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KARNATAKA DARSHANA

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

News -

- Centre allocates ₹2,245.30 crore to Karnataka under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.
- **Significance of the move** - The funds aim to strengthen urban infrastructure, focusing on making cities garbage-free and **improving waste treatment processes across Karnataka.**

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

- **Launched on - October 1, 2021.**
- It is aimed at making **all Indian cities "Garbage Free" by 2026.**
- It is implemented by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**

Key Objectives & Vision

- **Garbage-Free Cities:** Achieving **100% scientific processing of municipal solid waste** in all statutory towns.
- **Sustaining ODF Status:** Moving beyond Open Defecation Free (ODF) to **ODF+ (functional/hygienic public toilets) and ODF++ (complete faecal sludge management).**
- **Water+ Certification:** Ensuring no untreated wastewater is discharged into open environments or water bodies.
- **Remediation of Legacy Waste:** Processing waste at all legacy dumpsites (landfills) to reclaim land and prevent environmental hazards.
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- **Circular Economy:** Promoting the **3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)** to treat waste as a resource.

Asha Kirana: Karnataka State Eye Care Programme

News -

- **Asha Kirana initiative reaches 1.4 cr. people across Karnataka**
- 393 permanent vision centres have been established across district hospitals, taluk hospitals, and community health centres

Asha Kirana: Karnataka State Eye Care Programme

- It refers to a **major eye-care initiative by the Government of Karnataka,**
- **Launched by the Department of Health and Family Welfare,**
- **Objective** - this is a **comprehensive vision care programme aimed at eradicating avoidable blindness across the state.**
- **Key Services** - It Provides **free eye screenings, spectacles for vision correction, and free cataract surgeries.**

Kusuma Sanjeevini programme

News -

- In a significant step toward improving the quality of life for those with rare genetic blood disorders, the Karnataka government launched the 'Kusuma Sanjeevini' programme.

Kusuma Sanjeevini programme

- **Uniqueness** - It is **India's first statewide prophylaxis programme** dedicated to

providing free, advanced treatment for patients living with haemophilia.

Key Objectives and Benefits

- The scheme aims to **shift haemophilia care from reactive (treating bleeds after they occur) to preventive (prophylactic)**, ensuring a better quality of life and a "Zero Bleeds" state for patients.
- **Free Advanced Medication:** Eligible patients receive **Emicizumab, a high-end monoclonal antibody injection, entirely free of cost.**
- **Ease of Treatment:** Unlike traditional factor replacements that require frequent painful infusions, this breakthrough **drug is administered just once a month as a subcutaneous (under-the-skin) injection.**
- **Financial Relief:** The treatment typically costs around **₹5 lakh per patient annually, a burden now fully covered by the state government.**
- **Emergency Support:** The programme includes a **dedicated, free 108 ambulance service for the rapid emergency transport of haemophilia patients** across the state.
- **Infrastructure:** Treatment is available at **36 Integrated Treatment Centres for Haemoglobinopathies and Haemophilia (ICHH) located in district and taluk hospitals**

Additional Information - Haemophilia

- It is a **rare genetic bleeding disorder** where the **blood does not clot properly** due to a deficiency in specific clotting factors.

Core Characteristics

- **Inheritance Pattern:** It is an **X-linked recessive disorder. The defective gene is**

located on the X chromosome, making males much more vulnerable.

- **Prevalence:** It affects approximately **1 in 10,000 people globally.**
- **India Scenario:** India has the **highest number of patients in the world (~19,000–20,000 registered).**

Types of Haemophilia

Type	Notes
Haemophilia A	The most common form ("Classic Haemophilia"), accounting for ~80% of cases.
Haemophilia B	Also known as Christmas Disease.
Haemophilia C	A rare autosomal form that affects both genders equally.

