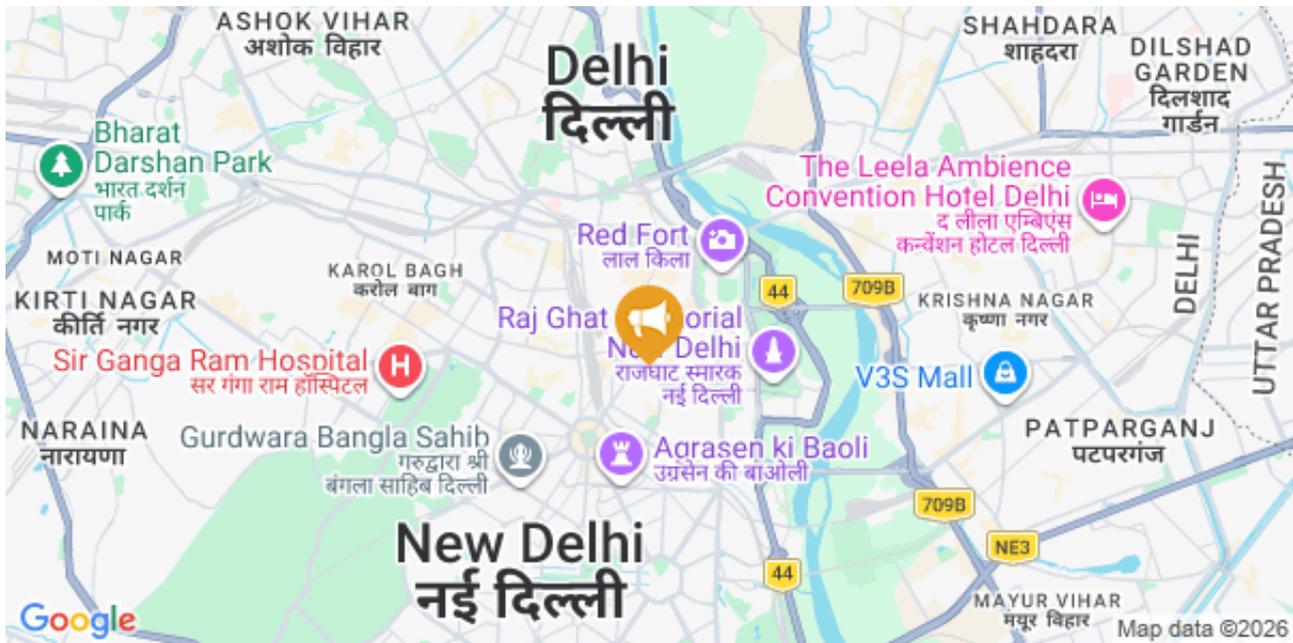


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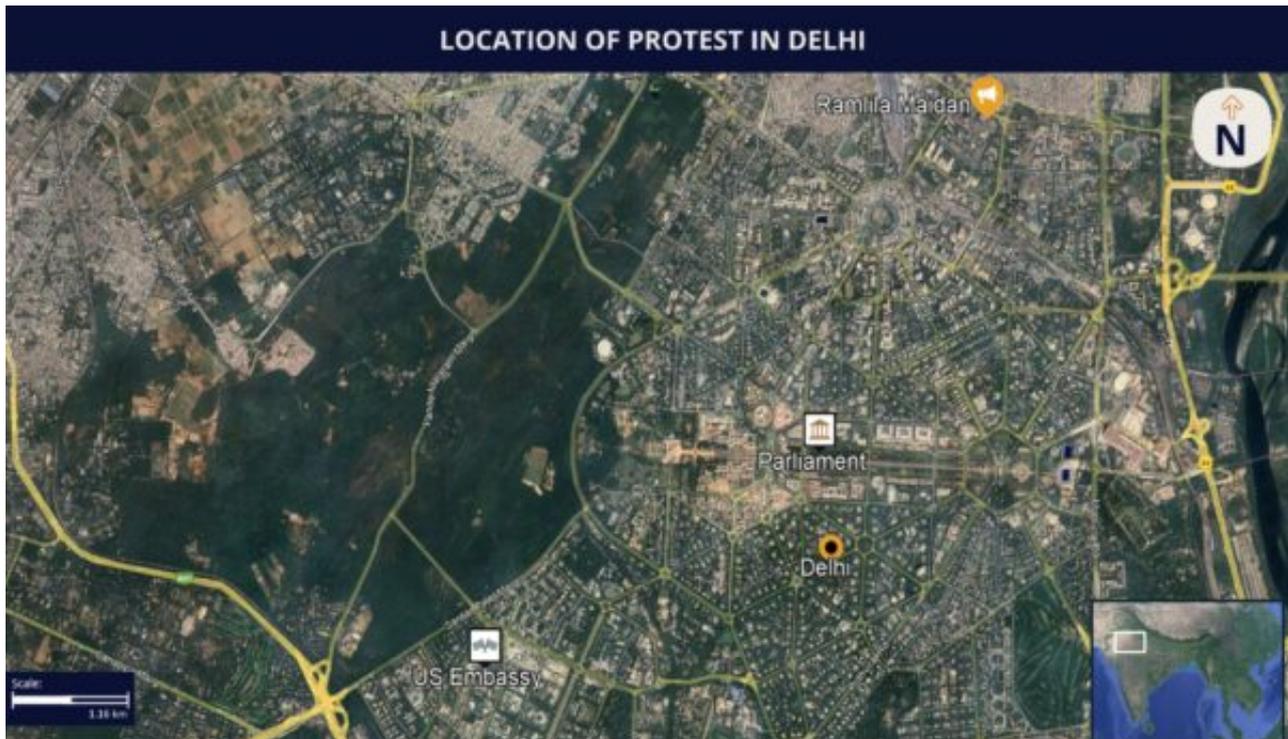
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India Tactical: Protest against UGC Regulations slated at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi at 12:00 (local time) on March 8; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The Savarna Samaj Coordination Committee, an umbrella organization for general category caste groups, is slated to hold a “UGC Roll Back Maha Andolan” protest at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi at 12:00 (local time) on March 8.
- The protest will demand a complete roll back of the allegedly unconstitutional 2026 University Grants Commission (UGC) Equity Regulations, alleged to be biased towards reserved caste groups. Additionally, demands will be made for protection of those belonging to the general/unreserved categories and for the re-enactment of the Anti-Ragging Act.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protest is likely to range between the mid-to-high dozens, driven by the issue's resonance among students and participation trends seen in various UGC Regulation protests since January. The authorities are likely to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the protest as part of the standard security protocol. These measures will likely include the deployment of police personnel and the placement of barricades to manage the crowd.
2. The sensitivity of the issue among general category groups and students will sustain a latent risk of scuffles between protesters and the police, should the former engage in disruptive activities such as blocking adjoining roads, sloganeering, or vandalism. Such was also evidenced during similar protests held at Delhi University on February 13 and Jawaharlal Nehru University on February 26. Additionally, there remains a risk of counterprotests in the vicinity by groups supporting the UGC regulation, further raising the risk of unrest. In such cases, the police will likely employ crowd control measures such as temporary detention and baton charges, with the likely use of water cannons should unrest escalate. Localized travel disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity of the Ramlila Maidan due to the slated protest and the expected turnout in the afternoon hours on March 8.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Delhi on March 8 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Ramlila Maidan due to the slated protest and associated risk of unrest, while allotting for travel disruptions.