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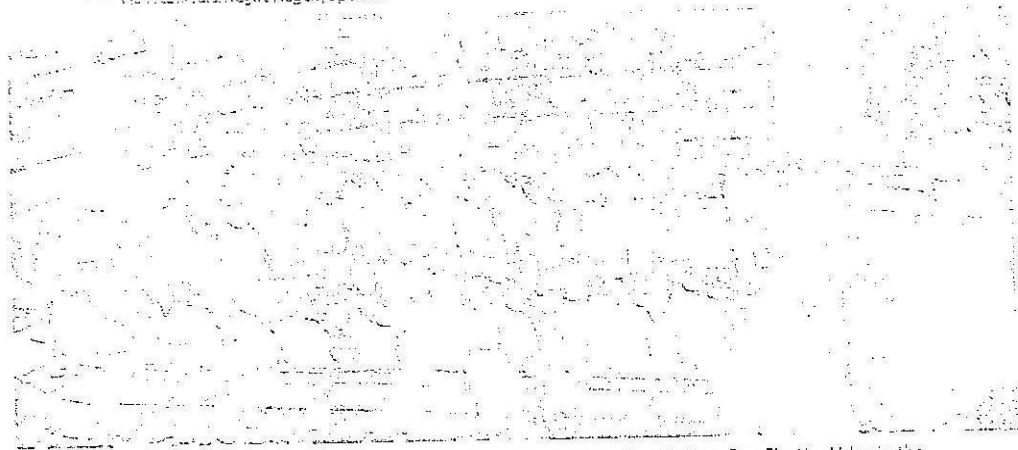
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Congress legislators protest in the well of the House during a discussion on 'One Nation, One Election' idea in the Legislative Assembly, in Bengaluru on Friday

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Kageri keen on taking up  
one-election debate again

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As Congress members continued to disrupt proceedings in the Karnataka assembly on the last day of the two-day debate on 'One Nation, One Election', Speaker Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri said he will take it up again before March 31, as the debate was not fruitful.

Kageri told reporters on Friday that he had taken part in the All State Speakers' Conference in November 2009, where the 'One Nation, One Election' issue was discussed. "I was keen on taking up the debate in Karnataka. We are the first state in India to initiate the debate. The Congress, which was keen on taking part, took a different

stand on Thursday morning. JDS members said they oppose it and want to express their views. At least 47 members gave their names to speak in the House, including 19 from the Congress. Let them oppose, but their views have to be expressed," he said.

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On the second day of the session, the Congress insisted on revoking the suspension of its MLA Sangameshwara, who was suspended on Thursday for seven days for taking off his shirt in the House.

On Friday, Congress members came into the well of the House and termed it "RSS agenda". Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah said Sangameshwara was angry that false cases of atrocities and attempt to murder had

been booked against him and his family members. "He was just expressing his anger and removed his shirt. It's not right to suspend him for seven days," he said. Home Minister Basavraj Bommai criticised Congress leaders for defending the MLA's conduct. "This shows to what level Congress supports their MLA. His suspension order should not be revoked," he said.

### MILCs URGED GOVERNMENT TO SCRAP NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME (NPS)

MILCs urged the government to scrap the National Pension Scheme (NPS) and reintroduce the old pension scheme for government employees recruited in and after 2006. During a discussion, the members said NPS was causing hardship to government employees. BJP MLCAyenu Manjunath said that employees formed an integral part of the government and they should get the same benefits as legislators. "If NPS was so good, why did the government implement it only for employees and not us (legislators)?" In reply, floor leader Kota Shrinivas Poojari said the government had formed a committee in 2018. "We will ask the committee to submit its report soon," he said.

### MINISTERS ABSENT; OPINION OBJECTS

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council SR Patil raised objection in the House on Thursday, as ministers who were supposed to be present during the question and answer session were absent. Floor leader Kota Shrinivas Poojari said there are provisions for other ministers to answer when the minister concerned is not present, as they have to be present in the Assembly too. The Chairman intervened, asking Poojari to ensure that ministers are present when their presence is marked compulsory in the day's business. Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti asked the ruling BJP to provide answers to questions on the same day instead of postponing the reply citing various reasons.

### TRANSPORT CORPNS MITEN WITH LOSS

Transport Minister and Deputy CM Laxman Savadi said that the losses caused to the state road transport corporations owing to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic had hit their projects, including establishing women lounges in bus stations. Savadi said the corporations faced a revenue loss of ₹4,000 crore. He said that there were 551 bus stations in the state and 66 of them had women lounges. "It will be provided once the corporations recover financially," he said. Replying to another question by R Prasanna Kumar about overloading of passengers in maxi-cabs, Savadi said the transport department had booked 34,158 cases and had collected ₹26,87,51,836 as penalty from April 2018 to January this year.