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Vijayanagara is Kamataka's 31st district

BENGALURU, QHM5: Karnataka government on Monday issued final notification for the formation of Vijayanagara district by altering the limits of Ballari district.

The announcement was seen as an attempt by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to woo Infrastructure Development Minister Anand Singh, left unhappy after the recent Cabinet expansion.

The new district carved out of Ballari district will have six taluks, namely, Hosapete, Kudligi, Hagaribommanahalli, Kottur, Hoovinahadagali and Harapanahalli. Hosapete will be the district headquarter. Ballari district, from which Vijayanagara, has been carved out, will have five taluks - Ballari, Kurugodu, Siruguppa, Kampli and Sandur.

The Cabinet had formalised the creation of new district in November 2020, after which a draft notification was issued by the government seeking objections on carving out Vijayanagara district. The decision was met with protests from residents of Ballari.

Infrastructure Development Minister Anand Singh had pressed for the formation of new district.