Karnataka High Court

Data as on 22.11.2026. Source: LawInC analysis of Department of Justice data.

Sitting judges of this Court, followed by judges whose Parent High Court is this Court and who are serving elsewhere, and sitting Supreme Court judges drawn from this Parent High Court. Parent High Court Seniority among sitting judges is kept after a transfer (as if there had been no transfers); that is the figure the public monthly list does not present as an all-India picture.

Sitting: 57 · Sanctioned: 62 · Vacancies: 5 · Of this PHC, serving elsewhere: 2 · Of other PHCs, serving here: 9 · Chief Justices: 0 · Now in the Supreme Court: 2

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Sitting at this High Court (57)

Ordered by sitting-court seniority (SHC-S). PHC-S is Parent High Court Seniority among sitting judges of that Parent High Court (as if there had been no transfers; incoming transfers are not counted here). AIS is All India Seniority as on this date, including Addl. Judges. Incoming transferred judges, including the Chief Justice, appear here.

SHC-S	PHC-S	AIS	Hon'ble Justice	Bar / Service	Sitting HC	PHC	Appointment	Retirement	Remarks
1	1	5	Vibhu Bakhru Chief Justice	Bar	Karnataka	Delhi	17.04.2013	01.11.2028	Chief Justice w.e.f. 19.07.2025
2	5	36	Anu Sivaraman (Smt.)	Bar	Karnataka	Kerala	10.04.2015	24.05.2028	
3	23	114	Jayant Banerji	Bar	Karnataka	Allahabad	22.09.2017	16.01.2027	
4	21	112	Dinesh Kumar Singh	Bar	Karnataka	Allahabad	22.09.2017	17.08.2028	
5	1	117	Shankar Ganapathi Pandit	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	14.02.2018	15.11.2027	
6	2	118	Ramakrishna Devdas	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	14.02.2018	14.05.2031	
7	3	119	Bhotanhosur Mallikarjuna Shyam Prasad	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	14.02.2018	07.01.2033	
8	4	120	Siddappa Sunil Dutt Yadav	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	14.02.2018	02.08.2034	
9	5	126	Mohammad Nawaz	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	02.06.2018	21.05.2027	
10	6	127	Harekoppa Thimmanna Gowda Narendra Prasad	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	02.06.2018	31.05.2028	
11	7	146	Hethur Puttaswamygowda Sandesh	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	03.11.2018	01.12.2026	
12	8	190	Singapuram Raghavachar Krishna Kumar	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	23.09.2019	06.05.2032	
13	9	191	Ashok Subhashchandra Kinagi	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	23.09.2019	31.12.2031	
14	10	192	Suraj Govindaraj	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	23.09.2019	13.05.2035	
15	11	193	Sachin Shankar Magadum	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	23.09.2019	04.05.2034	
16	12	199	Jyoti Mulimani (Miss)	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	11.11.2019	14.08.2030	
17	13	200	Rangaswamy Nataraj	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	11.11.2019	13.03.2032	
18	14	201	Pradeep Singh Yerur	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	11.11.2019	20.06.2032	
19	17	209	Maheshan Nagaprasanna	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	26.11.2019	22.03.2033	
20	18	219	Maralur Indrakumar Arun	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	07.01.2020	23.04.2032	
21	19	220	Engalaguppe Seetharamaiah Indiresh	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	07.01.2020	15.04.2034	
22	20	221	Ravi Venkappa Hosmani	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	07.01.2020	28.07.2033	
23	21	237	Savanur Vishwajith Shetty	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	28.04.2020	18.05.2029	
24	6	240	Lalitha Kanneganti (Smt.)	Bar	Karnataka	Andhra Pradesh	02.05.2020	04.05.2033	
25	22	242	Shivashankar Amarannavar	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	04.05.2020	19.07.2032	
26	23	243	Vedavyasachar Srishananda	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	04.05.2020	28.03.2028	
27	24	244	Hanchate Sanjeevkumar	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	04.05.2020	12.05.2033	
28	25	259	Mohammed Ghouse Shukure Kamal	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	17.03.2021	29.06.2033	
29	9	295	Perugu Sree Sudha (Smt.)	Service	Karnataka	Telangana	15.10.2021	05.06.2029	
30	10	296	Dr. Chillakur Sumalatha (Smt.)	Service	Karnataka	Telangana	15.10.2021	04.02.2034	
31	26	322	Anant Ramanath Hegde	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	08.11.2021	06.03.2033	
32	27	323	Siddaiah Rachaiah	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	08.11.2021	31.05.2029	

