

Tadipar: detentions and arrests, October 2026

Protests demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and rollback of the SIR of electoral rolls, New Delhi, 2–10 October 2026. Record as of 20 October 2026 at 3:50 pm IST. <https://tadipar.com>

Every entry cites published reporting. A detention is preventive custody without charges; an arrest is a formal arrest with charges. Private citizens are named only when they made their own detention public or an established outlet named them.

Reported headcounts

2 October 2026: ~550 detained

Reported by Press report. Protesters detained on the way to Jantar Mantar on day 1.

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-yogendra-yadav-kapil-sibal-neha-bora-detained-cec-gyanesh-kumar-10905302/>

2 October 2026: Over 700 detained

Reported by Press report (via MSN). Headline figure for the first day of the CJP protests; the report does not say who counted.

- MSN: <https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/other/cjp-protest-naseeruddin-shah-meets-abhijeet-dipke-over-700-detained-amid-gyanesh-kumar-protests-in-delhi/ar-AA2drplW>

3 October 2026: ~150 detained

Reported by Press report. Marchers stopped near Jantar Mantar Road and moved into buses. Police registered three FIRs against unidentified people for the 2 October protest.

- The Tribune: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/india/3-firs-filed-yogendra-yadav-kapil-sibal-prashant-bhushan-among-150-detained-on-way-to-jantar-mantar/>

3 October 2026: People detained while attempting to return to Jantar Mantar

Reported by The Indian Express. The Indian Express reported that around 150 people were detained.

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-cec-gyanesh-kumar-detentions-rahul-gandhi-amit-shah-delhi-police-10905800/>

5 October 2026: ~20 detained, 17 formally arrested

Reported by Court records, as reported. Sit-in outside Parliament Street police station demanding an FIR against ACP Vivek Bhagat. All 17 were later released on bail.

- Newslaundry: <https://www.newslaundry.com/amp/story/2026%2F10%2F06%2Fhow-a-protest-for-fir-against-acp-ended-with-an-fir-against-17-protesters>
- Newslaundry: <https://www.newslaundry.com/amp/story/2026%2F10%2F09%2Fstudents-creators-journalists-the-17-arrested-by-delhi-police-for-demanding-an-fir>

5 October 2026: 17 protesters arrested

Reported by The Indian Express. The Indian Express reports that a Delhi court granted bail to 17 people arrested by Delhi Police during the anti-CEC protest.

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/election-commission-protest-delhi-court-bail-17-protesters-arrested-10909463/>

9 October 2026: People detained in Mumbai

Reported by Mumbai Police sources cited by The Indian Express. The article reports over 200 people were detained in Mumbai on October 9 ahead of the Delhi protest.

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/behind-cjp-crackdown-an-oct-4-mha-meeting-that-told-states-notice-detain-check-funding-10914809/>

10 October 2026: 600+ people with criminal records detained across 15 districts as a preventive measure

Reported by Delhi Police sources (PTI). Figures from police sources varied during the day, from 30–40 per district to 600+ overall.

- India Today: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/delhi-protest-detentions-dhruv-rathee-among-150-held-over-cjp-voter-roll-march-3013867-2026-10-10>

10 October 2026: ~500 protesters detained by morning

Reported by Delhi Police (via ANI). Police said New Delhi was split into 20 zones, each with a detention centre, most of them in stadiums.

- ETV Bharat: <https://www.etvbharat.com/en/bharat/crackdown-before-cjp-protest-abhijeet-dipke-saurav-das-ashutosh-ranka-dhruv-rathee-among-500-detained-in-delhi-enn26101001872>
- DW: <https://www.dw.com/en/indias-cockroach-leaders-detained-ahead-of-major-protest/live-79624339>

10 October 2026: 1,000+ detained across Delhi

Reported by Delhi Police (via Hindustan Times). Includes 250+ picked up in southeast Delhi (Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar) and 100+ in east and northeast Delhi.

- Hindustan Times: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/over-1-000-detained-across-delhi-ahead-of-protest-against-cec-at-jantar-mantar-101791603109464.html>

10 October 2026: ~1,500 detained

Reported by Press report (India TV). Not confirmed by police at the time of writing.

- India TV: <https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/india/abhijeet-dipke-saurav-das-taken-into-custody-ahead-of-cjp-s-jantar-mantar-protest-2026-10-10-1056601>

10 October 2026: Around 4,000 detained

Reported by The Indian Express. The Indian Express reported that around 4,000 people had been detained across Delhi by 5.40 pm.

