

Protest



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India Tactical: Multiple protests slated at Azad Maidan, Nagpada Junction in Mumbai on August 28-29; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) announced a protest at Nagpada Junction in Mumbai at 15:00 (local time) on August 28.
- The protest is being organized in response to the Maharashtra government's alleged inaction against Ramgiri Maharaj, who is accused of insulting an Islamic figure.
- Separately, the Indian Maratha quota reservation activists are slated to protest at Azad Maidan in Mumbai from 09:00-18:00 on August 29. Supporters have reportedly started assembling at the venue on August 28.
- The protest underscores the continuing agitation over reservation demands for the Maratha community in education and jobs.



Source: [X/Twitter](#), [X/Twitter](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The anticipated turnout at the slated demonstrations in Mumbai is likely to vary. The protest at Nagpada Junction is expected to draw crowds in the high dozens-to-low hundreds while the Maratha quota demonstration at Azad Maidan is anticipated to attract participants in the low thousands, subject to a police-imposed cap of 5,000 attendees. The participation of prominent activist Manoj Jarange Patil at the Maratha protest is likely to galvanize support and drive a higher turnout.
2. The authorities are liable to implement heightened security protocols across both venues, consistent with standard crowd-control measures. These will likely include deployment of police personnel, the erection of barricades, and traffic diversions to monitor the demonstrations. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between the protesters and security personnel, particularly if demonstrators attempt to block roads or breach security protocols.
3. Should the protesters breach directives such as efforts to exceed attendance limits, this is likely to trigger forcible dispersal measures, including temporary detentions and baton charges. Localized vehicular travel disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity of both Azad Maidan and Nagpada Junction on August 28-29 due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Mumbai on August 28-29 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Azad Maidan and Nagpada Junction due to the slated protests and associated risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.