

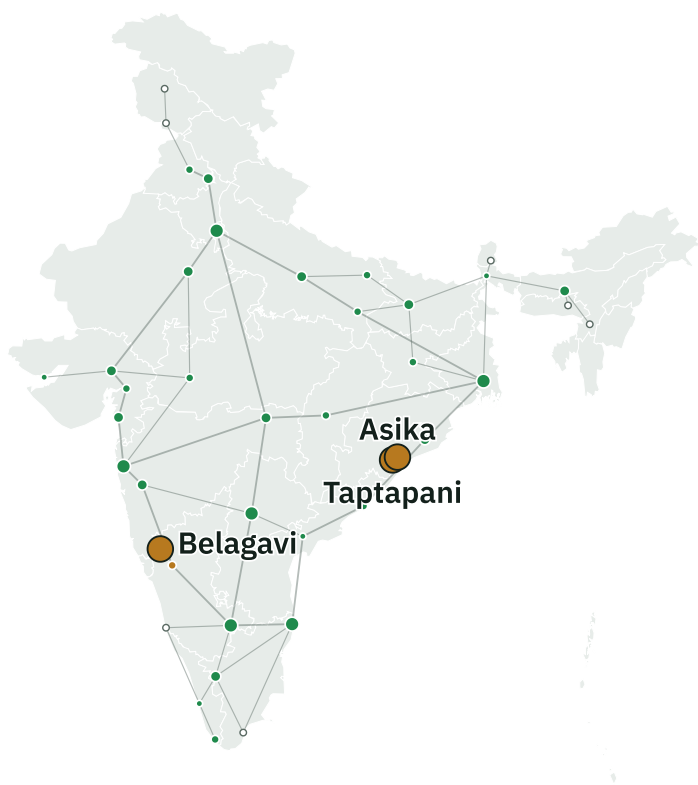
Karnataka bandh may cost Belagavi a delivery day

● NETWORK: AMBER

BEFORE DIWALI • 6 DAYS TO DHANTERAS • 8 DAYS TO DIWALI

For e-commerce, D2C and consumer-goods teams delivering orders and stocking shops through Diwali.

Cane farmers have called a Karnataka bandh for today, after Belagavi's administration barred their gathering at a toll plaza on the Pune–Bengaluru highway¹. How widely it holds, nobody can say yet. In south Odisha the Taptapani ghat is open again, but a lost bridge leaves inland Ganjam cut off, and Delhi's BS-IV truck ban starts tomorrow.



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- **GREEN** normal for peak week: busy, but delivery promises hold
- **AMBER** something is slowing deliveries beyond normal peak
- **RED** deliveries largely stopped across a state or city, or a courier embargo on the route

DATES THAT MATTER

- **Since Wed 21 Oct** Delhi on Stage I of GRAP, its pollution action plan: no truck curbs yet²
- **Sat 31 Oct** Karnataka bandh; cane farmers may block the highway at Belagavi
- **Sun 1 Nov** Delhi turns away BS-IV trucks and vans from other states³
- **Mon 2 – Tue 3 Nov** Heavy rain forecast for coastal Andhra and Odisha
- **Fri 6 – Sat 7 Nov** Warehouse crews leave Delhi, Ludhiana and Mumbai
- **Tue 10 – Sat 14 Nov** Gujarat's markets and transport shut till Labh Pancham
- **Fri 13 – Mon 16 Nov** Chhath keeps east UP and Bihar crews away from city hubs

DELIVERY PROMISE BY REGION

North +0 GREEN	West +0 GREEN	South +1* AMBER	East +2–3* AMBER	Northeast +0 GREEN	Central +0 GREEN
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* Likely impact (#days) on delivery promise up to Diwali within the region, specific to certain cities or pincodes, beyond what is expected for the season.

Cane farmers call a Karnataka bandh after their highway gathering is barred

South · Belagavi and the Pune-Bengaluru highway (NH-48), and the rest of Karnataka

● AMBER · MEDIUM COST OF DELAY · MEDIUM CONFIDENCE

Chunappa Pujeri of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, the state farmers' union, called the bandh on Friday, after prohibitory orders stopped the farmers' gathering at the Hattargi toll plaza, Deccan Chronicle reports¹. He asked transport operators and drivers to join too. Will they? Thursday's meeting with the Chief Minister in Belagavi ended without a decision⁴, so nothing has been offered to call it off.

- **Belagavi and the Pune-Bengaluru highway at Hattargi** South · +1 day The orders bar the gathering, not the bandh, and a bandh well kept stops trucks on the road too. I'd expect Pune-Bengaluru trucks and Belagavi's vans to be held today, and the city's deliveries to run a day late into Monday.

DECISIONS TO MAKE

For e-commerce and D2C teams

- Keep Belagavi pin codes (590 and 591) at +1 through Monday, and hold today's Pune-Bengaluru loads on the Belagavi stretch until the road is reported clear.

For FMCG and consumables distribution

- Move north Karnataka's Saturday top-ups to Sunday and Monday rather than load trucks into a bandh; Dhanteras on Fri 6 Nov still leaves the week.

Taptapani ghat reopens, but a washed-out bridge cuts off inland Ganjam

East, South · Gajapati and inland Ganjam behind Brahmapur; the Andhra-Odisha border at Ichchapuram

● AMBER · HIGH COST OF DELAY · HIGH CONFIDENCE

Taptapani ghat reopened on Friday, but the flood took the Palashpur bridge in Ganjam and stopped all traffic between Digapahandi and Asika, Odisha Bytes reports⁵. So is south Odisha open for Diwali? Half of it, actually: the door into Gajapati is open again, while the one into inland Ganjam is not.

- **Taptapani ghat (NH-326), Brahmapur to Gajapati** East · +1 day Highway staff patched a 20-foot collapse near Belagada by Friday morning, with debris still being cleared, Dharitri reports⁶. I'd expect Gajapati's vans to run a day behind while the stuck loads clear.

- **Asika and Digapahandi, inland Ganjam** East · +2 to +3 days Parts of Asika still stood under six to seven feet of water on Friday⁷, and the road between the two towns has no bridge. I'd expect orders for both to wait at Brahmapur into next week.
- **Kolkata-Chennai highway (NH-16) at Ichchapuram** South · +0 days The highway reopened on Friday morning after a day under floodwater, and the Howrah-Chennai railway runs on both tracks again, slowly⁸. I'd expect the east-coast trucks that waited to arrive by Sunday.

DECISIONS TO MAKE

For e-commerce and D2C teams

- Keep Asika and Digapahandi pin codes at +3 until there is a way round the Palashpur bridge, so a Dhanteras order there has to ship by Monday or arrive late, my estimate.

For FMCG and consumables distribution

- Send Gajapati's sweets and gifting stock up Taptapani this weekend, while the ghat is open and before Monday's heavy rain.

What next: IMD expects a new Bay depression to bring heavy rain in places to Odisha on Monday and to coastal Andhra on 2 and 3 Nov⁹. Patched ghat roads are the first to slip again.

SOURCES

Built from public sources only. The ratings are my judgement on the likelihood of on-time delivery or cost-impact, not measured service levels or actual cost estimates. Confidence is High when the facts are dated and primary or measured, Medium when they rest on a proxy or a forecast. If I am wrong, we'll find out in the subsequent weeks. Cost of delay: High: the delivery misses Dhanteras or Diwali, so the sale is lost or the order comes back; Medium: late, but still before the festival, or stock reaches shops after peak buying; Low: a delay with little effect on sales.

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