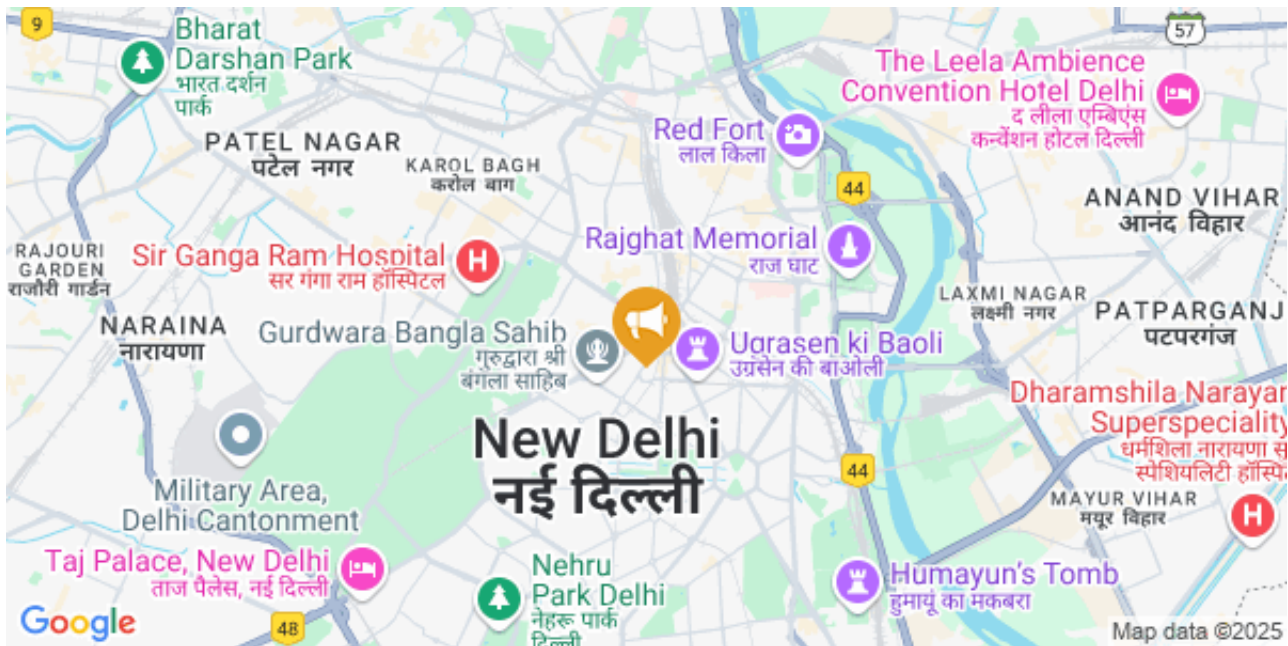




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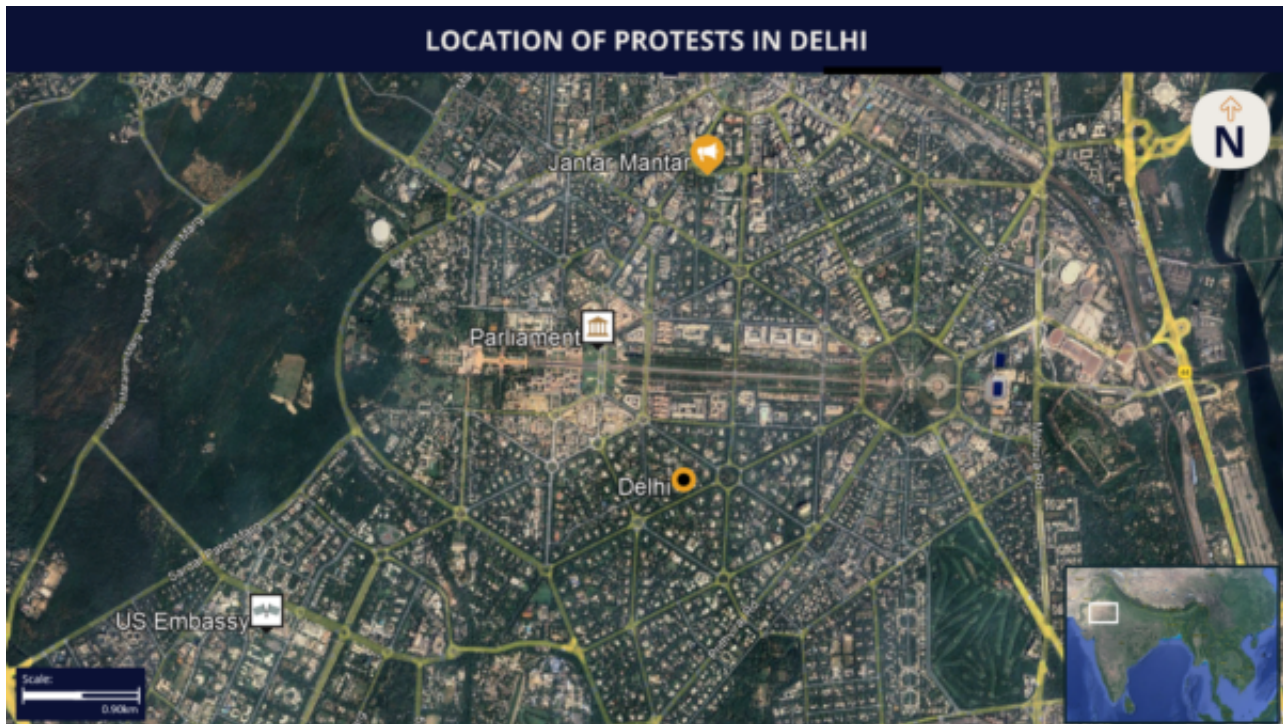
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India Tactical: Multiple protests slated at Jantar Mantar in Delhi from 10:00 (local time) on March 1; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- A demonstration organized by Economically Weaker Section (EWS) supporters is slated at Jantar Mantar in Delhi at 10:00 (local time) on March 1.
- The protest will demand the simplification of the reservation system in India, which provides benefits including education and employment quotas to certain disadvantaged groups, and broader justice for the EWS category.
- Separately, the Kuki-Zo Women's Forum, along with the Kuki Students' Organization (KSO) Delhi has announced a rally at Jantar Mantar in Delhi from 14:00-17:00 on March 1.
- The rally will demand a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo community in the form of a Union Territory.



Source: [X/Twitter](#), [X/Twitter](#), [X/Twitter](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated Kuki-zo protest will likely range between the mid-to-high dozens while the EWS protest will likely range between the high dozens to low hundreds. This is based on the organizations' individual mobilization capabilities and traction garnered for the issues on social media. The authorities are likely to deploy police personnel and set up barricades in the vicinity of Jantar Manar given the prominence of the protest location with recurring demonstrations noted previously and to manage the crowd.
2. There remains a possibility of localized clashes between the protesters and the police, particularly if the former breach security protocols or block roads in the vicinity of the protest location. In such scenarios, police are expected to employ crowd management strategies, including temporary detentions and baton charges. Localized disruptions to vehicular traffic are expected near the vicinity of Jantar Mantar in Delhi during the protest hours on March 1.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Delhi on March 1 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Jantar Mantar due to the slated protests while allotting for travel disruptions.