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Samruddhi Gram Panchayat Project (SGPP)

News -

- 205 Gram Panchayats to get high-speed broadband under Samruddhi Gram Panchayat Project (SGPP).

Samruddhi Gram Panchayat Project (SGPP)

- Launched in -September 2025
- Objective - to boost digital connectivity and economic opportunities in rural areas.
- Features - It aims to provide high-speed internet to 205 selected gram panchayats using BharatNet's optical fiber cables
- Implementation - Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
- Significance- The goal is to provide high-speed internet to rural areas using optical fibre cables (OFCs).

Additional information - BharatNet

- The National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) was launched in 2011 and later renamed the BharatNet Project in 2015
- Implementation - Ministry of Communications.
- Mandate - It aimed at providing high-speed broadband connectivity to every Gram Panchayat (GP) across the country.
- Uniqueness-It is one of the largest rural telecom projects in the world
- Significance - to offer affordable broadband access and enable the delivery of e-health, e-education, and e-governance services in rural India.

Siddi community



News -

- The National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Bengaluru, will be hosting an event showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the Siddi community.

Siddi community

- Found in - The Siddi community in Karnataka is a **unique ethnic group of African descent**, primarily residing in the remote forest areas of the Uttara Kannada and Belagavi districts.
- Uniqueness- The Siddi people have preserved a **distinct identity that blends their African ancestry with local Indian traditions.**

History and origin

- **Arrival in India:** The Siddis, also known as **Habshis or Abyssinians**, are the descendants of Bantu-speaking people from East and Central Africa.
- They were brought to India by Arab, Portuguese, and British traders as slaves, soldiers, and laborers, beginning as early as the 7th century.
- **Population:** A significant portion of India's Siddi population, estimated to be around **50,000, lives in Karnataka.**
- **Religious diversity:** The Siddis of Karnataka follow a **mix of religions, with a plurality following Hinduism, followed by Islam and Christianity.** This diversity has been seamlessly integrated into their communities.
- **Languages:** While their ancestors spoke African languages, modern Siddis in Karnataka are fluent in local languages like **Kannada and Konkani.**

Kali tiger reserve

News-

- Centre seeks report on 'irregularities' in shifting dwellers from Kali Tiger ReserveKali Tiger Reserve.

Kali Tiger Reserve:

- **Location** - Kali Tiger Reserve, earlier known as Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve is located in Uttara Kannada District of Karnataka State.
- This belt of Uttara Kannada district is a part of the Western Ghats.
- **Protected areas** - The Tiger Reserve comprises of two important protected areas of the region viz., **Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary and Anshi National Park.**
- **River: Kali River**, which forms the major source of water for Uttara Kannada, flows through the tiger reserve and hence the name.
- **Vegetation:** Forests are primarily **moist deciduous and semi-evergreen**, with excellent patches of evergreen forests in the westernmost parts as well as in deep valleys.
- **Flora:** Some common trees and plants here include: **bintangur, Calophyllum wightianum, Malabar tamarind, Garcinia morella, Knema attenuata, Hopea wightiana, Tetrameles nudiflora** etc.
- **Fauna:** It is known for housing many **tigers, black panthers and elephants.**
- Other large mammals here are **Indian bison, sloth bear, Indian wild boar, bonnet macaque, northern plains gray langur, gray slender loris, several deer including: barking deer (muntjac), mouse deer (chevrotain), sambar deer and spotted deer (chital or axis deer).**

Additional Information - Tiger Reserves of Karnataka

- **Bandipur National Park and Tiger Reserve:** A historically significant reserve, it was once a **private hunting ground for the Maharaja of Mysore.**
- **Bhadra Tiger Reserve:** Located in the Western Ghats and **named after the**

Bhadra River, this is another well-known reserve under Project Tiger.

- **Nagarahole National Park (Rajiv Gandhi National Park):** Situated in the Western Ghats foothills and is an important wildlife area.
- **Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve (also known as Kali Tiger Reserve):** Located in the Uttara Kannada district, it encompasses the Anshi and Dandeli Forests and is named after the Kali River.
- **Biligiri Ranganatha Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve:** This reserve **connects the hills of Biligiri Ranganatha and the Sagamangalam Forest** and is part of an elephant corridor.

