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# Cabinet formally clears new Vijayanagar district

## New dist gets bigger share of pie with six taluks, including Kudligi

BENGALURU, DHNS

**T**he Cabinet formalised the creation of a new Vijayanagar district by bifurcating Ballari on Friday. Vijayanagar will be Karnataka's 31st district.

The new Vijayanagar district will comprise Hosapete, Harapanahalli, Huvinahadagali, Hagaribommanahalli, Kottur and Kudligi taluks. The Ballari district will have Ballari, Kurugodu, Siruguppa, Sandur and Kampli taluks, according to Law Minister JC Madhuswamy.

"Hosapete will be the headquarters of the new Vijayanagar district," Madhuswamy

said. "We will issue a notification proposing this delimitation seeking public objections, after which it will be finalised."

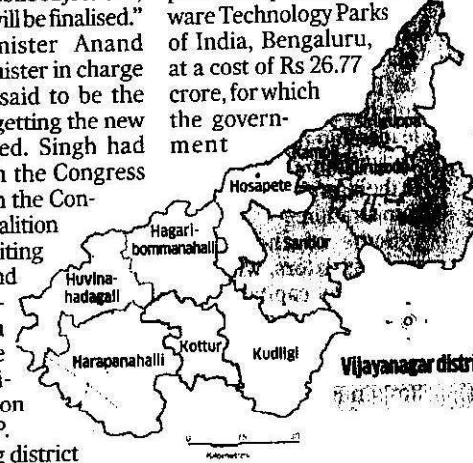
Forest Minister Anand Singh, the minister in charge of Ballari, is said to be the force behind getting the new district created. Singh had resigned from the Congress last year when the Congress-JD(S) coalition was in power citing that his demand for a new district fell on deaf ears. He got disqualified and went on to join the BJP.

The mining district

of Ballari is politically significant, comprising nine Assembly constituencies of which the Congress represents five and the BJP four.

### Other decisions

In other decisions, the Cabinet approved the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Efficiency Augmentation in partnership with the Software Technology Parks of India, Bengaluru, at a cost of Rs 26.77 crore, for which the government



## Cabinet panel on Jindal land

The Cabinet on Friday decided to constitute a sub-committee to review the lease-cum-sale agreement of 2,000.58 acres of government land that was given to the Sajjan Jindal-promoted JSW Steel in Ballari. "It was decided in 2005 to give 2,000.58 acres of government land at Karekoppa village near

Toranagal in Sandur taluk of Ballari to JSW. The Cabinet has authorised the CM to constitute a sub-committee to re-examine this," Law Minister JC Madhuswamy said. The previous Congress-JD(S) coalition had decided to sell the land to Jindal, which the BJP had opposed.

will now release Rs 17 crore.

Under the Labour department, the Cabinet approved a provision allowing workers to carry forward remaining leaves up to 45 days to the next year as against 30 days.

The Cabinet decided to make use of assets of the Mysore Lamp Works for the Experience Bengaluru project. "This is a new

scheme for which we want to use the infrastructure available at Mysore Lamp Works, so that its land is put to good use," Madhuswamy said.

It was also approved to provide Rs 42 crore to the Visvesvaraya Technological University for infrastructure development at its Belagavi campus, UBTD Davangere and Muddenahalli in Chikballapur.