Treatment & Innovations

- **Replacement Therapy:** The standard treatment involving **regular intravenous infusions of the missing clotting factor.**
- **Gene Therapy Breakthrough:** India recently conducted its first human clinical trial for Haemophilia A gene therapy using a lentiviral vector to insert a functional gene into a patient's stem cells.
- **Prophylaxis:** A **shift from "on-demand" treatment (after bleeding starts) to preventive care to avoid long-term joint damage.**

Key Observances

- **World Haemophilia Day:** Observed on **April 17th annually.**
- **2025 Theme:** "**Access for All - Women and Girls Bleed Too**"

Karnataka launches State Action Plan on snakebite and rabies

News -

- Karnataka has launched the State Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (SAPSE) and the State Action Plan for Rabies Elimination (SAPRE).
- It is the first state in India to implement a comprehensive action plan specifically for snakebites, aiming to drastically reduce fatalities.
- Both plans aim for zero rabies deaths and reduced snakebite incidents by 2030.

Key Aspects of the Action Plans

SAPSE (Snakebite Action Plan):

- **Notifiable Disease:** Snakebite cases are now notifiable in Karnataka, ensuring mandatory reporting.
- **Treatment:** Ensures availability of anti-snake venom (ASV) and free, immediate, no-advance-payment treatment at all health facilities.
- **Measures:** Focuses on strengthening surveillance, training medical staff, and strengthening public awareness.

SAPRE (Rabies Action Plan):

- **Target:** Eliminate dog-mediated human rabies by 2030.
- **Rabies-Free Cities:** Initiating the "Rabies-Free Cities" project in 11 major urban centres focusing on mass dog vaccinations and population management.
- **Health Initiatives:** Free anti-rabies vaccines and immunoglobulin are provided at government hospitals.
- **Notifiable Disease:** Rabies was declared a notifiable disease in 2022 to strengthen surveillance.
- **Significance** - These initiatives are guided by a "One Health" approach, integrating

human health, animal health, and environmental departments.

HPV vaccination drive to prevent cervical cancer

News -

- The Karnataka government, in alignment with a nationwide initiative, officially launched a major Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination drive on February 28, 2026, to prevent cervical cancer among adolescent girls.

Key Details of the Vaccination Drive

- **Target Group:** The campaign primarily targets girls who have completed 14 years of age but are below 15 years.
- **Scale of the Initiative:** Approximately 6 lakh girls in Karnataka have been identified as eligible beneficiaries, contributing to a national target of nearly 1.15 crore girls.
- **Vaccine Type & Dosage:** The drive uses the quadrivalent Gardasil-4 vaccine, which protects against four common HPV strains (6, 11, 16, and 18). Under the current national guidelines, it is administered as a single-dose intramuscular injection.
- **Cost:** The vaccine is provided free of cost at government health facilities.
- **Duration:** The initial intensive campaign is set for three months (90 days) in mission mode, after which the vaccine will be integrated into routine immunization days.

Two integrated solid waste management parks in Bengaluru

News -

- Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has officially identified over 100 acres of land on the city's

outskirts to establish two integrated solid waste management (ISWM) parks.

- These facilities are designed to scientifically process the approximately 6,000 metric tonnes of municipal waste the city generates daily.

Facility Locations & Specifications

- The two parks are **strategically located in the North and South corridors** to streamline waste logistics:
- **Gollahalli (Bengaluru South)**: Planned on government-owned land. Earlier reports indicated a processing capacity of approximately 2,999 tonnes per day (TPD).
- **Doddabelavangala (Doddaballapur/North)**: Earmarked near the Terra Farm area in Gundalahalli village. This facility is expected to handle approximately 3,073 TPD.

Key Project Details

- **Land Acquisition**: For the Doddabelavangala site, 70 acres of private land are being acquired, with **farmers set to receive compensation of ₹1.57 crore per acre**.
- **Operational Model**: The projects are being executed under a **Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model**.
- **Supporting Infrastructure**: To support these mega-plants, **BSWML is constructing 30 modern transfer stations across the city to replace roadside waste loading**.
- **Waste-to-Resource Focus**: The parks will use various technologies to **convert organic waste into biogas, compost, and power, while dry waste will be processed for Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF)**

Second official language status to Tulu

News -

- In March 2026, a **high-level committee officially recommended that the Karnataka government grant Tulu the status of the state's second official language**.
- This move is a major step toward fulfilling a decades-old demand from the Tulu-speaking population, primarily concentrated in the coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi.