New high-yielding and climate-resilient millet varieties.



News-

- The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad has developed eight new high-yielding and climate-resilient millet varieties.
- These new varieties are tolerant to both floods and droughts.

High yielding varieties

1. Foxtail millet DFT-3
2. Little Millet - DLtM-5.
3. DBrM-5 Barnyard Millet.
4. DFM-3 Finger Millet.
5. DKM-1 Kodo Millet.
6. DPrM-5 Proso Millet.
7. DSM 4 Sesame.
8. Hybrid sunflower.

Additional Information - Millet Production in India

- India is the largest producer of millet in the world.
- It accounts for **20% of global production and 80% of Asia's production.**
- **Global Distribution:**
- **India, Nigeria and China are the largest producers of millets** in the world, accounting for more than 55% of the global production.
- For many years, **India was a major producer of millets.** However, in recent years, millet production has increased dramatically in Africa.

About Millets

- **Cultivated in** - Millets are that are grown as grain crops, primarily on marginal land in dry areas of **temperate, subtropical and tropical regions.**
- **Major Millet crops grown in India** - Pearl Millet (Bajra) (highest share), Jowar (Sorghum), and Finger Millet (Mandua/Ragi).
- **Major producing states** - Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Haryana.

Initiatives taken for promotion of Millet

- **International Year of Millets** - 2023 was declared as the International Year of Millets (IYOM) by UNGA on India's proposal.
- **National Year of Millets** celebrated in 2018.
- Millets are notified as nutri-cereals and included under POSHAN Mission Abhiyan.

Raste Gundi Gamana app & E Aasthi digital platforms

News-

- **The Greater Bengaluru Authority has launched an interactive map service to help citizens view ward boundaries and identify their respective corporations.**

- 'E-services, including BBMP apps such as **Gundi Gamana, e-Aasthi,** and the online grievance portal, will remain centralised for the time being

Raste Gundi Gamana

- It is a public-focused mobile app **launched by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)**
- **Objective - to help citizens report potholes in the city.**
- The GPS-enabled app, available in English and Kannada,
- **Significance - It allows users to upload pictures of potholes and send reports to the civic body** to expedite repairs and increase accountability

E Aasthi

- E Aasthi is an online digital platform **introduced by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)**
- **Objective - to digitize and streamline the management of property records in Bangalore.**
- **Features-** It maintains comprehensive, updated digital records of property ownership, including details such as **photos of the owner and property, and a unique Property Identity Number (PID).**
- Citizens can apply for property-related services online, including khata registrations, ownership transfers, mutations, and property tax payments, without visiting government offices
- Property owners can track the status of their applications and receive updates throughout the approval process, increasing transparency.

Infant mortality rate of Karnataka



News-

- The State's infant mortality rate (IMR) fell from 15 in 2022 to 14 in 2023, according to the Sample Registration Survey (SRS), 2023 released this week by the office of the Registrar-General of India.

Connect with the Basics

- **Infant mortality rate** - It is the number of deaths of infants under one year old per 1,000 live births.
- It is a key indicator of a country's health status and is influenced by factors like access to prenatal care, living conditions, and socioeconomic status.

Observations -

- A matter of concern is that rural areas continue to report a higher number of infant deaths compared to urban regions. Also, the death rate is high among female babies
- While 16 female infant deaths per thousand live births were reported in rural areas in Karnataka in 2023, the rate is 14 in urban regions.
- Karnataka's IMR is far better than the national average that dropped to 25 in 2023 from 26 in 2022.

Upper Krishna project

News-

- Mr. Siddramaiah said under the third phase of Upper Krishna Project, the height of the Almatti dam will be

increased from 519.6 m to 524.25 m to store 130 tmc of water.

