



# कर्नाटक KARNATAKA STATE MAP Scale 1 : 1,000,000 भारतीय सर्वेक्षण विभाग SURVEY OF INDIA



### THE HERITAGE AND RESOURCES OF KARNATAKA

Karnataka covers that part of India which is inhabited mainly by the Kannada-speaking people. The state has an area of 1,91,791 sq km and its population was 61,09,287 in 2011. Situated in the west-central part of peninsular India, on the Deccan plateau, Karnataka has an exceptionally beautiful coastline stretching about 300 kilometres. The state has vast natural resources and produces gold, limestone, quartz, asbestos and vermiculite. Mysuru silk and silk products are in much demand all over the world. Besides, Karnataka has a large area under coffee and pepper.

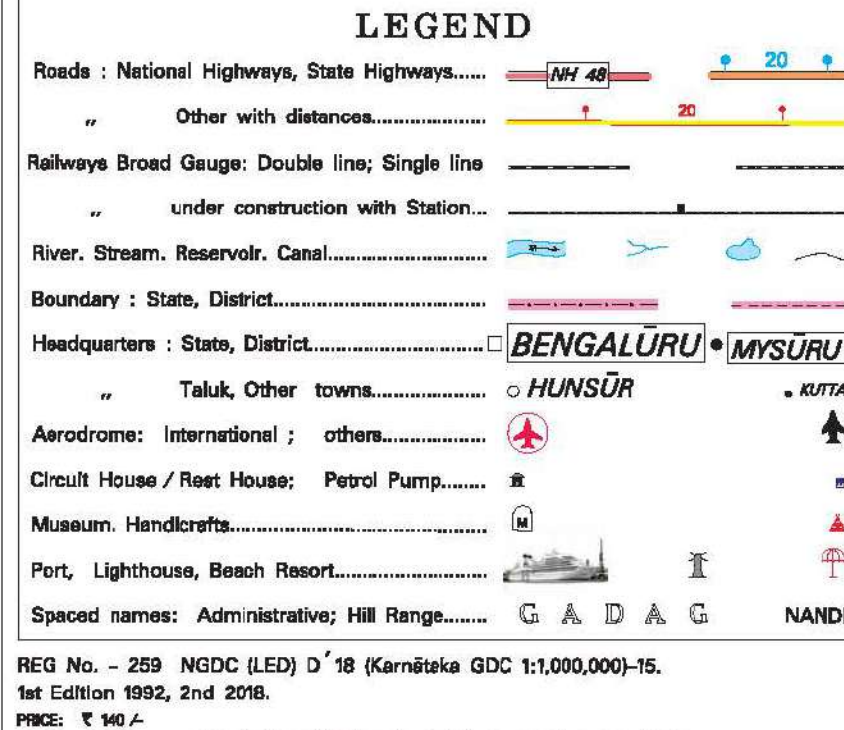
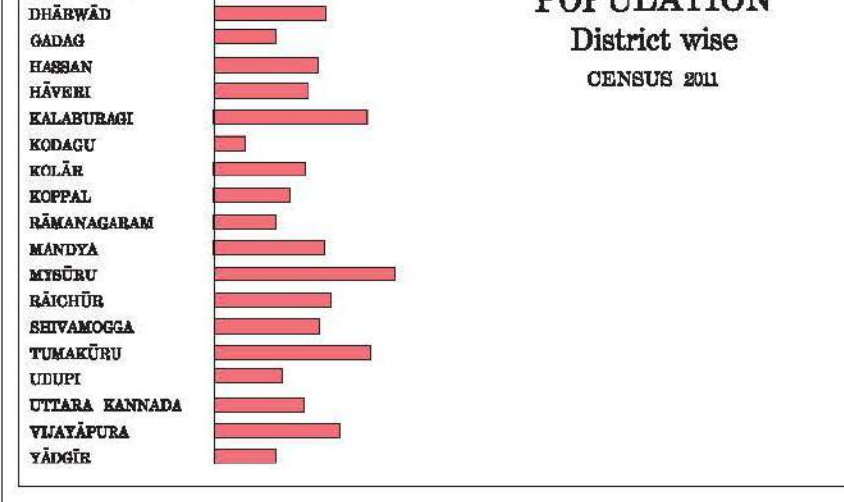
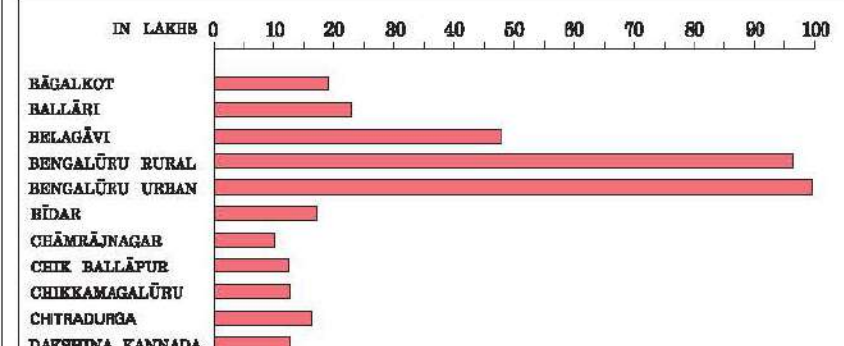
Distinctive styles of architecture and sculpture associated with the Chölaya, Hoysäla and Vijayanagara periods evolved in the state and Aihole is generally regarded as one of the cradles of temple architecture in the Deccan region, including Gujarat and Odisha. The tallest monolithic statue is perhaps that of Gomateswar at Srirangapatna, which is about 57 feet in height, while the largest dome in the country across the old Gateway at Vijayapura, with a diameter of more than 120 feet, where it is widest and in the range of wonders of world.

