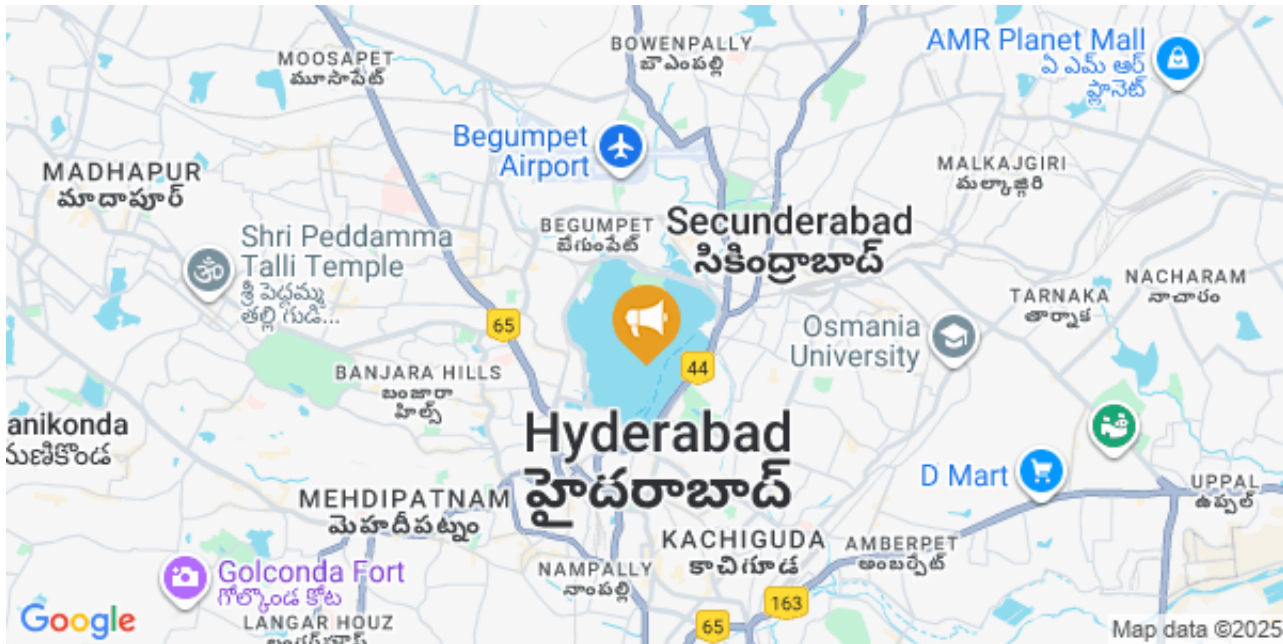


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India Tactical: Statewide protest rallies slated in Telangana State against VB-G RAM G Act on December 27-28, maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The Telangana Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister, Danasari Anasuya, announced protest rallies across the state on December 27-28. The details regarding the exact timings and locations remain unspecified, as of writing.
- The slated protest rallies will be held to denounce the recently passed Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika (Gramin) Mission (VB-G RAM G) Act by the center ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The legislation replaced the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme enacted by the Congress-led government in 2005.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated statewide protest rallies is expected to vary across locations. In major cities, including Hyderabad, participation is expected to range between the high dozens to low hundreds based on the traction garnered by the issue. In other cities, turnout is anticipated to range between the mid-to-high dozens. Further, participation is expected to be bolstered if center

opposition party Indian National Congress (INC) decides to participate in the rally. Although specific protest locations remain unspecified, potential protest locations in Hyderabad include the offices of the BJP, the district headquarters, and the government buildings. Additionally, ad-hoc protests can also take place at Indira Park and Raj Bhawan. As part of the standard security protocol, the authorities are expected to implement elevated security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations and along the rally route, particularly near government buildings. These will likely include the deployment of additional police personnel and the setting up of barricades to monitor the gatherings and pre-empt travel disruptions.

2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between the protesters and the security personnel, should the demonstrators engage in any form of disruptive behaviours like breaching security protocols, blocking major thoroughfares, and engaging in ad hoc sit-ins. In such cases, the authorities are likely to employ temporary detentions or baton charges to quell any unrest. Disruptions to vehicular traffic and pedestrians are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations and along the rally routes due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures on December 27-28.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Telangana, including Hyderabad, on December 27-28, are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the potential aforementioned locations and along the rally routes due to the slated protest rally and associated risk of unrest, while allotting for travel disruptions.