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/cjp-protest-in-delhi-jantar-mantar-clampdown-abhijeet-dipke-dhruv-rathee-mamata-banerjee-arvind-kejriwal-detained-section-163-10915562/>

10 October 2026: protesters detained

Reported by PTI. At least 7,000: the Instagram post says PTI reported that over 7,000 protesters were detained during the protest.

- Ahmed Khabeer (@ahmedkhabeer_): <https://www.instagram.com/p/DeUVYDDx8Xh/>

10 October 2026: Estimated 6,000 detained

Reported by The Indian Express. The Indian Express estimated that 6,000 people were detained at locations across Delhi.

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/cjp-protest-opposition-leaders-detained-abhijeet-dipke-police-crackdown-10915627/>

10 October 2026: People detained overnight in Delhi

Reported by Police sources cited by The Indian Express. The article reports at least 1,200 detainees ahead of the Jantar Mantar protest.

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/cjp-protest-today-delhi-high-alert-abhijeet-dipke-saurav-das-ashutosh-ranka-metro-station-railway-gyanesh-kumar-10914949/>

10 October 2026: 3 Newslandry reporters and an intern detained

Reported by Newslandry. Newslandry says three of its reporters and an intern were detained while covering the protest and later released. It does not name them.

- Newslandry: <https://hindi.newslandry.com/2026/10/10/jantar-mantar-protest-from-delhi-polices-cordon-to-detention-a-full-account-of-the-days-events>

10 October 2026: Over 5,000

Reported by Delhi Police, through a senior police officer. More than 5,000 protesters were detained across Delhi; the officer said around 1,500 were detained in the New Delhi area.

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/over-5000-detained-in-delhi-amid-anti-cec-protest/article71568666.ece>

10 October 2026: people preventively detained

Reported by Sources cited by The Hindu. Sources said Delhi Police detained at least 100 people with criminal records across 15 districts in overnight preventive operations; the sources said they were suspected of intending to join the CJP protest at Jantar Mantar.

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/delhi-police-detain-at-least-100-with-criminal-records-in-overnight-ops-ahead-of-cjp-protest/article71566967.ece>

10 October 2026: More than 7,000 people detained

Reported by PTI. Reported in Delhi during the CJP protest.

- The Hindu (PTI): <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/anti-cec-protest-delhi-police-registers-20-firs-charges-include-assault-on-cops/article71571100.ece>

10 October 2026: Protesters detained across Delhi

Reported by Delhi Police sources, as reported by The Hindu. The Hindu reported that Delhi Police sources said nearly 2,500 protesters were detained across Delhi during the day; the sources said all detainees were released by late evening.

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/cjp-protests-anti-cec-demonstration-delhi-latest-updates-detentions-curbs-crackdowns-on-traffic-metro-trains-delhi-police-october-10-2026/article71567478.ece>

10 October 2026: Around 600

Reported by DCP Zone 2 Ragasudha R.. Protesters detained across Mumbai during the anti-CEC protest; police said they had been released.

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/maharashtra/tushar-gandhi-among-12-named-in-fir-over-mumbai-protest-600-detained-and-released/article71570660.ece>

10 October 2026: More than 7,000

Reported by Press Trust of India. People, including lawyers and students, reportedly detained while attempting to reach Jantar Mantar.

- LiveMint: <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/what-is-a-preventative-detention-how-it-is-different-from-arrest-what-to-know-amid-police-crackdown-in-delhi-protests-11791639978177.html>

10 October 2026: Around 200 people detained

Reported by Officials quoted by Telangana Today. Telangana Today reports that officials said around 200 people were detained from Jantar Mantar and surrounding areas during the CJP protest.

- Telangana Today: <https://telanganatoday.com/around-200-detained-in-delhi-over-cjp-protest-against-cec-gyanesh-kumar>

10 October 2026: People detained in Mumbai

Reported by Mumbai Police. Mumbai Police told The Free Press Journal that more than 400 people were detained during the CJP demonstration at August Kranti Maidan and nearby Nana Chowk.

- The Free Press Journal: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/mumbai-police-file-fir-detain-over-400-at-cjp-protest-demanding-cec-gyanesh-kumars-resignation>

11 October 2026: CJP members detained in Delhi

Reported by Saurav Das, as reported by The Times of India. The Times of India reported Das said Balakrishna and Sudhir were detained while protesting and their whereabouts were unknown.

