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## Seeking Sunshine in the Ghetto

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*In densely packed, segregated Muslim neighbourhoods of Delhi, sunlight is scarce, and its slivers must be chased around.*

In New Delhi, as in many Indian cities, Muslim communities are largely confined to high-density, segregated neighbourhoods. Life in these urban ghettos is shaped by chronic shortages-overstretched infrastructure, inadequate civic amenities, and a built environment that leaves little breathing space.

Delhi's winters, increasingly defined by hazardous air quality, introduce a quieter but no less pressing challenge for the residents of these ghettos. For residents, accessing warmth and light requires a daily effort: stepping out of their homes, scanning street corners, and waiting patiently for the sun to appear.







These acts are both practical and poignant. They are improvised responses to a recognised shortage. They also serve as a visual reminder of how, for minorities in India, spatial marginalisation shapes even the most intimate routines of everyday life.

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