Key Developments in the Recognition Process

- **Committee Recommendation**: A **six-member panel led by K.M. Gayatri**, former Director of the Kannada and Culture Department, submitted its report to the Secretary of the Kannada and Culture Department on March 4, 2026.
- **Adoption of the Andhra Pradesh Model**: The committee specifically **studied the administrative and legal framework used by Andhra Pradesh to grant Urdu second official language status** to ensure a smooth implementation for Tulu.
- **Constitutional Basis**: The state aims to **accord this status under Article 345 of the Constitution of India, which allows state legislatures to adopt one or more languages for official purposes**.

Significance and Impact

- The move aims to **protect the linguistic heritage of Tulu, which has a documented history of over 2,500–3,000 years and its own distinct script**.

Official status would:

- **Improve Administrative Access**: Facilitate the use of Tulu in government offices, public interfaces, and education within the coastal regions.

- **Boost Cultural Preservation:** Provide more institutional support for Tulu literature, research, and development.
- **Support Federal Demands:** Strengthen the long-standing push to include Tulu in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

Affected Regions

- The recognition is most significant for the "Tulu Nadu" region, which includes:
 1. Dakshina Kannada District (Karnataka)
 2. Udupi District (Karnataka)
 3. Kasaragod District (Northern Kerala—where Tulu is also widely spoken)

Rural Smart Village Center Project

News -

- GNA India Private Limited, in collaboration with BSNL and Acer India, has launched **high-speed Wi-Fi 7 in remote tourist spots of Uttara Kannada, including Yana, Sahasralinga, Sathodi Falls, and Magod falls.**
- **This initiative eliminates "blind spots" in forested areas, facilitating digital payments, safety, and connectivity for visitors.**
- Goal: To enhance tourist experiences, bolster rural digital infrastructure, and support the "Rural Smart Village Center Project".

Rural Smart Village Center Project

- **Objective - The project aims to improve safety and connectivity for tourists in the dense forest regions of the Western Ghats, supporting digital payments and real-time information access**

Additional Information -

Yana Rocks & Caves

- It is famous for its **two massive, pitch-black limestone monoliths—Bhairaveshwara**

Shikhara and Mohini Shikhara—rising sharply above the **dense Sahyadri forest.**

- **Highlight:** A cave temple **dedicated to Lord Shiva is located at the base of the Bhairaveshwara rock.**

Sahasralinga

- **Located on the banks of the Shalmala River, this is a unique pilgrimage and heritage site where thousands of Shiva Lingas and Nandi statues are carved directly into the rocks of the riverbed.**
- **Highlight:** During the low-water season, the intricate carvings are fully visible, while the monsoon makes the site look ethereal with water flowing over the lingas.
- **Vibe:** Calming and spiritual, accessible via a short walk and stairs leading to the river.

Sathodi Falls

- **Often called the "Mini-Niagara of Karnataka," this 15-metre-tall waterfall is formed by several unnamed streams that eventually join the backwaters of the Kodasalli Dam.**
- **Highlight:** Unlike many falls, the pool at the bottom is generally safe for a dip, making it a popular picnic spot.

Magod Falls

- A dramatic, **two-tiered waterfall where the Bedti River plunges from a height of nearly 200 metres (650 feet) into a deep, rocky valley.**
- **Highlight:** The falls are viewed from well-maintained viewpoints across the valley
- **Nearby:** Visit the **Jenukallu Gudda** viewpoint nearby for a panoramic sunset over the Western Ghats

Tripartite panels for Labour Code Rules in Karnataka

News -

- The Karnataka government has established four tripartite committees—one for each central labour code—to revise and finalize state-specific rules.
- These panels, comprising officials, union members, and employer representatives, will review draft rules for the codes on wages, industrial relations, social security, and safety, aiming to implement them by April 1, 2026.

