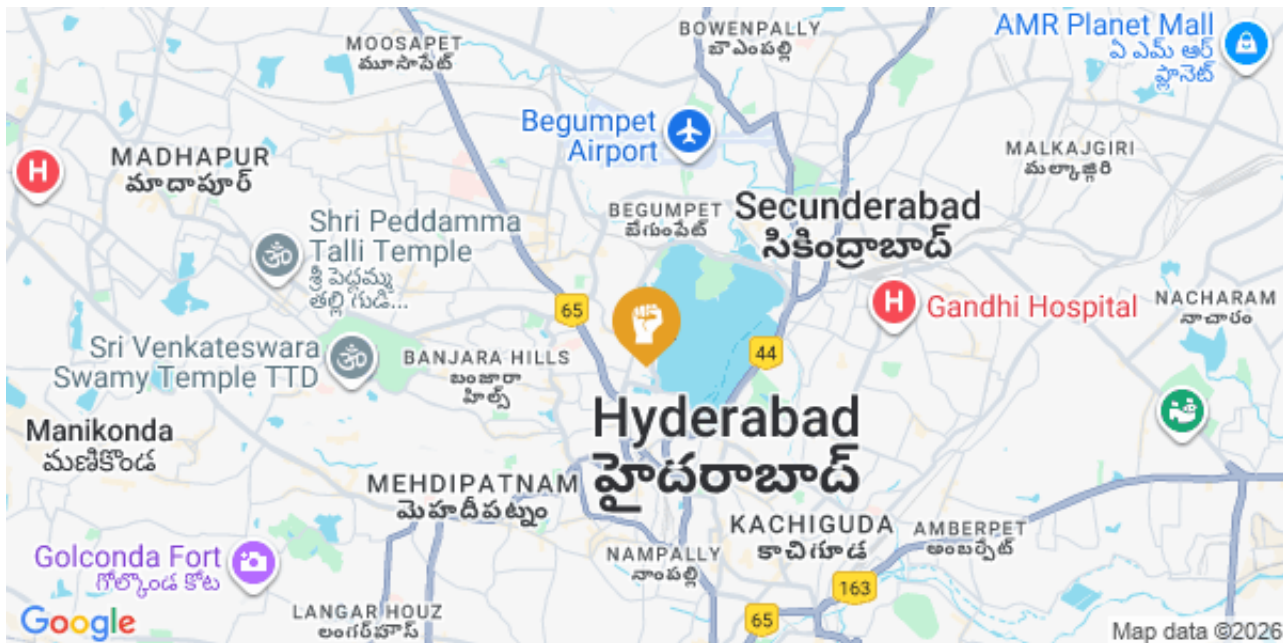


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India Tactical: Auto driver union announced citywide strike in Hyderabad on January 20; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Mahatma Gandhi Telangana Auto Drivers Joint Action Committee announced a city-wide strike of auto drivers in Hyderabad on January 20.
- No specific call for protest is announced, as of writing.
- The strike will be held to demand resolution of long-pending issues faced by auto drivers, prioritize public safety and welfare, and take strong action against rising alcohol sales.

Source: [Munsif News](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The strike is expected to be largely adhered to, given the resonance of the issue among auto drivers in the city and the precedent observed during a similar protest in Basheerbagh on January 3. Although no protest calls are announced, as per writing, there remains a latent probability of demonstration in key protest hotspots, including Dharna Chowk, Basheerbagh, and prominent government buildings. As part of the standard security protocol, security measures are expected in the vicinity of potential protest locations if formal protest calls are announced. These measures

are likely to include the deployment of police personnel and the setting up of barricades to monitor the gatherings.

2. There remains a latent risk of localized skirmishes between the police and the protesters, should the latter resort to tactics such as engaging in ad hoc sit-ins or blocking major roads. In such a case, the authorities will likely respond with forcible measures, such as baton charges or temporary detentions. Localized travel disruptions are likely in the vicinity of the aforementioned potential protest locations due to the slated strike on January 20.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Hyderabad on January 20 are advised to maintain vigilance due to the announced citywide strike coupled with potential protests, while allotting for travel disruptions.