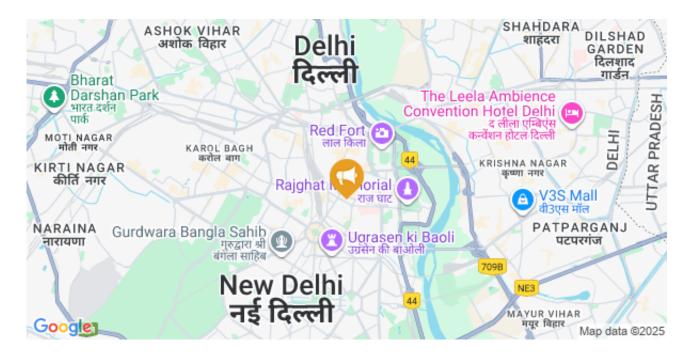


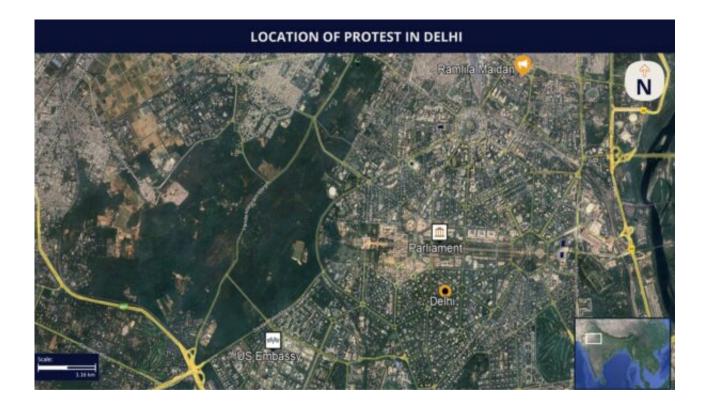
## **Protest**



23 AUG 5:28 UTC India Tactical: Protest demanding SSC reforms slated at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi between 10:00-17:00 (local time) on August 24-25; maintain vigilance

## **Current Situation:**

- Aspirants for competitive government exams are slated to hold a sit-in protest at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi between 10:00-17:00 (local time) on August 24-25.
- The protest will be held to demand reforms in the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), following a recent controversy over alleged mismanagement. The protesters will also demand the establishment of a new commission for the same.



Source: X/Twitter

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

- 1. The anticipated participation in the slated protest is likely to range between the mid-to-high dozens, considering the resonance of the issue among the competitive exam aspirants. The authorities are likely to employ security measures in the vicinity of Ramila Maidan, as per the standard security protocol. These measures will likely be in the form of deployment of police personnel and installation of barricades to manage the proceedings.
- 2. There remains a latent risk of localized scuffles between protesters and the police, should the former engage in unruly behavior such as breaching security protocols or blocking major thoroughfares outside of the designated location. In such cases, the authorities are likely to employ crowd dispersal tactics, including baton charges and temporary detentions. Disruptions to vehicular traffic can be anticipated in the vicinity of Ramlila Maidan during the slated protest hours on August 24-25.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Delhi on August 24-25 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Ramlila Maidan due to the slated protest and associated risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.