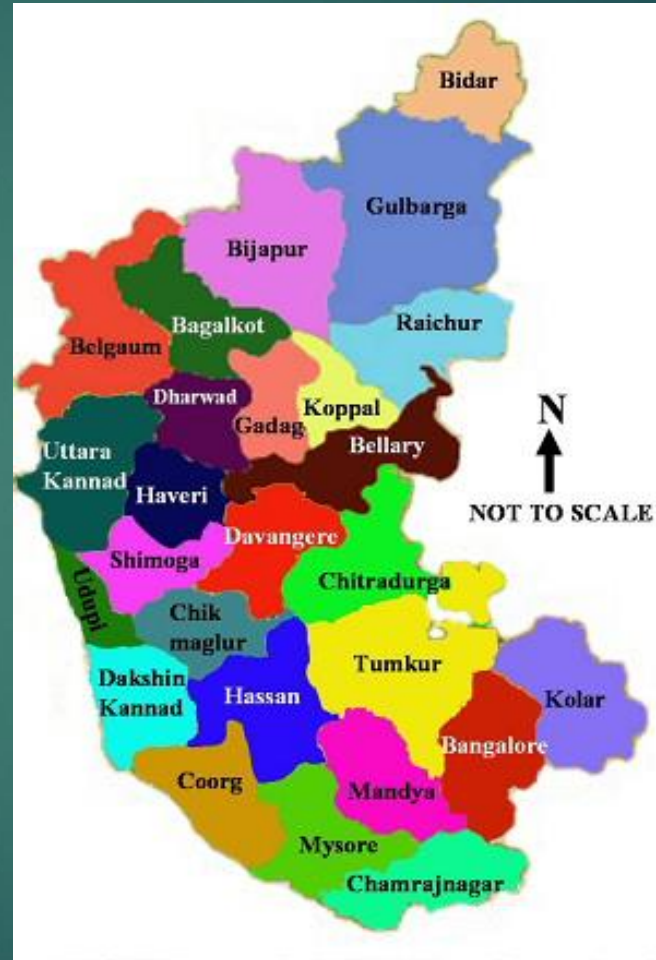


# Karnataka

Karnataka has five states as its neighbours-and one vast sea as well. To its north are states of Goa and Maharashtra. To its east is Telangana. To its south is Kerala and to its south east is Tamil Nadu.

Karnataka has a lovely coastline and also as amazing forests. For those who enjoy wildlife and adventure, Karnataka is a great starting point.



## Capital: Bangaluru

Beautiful Bangaluru, the capital of Karnataka is one of the prettiest and cleanest cities of India. It is popularly known as the ‘Garden City’, because once upon a time the city has many beautiful gardens. It is also called as the ‘Air-Conditioned City’, for its salubrious climate throughout the year; the ‘Silicon Valley of India’ for its rapidly growing software market.



# Introduction

▶ Karnataka has divided into four main regions:

- a) The coastal plains
- b) The hills in the form of the Western Ghats
- c) The Karnataka plateau
- d) The black soil track

It actually has volcanic rock underneath the soil. This soil is called regur. It is great for growing cotton.

# Geographical Setting

- ▶ **Rivers:** Karnataka has some great rivers. The Krishna, Kaveri & Tungabhadra are the main rivers of the south originate from the verdant ghats.
- ▶ **Seasons:** Karnataka is not too hot, not too cold and not too wet.
- ▶ **Trees & Forests:** There are a plenty of forests in Karnataka. The Malabar Coast has lovey swaying coconut palms fringing the coast. The Western Ghats have a monsoon forest with a thick canopy of trees. There are many kinds of woods that the forests of Karnataka produce. The lovely fragrant sandalwood that is found here makes up a large part of the world's sandalwood.
- ▶ There are many tea/coffee plantations on the slopes of the Western Ghats.
- ▶ The monsoon forests are home to elephants, tigers, wild cattle (also called gaurs), deer, wild boars, leopards and bears.

# State Bird & State Animal

Indian Roller



Elephant



# State Tree & State Flower

Sandalwood



Lotus



# Festivals



## Kambala

It is a traditional buffalo festival that is spread over four months. Tracks are laid out in large paddy fields & buffalos charge towards the finishing lines. This custom begun nearly a thousand years ago, when people prayed to God for a good harvest.



## Karga

It is an ancient festival in which people pray to Goddess Shakti. They carry heavily decorated earthen pots & invoke the blessings of the Goddess.



