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## Informal okay for Vijayanagar dist

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**K**arnataka is all set to get its 31st district as the Cabinet on Wednesday gave an 'in-principle' approval to carve out a new Vijayanagar district out of Ballari.

The decision was taken during an informal discussion on the subject, Law Minister J C Madhuswamy said.

Forest Minister Anand Singh, who is also the minister in charge of Ballari, called it a "historic decision" and thanked Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

"There has been a demand for many years. Hampi was the capital of the Hindu empire and we want to upgrade it into a prestigious place," Singh, who anchored the effort for the new Vijayanagar district, said.

"We don't want to hurt anyone. We want to do this by taking everyone into confidence," he added.

The mining district of Ballari is politically significant, comprising nine Assembly

### PROPOSED SPLIT

■ Vijayanagar dist: Hosapete, Kampli, Hagaribommanahalli, Kottur, Hadagali, Harapanahalli taluks.

■ Ballari dist: Ballari, Kurugodu, Siraguppa, Sandur, Kudligi.

constituencies of which the Congress represents five and the BJP four.

Ballari has 11 taluks and splitting it will ease administration, it is argued.

According to the earlier plan, five taluks - Ballari, Kurugodu, Siraguppa, Sandur and Kudligi - will be part of Ballari district, while six other taluks - Hosapete, Kampli, Hagaribommanahalli, Kottur, Hadagali and Harapanahalli - will constitute the new Vijayanagar district.

"We will share the final details of the district after the next Cabinet meeting," Madhuswamy said.