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## BJP shortlists names for June 29 MLC polls

### BSY Picks MTB Nagaraj & R Shankar

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**Bengaluru:** The BJP state unit on Monday shortlisted candidates for elections to seven seats of the Karnataka legislative council on June 29.

Chief minister B S Yediyurappa headed the core committee meeting which zeroed in on candidates. The final list will be announced after the central leadership's approval.

R Shankar, MTB Nagaraj, Sunil Valyapure and Nirmal Kumar Surana are probables in the first list. Yediyurappa is under pressure to accommodate Shankar and Nagaraj who helped install the BJP government in the state last year. These two were among 17 MLAs who resigned en masse and pulled down the JD(S)-Congress coalition. AH Viswanath was not considered as he was given a chance to contest the assembly by-polls, which he lost.

Sources said the party may not consider two Kuruba candidates and the core committee has a second list which includes CP Yogeswar, Bharathi Shetty, Mahesh Tenginakayi, Pratap Simha Naik, Gopinath Reddy and Muniratna.

The Congress reportedly prepared a list of candidates and is expected to name them on Tues-

### CM lays foundation for Shivamogga airport project

**Bengaluru:** Chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Monday laid the foundation stone for the construction of a Rs 220-crore airport in his hometown Shivamogga.

The airport will come up at Sogane in Shivamogga taluk in 662 acres. Shikaripura constituency is represented by Yediyurappa, while his son BY Raghavendra represents Shivamogga constituency in Lok Sabha. In the first phase, runway, taxiway, apron, approach road, peripheral road and compound wall will be built while the second comprises construction of terminal building, ATC tower and fire station. TNN

day Nivedit Alva, Nazeer Ahmed, Saleem Ahmed, HM Revanna, MC Vishwanath and VS Ugrappa are reportedly lobbying for tickets.

The Janata Dals (Secular) legislature party, which met on Monday, authorised the supremo HD Deve Gowda to decide the candidates. Outgoing Rajya Sabha member Kupendra Reddy, incumbent MLC TA Sharavana, Bengaluru city unit president R Prakash and former MLA Kona Reddy are among those in the race.

Of the total seven seats, BJP can elect four; Congress two and JD(S) one on the basis of their strength in the legislative assembly.