## Huthri

It is a festival of song & dance during which a good rice harvest is celebrated.

## Peanut Festival

In November, when the first groundnuts peep out of the soil, people celebrate this ancient festival. The story behind this festival tells that every full moon night, a bull would charge across the field & ruin the groundnut crop. Farmers prayed to Bsanva Nandi (a bull God) to stop the bull.



# Place of Interest



## Gol Gombuz

The Gol Gombuz is structure that contains the tombs of Sultan Muhammad Adil Shah & his entire family.



## Kesava Temple

In the city of Somnathpur, there is a star-shaped temple, that is Kesava temple.



## Hard Rock

The city of Badami has amazing cave temples. These caves, which are thousands of years old, have a mix of Hindu, Jain & Buddhist carvings. This show Gods, Goddesses, scenes of wars, monks meditating.

# Place of Interest

## Hampi



## The Giant Statue( Gomateswara)



# Mysore Palace

The city was the capital of the Mysore kingdom for over 500 years. It is rich in culture and has many lovely monuments.



## Bijapur

This city has a rich history and many historical monuments. It was the capital of Adil Shahi's and is known as a 'treasure house of Islamic architecture.'



# Foods



## Udupi

Udupi is like the kitchen of Karnataka. The food is strictly vegetarian.



## Kori Rotti

This incredible dish is made of water-thin bread served with spicy chicken curry.



## Rasam

This spicy pepper water is an important part of a meal.

# Foods

Bisi Bele Bhat

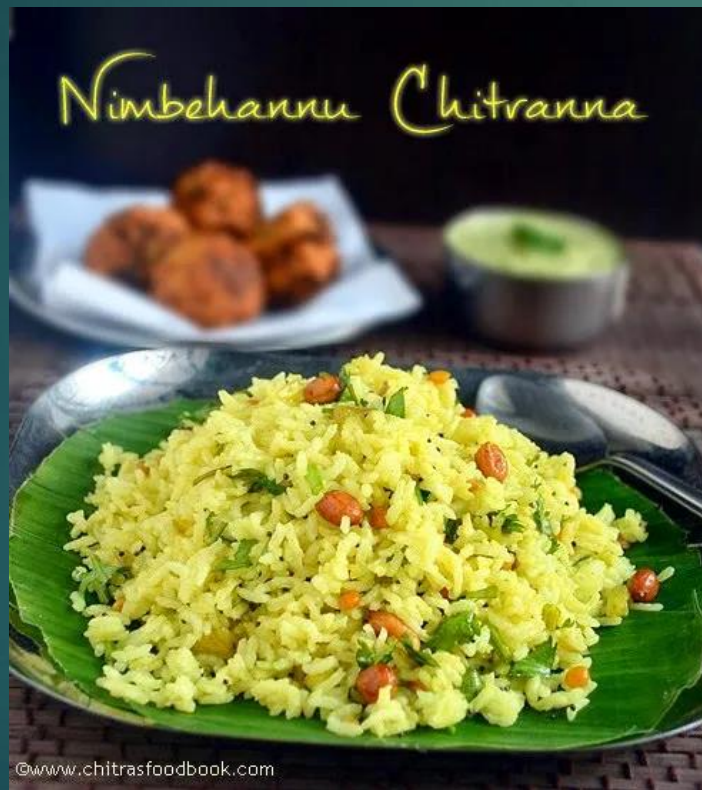


Dosa



# Foods

## Chitranna



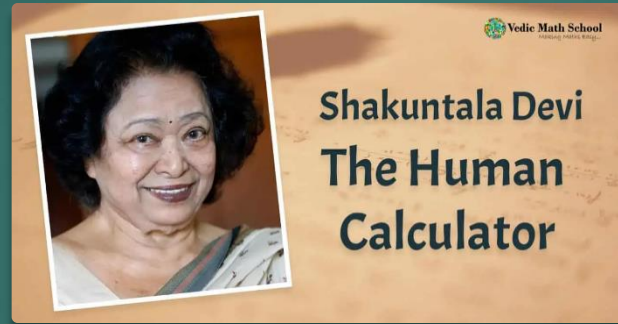
## Mysore Pak





## Girish Karnad

He was an amazing playwright and actor.



## Shakuntala Devi

A great Mathematician whom people called the Human Computer.



## Rahul Dravid

He was called 'The wall'. Because bowlers found it difficult to bowl him out, when he was in full form.