

## **Protest**



10 DEC 5:37 UTC India Tactical: Protest slated at Datta Mandir Chowk, Lokmanya Nagar in Pune at 17:00 (local time) on December 11; maintain vigilance

## **Current Situation:**

- The residents of Lokmanya Nagar are slated to hold a bell-ringing protest at Datta Mandir Chowk in Pune's Lokmanya Nagar at 17:00 (local time) on December 11.
- The protest will be held in response to the area's pending redevelopment issue, with residents demanding immediate government action.



Source: Free Press Journal

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

- 1. The turnout for the protest is likely to reach the mid dozens, based on precedent and the high resonance of the issue among locals. The authorities are likely to implement elevated security measures in the vicinity of Datta Mandir Chowk as part of the standard security protocol. This will likely manifest in the deployment of police personnel and setting up of barricades to manage the crowds.
- 2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between protesters and the police, if the former are perceived to be engaging in disruptive behavior, such as blocking major thoroughfares or breaching security barricades. In such cases, the police will likely forcibly disperse protesters using baton charges. That said, no harsh police action is anticipated to avoid the associated negative optics. Localized disruptions to vehicular travel are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned location due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures on December 11.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Pune on December 11 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Lokmanya Nagar due to the slated protest and latent risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.