Key details:

- **Purpose:** To refine the state's draft rules following feedback, addressing concerns from trade unions about working hours and strikes.
- **Committees:** Four separate committees were formed to address the specific nuances of the four codes
 1. Code on Wages,
 2. Industrial Relations Code
 3. Social Security Code,
 4. Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code
- **Context:** These actions align with the Central Government's direction to implement the new laws, which seek to streamline labor regulations and enhance technology in enforcement.
- **Significance -** The initiative aims for a consensus-driven approach to implementing the new labor regime in Karnataka.

mVahan app

News -

- Karnataka's Transport Department has launched the geo-fencing-based mVahan Fitness Mobile App across all 66 RTOs to prevent irregularities in issuing fitness

certificates (FCs) to commercial vehicles registered and operating in the state.

mParivahan app (often referred to as the "Vahan app")

- It is the official mobile application from India's Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) for vehicle and driver services.
- It provides a digital platform to access services previously requiring a visit to a Regional Transport Office (RTO).

Key Features

- **Digital Documents:** You can create and carry legally valid virtual versions of your Registration Certificate (RC) and Driving Licence (DL) on your phone.
- **Vehicle Search:** By entering a registration number, you can instantly find details like the owner's name, vehicle age, fuel type, insurance validity, and fitness status.
- **Challan Status:** Check and pay traffic violation fines (eChallans) directly through the app.
- **Safety & Verification:** It is used to verify the details of second-hand vehicles before purchase or to identify vehicles in case of accidents or theft.

Sharavathi Pumped Storage Hydroelectric project.

News -

- The Karnataka High Court has issued notices to both the State and Central governments following a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) that challenges the wildlife boards' approval for the ₹10,000 crore Sharavathi Pumped Storage Hydroelectric project.
- The court has also directed the State government and Karnataka Power

Corporation Ltd. (KPCL) to halt all on-ground work within the forest areas of the Sharavathi Valley Lion Macaque Sanctuary and its eco-sensitive zone until further orders

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.

Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary

News -

- In March 2026, the **Karnataka High Court** directed the state government to issue a new notification for **Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary** in Gadag district.
- A **Division Bench**, led by Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Poonacha, ruled that **reducing the sanctuary's size to 244.15 sq. km** in the 2019 notification was "ex facie arbitrary".

Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary (KWS)

- It is located in the **Gadag district of Karnataka**.
- Often referred to as the "**Western Ghats of North Karnataka**,"

- **Uniqueness** - It is unique for being the **only sanctuary in the state declared specifically for the conservation of wild flora.**
- **Establishment:** Originally a reserve forest, it was **declared a Wildlife Sanctuary in May 2019.**
- **Geography:** Features a dryland ecosystem with **scrub jungles, grasslands, and dry deciduous forests.**
- **Hydrology:** It Serves as a major catchment area for the Tungabhadra Rive
- **Flora:** Renowned for its medicinal value, hosting over **400 species of medicinal plants. Dominant vegetation includes Teak, Butea monosperma, and Acacia scrub.**
- **Fauna:** Home to leopards, Indian wolves, striped hyenas, blackbucks, and the rare four-horned antelope (Chousingha).
- **Cultural Significance:** Contains ancient ruins and temples from the Chalukya and Rashtrakuta dynasties, including the 12th-century Dambala Temple.

Recent Developments (2025-2026)

- **Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ):** In June 2025, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) **notified an ESZ area of approximately 323 sq km around the sanctuary.**
- **Boundary Expansion:** In March 2026, the Karnataka High Court directed the state government to include an additional 55 sq km of reserve forest that had been arbitrarily omitted from the original 2019 notification, restoring the sanctuary to its intended size of roughly 300 sq km.
- **Rare Sightings:** The rare **White-naped Tit (Parus nuchalis)** was recently recorded in the sanctuary's scrub-thorn habitat.

