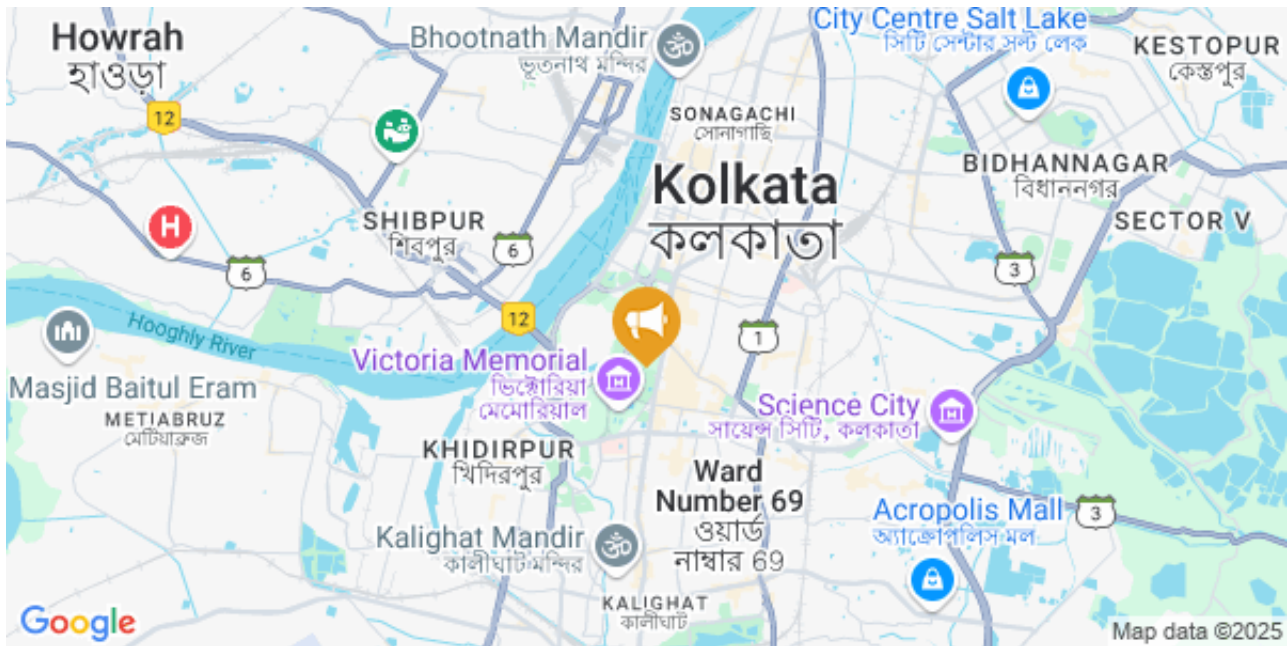


Protest



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India Tactical: Left groups to protest at Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata at 15:00 (local time) on April 20; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Multiple left groups including Communist Party of India – Marxist (CPI-M), All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS), Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), All India Agricultural Workers Union (AIAWU) are slated to hold protest at the Brigade parade ground in Kolkata at 15:00 (local time) on April 20.
- The protest is aimed at denouncing multiple issues affecting farmers, agricultural workers, and settlements in West Bengal State.



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Assessments & Forecast:

1. The anticipated turnout for the slated protest is likely to range from low-to-mid hundreds given the organizing capabilities of the groups and resonance of the issue. As part of the standard security protocol, the authorities are likely to bolster security in the vicinity of the brigade parade ground due to its proximity to the sensitive locations, including the US Consulate, Calcutta High Court, Eastern Command headquarters, and the State Assembly. These measures will likely include the setting up of barricades and the deployment of police personnel.
2. There exists a latent risk of scuffles between the protesters and the police, especially should demonstrators engage in perceived disruptive behaviors, including breaching security protocols or blocking major thoroughfares. In such instances, the police are likely to employ crowd dispersal measures, including baton charges and temporary detentions. However, given the significant political presence and influence of the groups involved, the authorities are anticipated to adopt a measured approach in managing the protest. Disruptions to travel are anticipated at the protest site, especially at the Karunamoyee bus terminal, due to the slated protest on April 20.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Kolkata on April 20 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the Brigade parade ground due to the slated protest and associated risk of clashes, while allotting for disruptions.