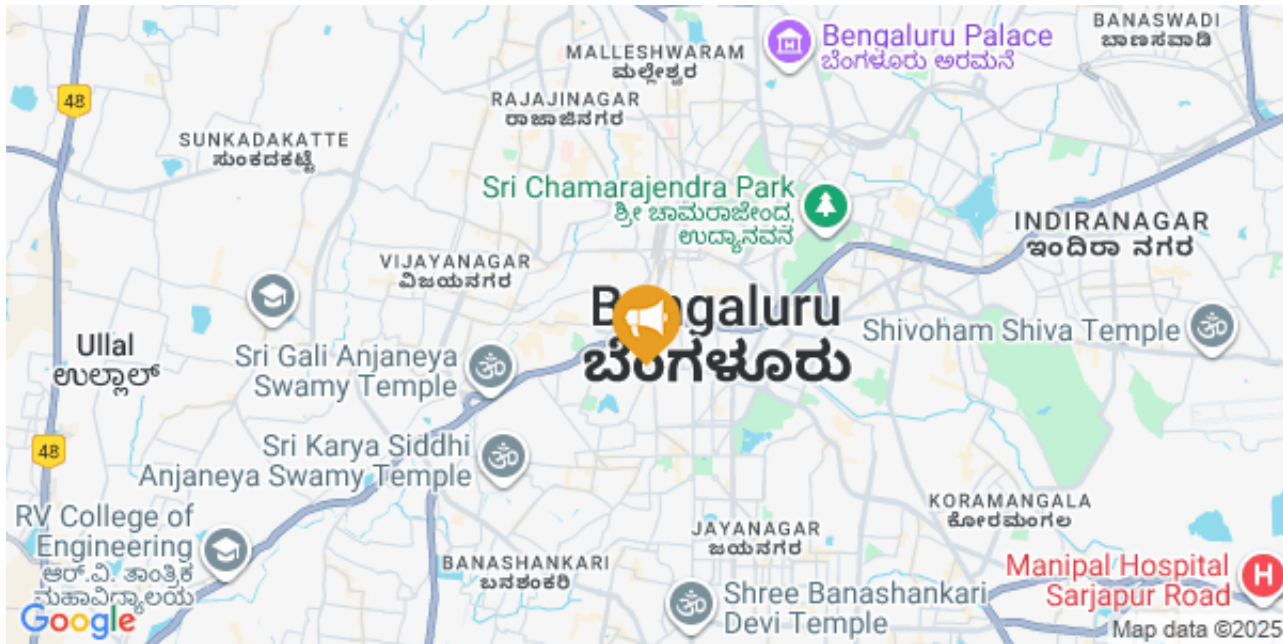


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India Tactical: ASHA Workers slated to hold statewide protest in Karnataka on August 12-14; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Members of the Karnataka State United Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) Workers' Association are slated to hold a statewide protest in Karnataka from August 12-14.
- The protesters are slated to hold the protests outside the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Offices across the districts. However, the exact timing remains unknown, as of writing.
- The protesters will call on the Indian National Congress (INC) ruling state government to fulfil its electoral commitment of providing ASHA workers with a guaranteed monthly honorarium of USD 115.

Source: [Times of India](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. Participation at the slated statewide gathering will vary depending on the location. In Bangalore, the turnout is likely to reach the mid-to-high hundreds, based on the participation witnessed by the ASHA workers during a protest at Freedom Park in January. Meanwhile, for other districts in the state, the turnout is likely to reach the high dozens. Besides the DC's office, the protest can hold

impromptu protests at Basavana Statue at Chalukya Circle, Vidhan Soudha, the Mahatma Gandhi Statue, and the INC's headquarters in Bangalore. The authorities are liable to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the DC's office and other potential protest sites, as per standard security procedures, which are likely to include the placement of barricades and deployment of police personnel to monitor protest proceedings.

2. The risk of localized low-level scuffles between the police and the protesters persists. However, the likelihood of heavy-handed measures from the authorities remains low, considering the majority of the participants will likely be women. However, should the protesters resort to breaching security protocols or blocking major roads, the authorities will likely resort to measures such as temporary detentions to quell the action. Localized travel disruptions are expected in the vicinity of the protest locations due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Karnataka, including Bangalore, on August 12-14 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated statewide protest and the associated risk of localized scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.