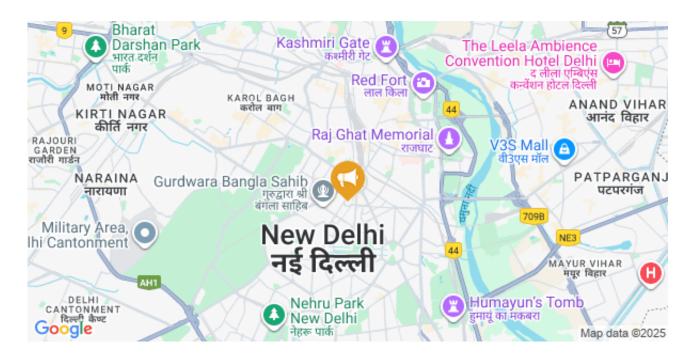


## **Protest**



26 SEP 6:02 UTC India Tactical: BJP leader to lead protest over stray dogs at Jantar Mantar in Delhi at 11:00 (local time) on September 28; maintain vigilance

## **Current Situation:**

- Former Union Minister and ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vijay Goel is scheduled to lead a protest at the Jantar Mantar in Delhi at 11:00 (local time) on September 28.
- The demonstration will be held to pressure the ruling BJP government to enact stronger legislation to address the continuing issue of stray dog attacks across Delhi.



Source: **Etvbharat** 

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

- 1. The turnout at the scheduled protest is likely to reach the mid dozens, given Vijay Goel's political influence and the resonance of the issue among like-minded individuals. Bolstered security measures, in the form of police personnel deployment and barricade placement, are expected in the vicinity of the Jantar Mantar, as a preemptive measure.
- 2. The risk of localized scuffles persists if protesters resort to perceived disruptive behavior, such as breaching barricades and blocking major roads. The police will likely resort to crowd control measures such as temporary detention of protesters and baton charges. However, a higher threshold for a stringent crackdown is anticipated, given the involvement of a BJP member from the state ruling the BJP. Localized travel disruptions are expected in the vicinity of the Jantar Mantar on September 28 due to the slated protest.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Delhi on September 28 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the Jantar Mantar due to the slated protest and the associated risk of localized scuffles, while allotting for travel disruptions.