- The Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/clear-cut-violation-cjps-saurav-das-says-2-members-detained-whereabouts-unknown/articleshow/134880930.cms>

11 October 2026: Over 100 detained

Reported by Onmanorama (via MSN). Second day of the CJP protest in Delhi; the report does not say who counted.

- Onmanorama: <https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/other/over-100-detained-as-cjp-protest-against-cec-gyanesh-kumar-enters-second-day-in-delhi/ar-AA2dZhXz>

11 October 2026: More than 100 protesters detained

Reported by Mirror Now. Mirror Now reports that Delhi Police detained more than 100 activists from student groups and the CJP as they attempted to march to Jantar Mantar.

- Mirror Now on MSN: <https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/other/delhi-police-detain-over-100-protesters-demanding-resignation-of-election-commissioner/ar-AA2dZOez?ocid=BingNewsVerp>

11 October 2026: Around 200 people detained

Reported by Press Trust of India. PTI reported that around 200 people were detained on the second day of the CJP protests.

- Press Trust of India on MSN: <https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/other/cjp-vows-to-intensify-stir-200-held-on-day-2-of-protests-sc-says-there-will-be-no-illegal-detention/ar-AA2eOP2c>

13 October 2026: CJP members detained at Jantar Mantar

Reported by Delhi Police. Delhi Police said it detained 14 CJP members after the Jantar Mantar incident.

- NDTV on MSN: <https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/other/jantar-mantar-protest-14-cjp-members-detained-two-firs-registered-by-delhi-police/vi-AA2ebYmY>

13 October 2026: CJP members detained at Jantar Mantar

Reported by Cockroach Janta Party, as reported by NDTV. NDTV reported that the CJP said around 11 of its members were detained after entering Jantar Mantar.

- NDTV: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/case-against-cjps-saurav-das-ashutosh-ranka-for-trespassing-into-jantar-mantar-12181207#publisher=newsstand>

15 October 2026: Around 100 detained

Reported by AISF and AIYF. AISF and AIYF said around 100 protesters, including women, were detained during their Tiranga march in Connaught Place. Delhi Police did not release an official count.

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/anti-sir-protesters-take-out-tiranga-march-in-delhi-around-100-detained/article71588462.ece>

16 October 2026: Around 150 detained

Reported by Delhi Police, as reported by The Times of India. Around 150 people were detained during the planned Lehra Do Tiranga march and parallel demonstrations in central Delhi; police gave the evening figure.

- The Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/6000-cops-2-notices-dipke-among-150-detained-how-unrest-unfolded-during-cp-tiranga-march/articleshow/134997756.cms>

16 October 2026: Protesters detained across marches

Reported by Senior New Delhi police official, reported by The Hindu. Around 80 protesters were detained across the marches on 16 October, according to a senior New Delhi police official.

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-tiranga-march-dipke-neha-bora-protesters-detained/article71592367.ece>

Named people

Abhijeet Dipke

Founder, Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) · detained · 10 October 2026 · On board an Air India flight from Mumbai, IGI Airport Terminal 3 · status: Released by a Delhi court on 17 October after signing a peace bond

Police entered the aircraft after it landed at about 10:20 am. In a video he says, "I have come here to be arrested; arrest me." An officer replies, "No, this is not an arrest. Please cooperate." He was taken to an undisclosed location inside the airport.

Sources

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cec-gyanesh-kumar-protest-delhi-abhijeet-dipke-saurav-das-cjp-leaders-detained-updates/article71567192.ece>
- NDTV: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/abhijeet-dipke-detained-from-plane-at-delhi-airport-ahead-of-cjps-jantar-mantar-protest-12164977>
- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/abhijeet-dipke-ashutosh-ranka-saurav-das-placed-under-preventive-arrest-in-delhi-cjp-protest-gyanesh-kumar-10916267/>
- The Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/cockroaches-never-die-cjp-reacts-after-abhijeet-dipke-ashutosh-ranka-saurav-das-released-from-detention/articleshow/134865152.cms>
- The Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/for-second-time-in-a-week-dipke-released-on-bail-on-condition-of-keeping-peace/articleshow/135022703.cms>
- Telegraph India: <https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/what-makes-gyanesh-kumar-so-indispensable-to-narendra-modi-asks-abhijeet-dipke/cid/2184300>
- India Today: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/video/cjp-founder-detained-produced-before-magistrate-as-security-deployed-in-delhi-ytvd-3019571-2026-10-17>
- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/cec-gyanesh-kumar-protests-oct-18-live-updates-cjp/article71598964.ece>

