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Samiti delegation for Delhi to press for amendment to Article 371

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Bheemanna Khandre elected honorary president

Team to meet Union Ministers, MPs from the State

GULBARGA: The Hyderabad Karnataka Horata Samiti on Sunday decided to lead a delegation of the leaders of the region to New Delhi during the next Parliament session to renew its demand for amendment of Article 371 of the Constitution to provide special reservation for the people of the region in employment and educational opportunities.

The executive committee meeting of the samiti, in which its representatives from Gulbarga, Bidar, Raichur and Koppal districts participated, decided to meet Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Home Minister P. Chidambaram, Union Ministers from Karnataka, and MPs from the State to plead for the early amendment of the Article 371.

Samiti president Vaijnath Patil told presspersons that the meeting unanimously elected senior leader of the region and freedom fighter Bheemanna Khandre as the honorary president of the samiti in place of the late Vishwanath Reddy Mudnal.

Mr. Patil said the meeting decided to meet Union Labour Minister M. Mallikarjun Kharge and the former Chief Minister and Bidar MP N. Dharam Singh in Gulbarga during their visit to the city on June 20 and present a memorandum seeking their personal intervention in the matter and persuade the Union Government to concede the demand for amendment of Article 371.

He said that the samiti would meet Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa during his visit to the city on June 19 to participate in the Vikasa Sankalpa Utsava and submit a memorandum.