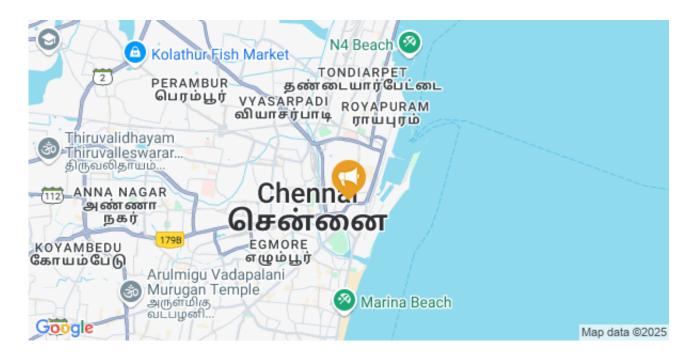


Protest





India Tactical: CPI-M to hold statewide protest across Tamil Nadu, including Chennai, on June 11-20; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) is slated to hold a statewide protest across Tamil Nadu on June 11-20.
- In Chennai, the protest will start from Kuralakam during morning hours (local time) on June 11.
- The demonstrations will be held against the state and central government to demand more welfare projects and livelihood opportunities.



Source: X/Twitter

Assessments & Forecast:

- 1. Participation in the slated statewide protest is likely to vary based on the location of the protest. In Chennai, the participation will likely range in the mid-to-high dozens, based on the CPI-M's mobilizing capabilities. The attendance is likely to be slightly boosted given the presence of significant party figures such as the State Secretary of CPI-M, P. Shanmugam, at the launch of the demonstration. In addition to this, protests are likely to occur near important government and administrative buildings in various urban centers across Tamil Nadu between June 11-20. Anticipating this, the authorities will likely heighten security measures in the vicinity of the potential protest locations, particularly near Kuralakam on June 11, as part of the standard precautionary protocol. These measures will include barricade placement and police deployment to monitor protest proceedings.
- 2. There remains a risk of localized scuffles between the police and the protesters based on the wider nature of the anti-government protest. The police will use forcible measures such as removal from the site and baton charges if the protesters engage in unruly behavior, such as breaching security protocols and blocking major roads. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are expected in the vicinity of the slated and potential protest sites during the protest hours due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tamil Nadu, including in Chennai, on June 11-20, are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the potential protest locations, including near the Kuralakam area, due to the slated protests and the associated risk of localized scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.