISC

C) CIMAP

D) CFTRI

66. What is the proposed duty on pure alcohol (IMFL/Beer) under the draft Excise Rules 2026?

A) ₹500/litre

B) ₹1,000/litre

C) ₹1,500/litre

D) ₹2,000/litre

67. Basava Samiti is translating Vachana literature into how many languages?

A) 25

B) 30

C) 37

D) 50

68. Which district has the highest forest encroachment in Karnataka?

A) Kodagu

B) Shivamogga

C) Uttara Kannada

D) Chikmagalur

69. How many study chairs are currently in Karnataka universities?

A) 50

B) 100

C) 117

D) 150

70. Which athlete set the national record in women's 100m at the National Junior Athletics Championship 2026?

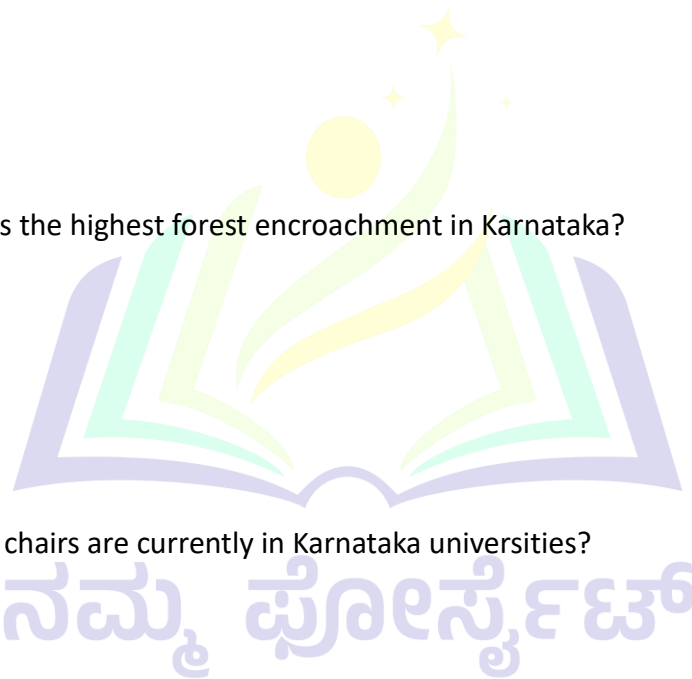
A) Nipam

B) Hima Das

C) Dutee Chand

D) Jyothi Yarraji

71. What is the daily sewage capacity from five STPs used for the BWSSB biogas project?



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A) 200 MLD

B) 350 MLD

C) 550 MLD

D) 700 MLD

72. What is the target completion year for the Bhadra Upper Canal Project?

A) 2027

B) 2028

C) 2029

D) 2030

73. Which chokepoint carries about 5 million barrels of oil daily?

A) Strait of Malacca

B) Strait of Hormuz

C) Suez Canal

D) Panama Canal

74. What is the focus of the IISc-Microsoft research on 'Cognitive Decline'?

A) Cancer

B) Dementia

C) Diabetes

D) Heart disease

75. Which organization operates under the ASTraM traffic violation initiative?

A) Traffic Police

B) Students

C) RTO

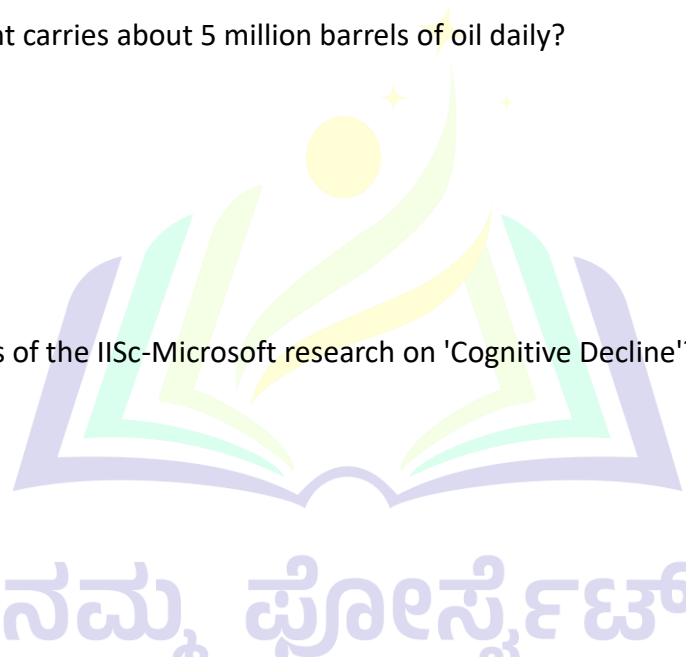
D) BMTC

76. In Bengaluru Urban PHCs, which drug is currently in short supply?

A) Metformin

B) Insulin

C) Antibiotics



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D) Antacids

