



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
 - 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 **Devarāyapura-agrahāra**.

- **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 **Battle of Talikota (1565)** led to a decisive **defeat of the Vijayanagara Empire** by the **Deccan Sultanates**, leading to its decline.



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