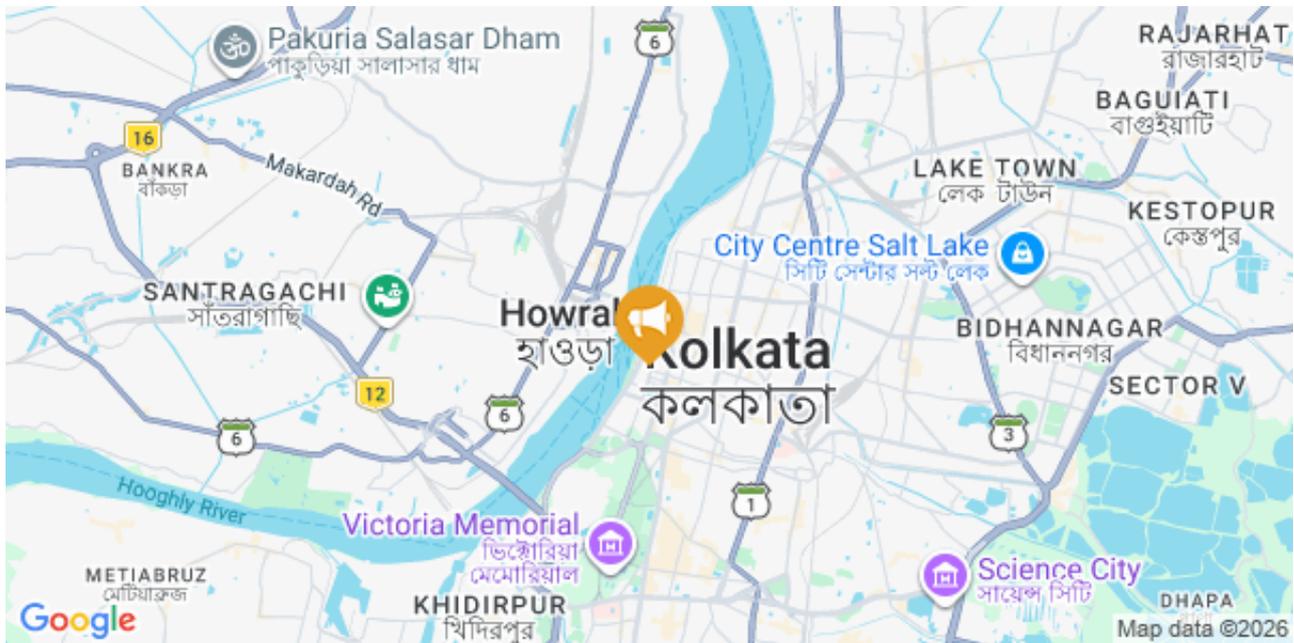




## Protest



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**India Tactical: Opposition INC slated to hold protest outside Chief Electoral Office in Kolkata at 14:00 (local time) on February 27; maintain vigilance**

### Current Situation:

- Members associated with the West Bengal Pradesh Congress Committee, the state unit of the Indian National Congress, are slated to hold a sit-in protest in front of the West Bengal Chief Electoral Office in Kolkata at 14:00 (local time) on February 27.
- The protest aims to call for the accurate and timely publication of the voter list under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision in West Bengal ahead of the scheduled Assembly elections in March-April.



Source: [Hans India](#)

## Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protest will likely range from the mid to high dozens, based on the traction of the issue, coupled with the mobilization capacity of the organizers. The authorities are liable to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the Chief Electoral Office, as part of the standard security protocol. Such measures will likely include the deployment of additional police personnel and the placement of barricades to monitor the crowd.
2. Given the nature of the protest issue, there remains a latent risk of unrest in the form of scuffles between protesters and security forces. Should the protesters engage in perceived disruptive activities such as blocking adjoining roads or sloganeering, security forces are expected to utilize forcible dispersal measures to control the crowd. This could include temporary detention or deployment of baton charges against the demonstrators. Localized travel disruptions are likely in the vicinity of the West Bengal Chief Electoral Office during the protest hours on February 27.

## Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Kolkata on February 27 are advised to maintain vigilance near the West Bengal Chief Electoral Office due to the slated protest and associated risk of unrest, while allotting for travel-related disruptions.