Videos

- @abhijeetdipke: Filmed by Dipke inside the Air India aircraft after it landed in Delhi. https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTT1poD_cb/
- @ashutosh_ranka and @cockroachjantaparty: Video from inside the aircraft at IGI Airport as women police officers board to detain the CJP leaders. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTUCRZpNTQ/>

Saurav Das

Co-convenor, CJP · detained · 10 October 2026 · On board the same flight, IGI Airport · status: Remanded to judicial custody until 21 October after the Special Executive Magistrate extended custody by two days

Detained with Dipke and Ranka on arrival from Mumbai. He appears in the video recorded inside the aircraft.

Sources

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cec-gyanesh-kumar-protest-delhi-abhijeet-dipke-saurav-das-cjp-leaders-detained-updates/article71567192.ece>
- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/abhijeet-dipke-ashutosh-ranka-saurav-das-placed-under-preventive-arrest-in-delhi-cjp-protest-gyanesh-kumar-10916267/>
- The Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/their-fault-unfurling-tricolour-abhijeet-dipke-hits-out-as-cjp-leaders-sent-to-5-day-judicial-custody/articleshow/134931174.cms>
- India Today: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/anti-cec-protest-live-updates-delhi-india-bloc-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-rahul-gandhi-abhijeet-dipke-saurav-das-sir-row-cjp-eci-3017636-2026-10-15>
- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/delhi-protest-cjp-leaders-judicial-custody-extended-by-two-days/article71602829.ece>

Videos

- @ashutosh_ranka and @cockroachjantaparty: Video from inside the aircraft at IGI Airport as women police officers board to detain the CJP leaders. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTUCRZpNTQ/>

Ashutosh Ranka

Co-convenor, CJP · detained · 10 October 2026 · On board the same flight, IGI Airport · status: Remanded to judicial custody until 21 October after the Special Executive Magistrate extended custody by two days

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- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/cjp-jantar-mantar-protest-live-updates-delhi-abhijeet-dipke-dhruv-rathee-gyanesh-kumar-row-sir-latest-news-10914493/>
- The Economic Times: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/new-updates/saurav-das-ashutosh-ranka-tihar-jail-for-5-days-reason-cockroach-janta-party-founders-jantar-mantar-arrest-case-explained/articleshow/134930696.cms>
- Millennium Post: <https://www.millenniumpost.in/big-stories/cjp-leaders-sent-to-5-day-judicial-custody-dipke-announces-tiranga-march-at-cp-679882>
- The Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/delhi-anti-cec-protest-live-updates-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-saurav-das-ashutosh-ranka-cjp-abhijeet-dipke-rahul-gandhi-india-bloc-sir-tiranga-march/liveblog/135022809.cms>

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Ratna Singh

Legal affairs head, CJP; lawyer · detained · 10 October 2026 · Outside her residence, Jangpura, New Delhi · status: unknown

She says police arrived at about 8:45 am and cited "verbal orders from above". She had been on her way to a lawyers' protest outside the Supreme Court. CJP says three other lawyers were detained with her, without being told the grounds.

Sources

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cec-gyanesh-kumar-protest-delhi-abhijeet-dipke-saurav-das-cjp-leaders-detained-updates/article71567192.ece>
- Moneycontrol: <https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/delhi-cjp-protest-spike-strips-drones-deployed-as-dipke-dhruv-rathee-detained-sc-contempt-plea-filed-over-metro-curbs-14048987.html>

Videos

- @aafreen_nawaz (CJP national secretary): Ratna Singh speaks on a video call after being detained with three other lawyers. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTSDKMAxRb/>

Mehr

Policy lead, CJP · detained · 10 October 2026 · Delhi · status: unknown

CJP said on social media that she had been detained.

Sources

- The Hindu (live blog, 11:34): <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-protests-jantar-mantar-new-delhi-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-sir-cec-row-october-10-2026-live-news/article71566021.ece>

Dhruv Rathee

YouTuber · detained · 10 October 2026 · Residence in Sector 56, Gurugram · status: Released by Gurugram Police in the early hours of Sunday, 11 October

Detained at about 8 am by Delhi Police with help from Gurugram Police and taken to an undisclosed location. CJP says about 50 police personnel in civilian clothes came to the house.

