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Killings and a Failed Rental Boycott in West Delhi

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The author argues that fear after several killings in west Delhi drove calls to stop renting to and employing Muslim migrants, and that landlords' and employers' dependence on rent and labour limited support for a boycott. Interviews in Basai Darapur, Raghubir Nagar and Khyala describe disagreements among landlords, refusals to rent to some Muslim applicants and tension over a new tenancy.



Outside Dhruv Tyagi's house in Basai Darapur on Wednesday

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- In Sudarshan Park, a confrontation over children throwing stones escalated into a mob attack on Thakur Das's household. The report examined videos and FIRs.
- After Tyagi's killing, a caste association called a panchayat drawing on more than 70 villages to discuss refusing rentals and jobs to Muslim migrants.
- Men interviewed at the meeting venue said the panchayat broke up without agreement. Some landlords objected that the proposed boycott would cost them rental income.
- Moti Nagar police set up a tenant verification camp, but turnout observed during the visit was weak. A local representative said many absentee landlords were uninformed.

THE TAKEAWAY

The boycott calls drew uneven support as property owners weighed residents' fears against their dependence on rental income and migrant labour.

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