Upper Krishna project

- It is a major multi-purpose irrigation project across the Krishna River in Karnataka
- Utility to provide irrigation to drought-prone districts such as Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Kalburgi, Yadgir, and Raichur.
- Stage I aims to use 119 tmc of water to irrigate about 425,000 hectares on the left bank of the Krishna River, with major constructions like the Almatti and Narayanpur dams.
- Stage II uses 54 tmc to irrigate approximately 197,000 hectares on the right bank, involving lift irrigation schemes and canal extensions.
- **Implementing agency** - Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Limited (KBJNL) is a government-owned company incorporated on 19th August 1994 under the Companies Act 1956 and is wholly owned by the Government of Karnataka.

Additional Information - Krishna river

- Krishna River System is one of the significant river basins in Peninsular India.
- With a total length of about 1,400 kilometres, the Krishna is one of the longest rivers in India.
- The Krishna is the second-largest east-flowing river in Peninsular India.
- **Origin** - Krishna River rises at Mahabaleshwar near the Jor village in Satara district.
- **Course** - The Krishna River is bounded by the Balaghat range on the north, by the Eastern Ghats on the south and the east, and by the Western Ghats on the west.

Right Bank Tributaries of the Krishna River are:

1. Venna,
2. Koyna,
3. Panchganga,
4. Dudhganga,
5. Ghataprabha,
6. Malaprabha and
7. Tungabhadra

Left-bank tributaries of the Krishna River are:

1. Bhima,
2. Dindi,
3. Peddavagu,
4. Halia,
5. Musi,
6. Paleru, and
7. Munneru

Quantum city
News-

- **The government has allocated 6.17 acres at Hesaraghatta in northwestern Bengaluru for establishing a Quantum City (Q-City).**

Quantum city at Hesaraghatta

- It will have state-of-the-art labs, incubation facilities for start-ups and infrastructure for academic-industry collaboration
- Target - By 2035, **Karnataka aims to build a \$20 billion quantum economy** through bold initiatives in quantum computing.

Connect with the basics - Computing

- **Definition - A bit (binary digit) is the smallest piece of information storage in computing. Often, a large number of bits is required to convey meaningful information.**

Quantum computing

- **Quantum computing** is a multidisciplinary field comprising aspects of **computer science, physics, and mathematics** that utilizes quantum mechanics to solve

complex problems faster than on classical computers.

- **Quantum mechanics** - It is a science dealing with the behavior of matter and light on the atomic and subatomic scale

Applications

- **Drug discovery:** Simulating complex molecules to develop new drugs and materials, leading to accelerated medical innovation.
- **Financial modeling:** Optimizing financial portfolios and managing risk with unparalleled accuracy and speed.
- **Cryptography:** Breaking existing encryption methods and developing new, quantum-resistant ones.
- **Machine learning:** Revolutionizing AI by training algorithms on massive datasets much faster, leading to breakthroughs in natural language processing, computer vision, and more.
- **Materials science:** Designing novel materials with superior properties like high-temperature superconductors or efficient solar cells.

Initiatives by the Government of India

- **National Mission on Quantum Technologies and Applications (NM-QTA):**
- **Quantum Computing Applications Lab (QCAL)**

Kagzi lemon

News -

- **The Karnataka State Lime Development Board (KSLDB) plans to open outlets to**

popularise lemon tea on the lines of Darjeeling and Assam teas.

Kagzi Lemon (*Citrus aurantifolia* Swingle)

- It is a Kaffir lime variety known for its high vitamin C, medicinal uses, and culinary importance.
- It is particularly known for its juice, which is a significant source of vitamin C, potassium, and folate.
- **State Fruit of Assam:** In February 2024, the Assam government officially declared the Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged 'Kaji Nemu' as the state fruit.
- **GI Tag:** The Kaji Nemu was awarded a GI tag in 2019.
- **Economic Significance:** This move is aimed at promoting the state's agricultural sector, benefiting local farmers, and boosting international exports.
- **International Demand:** The GI tag has increased the lemon's demand from countries like the UK and UAE.