77. Which region was identified by the Koppal study as an important refuge for wildlife?

A) Wet wasteland

B) Semi-arid landscape

C) Tropical forest

D) Coastal belt

78. What is the E85 fuel policy proportion?

A) 15% ethanol, 85% petrol

B) 85% ethanol, 15% petrol

C) 50% ethanol, 50% petrol

D) 20% ethanol, 80% petrol

79. How many sharanas' vachanas are being translated by the Basava Samiti?

A) 100

B) 136

C) 200

D) 250

80. Who is the daughter of Karwar MLA Satish Sail who won the Femina Miss India 2026 title?

A) Sadhvi Satish Sail

B) Kavya Sail

C) Ananya Sail

D) Meera Sail

81. Which Bengaluru ward reported the lowest voter turnout during the SIR exercise?

A) Bengaluru South

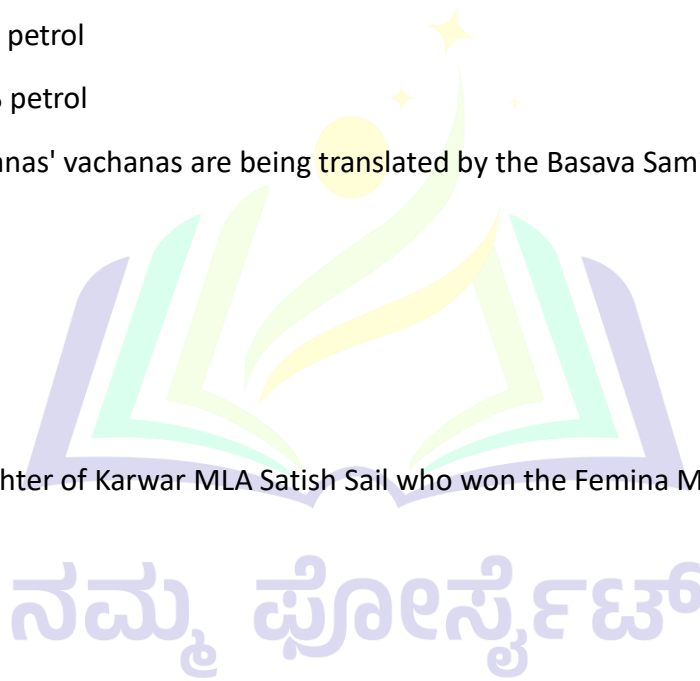
B) Kolkata South (Not in BLR) - *Correction: Bengaluru Urban has 73.57% mapping.*

C) Bengaluru North

D) Bengaluru Central

82. What is the fine for wrong-way driving in Bengaluru?

A) ₹500



B) ₹1,000

C) ₹2,000

D) ₹3,000

83. What is the venue for the Pan-IIT Bengaluru Summit 2026?

A) Bengaluru

B) Mysuru

C) Mangaluru

D) Hubballi

84. Which app integrates metro, bus, and feeder services in Bengaluru?

A) Tummoc

B) Uber

C) Ola

D) Rapido

85. What is the theme of 'National Panchayati Raj Day 2026'?

A) Digital Panchayats

B) Empowered Panchayats, Holistic Development

C) Swachh Panchayats

D) Gram Swaraj

86. What fee is charged per page for scanning documents under e-Swathu?

A) ₹2

B) ₹5

C) ₹10

D) ₹20

87. The Jayadeva 100-bed cardiac hub is being set up in:

A) Govindarajnagar

B) Jayanagar

C) Whitefield

D) Yelahanka

88. Which city hosted the National Junior Athletics Championship 2026?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Tumakuru
- C) Mangaluru
- D) Belagavi

