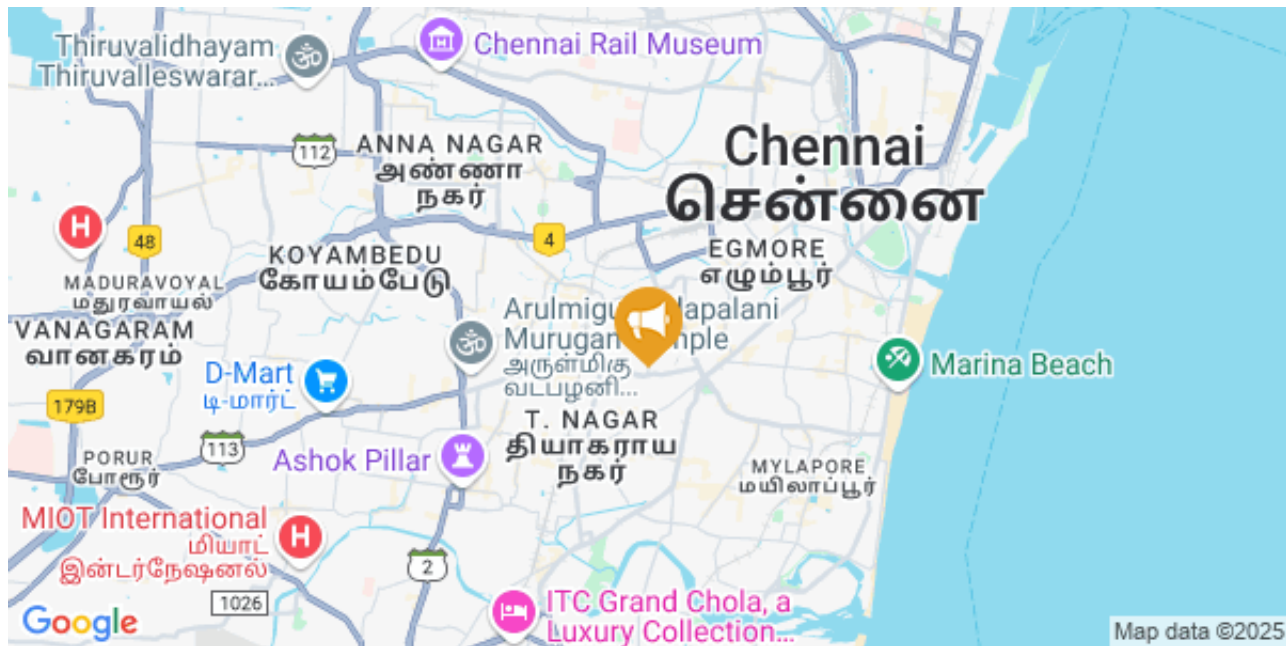


## Protest



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## India Tactical: Ruling DMK to hold statewide protests against Governor in Tamil Nadu on January 7; maintain vigilance

### Current Situation:

- The state-ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) will hold statewide protests in Tamil Nadu on January 7.
- The exact location and timing of the protests remain unspecified, as of writing.
- The protests are being held against Tamil Nadu Governor Ravindra Narayana Ravi over alleged violations of the Constitution and disrespect towards the national anthem and Tamil cultural symbols, including the Tamil anthem.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

### Assessments & Forecast:

1. The participation in the statewide demonstrations is expected to vary based on the location, with turnout in Chennai potentially ranging in the low-to-mid hundreds based on the DMK's mobilization capabilities. In other cities, attendance is likely to be lower, ranging in the mid-to-high dozens. Participation levels will likely increase if other ideologically aligned groups or pro-Tamil political parties join the protests.

2. The authorities are expected to enhance security measures around government buildings across Tamil Nadu. These measures will likely include the deployment of additional police personnel and the establishment of barricades to monitor the proceedings. In Chennai, key protest sites are anticipated to include the Raj Bhavan, Valluvar Kottam, and the DMK headquarters in the Anna Salai area.
3. There is a potential risk of localized scuffles between protesters and police, especially if demonstrators employ disruptive tactics, block major roads, or breach security barricades. However, stricter law enforcement actions are unlikely, given the DMK's status as the ruling party in the state and the possible involvement of senior party leaders in the demonstrations. Localized travel disruptions are expected in the vicinity of the protest sites during the protest hours on January 7 due to the slated statewide protests and associated security measures.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Tamil Nadu, particularly in Chennai, on January 7 are advised to maintain vigilance due to the slated statewide protests while allotting for travel disruptions near the demonstration sites.