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SC verdict on disqualified MLAs today; BJP on edge

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Bengaluru: More than 100 days after 17 Congress-JD(S) MLAs were disqualified from the assembly for a six-year period, the Supreme Court will on Wednesday pass orders on their petitions challenging

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the action of then speaker KR Ramesh Kumar.

The court will deliver its verdict at 10.30am. The outcome could break new ground on determining the speaker's powers, including on rejection of resignations by members of the assembly. The verdict will decide whether the disqualified MLAs can contest the December 5 bypolls. It will also have a bearing on the Yediyurappa-led minority government.



TRIAL BY FIRE: B S Yediyurappa

In the SC, the disqualified MLAs argued that Ramesh Kumar's orders are illegal as they were not given sufficient time to explain. The order was passed in three days, while the rule states they should be given a week's time. Ramesh Kumar's successor Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri had told the SC one had to strike a balance between an elected representative's loyalty toward electorate and towards his party.

Office of CJJ under RTI? SC decides today

The Supreme Court will on Wednesday pass its verdict on whether office of the CJI and chief justices of HCs should be brought within the ambit of the RTI Act to make it liable to reveal information on appointment of judges, their assets and various administrative decisions, including communications with governments. A five-judge bench will pass the judgment on an appeal filed by the SC administration challenging a 2010 order of the Delhi HC which said the CJI's office comes under the ambit of the RTI Act. TNN