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**Dress code, no loitering
in corridors: Council
dikhat to staff**

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka Legislative Council has prescribed a dress code for its staffers, including a new rule that restricts their movement in the corridors of Vidhana Soudha.

According to a circular issued on Friday, the Legislative Council has asked its Group D employees to follow a dress code - white for men and maroon for women. This will come into effect from March 15, the circular stated.

Also, vehicle drivers employed by the Council have been asked to report to work in their prescribed uniform.

To curb absenteeism, the Council will implement biometric-based attendance system for employees from March 1.

"Forming groups and stand-

ing in the corridors while speaking on the mobile phone is prohibited," the circular stated.

Section officers have been directed to "compulsorily" maintain a movement register to keep track of the employees. Employees will be permitted to step out only for work-related purposes, the circular stated.

These measures have to be mandatorily followed in order to instill "work ethics" and "discipline" among employees, the circular pointed out. It warned employees of disciplinary action if they fail to comply with these measures.

The circular comes after senior JD(S) MLC Basavaraj Horatti was elected as the Legislative Council chairperson in early February.