

## Do not scrap Article 35A: J&K groups

At least 27 organisations in Kashmir, including traders' and transporters' bodies, warned on Monday against scrapping Article 35A.

A Public Interest Litigation petition is coming up for a hearing before the Supreme Court on August 6.

"If the Article is removed or tinkered with, then the rights of original citizens of J&K on their immovable property would be taken away and all Indians would be afforded the right to establish their settlements. The purpose behind the Public Interest Litigation [petition] is to change the demographic character of J&K and alter the nature of a dispute that is internationally recognised," said a joint statement issued by these organisations.

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