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WHY IN NEWS

D.K. Shivakumar, Congress leader and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President, was sworn in as the **24th Chief Minister of Karnataka** on June 3, 2026 by Governor **Thaawarchand Gehlot** at Lok Bhavan's Glass House in Bengaluru. **G. Parameshwara** was sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister alongside 13 cabinet ministers. Shivakumar, 64, succeeds **Siddaramaiah** who resigned on May 28, 2026, completing what had been a power-sharing arrangement within the Congress party following the May 2023 assembly election victory.

BACKGROUND: THE CONGRESS POWER-SHARING ARRANGEMENT

When Congress won the Karnataka Assembly elections in May 2023 with a decisive majority (135 seats out of 224), there was an internal contest between Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar for the Chief Ministership. The party brokered a **power-sharing arrangement**: Siddaramaiah would serve as CM for the first three years; Shivakumar (as KPCC president and Deputy CM) would take over for the remaining period of the term. The rotation was completed with Shivakumar's swearing-in on June 3, 2026.

WHO IS D.K. SHIVAKUMAR?

DETAIL	FACT
Full name	Dodda Alahalli Kempegowda Shivakumar
Age	64 (born May 15, 1962)
Community	Vokkaliga (numerically dominant in Old Mysore region)
Constituency	Kanakapura, Ramanagara district
Party	Indian National Congress
Previous roles	KPCC President, Deputy CM (2023–2026), Union Minister (2009–14)
Known for	Crisis management for Congress; fundraising ability; infrastructure projects

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS — CHIEF MINISTER

The Chief Minister's office is governed by **Article 163 and 164** of the Constitution:

- **Article 163:** The Governor acts on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister (except in matters where the Governor acts in his discretion).
- **Article 164(1):** The Chief Minister is appointed by the Governor. Other ministers are appointed by the Governor on the advice of the Chief Minister.
- **Article 164(2):** The Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Legislative Assembly.
- **Article 164(3):** Before assuming office, ministers take an oath of office and secrecy before the Governor.

KEY FACTS ABOUT KARNATAKA GOVERNANCE

ITEM	DETAIL
Capital	Bengaluru
Governor	Thaawarchand Gehlot
Assembly seats	224
Congress seats (2023)	135
Legislature type	Bicameral (Vidhan Sabha + Vidhan Parishad)
Rajyotsava Day	November 1 (Karnataka Formation Day, 1956)
Chief Minister (prev.)	Siddaramaiah (resigned May 28, 2026)
Deputy CM	G. Parameshwara

UPSC RELEVANCE

Prelims

- 24th CM of Karnataka: D.K. Shivakumar
- Deputy CM: G. Parameshwara
- Governor: Thaawarchand Gehlot
- Oath date: June 3, 2026
- Venue: Lok Bhavan's Glass House, Bengaluru
- Outgoing CM: Siddaramaiah (resigned May 28, 2026)

Mains Angles (GS2)

- 1 Role of the Governor** in government formation: Is the Governor a constitutional head or a political instrument? Examine recent controversies (Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka) in this light.
- 2 Coalition and intra-party power dynamics:** How do power-sharing arrangements within ruling parties affect governance stability? Compare with Maharashtra's Maha Vikas Aghadi experience.
- 3 Federalism:** Examine the constitutional relationship between the Centre and states through the lens of Governors' discretionary powers.

FACTS CORNER

FACT	DETAIL
New CM	D.K. Shivakumar
Serial number	24th Chief Minister of Karnataka
Outgoing CM	Siddaramaiah (resigned May 28, 2026)
Deputy CM	G. Parameshwara
Governor	Thaawarchand Gehlot
Oath date	June 3, 2026
Oath venue	Lok Bhavan's Glass House, Bengaluru
Constitutional basis	Articles 163–164
Congress Karnataka seats	135/224 (May 2023 election)

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