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33	28	324	Kannankuzhyil S. Hemalekha (Ms.)	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	08.11.2021	27.03.2037	
34	8	329	Dr. K. Manmadha Rao	Bar	Karnataka	Andhra Pradesh	08.12.2021	12.06.2028	
35	24	367	Tara Vitasta Ganju (Ms.)	Bar	Karnataka	Delhi	18.05.2022	11.08.2033	
36	29	391	Cheppudira Monnappa Poonacha	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	13.06.2022	05.04.2036	
37	33	427	Gurusiddaiah Basavaraja	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	16.08.2022	02.05.2027	
38	30	461	Venkatesh Naik Thavaryanaik	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	24.01.2023	31.05.2037	
39	31	476	Vijaykumar Adagouda Patil	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	09.02.2023	13.10.2037	
40	32	477	Rajesh Rai Kallangala	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	09.02.2023	31.05.2036	
41	34	531	K.V. Aravind (Kurubarahalli Venkataramareddy Aravind)	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	25.10.2023	11.07.2039	
42	35	597	Taj Ali Moulasab Nadaf Addl.	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	17.02.2025	06.07.2038	Addl. Judge
43	36	727	Geetha Kadaba Bharatharaja Setty (Smt.) Addl.	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	30.09.2025	21.04.2028	Addl. Judge
44	37	728	Borkatte Muralidhara Pai Addl.	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	30.09.2025	30.12.2028	Addl. Judge
45	38	729	Tyagaraja Narayan Inavally Addl.	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	30.09.2025	08.09.2029	Addl. Judge
46	39	742	Rajeshwari Narayana Hegde (Smt.) Addl.	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	01.06.2026	17.03.2028	Addl. Judge
47	40	743	Kedambadi Ganesh Shanthi (Smt.) Addl.	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	01.06.2026	02.05.2030	Addl. Judge
48	41	744	Brungesh Mahadevappa Addl.	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	01.06.2026	31.05.2029	Addl. Judge
49	42	763	Raghavendra Seetharam Srivatsa Addl.	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	09.08.2026	18.04.2038	Addl. Judge
50	43	764	Hema Kulkarni (Smt.) Addl.	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	09.08.2026	09.07.2038	Addl. Judge
51	44	765	Subramanya Rangarao Addl.	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	09.08.2026	26.03.2037	Addl. Judge
52	45	766	Thadagavadi Prakash Vivekananda Addl.	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	09.08.2026	04.05.2039	Addl. Judge
53	46	767	Bakkeswara Pramod Addl.	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	09.08.2026	12.11.2039	Addl. Judge
54	47	768	Hombe Gowda Shanthi Bhushan Addl.	Bar	Karnataka	Karnataka	09.08.2026	14.08.2039	Addl. Judge
55	48	813	Usharani (Smt.) Addl.	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	25.09.2026	16.04.2030	Addl. Judge
56	49	814	K.S. Bharath Kumar Addl.	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	25.09.2026	02.10.2038	Addl. Judge
57	50	815	Nerale Veerabhadraiah Bhavani (Smt.) Addl.	Service	Karnataka	Karnataka	25.09.2026	28.02.2038	Addl. Judge

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Collegium of the Karnataka High Court

As on 22.11.2026.

Role	Hon'ble Justice	Retirement
Chief Justice	Vibhu Bakhru	01.11.2028
Member	Anu Sivaraman (Smt.)	24.05.2028
Member	Jayant Banerji	16.01.2027

Projected from the present sitting list, through 22.11.2027: On 16.01.2027 Justice Jayant Banerji retires and Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh joins the collegium.

Senior-most judge of the Karnataka Parent High Court*

Projected order in which judges of this Parent High Court become its senior-most judge (PHC-S 1), from Parent High Court Seniority and dates of retirement. Judges who will retire before they could become the senior-most are omitted.

- 1* · Justice Shankar Ganapathi Pandit · now - 15.11.2027
- 2* · Justice Ramakrishna Devdas · 16.11.2027 - 14.05.2031
- 3* · Justice Bhotanhosur Mallikarjuna Shyam Prasad · 15.05.2031 - 07.01.2033
- 4* · Justice Siddappa Sunil Dutt Yadav · 08.01.2033 - 02.08.2034
- 5* · Justice Suraj Govindaraj · 03.08.2034 - 13.05.2035
- 6* · Justice Kannankuzhyil S. Hemalekha (Ms.) · 14.05.2035 - 27.03.2037

- 7* · Justice Venkatesh Naik Thavaryanaik · 28.03.2037 - 31.05.2037
- 8* · Justice Vijaykumar Adagouda Patil · 01.06.2037 - 13.10.2037
- 9* · Justice K.V. Aravind (Kurubarahalli Venkataramareddy Aravind) · 14.10.2037 - 11.07.2039
- 10* · Justice Bakkeswara Pramod · 12.07.2039 - 12.11.2039

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Transferred to other High Courts (2)

Including those serving as Chief Justice or as a puisne judge of another High Court. Their Parent High Court Seniority is unchanged.

SHC-S	PHC-S	AIS	Hon'ble Justice	Bar / Service	Sitting HC	PHC	Appointment	Retirement	Remarks
21	15	202	Hemant Chandangoudar	Bar	Madras	Karnataka	11.11.2019	27.09.2031	
5	16	203	Neranahalli Srinivasan Sanjay Gowda	Bar	Gujarat	Karnataka	11.11.2019	14.02.2029	

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Transferred from other High Courts (9)

Sitting judges of this Court whose Parent High Court is another High Court (transferred in). Their Parent High Court Seniority (PHC-S) is that of their Parent High Court, among sitting judges.

Hon'ble Justice	Bar / Service	PHC	PHC-S
Vibhu Bakhru	Bar	Delhi	1
Anu Sivaraman (Smt.)	Bar	Kerala	5
Jayant Banerji	Bar	Allahabad	23
Dinesh Kumar Singh	Bar	Allahabad	21
Lalitha Kanneganti (Smt.)	Bar	Andhra Pradesh	6
Perugu Sree Sudha (Smt.)	Service	Telangana	9
Dr. Chillakur Sumalatha (Smt.)	Service	Telangana	10
Dr. K. Manmadha Rao	Bar	Andhra Pradesh	8
Tara Vitasta Ganju (Ms.)	Bar	Delhi	24

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Chief Justices (0)

None at present.

Hon'ble Judge of Supreme Court (2)

SC seniority	Hon'ble Justice	Appointment	Retirement	Remarks
1	B.V. Nagarathna (Smt.)	31.08.2021	29.10.2027	*
2	Aravind Kumar	13.02.2023	13.07.2027	—

CJI: Chief Justice of India.

** Likely to be CJI as per seniority*