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What Non-Muslim Students Heard in AMU and Jamia Protest Chants

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The author argues that religious chants at anti-CAA protests at Aligarh Muslim University and Jamia Millia Islamia made some non-Muslim students feel excluded or unsafe. The article draws on protest videos, anonymous student interviews, and WhatsApp messages shared by students.



Ask what non-Muslim students of AMU and Jamia feel inside their campuses. 'Terrorised' would be an understatement.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- AMU protesters invoked a shared profession of faith to describe their relationship with Jamia during a demonstration reportedly called in response to the police crackdown there.
- A Jamia postgraduate said Muslim students also opposed the slogans, but protesters shouted them down by accusing them of failing to stand up for Islam.
- The same Jamia student said student leaders used faith to suppress dissent, leaving non-Muslim students feeling that keeping quiet was their safest option.
- An AMU law student described the chants as unusually aggressive in his six years on campus and said he did not consider AMU particularly hostile to non-Muslims.

THE TAKEAWAY

A Jamia student said some Muslim students also opposed the chants and were shamed for speaking up.

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