Additional Information - GI Tagged products of Karnataka

- Karnataka holds one of the highest numbers of Geographical Indication (GI) tags in India

Handicrafts

1. **Bidriware:** A metal handicraft from Bidar featuring silver inlay work on a blackened alloy of zinc and copper.
2. **Channapatna Toys and Dolls:** Colorful wooden toys made with non-toxic, vegetable-based dyes, from the town of Channapatna, also known as "Gombegala Ooru" or toy town.
3. **Ganjifa Cards of Mysore:** An ancient Indian card game featuring intricate, hand-painted artwork, historically patronized by the Mysore royalty.
4. **Guledgudd Khana:** Handloom fabric known for its special patterns.

5. **Ilkal Sarees:** A traditional saree from North Karnataka where the body and the pallu (the outer end) are woven separately and then joined.
6. **Karnataka Bronzeware:** Traditional bronze crafts known for their distinct patterns and designs.
7. **Kasuti Embroidery:** A folk embroidery style from Karnataka known for its intricate, rangoli-inspired motifs.
8. **Kinhal Toys:** A traditional wooden craft from the town of Kinhal in Koppal district, with themes primarily based on Hindu mythology.
9. **Kolhapuri Chappal:** Handcrafted leather sandals shared with the state of Maharashtra.
10. **Molakalmuru Sarees:** Silk sarees from the Chitradurga district known for their nature-inspired motifs.
11. **Mysore Rosewood Inlay:** The art of inserting pieces of contrasting materials, such as ivory and mother-of-pearl, into rosewood objects.
12. **Mysore Silk:** Renowned for its high quality and luster, this silk and its sarees are produced exclusively by the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation Ltd (KSIC).
13. **Mysore Traditional Paintings:** An elegant school of classical South Indian painting, known for its muted colors and intricate details.
14. **Navalgund Durries:** Hand-woven flat floor coverings featuring colorful designs, including the motifs of peacocks.
15. **Sandur Lambani Embroidery:** A unique embroidery from the Lambani nomadic tribe that combines darning, cross-stitch, and mirror work.
16. **Udupi Sarees:** Handloom cotton sarees from the coastal region of Udupi.

Agricultural products

1. **Appemidi Mango:** A tangy variety of mango primarily used for pickles, known for its fragrance and long shelf life.
2. **Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee:** Coffee beans from Chikmagalur district, where coffee cultivation in India reportedly began.
3. **Bangalore Blue Grapes:** Soft-skinned, juicy grapes with a "foxy" flavor.
4. **Bangalore Rose Onion:** A pungent, deep-pink variety of onion cultivated in the districts surrounding Bangalore.
5. **Byadagi Chilli:** A famous, deep-red and less-spicy variety of chili grown in the Haveri district.
6. **Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee:** Coffee from the Chikmagalur region, where cultivation first began in India.
7. **Coorg Arabica Coffee:** Arabica coffee variety from the Kodagu (Coorg) region.
8. **Coorg Green Cardamom:** A variety of cardamom known for its superior aroma and taste.
9. **Coorg Orange:** A golden-tinged mandarin orange variety from Kodagu.
10. **Devanahalli Pomello:** A citrus fruit known for its sweet taste with a mild tartness.
11. **Gulbarga Tur Dal:** A pigeon pea variety known for its distinctive taste, aroma, and high milling qualities.
12. **Hadagali Malligae:** A fragrant jasmine variety from the Hadagali region.
13. **Indi Lime:** A lime variety with specific geographical and chemical features.
14. **Kamalapur Red Banana:** A special red banana grown exclusively in the Kamalapur village area, valued for its taste and high nutrient content.
15. **Kari Ishad Mango:** A mango variety with a unique flavor and quality.
16. **Malabar Pepper:** Shared with Kerala, this pepper variety is grown in the Monsooned Malabar region.
17. Monsooned **Malabar Arabica and Robusta Coffee:** Coffee beans exposed to monsoon

winds, which gives them a unique flavor and aroma.