Threats and Conservation

- The sanctuary **faces pressure from mining interests (gold and iron ore), illegal firewood collection, overgrazing, and habitat fragmentation.**

Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) annual report

News -

- The Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) annual report for FY 2024-25 highlights a **significant expansion in the state's technology sector, specifically through the addition of 50 new Global Capability Centres (GCCs)**

Key Highlights from the KDEM Annual Report

- **GCC Distribution:** Of the 50 new centres, 40 were established in Bengaluru, while 10 were set up in "Beyond Bengaluru" clusters.
- **Employment & Talent:** The state's GCC talent pool has surged to 6.5 lakh professionals in FY 2024-25, up from 3.5 lakh in 2021.
- **Startup Growth:** The number of DPIIT-registered **startups in Karnataka reached 16,700**, with over 3,300 of these registered outside Bengaluru.
- **Infrastructure:** Over 1.1 million sq. ft. of IT park infrastructure is now available in "Beyond Bengaluru" clusters to support decentralized growth.
- **Nipuna Karnataka:** The report notes progress on this **skilling initiative, with four corporate proposals approved to train approximately 10,000 beneficiaries in emerging tec**

Additional Information - The Karnataka Global Capability Centre (GCC) Policy 2024–2029.

- It was **launched on November 19, 2024.**
- It is India's first dedicated framework to attract and scale **Global Capability Centres (GCCs)**
- **Objective** - The policy aims to **double the state's existing 500+ GCCs to 1,000 by 2029, generating \$50 billion in economic output and creating 3.5 lakh new jobs.**

Karnataka Electric Bus Program (KEBP)

News -

- The Karnataka government, as part of the **2026–27 state budget, announced a ₹2,000 crore electric bus programme** supported by World Bank aid to modernize public transport.
- This initiative, known as the **Karnataka Electric Bus Program (KEBP), includes inducting 4,000 electric buses** into state-run transport fleets and developing 94 charging depots.

Karnataka Electric Bus Program (KEBP)

- **Capacity Expansion:** The initiative aims to modernize fleets for the **Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC)** and other state road transport corporations.
- **Infrastructure Development:** The program includes the **development of 32 BMTC electric bus depots and 62 depots** for other state road transport corporations.
- **Rural Focus:** A significant portion, including **nearly 1,950 electric buses, is expected to enhance connectivity in rural areas.**
- **Objectives:** The project aims to **reduce pollution, lower fuel costs, and improve connectivity throughout the state.**

New Aerospace Common Facility Centre in Bengaluru

News -

- The Karnataka Budget 2026 announced the establishment of a **new Aerospace Common Facility Centre (CFC) at the KIADB Aerospace Park in Bengaluru (₹30 crore)** and a **Flight Training School at Shivamogga and Vijayapura airports**
- The projects focus on **enhancing aeronautical manufacturing, assembly, and training, with 25% of seats at the training school reserved for local and women candidates.**

Key Details of the Aerospace Initiative:

- **Aerospace Common Facility Centre:** Located in the **KIADB Aerospace Park, Bengaluru, this facility will support manufacturing and assembly units** with a ₹30 crore budget, backed by a ₹10 crore initial allocation.
- **Flight Training School:** To be established under a PPP model, the **school will be at Sogane (Shivamogga) and Vijayapura airport.**
- **Focus Areas:** The initiative aims to support **R&D, maintenance, repair & overhaul (MRO), and aircraft manufacturing.**
- **Projected Benefits:** This move aims to **boost Shivamogga as a key aviation training hub.**

Karnataka's ELEVATE

News -

- The share of women-led startups in Karnataka's **ELEVATE grant-in-aid program has seen a steady rise, growing from 16.96% in 2017 to nearly 43% in 2025**