89. The Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation Act 2026 taxes luxury buses per seat at:

- A) ₹1,000–₹1,500
- B) ₹2,500–₹3,000
- C) ₹500–₹800
- D) ₹4,000–₹5,000

90. What is the revenue target for KSDL by 2030?

- A) ₹2,000 crore
- B) ₹3,500 crore
- C) ₹5,000 crore
- D) ₹6,000 crore

91. What is the status of the Mekedatu project DPR?

- A) Approved
- B) Rejected
- C) Under submission to Centre
- D) Cancelled

92. Which festival is celebrated alongside Baisakhi and Vishu by Karnataka farmers?

- A) Ugadi
- B) Meshadi
- C) Karaga
- D) Sankranti

93. Who is the Basava Sahitya Shree Award winner 2026?

- A) Gururaj Karajagi
- B) H.D. Deve Gowda



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C) Mallika Ghanti

D) Pratibha Prahlad

94. The 24th National Junior Athletics Championship was held in:

A) 2026

B) 2025

C) 2027

D) 2024

95. What is the name of the AI-based emergency service?

A) Namma 112

B) Namma 108

C) Namma 100

D) Namma 101

96. Which district is the Yana Caves located in?

A) Uttara Kannada

B) Dakshina Kannada

C) Udupi

D) Belagavi

97. The SCADA project in Bengaluru is supported by:

A) World Bank

B) JICA

C) ADB

D) IMF

98. Which organization awarded the 'Basavashree' to H.D. Deve Gowda?

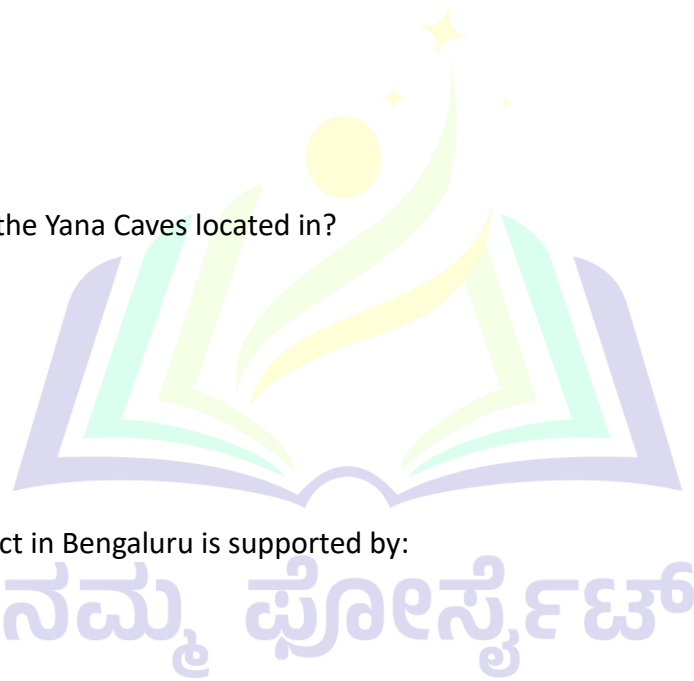
A) Basava Samiti

B) Basava Vedike

C) Kannada Sahitya Parishat

D) Govt of Karnataka

99. What was the total number of startups/deals in Bengaluru Q1 2026?



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A) 50

B) 74

C) 89

D) 100

100. The Prada-LIDKAR collaboration is for what product?

A) Silk sarees

B) Kolhapuri footwear

C) Wood carvings

D) Terracotta items

KEY ANSWERS:

Q.No	Ans	Q.No	Ans	Q.No	Ans	Q.No	Ans
1	B	26	C	51	C	76	B
2	C	27	C	52	B	77	B
3	C	28	A	53	C	78	B
4	A	29	A	54	A	79	B
5	C	30	B	55	B	80	A
6	B	31	A	56	B	81	C
7	C	32	B	57	C	82	B
8	B	33	B	58	B	83	A
9	B	34	C	59	A	84	A
10	A	35	B	60	B	85	B
11	B	36	B	61	B	86	B
12	B	37	B	62	C	87	C
13	C	38	B	63	B	88	C
14	B	39	C	64	C	89	B

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Q.No	Ans	Q.No	Ans	Q.No	Ans	Q.No	Ans
15	C	40	A	65	A	90	C
16	B	41	D	66	D	91	C
17	C	42	C	67	C	92	B
18	B	43	B	68	C	93	C
19	D	44	B	69	C	94	A
20	A	45	C	70	A	95	A
21	C	46	B	71	C	96	A
22	B	47	C	72	C	97	B
23	C	48	B	73	B	98	A
24	C	49	B	74	B	99	B
25	B	50	D	75	B	100	B

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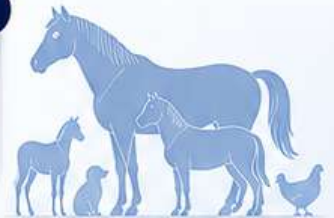


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