18. **Mysore Betel Leaf:** A heart-shaped betel leaf known for its smooth texture and pungent taste.
19. **Mysore Malligae:** The most popular of the three jasmine varieties native to Karnataka.
20. **Nanjanagud Banana:** A world-famous banana variety known for its sweet taste and aroma.
21. **Sirsi Supari:** Areca nut grown in the Sirsi region of Uttara Kannada district, characterized by its unique shape, texture, and taste.
22. **Udupi Mattu Gulla Brinjal:** A round, green-striped brinjal with thin skin and few seeds, traditionally used in Udupi cuisine.
23. **Udupi Malligae:** Another fragrant jasmine variety native to the coastal region of Udupi.

Manufactured products

1. **Dharwad Pedha:** A milk-based sweet with a unique history dating back to the early 19th century.
2. **Mysore Agarbathi:** Incense sticks made with indigenous ingredients like sandalwood and herbs.
3. **Mysore Sandal Soap:** The only soap in the world made with 100% pure sandalwood oil, produced by the Government Soap Factory in Bangalore.
4. **Mysore Sandalwood Oil:** Perfume oil distilled from the sandalwood tree, with production dating back to the early 20th century.

E-Swathu

News-

- **Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) officials have been directed to publish the final guidelines to implement E-Swathu in gram panchayat limits across the State.**

E-Swathu

- **Launched in** - E Swathu is an online portal launched by the Government of Karnataka in **2021.**

- **Objective** - It enables the citizens to get the ownership details of properties situated in rural areas of Karnataka.
- Managed by - the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
- **Significance** - It has helped reduce the forgeries related to land and property transactions. It also regulates registrations of unauthorized plots

Cantonment new Railway Colony area- Biodiversity heritage site



News -

- The Department of Forest has declared the 8.61-acre Cantonment Railway Colony area, containing 371 trees from 50 different species, as a Biodiversity Heritage Site.

Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS)

- **Definition** - They are specific locations with rich, unique, and ecologically fragile ecosystems, including terrestrial, coastal, inland, or marine areas.
- **Notified by** - These are areas notified by state governments under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- India's first BHS was Nallur Tamarind Grove in Karnataka in 2007.
- **Objective** - It aims to improve local livelihoods and conserve biodiversity through community participation via Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs).

Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) of Karnataka

Biodiversity Heritage Site	Location	Year Accorded	Area/Details	Significance
Nallur Tamarind Grove	Bengaluru	2007	54 acres	India's first BHS; ancient tamarind trees, rich flora and fauna
Hogrekan Shola Forest	Chikkamagaluru	Notified pre-2020	Part of shola forests, wildlife corridor	Connects Kudremukha and Bhadra Sanctuaries; diverse vegetation
University of Agricultural Sciences (GKVK)	Bengaluru	Notified pre-2020	Large green campus	Ecologically important urban biodiversity hotspot
Ambaragudda	Shivamogga	Notified pre-2020	Shola forest and grasslands	Important for endemic species and conservation
Mamadapura Reserve Forest	Vijayapura	2024	Approximately 1494 acres	Also called Shri Siddeshwara Swamiji BHS; deciduous forest with diverse flora and fauna

Project Khushi

News -

- The Bengaluru city police, in association with Happiest Health, launched 'Project Khushi'.

Project Khushi

- **Mandate** -It is a health and wellness programme designed to help police personnel prevent and manage lifestyle-related diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and metabolic disorders.

Chief Minister's Adivasi Gruha Bhagya scheme

News -

- The Cabinet approved a ₹160 crore package for 11 tribal communities. Soliga, Hasalaru, Gowdalu, Siddi, Kudiya, Malekudiya, Kadukuruba, Iruliga, Betta Kuruba, Yarava, Paniyan and others, for a housing scheme to 6,856 households under the Chief Minister's Adivasi Gruha Bhagya scheme.

