

Caught in the Space Between:

**Hyderabad's Muslim youth and experiences
of alienation**

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Context

Research study on impact of prolonged direct & structural violence on Muslim youth in Hyderabad

Experience of violences, and recent spotlight on Islamic terrorism, have resulted in increasing alienation of Muslim youth from state and societal spaces and structures

Hyderabad Context

Changed spatial and socio-economic geographies increase a sense of insecurity, inhibit mobility, disable access to public spaces/ institutions and rupture civic trust

Muslim youth faced an added dimension of discrimination in the post-mecca masjid blast scenario

Map of Research Locations



Why 'Alienation'?

Alienation is an important analytic concept in understanding the impact of direct and structural violence

Interrogating alienation through the articulations/ experiences of Muslim youth in Hyderabad.

Insider Outsider

- Old city New city
- State
- Community and family
- Religious Community

Old City – New City

Physical and psychological dimensions of ghettoization:

- Restricted mobility
- Lack of access to Public Spaces.
- Lack of infrastructure and development.

Citizen Subject

Infrastructure and Welfare

Violence/ Harassment

Political representation

Community/ Family

Exclusion of youth within the community

Security/Insecurity of Community and restricted mobility of youth

Detained/ Arrested youth and community's attitude to them



Religious community

Homogenising discourses versus heterogenous experiences

Cultural Practices

Popular assumptions on Wahabi influence on Youth

Thank You