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MPs separated by plastic sheets, Parl starts unique session today

LS & RS Main Chambers To Be Integrated

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New Delhi: A unique session of Parliament will get underway on Monday with MPs sitting with plastic sheet separators and microphones on podiums in visitors' galleries where individual seats do not have mikes, while the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha main chambers will have a "proportionate" representation of political parties, including their leaders. This is the first time in the history of Indian Parliament that both chambers have been integrated for



ON THE TABLE: The 18-day sitting will take up 45 bills, 11 ordinances

holding a session.

Political parties have been allotted a certain number of seats in the main chambers and visitors' galleries and it is up to them to nominate which of their MPs sit where.

It may, however, not be a taxing problem as attendance may well be patchy as proceedings begin. The immediate business are two medical related bills in Lok Sabha while the upper House will see the

election of a deputy chairperson, with JD(U)'s Harivansh expected to canter home as the NDA nominee against RJD's Manoj Jha, who is the candidate of Congress and some other non-NDA parties.

The Parliament secretariat has facilitated MPs with the option to mark their attendance digitally through an app — Attendance Register developed by the NIC.

There will be 18 continuous sittings till October 1 during which 45 bills, two financial items and 11 ordinances are to be taken up. There will be obituary references to the late Pranab Mukherjee, India's 13th President, after which the two Houses are expected to function.

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