Koppal... agriculture and horticulture belt in Karnataka
Koppal district has been carved out of Raichur district and was initially known as “Kopana Nagara”. It is popular for its temples and key tourist destinations includes Anegundi, Navabrindavana, Kanagiri and Kuknur.

Koppal is historically significant with Anegundi being a capital under the Vijayanagara empire. Koppal was also a part of the Nizam of Hyderabad till independence.

**Introduction**

- Located in northern part of Karnataka
- Divided into 4 administrative divisions- Koppal, Gangavathi, Kushtagi and Yelburga
- Agriculture is the key economic driver
- Possess one of the largest Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) in the state
- Potential sectors: Horticulture and Food Processing, IT, Biotechnology, etc.
- Natural resources: Green Quartz, Pink Panther, Building Stones, Synite Brittle and Coronado
- Hampi, a World Heritage center, also covers some areas of the district.
- Kinhal, 13 kms from Koppal, is famous for its traditional colourful lacquerware work.
Economy

- **GDP is INR 11,897 Crore in the year 2014-15 (at Current Prices)**
- **Urbanisation in the district is 17% compared to 39% in the state.**
- District’s per capita annual income is INR 75,598 for the year 2014-15.
- Primarily an agrarian economy with 70% of land under cultivation
- Total working population is dominated by cultivators & agricultural labourers

### Key Economic Indicator

#### District Per capita Income (in INR)*

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* Provisional figures

**Source: Economic Survey of Karnataka 2016-17**

#### Land Utilisation

- **Forests**: 5%
- **Cultivable land**: 70%
- **Other land**: 25%

*Source: District at a Glance, 2015-16*
Agriculture & Allied Activities

Major Crops
- **Food crops:** Paddy, Bajra, Maize, Jowar, Tur, Black gram, Green gram and Cowpea and Groundnut
- **Horticulture Crops:** Marigold, Jasmine and fruits such as Mango, Grapes and Pomegranate
- **Cash crops:** Sugar Cane, Groundnut, Sunflower, Beetle vine, Coconut oil and Palm Oil

Key Enablers
- Agro-climatic conditions suitable to grow horticulture crops
- Availability of godown facilities

Thrust Areas
- Best seed production center
- Key exports: Pomegranates, Grapes and Figs
- Scope for food processing, agro processing and value addition due to raw material availability such as Rice, Groundnut etc.
- Potential in Sericulture could be explored

Allied Activities
- **Sericulture:** Area of nearly 286.92 Hectares under Sericulture producing 107.78 tonnes of Cocoon in 2015-16

Area (Ha) under Agricultural Crops

Area (Ha) under Horticulture Crops

Source: Koppal District at a Glance, 2015-16
Industry Profile

► As on March 2016, nearly 6,486 Small Scale units registered with District Industrial Centre providing employment to 47,035 employees

► Approx. 36,964 enterprises engaged in Trade, hotels and transport facilities

► Well known for iron, steel, tourism, and artisan industries

► Manufacturing of wooden idols, toys and theatrical equipments in Kinnal

► Agriculture and allied industries

► Marketing committee in Gangavathi

► Well established research and extension institutes such as Agriculture Research Station, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, District Agricultural Training Centre (DATC) at Gangavathi, Sericulture Training Centre at Kushtagi and Animal Husbandry Training Centre

Key Players

► Bhoruka Power Corporation
► Kirloskar Ferrous Industries
► Kalyani Steels Limited
► Ultra Tech Cement
► Xindia Steels Limited
► Praxair India Pvt. Ltd
► MSPL Ltd

![Graphs showing number of small scale units and employment](source: Koppal District at a Glance, 2015-16)
Industrial Infrastructure

Presence of MSME clusters

- Rice Mills
- Granite Quarrying, cutting and polishing

Artisan clusters

- Wooden handicrafts
- Hand embroidery
- Kinnal Toys
- Banana Fiber

Proposed developments

- Koppal Taluka
  - KSSIDC industrial estate for MSME sector, Basapura village: 104.10 acres
  - Steel ancillary units, Basapura village: 154.39 acres
- Kushtagi Taluka
  - Granite industries: 64.28 acres
  - Granite cluster/park in Kyadigumpa village: 250 acres
- Yalburga Taluka: KSSIDC industrial estate in 100 acres

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Support Infrastructure

- Bengaluru- Bellari- Gadag- Hubballi railway line passes through Koppal town
- Goods transportation facility available from Koppal and Munirabad railway stations

- National Highways
  - NH 13 Mangaluru-Sholapur pass through Kushtagi town
  - NH 63 Ankola-Gooty pass through Koppal Town

- Hubballi Airport located approx 165 kms away from Koppal town
- Belagavi and Goa airport located approx. 232 and 325 kms away from Koppal town

- Karwar located approx 165 kms away from Koppal town
- Goa and Mangaluru ports located approx. 332 and 450 kms away from Koppal town

- Covered under Desert Development Programme for rural water supply
- Irrigation mainly through Tungabhadra canal, Dug wells and Bore wells

- Power transmission managed by Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM)
- Presence of 1 hydel power unit at Shivapura (Koppal Taluka), 1 Wind Power unit at Hanumangouda (Kushtagi Taluka) and 3 Biomass units in Gangavathi Taluka

District Profile: Koppal
Koppal district needs improvement in existing social infrastructure availability in terms of education institutes, industrial training institutes and medical facilities. It is also covered under special status, granted under Article 371 J (part of Hyderabad-Karnataka region).

Source: Koppal District at a Glance, 2015-16
**Tourism**

**Koppal Fort**
The fort was acquired by Tipu Sultan in 1786 AD from a Paleyagar and rebuilt into one of the strongest forts with the help of French engineers.

**Gavimath Temple**
Temple compound contains four caves and a modern temple with Lingayat Gurus. Location of some jain samadhis opposite.

**Pampa Sarovar Lake**
Among five sacred sarovars of India, regarded as the place where Pampa (a form of Shiva's consort Parvati), performed penance to show her devotion to Shiva.

**Mahadev Temple**
Situated in Itagi, it is popular for its magnificent architectural style. Constructed by using soapstone.

**Anegundi and around**
Heritage destination in Gagavati Taluka with religious importance. Anjanadri hill, Rishimuka and Ranganatha temples are other places near Anegundi associated with Ramayana.

**Kanakachalapathi Temple**
16th century temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. The place has archaeological significance due to the discovery of two inscriptions from the rule of Emperor Ashoka.

**Munirabada Dam**
Famous for its significance in Hindu mythology. Also famous for its location of Rishyamookh Hill, where Lord Rama and Hanuman met for the first time.

**Kinnal**
Noted for the manufacture of toys and images by Chitragars.

**District Profile : Koppal**
On-going Projects

Agri- Infrastructure
- Development of Rice Technology Park at Navali-Somnal Village, near Karatagi: **INR 122 Crores**
- Establishment of Modern Abattoirs in ULBs: **INR 6 Crores**
- UHT Plant at Budagumpa Dairy (Koppal milk union): **INR 2 Crores**
- Development of Rice Technology Park in Navali-Somnal village near Karatagi: **INR 122 Crore**

Transportation
- Development of road from Uppin Betageri-Dharwad Kalaghati Tadas (one package of KSHIP): **Part of INR 7,000 Crores**
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