Sources

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/delhi/youtuber-dhruv-rathee-detained-gurugram-delhi-police-cjp-jantar-mantar-protest-10915135/>
- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-protests-jantar-mantar-new-delhi-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-sir-cec-row-october-10-2026-live-news/article71566021.ece>
- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/dhruv-rathee-released-from-detention-by-gurugram-police-jantar-mantar-cjp-protest-10916277/>

Kavya Karnatac

Content creator and journalist · detained · 10 October 2026 · Dhaula Kuan · status: unknown

Video shows police dragging her and several other women into a bus before they could reach the protest site.

Sources

- ETV Bharat: <https://www.etvbharat.com/en/bharat/live-blog--delhi-cjp-protest-live-updates-jantar-mantar-metro-trains-security-gyanesh-kumar-chief-election-commissioner-aisa-cockroach-janta-party-congress-bjp-enn26101000589>

Videos

- @kk.create: Her own video from inside the detention bus, captioned "We are detained!" https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTaR-2z_2R/
- @outlookindia: Outlook: Kavya Karnatac reportedly detained at Dhaula Kuan. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTTncLT1h6/>
- @freepressjournal: Free Press Journal: Kavya Karnatac of KK Create detained in Delhi. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTVO3YDUVM/>

Pinarayi Vijayan

Former Chief Minister of Kerala · detained · 10 October 2026 · Near Kerala House, Jantar Mantar Road; held at a stadium detention centre · status: released

Detained by Delhi Police with K.N. Balagopal, Brinda Karat and John Brittas. The Indian Express reports he was picked up near Kerala House and held inside a stadium used as a detention centre.

Sources

- The Hindu (live blog, 11:04): <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-protests-jantar-mantar-new-delhi-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-sir-cec-row-october-10-2026-live-news/article71566021.ece>
- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-kerala-cm-pinarayi-vijayan-content-creators-journalists-sir-gyanesh-kumar-10915379/>
- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-kerala-cm-pinarayi-vijayan-content-creators-journalists-sir-gyanesh-kumar-10915379/>

Videos

- @pinarayivijayan: His own post: news footage of him among police in Delhi, captioned that the government has turned the capital into an open jail. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTZZq8pT9m/>

K.N. Balagopal

Former Finance Minister of Kerala · detained · 10 October 2026 · Delhi · status: unknown

Detained with Pinarayi Vijayan.

Sources

- The Hindu (live blog, 11:04): <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-protests-jantar-mantar-new-delhi-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-sir-cec-row-october-10-2026-live-news/article71566021.ece>

Brinda Karat

Senior CPI(M) leader · detained · 10 October 2026 · Delhi · status: unknown

Detained with Pinarayi Vijayan. She was also reported detained on 2 October.

Sources

- The Hindu (live blog, 11:04): <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-protests-jantar-mantar-new-delhi-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-sir-cec-row-october-10-2026-live-news/article71566021.ece>

John Brittas

Rajya Sabha MP, CPI(M) · detained · 10 October 2026 · Delhi · status: released

Detained with Pinarayi Vijayan.

Sources

- The Hindu (live blog, 11:04): <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-protests-jantar-mantar-new-delhi-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-sir-cec-row-october-10-2026-live-news/article71566021.ece>
- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/india-bloc-lunch-central-delhi-rahul-gandhi-mallikarjun-kharge-police-standby-10910614/>

Tushar Gandhi

Social activist · detained · 10 October 2026 · August Kranti Maidan, Mumbai (solidarity protest) · status: unknown

Detained by Mumbai Police, the organisers said. Mumbai Police had not granted permission for the protest.

Sources

- The Hindu (live blog, 11:47): <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-protests-jantar-mantar-new-delhi-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-sir-cec-row-october-10-2026-live-news/article71566021.ece>

Feroze Mithoborewala

Social activist · detained · 10 October 2026 · August Kranti Maidan, Mumbai (solidarity protest) · status: unknown

Detained by Mumbai Police with Tushar Gandhi, the organisers said.

Sources

- The Hindu (live blog, 11:47): <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-protests-jantar-mantar-new-delhi-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-sir-cec-row-october-10-2026-live-news/article71566021.ece>

Gajendra Singh

Independent journalist, News Diggy (Noida) · arrested · 5 October 2026 · Outside Parliament Street police station · status: released on bail

One of the 17 people formally arrested after the sit-in demanding an FIR against ACP Vivek Bhagat. Booked under BNS sections including 190 (unlawful assembly) and 191(2) (rioting), and under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act. He spent a night in judicial custody and was released on 6 October.