Chief Minister's Adivasi Gruha Bhagya scheme

- **Launched in** - It was started in 2023 as part of Karnataka's focused efforts to improve tribal welfare and housing.
- **Objective:** To provide pucca houses with basic amenities to Scheduled Tribe (ST) families in Karnataka, improving their living conditions and socioeconomic status by ensuring safe and dignified housing.
- **Eligibility:**
 1. Applicants must belong to the **Scheduled Tribe community**.
 2. The family should be a **permanent resident of Karnataka**.
 3. **Should not already own a pucca house**.
 4. Priority is given to **economically weaker tribal households** without housing facilities.
 5. **Valid tribal certificate (ST certificate), proof of residence,** and other government-required documents are necessary.

- **Ministry:** The scheme is administered under the Department of Social Welfare and Tribal Welfare, Government of Karnataka.

ASTraM app



ASTraM

News -

- ASTraM app and the 'Gundi Gamana' to be integrated to monitor potholes, flooding

ASTraM app

- **Abbreviation** - Actionable Intelligence for Sustainable Traffic Management
- **Launched by** - Bengaluru Traffic Police in January 2024

Objectives

- To equip Bengaluru Traffic Police with real-time, data-driven situational awareness for better traffic management.
- To provide congestion alerts every 15 minutes to traffic officials and stakeholders for proactive traffic planning.
- To enable citizens to actively participate by reporting accidents, violations, and making online traffic fine payments.

Sharavati pumped storage



News -

- **Work on Sharavathi project will start soon, says George**

Sharavathi Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project

- **Location** - It is a pumped storage power project on the Sharavathi River in Karnataka.
- **Total power generation capacity** - 2000 MW
- **Uniqueness** - It stands as the largest pumped storage power generation unit in the country.

It will be built between two existing reservoirs.

- The Talakalale dam, which stands at 62.48 meters tall, will be the upper reservoir.
- This dam currently helps balance water for the existing Sharavathi hydroelectric project.
- The Gerusoppa dam will be the lower reservoir, and it is about 64 meters tall.
- Water will be pumped uphill during the off-season using grid power and released downhill during peak demand to generate electricity.
- **Modelled on the lines of Telangana's Kaleshwaram project, it also aims to supply drinking water to Bengaluru.**
- **Concerns** - This project will destroy the ancient monuments of the 16th century that are the legacy of Rani Chennabhairadevi.

Rani Chennabhairadevi

- She ruled from 1552 to 1606 from her capital Gerusoppa.
- She is the longest reigning queen in Indian history.
- She also fought the Portuguese who gave her the title 'Rainha de Pimenta' that

translates into 'The Queen of Pepper' as her kingdom

- She was known for exporting spices to European and Arab countries.

Additional Information - Sharavathi River

- It is a west flowing river of Karnataka state.
- A large part of the river basin lies in the Western Ghats.
- **Course** - Rising in the Western Ghats, it flows in a northwesterly direction to the Arabian Sea at Honavar in Uttara Kannada District.
- **Length** - The length of the river is 128 km, and the river basin covers 2,985 sq km.
- **Waterfalls** - On its way, the Sharavathi forms the Jog Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in India, where the river falls from a height of 253 m.
- **Major Tributaries:** Nandihole, Haridravathi, Mavinahole, Hilkunji, Yennehole, Hurlihole, and Nagodihole.

New State textile policy of Karnataka - 2025-2030**News -**

- Karnataka will soon formulate a Textile Policy 2025-2030

State textile policy of Karnataka - 2025-2030

- **Aim** - to attract investments in the textile and readymade garment sector and generate employment opportunities to about 2 lakh persons,
- **Note** - The government had decided to merge Handloom Development Corporation and Karnataka State Textiles Infrastructure Development Corporation

Key features include:

- **Technical textiles:** The new policy will emphasize the promotion of technical textiles.

