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Why Were Headscarf Protesters Wearing Full-Body Veils?

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The article argues that the Karnataka court petitions concern headscarves while the wider agitation uses ‘hijab’ to include full-body veils. It cites protest photos, videos and banners showing burqas, and discusses arguments over the terms used for garments in the Quranic verses cited in court.



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THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Advocate Devadutt Kamat described the petitioners’ request as a headscarf matching the uniform, calling it an innocuous practice rooted in religious culture.
- An AIMIM student leader’s banners in Beed showed women in burqas and placed the veil before books in their slogan.
- Karnataka’s Advocate General argued that Quran verse 24.31, cited by petitioners, used “khumur” rather than the word “hijab” in its text.
- Taliban posters paired the instruction to wear hijab with images of full-body coverings that concealed even women’s eyes, illustrating the term’s wider use.

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