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India Tactical: CPI slated to hold black flag protest outside Raj Bhavan in Chennai at 10:00 (local time) on April 25; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The Communist Party of India (CPI) is slated to hold a black flag protest outside Raj Bhavan in Chennai at 10:00 (local time) on April 25.
- The protest will be held against the center-appointed Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi for convening a conference of vice-chancellors of universities on April 25-26. The CPI also criticizes the Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar for consenting to attend the meeting. The meeting follows the April 8 Supreme Court verdict allowing the Tamil Nadu state government to appoint and remove vice-chancellors by bypassing the governor.



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Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protest is likely to range between the low-to-mid hundreds, based on the party's mobilization capabilities. The authorities are likely to bolster security measures in the vicinity of Raj Bhavan due to the sensitivity of the location. These measures will likely manifest in the deployment of police personnel and the setting up of barricades to monitor and control crowds.
2. There is a risk of scuffles between protesters and the police, particularly if the former are perceived to be engaging in unruly behavior, such as attempting to breach security protocols. In such cases, the police will likely use forcible dispersal measures, such as detainment of protesters and baton charges. Localized disruptions to vehicular traffic are expected in the vicinity of Raj Bhavan during the protest hours on April 25 due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Chennai on April 25 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Raj Bhavan due to the slated protest and associated risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.