ELEVATE

- It is a flagship initiative by the **Department of Electronics, IT, Bt, and S&T, Government of Karnataka.**
- It is designed to **identify and nurture innovative early-stage startups.**
- It provides **comprehensive support, including grant-in-aid funding, mentoring, and access to venture capital.**

Key Funding & Support Tracks

- **ELEVATE (General):** Offers a one-time grant of up to ₹50 Lakhs to **help startups develop prototypes, conduct market trials, and scale their business.**
- **ELEVATE Unnati:** Specifically targets startups led by **SC/ST entrepreneurs, providing up to ₹50 Lakhs in seed funding to foster social inclusion.**
- **ELEVATE NxT (Deeptech):** A flagship program under the LEAP framework focused on **scaling high-potential Deeptech and AI startups.**
- **ELEVATE Women:** Dedicated to **accelerating women-led startups**
- **ELEVATE Minorities:** A specialized track to **support and fund entrepreneurs from minority communities.**

Multi-purpose indoor sports complex at V.C. Farm in Mandya

News -

- Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, laid the **foundation stone for a ₹14-crore multi-purpose indoor sports complex at V.C. Farm in Mandya, Karnataka, on March 14, 2026.**

Project Details

- **Location:** The facility is being constructed **within the campus of the University of Agricultural Sciences at V.C. Farm.**

- **Funding:** Sanctioned under the Government of **India's Khelo India scheme to strengthen grassroots sports infrastructure.**

Additional Information - Khelo India programme.

- **Launched in 2018,**
- **Financing - Central Sector Scheme**
- It is aimed at **reviving the sports culture at the grassroots level.**
- It is **implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.**

Core Objectives & Features

- **Twin Goals:** To **achieve mass participation and promote excellence in sports.**
- **Talent Identification:** Promising athletes are identified and provided with an annual financial assistance of ₹5 lakh for 8 years.
- **Structure:** It merged previous schemes like the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS), and National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS).**

Shakuntala Grants on International Women's Day 2026

News -

- On International Women's Day 2026, **Bengaluru-based Pixxel launched the Shakuntala Grants under its new Shakuntala Initiative,**
- It provides **micro-grants for women researchers focused on climate resilience and environmental studies.**
- The program supports field studies, data collection, and equipment purchases for **early-career researchers.**

Key details of the Shakuntala Grants and Initiative:

- **Purpose:** To address funding gaps for women researchers and foster long-term STEM community building.
- **Partnership:** The program is in collaboration with Escape Velocity Grants.
- **Target Areas:** Research projects related to climate change, environment, and earth observation.
- **Inspiration:** The initiative honors the first Pixxel Pathfinder satellite (Shakuntala) and the famous female mathematician, Shakuntala Devi

QpiAI Indus

News -

- The Karnataka government has installed the **QpiAI Indus, a 25-qubit superconducting quantum computing system**, at the Quantum Computing Centre of Excellence (QCCE) located at IIT-Dharwad.

Objectives and Usage

- **Academic Integration:** Used for curriculum development, faculty-led research in quantum algorithms, and hands-on student training.
- **Commercial Access:** The centre offers Quantum Computing as a Service (QCaaS), allowing enterprises to **experiment with use cases in logistics, finance, and pharmaceutical discovery.**
- **Regional Strategy:** Part of the Karnataka Quantum Roadmap, which aims to establish a \$20 billion quantum economy by 2035.

Additional Information - Quantum computing

- It is a new way for computers to process information using the strange rules of physics that govern tiny particles like atoms and electrons.

- While regular computers (like your phone or laptop) use bits to store information as either a 0 or a 1 (like a light switch being on or off), quantum computers use qubits
- Quantum computers are expected to solve massive problems that would take today's fastest supercomputers thousands of years.

