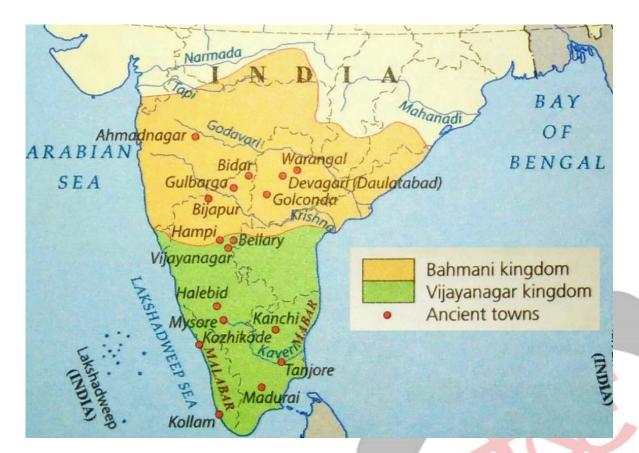


Devaraya I and Vijayanagara Empire

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Rare 15th-century copper plates from Devaraya I's coronation were unveiled in Bengaluru, providing key historical details on the Sangama Dynasty and Vijayanagara Empire.

- Key Features of the Plates:
 - Dated to Saka 1328 (1406 CE), these copper plates from the reign of Devaraya I (1406-1422) are inscribed in Sanskrit, Kannada, and Nāgarī scripts, and feature a Vamana seal instead of the traditional Varaha emblem of the Vijayanagara Empire
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 - Plates also trace the Sangama Dynasty's lineage from Chandra, Yadu, Sangama, and his five sons including Harihara and Bukka.
 - Issued during the coronation of King Devaraya I (son of Harihara), the copper plates also confirm the previously unverified date of his coronation.
 - It also records the land grant named as Devarayapura-agrahara.
- Sangama Dynasty: The Dynasty founded the Vijayanagara Empire and ruled from 1336 to 1485 CE, with Hampi as its capital.
 - Devaraya I was a prominent ruler of the Dynasty, other being Harihara I, Harihara II and Devaraya II.
 - Italian traveller Nicolo Conti visited the court of Devaraya I.
- Vijayanagara Empire: The Empire (1336-1646), founded by Harihara I and Bukka Raya I, was ruled by 4 dynasties-Sangama, Saluva, Tuluva and Aravidu.
 - The <u>Battle of Talikota (1565)</u> led to a decisive **defeat of the Vijayanagara Empire** by the **Deccan Sultanates**, leading to its decline.



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