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D.K. Shivakumar Sworn In as Karnataka's 24th Chief Minister

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D.K. Shivakumar (*Dakshina Kempegowda Shivakumar*) was sworn in as the **24th Chief Minister of Karnataka** on **June 3, 2026 at 4:05 PM** at **Lok Bhavan (Glass House), Bengaluru**. The oath of office was administered by **Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot**.

THE OATH CEREMONY

PARAMETER	DETAIL
Name	D.K. Shivakumar
Position	24th Chief Minister of Karnataka
Date	June 3, 2026 at 4:05 PM
Venue	Lok Bhavan (Glass House), Bengaluru
Administered by	Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot
Party	Indian National Congress

WHO IS D.K. SHIVAKUMAR?

- **Veteran Congress leader** from **Kanakapura constituency**, Ramanagara district, Karnataka.
- Previously served as **Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President** — the party's state chief.
- Served in multiple ministerial positions in earlier Congress governments in Karnataka (Urban Development, Energy, Water Resources).
- Was a key organiser of Congress's return to power in Karnataka.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

PROVISION	DETAIL
Article 163	Council of Ministers to aid and advise the Governor; Governor acts on the CM's advice except in matters of personal discretion
Article 164	CM appointed by the Governor; other ministers appointed by the Governor on the CM's advice; CM holds office during the pleasure of the Governor
Article 177	Ministers have the right to speak/participate in both Houses (but can vote only in the House of which they are members)
Article 167	Duties of the CM — must communicate information about Cabinet decisions to the Governor when required

THE OATH OF OFFICE

The CM takes oath of **office and secrecy** before the Governor:

- **Oath of office** — to faithfully discharge duties and uphold the Constitution.
- **Oath of secrecy** — not to disclose Cabinet proceedings to unauthorised persons.

Under the **anti-defection law (Tenth Schedule)**, ministers must belong to a party or retain party membership — defection leads to disqualification.

STATE VS CENTRE — KARNATAKA'S POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Karnataka is a critical state for Congress: it is the **only large south Indian state** governed by the Congress, and it has been Congress's **principal revenue-generating state** for funding national campaigns.
- The Congress-JD(S) coalition history and the Lingayat/Vokkaliga community politics are central to Karnataka's political economy.
- **D.K. Shivakumar** — the transition is significant after the previous Chief Minister: context of internal Congress leadership evolution.

UPSC RELEVANCE

PAPER	RELEVANCE
GS2	Polity — Article 164 (CM appointment), Article 163 (Council of Ministers), oath of office, anti-defection, state government formation
Prelims	Articles 163-167; Thaawarchand Gehlot as Governor; Karnataka 24th CM; KPCC; oath of office vs secrecy

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D.K. SHIVAKUMAR — 24TH CM KARNATAKA:

Sworn in: June 3, 2026 at 4:05 PM

Venue: Lok Bhavan (Glass House), Bengaluru

Administered by: Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot

Party: Indian National Congress; KPCC President

Constituency: Kanakapura, Ramanagara district

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS:

Article 164 — CM appointed by Governor; holds office at Governor's pleasure

Article 163 — Council of Ministers to aid and advise Governor

Oath: Office (uphold Constitution) + Secrecy (not disclose Cabinet proceedings)

Sources: *The Hindu*, *PIB*

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