- **Infrastructure development:** The state is planning **new textile parks under a public-private partnership (PPP) model in the Kittur Karnataka, Kalyana Karnataka (Raichur), and Mysuru regions.**
- **Mega textile park:** A 1,000-acre mega textile park is also being **established in Kalaburagi**, with plans to generate significant employment.
- **Skill development:** The state intends to establish a **textile research center in Belagavi to foster innovation and talent.**

Bengaluru Water Resilience Project

News -

- **Greater Bengaluru authority to undertake Bengaluru Water Resilience Project. The World Bank approved a loan of \$426 million for this project.**

Bengaluru Water Resilience Project

- It is a **World Bank-funded initiative**

Objectives -

1. **to enhance the city's water security and climate resilience.**
2. **to mitigate urban flooding and address the long-term water stress faced by the city.**

Features -

- **Strengthen infrastructure:** The project aims to improve stormwater drain (SWD) infrastructure to prevent flooding.
- **Improve water security:** The initiative will focus on rainwater harvesting and watershed development
- **Revitalize lakes:** The project will help clean up and reintegrate Bengaluru's lake system
- **Modernize technology:** It incorporates advanced technology for flood modeling, management of borewells, and monitoring water quality.

Key partners and stakeholders - The project involves a collaboration between several public and private agencies:

1. **Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA):** The primary implementing body.
2. **World Bank:** Provides significant **funding and technical assistance.**
3. **Indian Institute of Science (IISc):** Will update its **Urban Flood model for Bengaluru** and provide scientific expertise.
4. **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M):** Supports the project with **advanced technology for processing and visualization.**
5. **Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB):** A key stakeholder involved in **water and sewerage management.**
6. **Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC):** Offers science and technology inputs and **capacity-building support.**
7. **WELL Labs and CSTEP:** Contribute strategies and ideas for **enhancing the project's design and implementation.**
8. **Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Ltd. (BSMILE):** A special purpose vehicle for managing the project's implementation.

ELEVATE 2025, ELEVATE Unnati 2025, and ELEVATE Minorities 2025.

News -

- State govt. extends deadline for receiving applications for start-up programmes

ELEVATE 2025, ELEVATE Unnati 2025, and ELEVATE Minorities 2025.

- It is an initiative by the Government of Karnataka
 - **Objective** - to support early-stage startups through funding, mentorship, and investor connections.
1. **ELEVATE 2025 is the general program,**
 2. **ELEVATE Unnati 2025 is specifically for startups with SC/ST founders,**
 3. **ELEVATE Minorities 2025 targets startups led by minority communities in Karnataka.**

ELEVATE 2025

- **General Cohort:** This is the standard program for innovative startups that meet the eligibility criteria.
- **Eligibility:** Startups must be a private limited company, partnership firm, or Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) registered in Karnataka, under 10 years old, with a turnover not exceeding ₹100 Crores, and working on innovation.
- **Support:** Offers grant-in-aid up to ₹50 Lakhs, mentorship, and investor connections.

ELEVATE Unnati 2025

- **Target Audience:** Specifically designed for startups with founders from Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities.
- **Eligibility:** Shares the same general eligibility criteria as the main ELEVATE program, with the added requirement that at least one director or partner belongs to the SC/ST community.

ELEVATE Minorities 2025

- **Target Audience:** Focused on startups led by members of minority communities as defined by the Karnataka jurisdiction.
- **Eligibility:** Must meet the general eligibility criteria, with the additional requirement that at least one director or partner belongs to a minority community.



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	Date	Time	Subject
1	27th Oct 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Polity
2	30th Oct 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Economy
3	3rd Nov 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	History
4	7th Nov 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Geography
5	12th Nov 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Environment
6	16th Nov 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	General Science
7	20th Nov 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Mental Ability
8	23rd Nov 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Essay precis translation
9	27th Nov 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Communication language
10	3rd Dec 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Polity, Economics, History
11	9th Dec 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Geography, Env., Science
12	14th Dec 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	GS FLT
13	14th Dec 2025	2:00pm-3:30pm	Essay Translation, Precis
14	20th Dec 2025	10:00 am - 11:30 am	GS FLT
15	20th Dec 2025	2:00 pm-3:30 pm	Essay Translation, Precis
16	25th Dec 2025	10:00 am - 11.30 am	GS FLT
17	25th Dec 2025	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Communication language
18	31st Dec 2025	10:00 am - 11.30 am	GS FLT
19	31st Dec 2025	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Communication language

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