Karnataka abounds in places of religious and historical importance which are of interest not only to pilgrims and tourists but also the serious scholar. The Government of Karnataka is keeping up the traditional spirit of Dusasra, which, with its procession, was one of the great attractions of the erstwhile princely state of Mysuru. The Government helps to organize an entertaining Dusasra festival programme for ten days in Mysuru city every year.

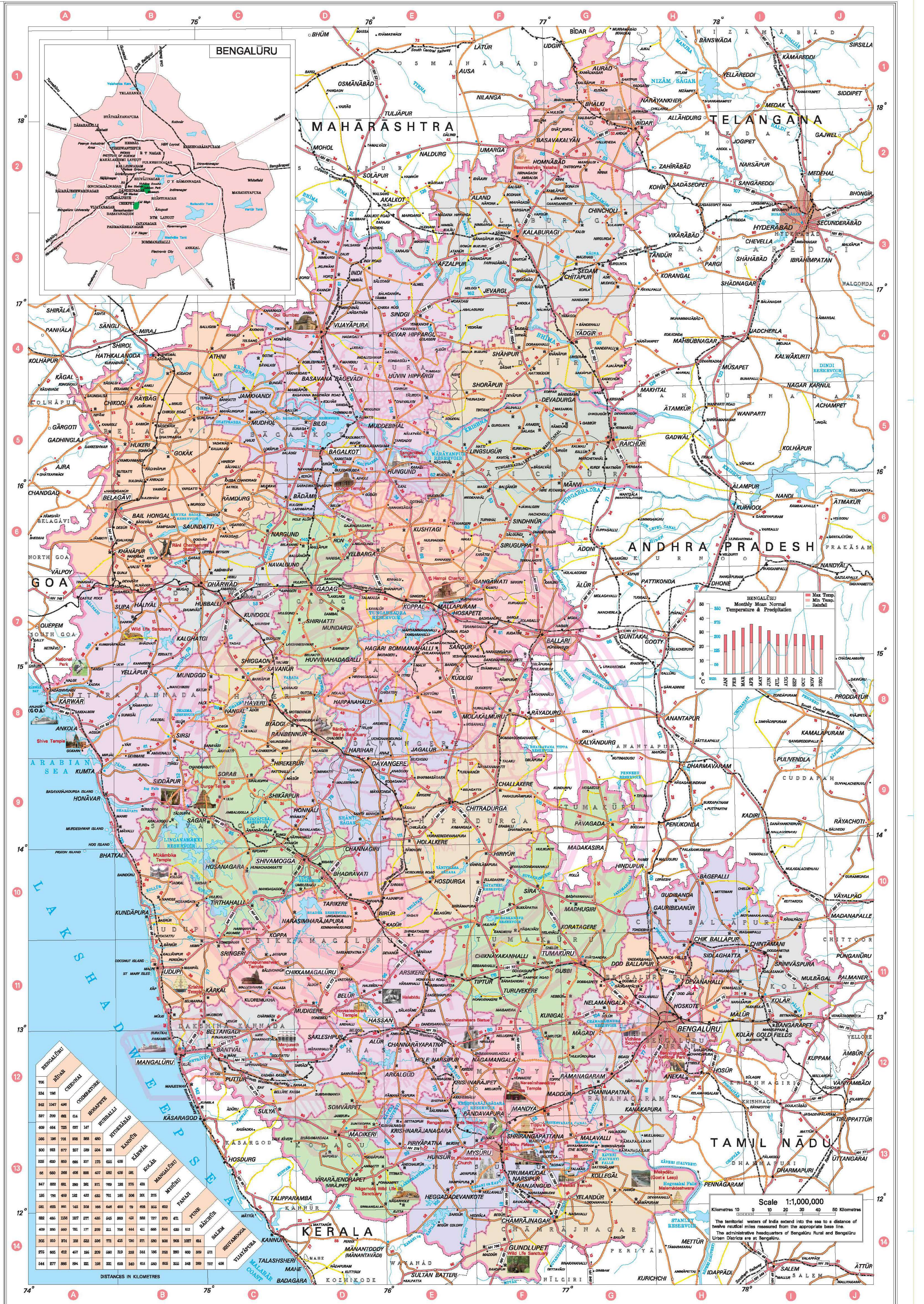
Karnataka has a rich tradition in classical dance, music, painting and the folk arts. Yashagana, savyasastry and kootiya are a few of the innumerable folk arts of the state.

It has a fine infrastructure which has attracted many leading central industries. Aircraft, motor-cars, railway coaches, sophisticated electronic and electronic equipment, telephones, television sets, watches and clocks are made in the State in Bengaluru. Its capital, is one of the important industrial centres and popularly known as Silicon City and also stands as the IT capital of India. Handicraft articles, including those made out of sandalwood, ivory and the famous unique and unparalleled arts and crafts such as bidriware, Hirtro silverware, Banjara apparels enjoy a worldwide market. With its rich traditions, Karnataka has made a notable contribution to all aspects of Indian culture in the past and the indications are that it will happily continue to do so.

Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru is the largest Legislature cum Secretariat building in the country, designed and executed under the former Chief Minister of Mysuru State, Kengal Hiranmayacharya, between 1951-56. The style is an amalgamation of Dravidian, Rajasthani, Chöla and Carnatic styles of architecture. The ornamental motifs, floral patterns and classical geometric designs are all distinct and not a single design has been repeated. The structure is entirely built of colour granite stones found in and around the Bengaluru. A team of engineers led by S.R. Manjunath, toiled with over 8000 labourers, 1600 sculptors for over 4 years to complete this magnificent structure.



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