Sources

- Newslaundry: <https://www.newslaundry.com/amp/story/2026%2F10%2F09%2Fstudents-creators-journalists-the-17-arrested-by-delhi-police-for-demanding-an-fir>

Anuj Bhagat

Content creator, political and news videos · arrested · 5 October 2026 · Outside Parliament Street police station · status: released on bail

One of the 17 arrested and booked in the same FIR. He was held in Tihar Jail before release. He says some of those detained with him were assaulted by other inmates.

Sources

- Newslaundry: <https://www.newslaundry.com/amp/story/2026%2F10%2F09%2Fstudents-creators-journalists-the-17-arrested-by-delhi-police-for-demanding-an-fir>

Deeksha Sinha

Independent journalist, formerly with The Quint · detained · 4 October 2026 · India Gate and Le Meridien roundabout · status: released

She says she was pushed into a detention bus while filming, her mic was ripped off her camera, and she lost her phone, glasses and a shoe. She alleges female officers lifted her shirt.

Sources

- The Quint: <https://www.thequint.com/news/politics/delhi-protests-assault-women-journalist-deeksha-sinha-woman-assaulted-by-police-gyanesh-kumar-agitation>

Neha Bora

National president, AISA · detained · 2 October 2026 · Near Kerala House and Jantar Mantar · status: released on 17 October after detention the previous day

Detained on 2, 3 and 4 October. She alleges that on 4 October she was taken to Narela in an unmarked vehicle with no woman officer inside.

Sources

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-yogendra-yadav-kapil-sibal-neha-bora-detained-cec-gyanesh-kumar-10905302/>
- The Quint: <https://www.thequint.com/news/politics/delhi-protests-assault-women-journalist-deeksha-sinha-woman-assaulted-by-police-gyanesh-kumar-agitation>
- The Wire: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DelLcQlDCjs/>

Videos

- @siasatdaily: Siasat: Neha Bora detained for the second day in a row. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeCA3bSSlrD/>
- @thewirein: The Wire: protesters including Neha Bora detained from Ashoka Road. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeEkTeOILkp/>

Yogendra Yadav

Swaraj India · detained · 3 October 2026 · Near Jantar Mantar Road / Ashoka Road · status: released

Detained on 2 October and again on 3 October.

Sources

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-yogendra-yadav-kapil-sibal-neha-bora-detained-cec-gyanesh-kumar-10905302/>

Videos

- @_yogendrayadav: His own video on 10 October saying an unmarked white Scorpio was following him to the protest. No report confirms he was detained that day. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTdH4pAE06/>

Prashant Bhushan

Advocate · detained · 3 October 2026 · Ashoka Road · status: released

Detained while marching towards Jantar Mantar.

Sources

- The Tribune: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/india/3-firs-filed-yogendra-yadav-kapil-sibal-prashant-bhushan-among-150-detained-on-way-to-jantar-mantar/>

Kapil Sibal

Rajya Sabha MP, senior advocate · detained · 3 October 2026 · Near Jantar Mantar Road · status: released

The Tribune reports him among about 150 detained. The Indian Express says he was part of the march but does not explicitly report his detention.

Sources

- The Tribune: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/india/3-firs-filed-yogendra-yadav-kapil-sibal-prashant-bhushan-among-150-detained-on-way-to-jantar-mantar/>

Atishi

AAP leader, former Chief Minister of Delhi · detained · 2 October 2026 · Central Delhi · status: released

Reported among those detained on day 1.

Sources

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-detained-cec-gyanesh-kumar-neha-boara-saurabh-bharadwaj-10903749/>

Videos

- @atishi.aap: Her own video from the detention bus: "Detained by ... Delhi Police from Jantar Mantar". <https://www.instagram.com/reel/Dd-3eC1PRCH/>
- @atishi.aap: Her own video from Fatehpur Beri police station, where detainees were taken. https://www.instagram.com/reel/Dd_HZr8PeNi/

Saurabh Bharadwaj

AAP leader, former Delhi minister · detained · 2 October 2026 · Central Delhi · status: released

Reported among those detained on day 1.

Sources

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-detained-cec-gyanesh-kumar-neha-boara-saurabh-bharadwaj-10903749/>

Aishe Ghosh

Student activist · detained · 2 October 2026 · Central Delhi · status: released

Reported among those detained on day 1.

