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Better tourist facilities planned for Hassan

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Deputy Commissioner holds meeting, seeks plan for construction of police outposts in Belur, Halebid

10 acres of land sought to be acquired for tourist facilities in Halebid

Information centres to be set up in all hotels

HASSAN: Deputy Commissioner Naveen Raj Singh, who is also chairman for the District Tourism Development Committee, has directed the Tourism Department to identify a suitable place in Hassan for construction of a "Pravasi Soudha". The set-up is aimed at enabling tourists to get all the required information about tourism prospects in the district. Addressing presspersons after a meeting here on Monday, Mr. Singh said efforts would be made to help preserve heritage buildings such as the old taluk office building in Belur, which would soon be developed. He also discussed the matter with UNESCO representative Jyothi Hosagrahar who was present. Mr. Singh said the district administration had also decided to fix two high-mast lights behind the Chennakeshava Temple in Belur, one at Ambedkar Circle in Belur and the other in Halebid. He directed the Assistant Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department to fix the high-mast lights immediately. The Assistant Director of Tourism was asked to supervise infrastructure-development work in Javagal in Arsikere taluk.

Mr. Singh directed the Tourism Department to provide rowing boats or boats with pedals at the Vishnu Samudra in Belur for the benefit of tourists. He also asked the department to prepare plans and estimates for construction of police outposts in Belur, Halebid and Shravanabelagola.

Mr. Singh directed Assistant Commissioner Vyshali to acquire 10 acres of private land in Halebid so that basic infrastructure for tourists including parking space could be provided.

He said a decision to fence small temples, sculptures and mantaps with barbed wire, to prevent vandalism, was also taken. He said information centres would be opened at all hotels in Belur, Halebid and Shravanabelagola for the welfare of tourists. Discussions were also held on UNESCO projects being implemented in the district. He said a public meeting would be convened in these places so that awareness could be created on development works that are to be taken up there.

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