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25% quota for locals in NLSIU approved

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Bengaluru: The legislative assembly on Thursday passed a bill that seeks to set aside 25% of seats in the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) for "students of Karnataka".

Astudent—regardless of her mother tongue — who has studied in Karnataka for 10 years is eligible for the quota. The National Law School of India (Amendment) Bill 2020 cleared the assembly hurdle in minutes of its introduction. After the bill is passed in the council, the governor will sign it into a law.

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pposition parties on Thursday demanded an investigation into the alleged misappropriation of Rs 145 crore in procuring laptops for 2019-20 under the Laptop Bhagya scheme, even as the government said it will end the scheme from this year. P5

Vernment had set aside 50% quota for Karnataka students in NLSTU, but the governor had rejected it, saying "the demand was too high".

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Injustice to Kannadiga students: Byregowda

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Byregowda wanted to
know why did the government use the term 'students of Karnataka', instead of 'Kannadigas', in the bill.
'Any student from outside the state who studied in Karnataka for 10 years will be eligible for the quota. This means injustice to Kannadiga students from Karnataka,"
Byregowda said.

Law minister JC Madhuswamy didn't rule out that scenario and said the quota provided "only an opening" into the institute where it's difficult to secure admission. He hinted at the government pursuing horizontal reservation for Karnataka's SC/ST students into the institute.

The minister said Karnataka students — like their counterparts in other states - must get a fair opportunity to walk into the law school's portals. He cited quota for locals in some of the well-known law schools in the country: 25% in National Law Institute University, Madhya Pradesh; 10% in Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab; 30 seats each in Assam's National Law School and Judicial Academy and Andhra Pradesh's Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University; 80 seats in UP's Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University; and 16 seats in Tamil Nadu National Law University.

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