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Pakistani Hindus In Delhi Describe Freedom And Citizenship Hopes

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First published in December 2019 and republished in March 2024, this report follows Pakistani Hindu families in Delhi's Bhati Mines as they welcome citizenship legislation. Their accounts connect persecution and flight with everyday struggles for school admission, documents, work and freedom to worship.



Kesro with his family on 11 December 2019. (Swati Goel Sharma)

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- The report describes hundreds of children struggling for school admission because schools demanded Pakistani educational records and documents establishing residence in India.
- Kesro said obtaining Pakistani passports consumed nearly all the family's savings, with bribes and charges he described as discriminatory against them.
- An adult daughter described concrete freedoms in India: going out alone, younger sisters attending school, and worshipping the family's gods without fear.
- The family displayed schoolbooks, embroidery and tailoring skills, while the mother stressed insufficient work and asked for help selling their blankets.

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