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## MLC polls: BJP tally up to 22; Cong, JD(S) count falls

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Bengaluru:** All seven candidates who were fielded by major political parties for the June 29 Karnataka legislative council polls were on Monday declared elected unopposed.

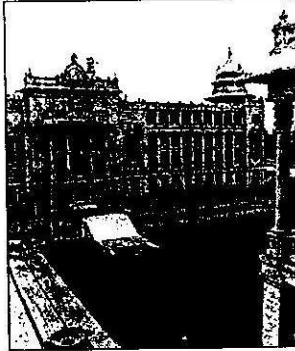
BJP's candidates include MTB Nagaraj and R Shankar, who helped the party come to power by defecting from the Congress-JD(S) coalition. They are now said to be eyeing ministerial berths during the next cabinet expansion.

Among the other two from BJP, Sunil Vallyapure was rewarded for abiding by the par-

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ty decision and giving up his Chincholi assembly seat to a new candidate during polls earlier, while Pratap Simha Nayak is a long-time party worker and was said to be backed by state party chief Nalin Kumar Kateel.

Congress candidates who got elected include AICC general secretary Hariprasad and incumbent Naseer Ahmed. Hariprasad's name was announced by the party, even as his tenure in Rajya Sabha is to end on June 25. Naseer Ahmed will be retiring as an MLC on June 30. JD(S) had fielded Govinda



**VIRUS SCARE:** With another Covid-19 case reported in the corridors of power, secretariat staff want a ban on public entry into Vidhana Soudha, Vikasa Soudha and MS Building for a few weeks

Raju from Kolar as the party candidate for the MLC polls, with an aim to organise and strengthen the party in Kolar and Chikkaballapura regions.

The polls have marginally improved the BJP's strength in the council, but it still doesn't enjoy a clear majority. The party's strength has gone up to 22 from 18. Meanwhile, Congress is down from 30 to 28 members and JD(S) from 18 to 15 in the 75-member house.

With the BJP expected to nominate five of its members to the house of elders, the party's strength may go up to 27.

## KC Reddy's bronze statue to come up at Vidhana Soudha

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Bengaluru:** The state government will replace the fibre statue of KC Reddy, Mysuru State's first chief minister after independence, installed on Vidhana Soudha premises with bronze.

"I've sought a report from the public works department. We'll take steps to install the bronze statue once the officials submit the report," deputy chief minister Govind Karjol said. Under pressure from KC Reddy's family, a statue made of plastic composite was unveiled by the Siddaramaiah government ahead of the 2018 assembly polls. Though the government had then promised a bronze statue, they settled for fibre citing financial and time constraints.

In November 2017, during the assembly session in Belagavi, the family members and supporters of KC Reddy staged a dharna demanding installation of bronze statue.