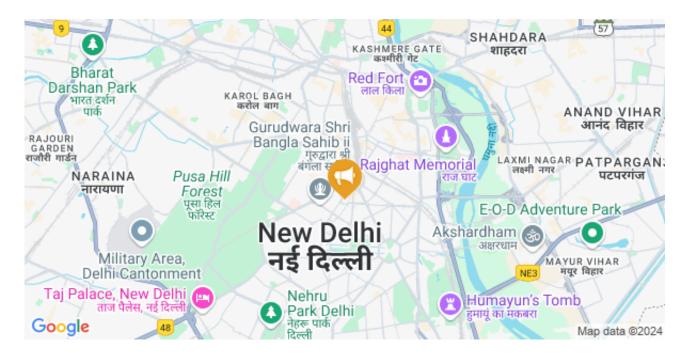


Protest





India Tactical: INC's youth wing to protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi at 10:00 (local time) on November 25; maintain vigilance

Current Situation

- The Indian Youth Congress (IYC), the youth wing of the main opposition Indian National Congress (INC), announced a protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi at 10:00 (local time) on November 25.
- The protest will demand the arrest of an influential businessman in India for alleged fraud.
- The individual is alleged to have close ties with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and has been accused by the US of fraud and orchestrating a 250 million USD bribery scheme.



Source: X/Twitter

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. The turnout at the slated protest is likely to range in the low-to-mid dozens, given the current resonance of the issue and social media traction. Support from additional student groups and/or opposition parties can further strengthen participation. The authorities will bolster security measures in the vicinity of Jantar Mantar to monitor the crowd. The deployment of additional security personnel and setting up of barricades are likely given the protest site's proximity to the central Connaught Place area and the Bhartiya Janta Party's (BJP) headquarters (approximately 1.8 km).
- 2. There remains a risk of low-level scuffles between protesters and the police should the former engage in disruptive behavior such as attempting to block main roads. In such a case, the authorities are liable to employ forcible dispersal measures, such as temporary detentions and baton charges. Localized vehicular travel disruptions are expected in the vicinity of Jantar Mantar due to anticipated turnout and related security measures during protest hours on November 25.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in Delhi on November 25 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Jantar Mantar due to the slated protest and related risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.