

PM calls all-party meet to discuss simultaneous polls

So Far, Oppn Has Been Cool To Modi's Idea

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PM Narendra Modi used the first all-party meeting called after the elections to push for his "One Nation, One Election" idea at a meeting of leaders of political parties to be held on June 19.

Making the announcement at the usual meeting of political parties called on the eve of the 17th Lok Sabha convening on Monday, Modi said Parliament should begin with "fresh zeal and new thinking". Wednesday's meeting is to also discuss how Parliament can be made more productive.

Modi's invite extends to presidents of all the parties with presence in Parliament. Besides "One Nation, One Election", the meeting will discuss celebration of 75 years of India's Independence in 2022 and 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary this year, parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi said.

ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION?

<p>June 19: Discussion on 'One Nation, One Election' idea, 75 years of India's independence in 2022 and 150 years of Gandhi's birth anniversary this year</p>	<p>ice-breaker between ruling and opposition camps</p> <p>➤ At Sunday's meet, oppn asked for House debates on unemployment, farmers' distress and drought</p>
<p>June 20: Dinner meeting with all MPs of two Houses for a fresh exchange of views</p> <p>➤ Two meetings will be an</p>	<p>➤ While Cong's Azad also asked for early assembly polls in J&K, TMC raised issue of women's quota bill and electoral reforms</p>

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