Applications -

- **Medicine:** They can simulate how new drugs will interact with the human body at a molecular level.
- **Cybersecurity:** They could potentially crack almost all current internet encryption, which is why experts are already building "quantum-proof" security.
- **Climate & Energy:** They can help design better batteries or find ways to remove carbon from the air by simulating complex chemical reactions

Responsible AI Committee (Kris Gopalakrishnan committee)

News -

- The Government of Karnataka has constituted a Committee on Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI), chaired by Kris Gopalakrishnan.

Objectives

- to develop a framework for safe, ethical, and transparent AI adoption in public services, according to this Facebook post.
- The panel, comprising industry experts and officials, met in Bengaluru to discuss AI ethics, risk classification, and data privacy to ensure accountability in AI systems.

Key Aspects of the Responsible AI Committee:

- **Mandate:** Develop a policy and implementation roadmap within 90 days

for responsible AI adoption in government.

- **Focus Areas:** Establish AI principles, create risk classifications for government AI applications, and **set up guidelines for data governance, privacy, and cybersecurity.**
- **Committee Structure:** Led by Infosys Co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan, with the Managing Director of the Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS) serving as the Member Secretary.
- **Key Sectors:** The framework will cover AI deployment in **citizen-centric areas like healthcare, education, welfare delivery, and policing**

Eva Nammava Eva Nammava Bill

News -

- The **Eva Nammava Eva Nammava Bill**—officially titled the **Karnataka Freedom of Choice in Marriage and Prevention and Prohibition of Crimes in the Name of Honour and Tradition Act, 2026**—is a landmark piece of legislation passed by the Karnataka State Legislature in March 2026.

Eva Nammava Eva Nammava Bill

- **Mandate** - It is specifically designed to prevent "honour killings" and protect the freedom of adults to choose their life partners without interference from family, caste, or community bodies.

Key Features of the Bill

- **Right to Choose:** Guarantees that every adult has the autonomy to choose their partner. It explicitly states that **no family member, caste group, or community body has the authority to interfere in this decision.**
- **Broad Definition of Crimes:** Beyond physical violence, the law criminalises social and economic boycotts,

psychological terror (such as performing death rites for living persons), and **forcing separation.**

Institutional Support:

- **Eva Nammava Vedike:** A **district-level platform or committee** (including retired judges and police officers) to **solemnise marriages and provide counselling.**
- **Safe Houses & Helplines:** Mandates **24/7 helplines and state-funded safe houses in every district** for threatened couples.
- **Rapid Response:** Police are required to provide protection within six hours of receiving a complaint.
- **Strict Penalties:** Offences are classified as cognizable and non-bailable. **Punishment for honour killings includes a minimum of five years in prison, while causing hurt can lead to 2–3 years of rigorous imprisonment.**

UDAN scheme

News -

- Karnataka's Infrastructure Development Minister M.B. Patil recently stated that **airports in tier-II cities are not financially viable after the three-year incentive period under the UDAN scheme.**

UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme

- **Launched in - October 2016**
- It is India's flagship **regional connectivity program designed** to make air travel affordable and accessible for the common citizen.
- **The scheme focuses on connecting underserved and unserved airports in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.**

Key Features of UDAN

- **Affordable Fares:** Airfares are capped for approximately **50% of the seats on each flight.** For example, a one-hour flight (~500

km) is capped at roughly ₹2,500 (subject to indexation).

- **Viability Gap Funding (VGF):** To encourage airlines to fly less profitable regional routes, the government provides financial subsidies (VGF) to cover the gap between operating costs and capped fare revenue.

Kalyana Karnataka

News -

- Karnataka Economic Survey 2025-26 revealed that **Kalaburagi occupies the lowest rung in the state's per capita income (PCI) grid**, underscoring the widening regional disparity in the Kalyana Karnataka.