Sources

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-detained-cec-gyanesh-kumar-neha-boara-saurabh-bharadwaj-10903749/>

Manish Sisodia

AAP Punjab in-charge; former Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi · detained · 10 October 2026 · Outside the Chief Electoral Officer's office, Chandigarh · status: unknown

Detained after AAP marchers tried to cross police barricades on the way to the Chief Electoral Officer's office, in a protest backing the CJP's demand for the CEC's resignation. Reports differ on whether Chandigarh Police or Punjab Police made the detentions.

Sources

- ANI: <https://www.aninews.in/news/national/politics/punjab-aaps-manish-sisodia-punjab-party-leaders-detained-during-protest-outside-chandigarh-ceo-office20261010133942>
- Amar Ujala: <https://www.amarujala.com/punjab/chandigarh-punjab/chandigarh-aap-workers-marched-to-lay-siege-to-cec-office-stopped-by-police-barricades-several-detained-2026-10-10>
- Babushahi: <https://www.babushahi.com/view-news.php?id=228000>

Videos

- @advharpalcheema: Posted by Cheema: Manish Sisodia in the crowd at the Chandigarh protest, then protesters being pushed into a police bus. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTm6zADO1m/>
- @msisodia.aap: His statement to reporters at the Chandigarh protest, accusing the government of using force against young protesters. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTlDg3yb5z/>

Harpal Singh Cheema

Finance Minister, Punjab (AAP) · detained · 10 October 2026 · Outside the Chief Electoral Officer's office, Chandigarh · status: unknown

Detained after AAP marchers tried to cross police barricades on the way to the Chief Electoral Officer's office, in a protest backing the CJP's demand for the CEC's resignation. Reports differ on whether Chandigarh Police or Punjab Police made the detentions.

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- Babushahi: <https://www.babushahi.com/view-news.php?id=228000>

Videos

- @advharpalcheema: Posted by Cheema: Manish Sisodia in the crowd at the Chandigarh protest, then protesters being pushed into a police bus. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DeTm6zADO1m/>

Harsh Yadav

Independent journalist · detained · 2 October 2026 · Jantar Mantar protest site, New Delhi · status: released

Reports differ on 2 October. National Herald and Groundxero report he was detained while covering the protest, after showing his press ID. Times Now and video by journalist Ahmed Khabeer show police trying to take him into custody and letting him go after a long confrontation. On 10 October he alleged that police were targeting journalists staying at Delhi's Park Hotel for detention.

Sources

- Groundxero: <https://www.groundxero.in/2026/10/02/barricades-internet-shutdown-mass-detentions-delhi-police-violent-crack-down-on-protest-against-cec-gyanesh-kumar-and-sir/>
- National Herald: <https://www.facebook.com/nationalheraldindia/posts/independent-journalist-harsh-yadav-was-detained-by-delhi-police-while-covering-f/1141199061567007/>
- Times Now: <https://www.facebook.com/Timesnow/posts/independent-journalist-harsh-yadav-alleges-that-delhi-police-tried-to-detain-him/1616321537205769/>
- Ahmed Khabeer (10 Oct, Park Hotel): <https://www.instagram.com/p/DeTUeXNRxOt/>

Videos

- @ahmedkhabeer_: Police try to take Harsh Yadav into custody at the Jantar Mantar protest on 2 October. https://www.instagram.com/reel/Dd_LEnJRNII/
- @retiredreporter_ and @harshdelhise: Women police officers waiting in a hotel lobby on 10 October, captioned "Delhi police trying to detain every independent journalist". It does not show him being detained. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DeTjvjuujGK/>

Imran Khan

actor · detained · 10 October 2026 · Outside August Kranti Maidan · status: unknown

The Free Press Journal reported that Mumbai Police detained Khan outside August Kranti Maidan.

Sources

- The Free Press Journal: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DeUGksNEQtj/>

Arvind Kejriwal

AAP convenor · detained · 10 October 2026 · Jaffarpur police station · status: released

An Instagram post by Ahmed Khabeer reports that Arvind Kejriwal was detained in Delhi and released from Jaffarpur police station.

Sources

- Ahmed Khabeer (@ahmedkhabeer_): <https://www.instagram.com/p/DeUV3ScRYvB/>

Mamata Banerjee

West Bengal Chief Minister · detained · 10 October 2026 · Delhi (specific detention location not reported) · status: released

An Instagram post by Ahmed Khabeer reports that Mamata Banerjee was held in Delhi during the protest and later released.

