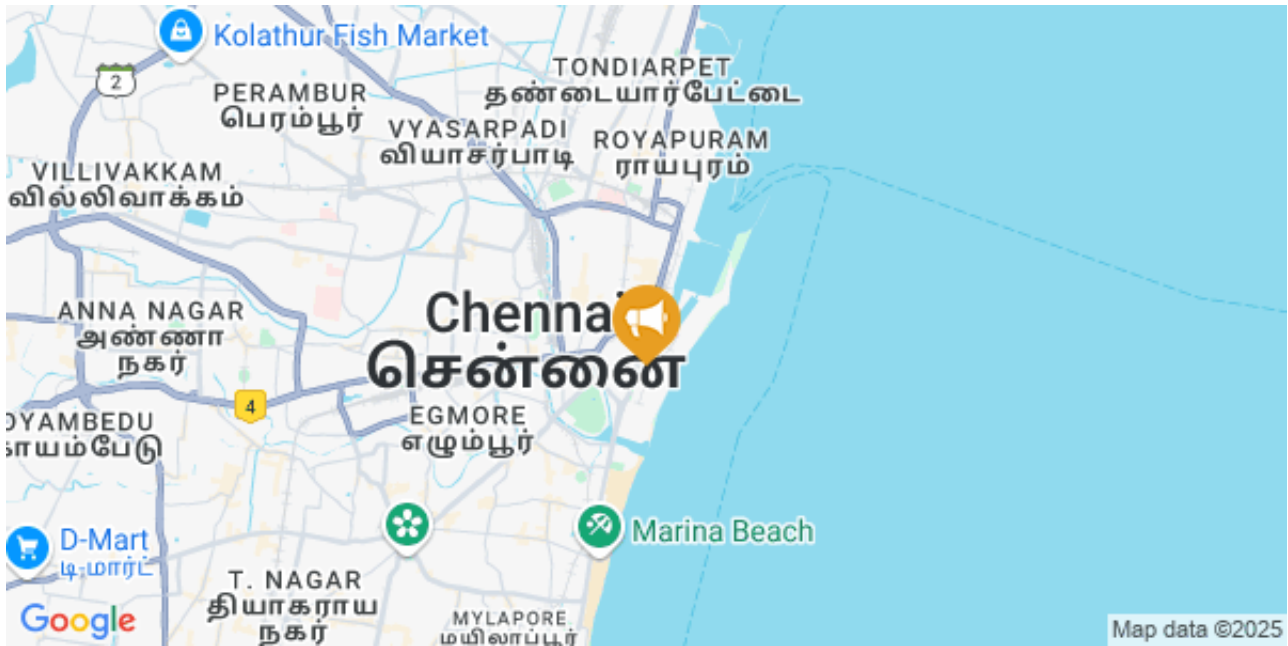


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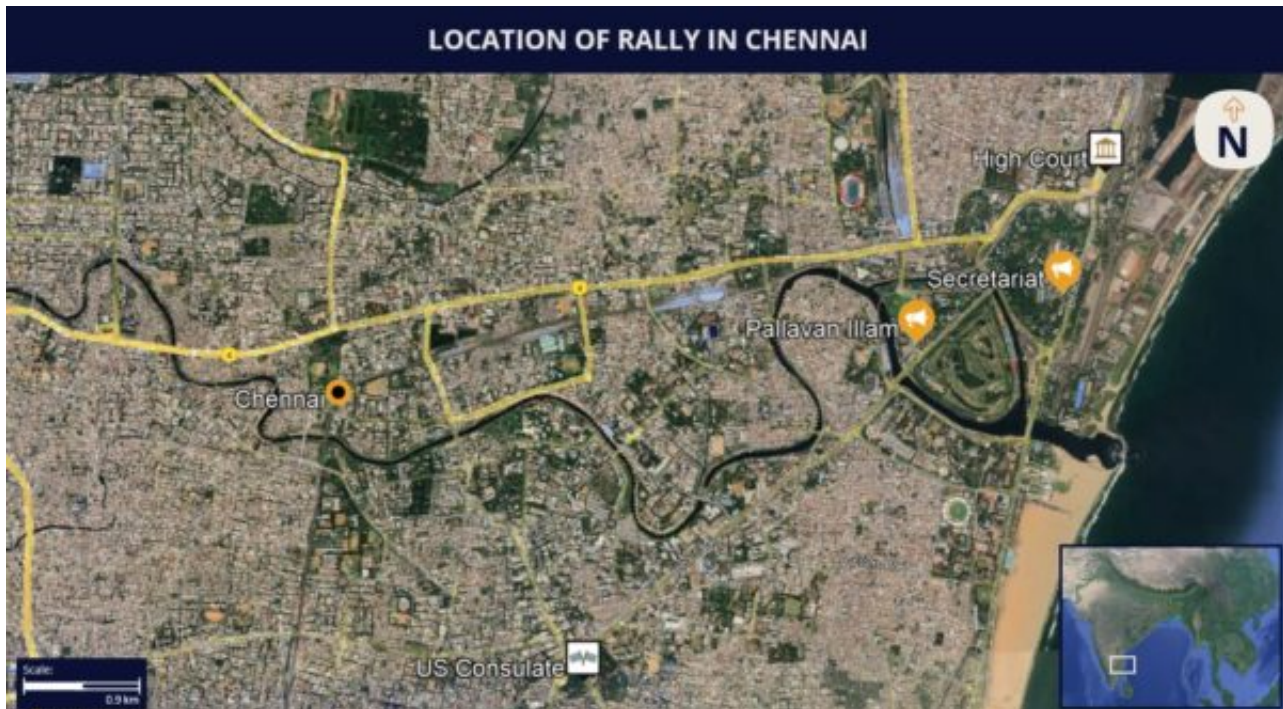
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India Tactical: Transport unions slated to hold a rally in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on March 6; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The Federation of Transport Corporation Unions, which includes the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) and the All-India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), are slated to hold a rally from Pallavan Illam to the Secretariat in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, on March 6.
- The timing of the rally remains undisclosed at the time of writing.
- The gathering will be held to demand the allocation of budgetary funds to compensate for the financial losses incurred by state transport undertakings and to urge the authorities to schedule the next round of wage revision negotiations.



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Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout for the slated rally is likely to reach the mid-to-high hundreds given the resonance of the issue among transport workers as well as considering the mobilization capabilities of the organizing groups. Bolstered security measures are expected in the vicinity of the protest locations and along the march route. These measures will likely include the deployment of additional police personnel and the installation of barricades to regulate the demonstration, particularly considering the sensitivity of the Secretariat building.
2. There is a latent risk of minor clashes between police and protesters, particularly if the latter is perceived as engaging in disruptive actions such as obstructing major roadways or attempting to breach security protocols. This risk is further heightened due to the involvement of the CITU and AITUC, both of which are affiliated with communist labor movements, and minor unrest recorded in their rallies. In such cases, police are liable to disperse crowds using baton charges or temporary detentions. Localized disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are expected along the rally route due to the expected turnout and related security measures on March 6.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Chennai on March 6 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated rally and associated risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.