Region-Specific Initiatives

- These schemes are **specifically targeted at the districts of Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Bidar, Koppal, Vijayanagara, and Ballari:**
- **Kalyana Patha:** A ₹1,000 crore project to develop 1,150 km of rural roads across 38 assembly constituencies.
- **Kalyana Karnataka Comprehensive Health Scheme:** A ₹873 crore initiative that includes setting up a Cancer Diagnosis Unit in Bidar and a super-speciality hospital in Koppal.
- **ELEVATE Kalyana Karnataka:** A specialized startup funding program to encourage entrepreneurship within the region.
- **Nanna Guruthu:** Aimed at securing government documents for SC/ST rural residents via the DigiLocker app in 1,000 Gram Panchayats.
- **Education & Skill Training:** Includes the establishment of new nursing colleges in Yalburga, Jevargi, and Yadgir, plus skill training for unemployed youth aged 18 to 35.

Major Welfare & State Schemes

- Residents in this region also have access to **Karnataka's flagship "Five Guarantee" schemes and other departmental programs:**

Five Guarantees:

- **Gruha Lakshmi:** ₹2,000 monthly for women heads of households.
- **Gruha Jyothi:** Free electricity for households using up to 200 units.
- **Anna Bhagya:** 10 kg of free food grains for BPL families.
- **Shakti:** Free bus travel for women within the state.
- **Yuva Nidhi:** Unemployment stipend for graduates and diploma holders.
- **Ganga Kalyana Scheme:** Provides borewells, pumps, and electrification to small and marginal farmers from SC/ST and minority communities.
- **Udyogini Scheme:** Offers up to 50% subsidy on loans for women entrepreneurs to start small businesses

Sakala scheme

News -

- **Karnataka Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda announced that 99.35% of applications under the state's Sakala scheme have been processed within the stipulated timeline during the current year.**

Sakala Scheme

- It is officially known as the **Karnataka Guarantee of Services to Citizens Act, 2011.**
- **Objective - to ensure the timely delivery of government services.**
- **The name "Sakala" translates to "at the right time" or "in good time" in Kannada.**

Key Features of Sakala

- **Time-Bound Delivery:** Every service under the scheme has a **specific, pre-defined time limit for completion.**
- **Guaranteed Service Number (GSC):** Upon submitting an application, **citizens receive a unique 15-digit GSC number.**
- **Tracking and Accountability:** Citizens can use their **GSC number to track the status of their application** online via the Official Sakala Portal.
- **Penalty for Delays:** If a service is not provided within the stipulated time, the designated officer may be fined. **Under the proposed Sakala 2.0, this penalty is approximately ₹250 per day of delay.**
- **Wide Coverage:** The scheme covers over **725 services across various departments, including Revenue, Transport, Education, and Health.**

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025

Context:

- **On March 16, 2026, the Sahitya Akademi officially announced its prestigious annual awards for 2025,** recognizing outstanding literary contributions across 24 Indian languages.

Key Highlights

- **Total Awardees:** 24 authors across 24 languages.
- **Award Package:** An engraved copper plaque, a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹1,00,000.
- **Field:** Literature (across multiple genres).

Key Achievements:

- **Diverse Genres:** The 2025 honors celebrate a wide array of literary works, featuring 8 books of poetry, 4 novels, 6 short story

collections, 2 essays, 1 literary criticism, 1 autobiography, and 2 memoirs.

- **Notable English Winner:** Former diplomat Navtej Sarna won the award in the English category for his acclaimed historical novel Crimson Spring.
- **Notable Hindi Winner:** Renowned author Mamta Kalia was honored in the Hindi category for her moving memoir Jeete Jee Allahabad.

Sahitya Akademi Awards:

- **Started:** 1954.
- **Event Category:** India's National Academy of Letters / 2nd highest literary honor (after the Jnanpith Award).
- **Specialty:** Conferred annually to writers of the most outstanding original books published in the preceding five years.
- **It covers 24 languages: the 22 languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, plus English and Rajasthani.**
- It acts as a major platform to promote regional literature and preserve India's linguistic diversity.

Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 Award for Kannada

- **Name - Amaresh Nugadoni**
- **Work - Dada Seerisu Tande(Short Stories)**



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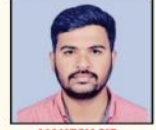
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