Sources

- Ahmed Khabeer (@ahmedkhabeer_): https://www.instagram.com/p/DeUVq_PxKEK/

Anuradha Mewara

protester · detained · 10 October 2026 · Outside Gurdwara Bangla Sahib · status: released

Mewara said police detained her outside Gurdwara Bangla Sahib, drove her around in a bus and dropped her near the Red Fort.

Sources

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/cjp-protest-bangla-sahib-delhi-detentions-10915978/>

Sanjay Singh

Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MP · detained · 2 October 2026 · Jantar Mantar · status: released

Sanjay Singh was detained at the Jantar Mantar protest and released later that day.

Sources

- The Indian Express: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jantar-mantar-protest-gyanesh-kumar-700-detained-delhi-10904136/>

Manik Sarkar

Former Tripura Chief Minister and CPI(M) leader · detained · 10 October 2026 · Delhi · status: unknown

Manik Sarkar was detained in Delhi during the anti-CEC protest.

Sources

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/cjp-protests-jantar-mantar-new-delhi-election-commissioner-gyanesh-kumar-resignation-sir-cec-row-october-10-2026-live-news/article71566021.ece>

Yudhvir Singh

Bharatiya Kisan Union national general secretary · detained · 10 October 2026 · Mundka police station · status: unknown

Yudhvir Singh led a Bharatiya Kisan Union delegation that was detained on its way to Jantar Mantar and held at Mundka police station.

Sources

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/anti-cec-protest-bku-joins-stir-warns-against-targeting-dhruv-rathee/article71569263.ece>

Jean Dreze

Economist, social scientist and activist · detained · 10 October 2026 · Jantar Mantar · status: unknown

Jean Dreze was taken away with a group after it unfurled protest banners at an entrance to Jantar Mantar.

Sources

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/morning-shows-the-day-as-citizens-display-grit-to-beat-delhi-polices-efforts-to-stop-jantar-mantar-20/article71568722.ece>

Shashank Singh

Supreme Court advocate · detained · 10 October 2026 · Yamuna Sports Complex · status: released

The Hindu reports that Supreme Court advocate Shashank Singh was detained outside the Supreme Court and taken to Yamuna Sports Complex, then released with the other lawyers after nearly two hours.

Sources

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/delhi-protest-lawyers-detained-near-supreme-court/article71567395.ece>

Dipankar Bhattacharya

CPI(ML)-Liberation general secretary · detained · 10 October 2026 · Safdarjung Airport flyover · status: unknown

The Hindu reports that CPI(ML)-Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya was detained near Safdarjung Airport flyover while travelling to the Dilli Haat protest.

Sources

- The Hindu: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/delhi-protest-neha-bora-dipankar-bhattacharya-yogendra-yadav-prashant-bhushan-detained/article71567627.ece>

Lekha Washington

Actor and artist · detained · 10 October 2026 · August Kranti Maidan · status: released

Lekha Washington was detained at the August Kranti Maidan protest in Mumbai and was released hours later.

Sources

- NDTV: <https://www.ndtv.com/entertainment/imran-khan-girlfriend-lekha-washington-released-hours-after-being-detained-during-cjp-protest-in-mumbai-12168613>
- National Herald: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DeUfFRICSZH/>

Ajinkya Shinde

Cockroach Janta Party leader · detained · 13 October 2026 · Jantar Mantar · status: Released on a personal bond after the Jantar Mantar arrest

Free Press Journal reported that police put Cockroach Janta Party leader Ajinkya Shinde under preventive arrest after he allegedly entered Jantar Mantar.

Sources

- Free Press Journal: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/india/cjp-leaders-ashutosh-ranka-saurav-das-ajinkya-shinde-placed-under-preventive-arrest-for-entering-jantar-mantar-without-authorisation>
- National Herald: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DedSMrmTJMr/>
- The Quint on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Dede8j2k4vV/>
- The Siasat Daily: <https://www.siasat.com/anti-cec-protest-owaisi-questions-arrests-of-cjp-leaders-3558061/>

Ravinder Govinda

Hindu Raksha Dal member · arrested · 10 October 2026 · DDU Marg, central Delhi · status: Released on bail

Mathrubhumi English reports that police arrested him after an alleged assault on CJP protesters and that he was later released on bail.

Sources

- Mathrubhumi English: <https://english.mathrubhumi.com/news/crime/hindu-raksha-dal-member-garlanded-after-bail-delhi-cjp-protest-assault-e48cyghd>