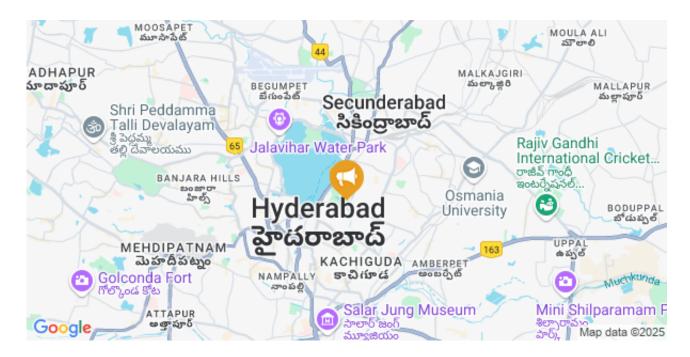


Protest





India Tactical: Anti- Waqf protest march slated at Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad from 15:00- 18:00 (local time) on May 24; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Muslim Joint Action Committee (TG & AP JAC) has announced a protest march at Dharna Chowk on Indira Park Road, Hyderabad, from 15:00-18:00 (local time) on May 24.
- The protesters will denounce the legislation, alleging the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, prohibits the Muslim community from "rights that are accorded to other religious communities."



Source: Instagram, Facebook, Facebook

Assessments & Forecast:

- 1. The expected turnout at the slated march is anticipated to range between the mid-to-high hundreds, due to the sensitivity surrounding the Waqf (Amendment) Act and considering the mobilization capabilities of multiple Muslim organizations. Participation is expected to increase as the opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and other like-minded Muslim groups or activist organizations are anticipated to join the protest. The authorities are expected to enhance security at the Dharna Chowk by deploying police personnel and installing barricades to manage crowd movement, given the anticipated participation of several Muslim leaders in the march.
- 2. The authorities are likely to resort to forceful crowd control measures should protesters engage in disruptive behaviors, including breaching security protocols or blocking major throughfares. In such cases, the police will likely use forcible dispersal measures such as baton charges and temporary detention of protesters to quell unrest. Significant disruptions to both pedestrian and vehicular movement are expected around the march route due to the associated security measures during the protest hours on May 24.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Hyderabad on May 24 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated march and associated risk of localized scuffles, while allotting for travel disruptions.