

Protest



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India Tactical: Unionized teachers slated to protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi from 11:00 (local time) on August 8; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Student and teachers' groups, including The All-India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organizations (AIFUCTO), are slated to hold a protest at the Jantar Mantar in Delhi from 11:00 (local time) on August 8.
- The slated protest will demand the withdrawal of the National Education Policy (NEP 2020), a halt to the proposed Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill and an abolition of national-level centralized entrance exams.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The slated protest is likely to witness a turnout ranging in the mid-to-high dozens, considering the relatively lower appeal to their demands, especially following the resignation of former Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Attendance is expected to be bolstered should other student groups like All India Students' Association (AISA), National Students' Union of India (NSUI), or Students' Federation of India (SFI) decide to join. Anticipating this, the authorities are liable to heighten security in the vicinity of Jantar Mantar, per standard security protocol. These security measures are likely to include the placement of barricades and the deployment of additional police personnel to monitor the proceedings.
2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between the police and the protesters should the latter be perceived as engaging in disruptive activities. Such activities are likely to include blocking adjoining roads, taking out impromptu marches, or breaching established security protocols. In such cases, the authorities are expected to respond with crowd control measures like temporary detentions or forced removal of protesters from the locations. Disruptions to travel are anticipated in the vicinity of Jantar Mantar due to the expected turnout and associated security measures on August 8.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Delhi on August 8 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Jantar Mantar due to the slated protest and associated risk of scuffles, while allotting for travel disruptions.