DC TRANSCRIPT

I: INTERVIEWER

P: PARTICIPANT

(0:01) I: Hi. My name is Khadijah mud. Today, I have invited you to take part in my qualitative study regarding Women's Safety perceptions following education relocation. I had provided you with the participation information sheet and informed consent. Do you consent to taking part in this study and also me having access to your audio and using it for my dissertation.

(0:10) P: Yeah, sure.

(0:15) I: Thank you so much. So, how are you today?

(0:21) P: I'm good, a little sleepy

(0:30) I: Okay, so for your confidentiality, can you please pick a pseudonym that you would go under?

(0:36) P: DC works. DC.

(0:38) I: Okay. How old are you DC?

P: I am 22 years

I: Okay. 22 years old. What is your gender?

P: Female.

I: Okay. Where did you relocate from? And where did you move to?

(0:52) P: I have relocated from my hometown, Jalpaiguri, and recently, I have relocated to Bangalore. Previously, like three years ago, for my under graduation, I have already located to Kolkata, so it's my second relocation basically.

(1:06) I: When did you relocate?

(1:08) P: To Kolkata? It was November 2021 and to Bangalore It was August 2024.

(1:16) Okay. What was your reason for relocation?

(1:19) P: Education, post-graduation for Bangalore.

(1:24) I: What is your living arrangement?

(1:26) P: I live in a PG, in a shared room, basically, which is five minutes. Right now, I don't have a roommate. I really hope they don't come in this session as well. I'm very used to doing the whole room to myself, but, yeah, basically a shared place only, and it is five minutes away from the campus.

(1:46) I: So, shall we start? If you're ready

P: Yeah, sure.

I: Thank you. So, can you please tell me, what does the concept of safety mean to you?

(1:56) P: While talking about safety, I feel like it can mean a lot of things. It can be a sense of security, which might be physically, which can be emotionally as well. If we take the whole, if we take the whole concept of safety, it can be an emotional sense of feeling safe again. It can be sexually as well, financially even. So, a lot of concepts together. So yeah, feeling safe about the concepts that I just mentioned that, yeah, I can thrive with this, maybe, or I'm doing fine with this. Or maybe even if things go bad, I can just be resilient enough if I am in a safe place. So, I guess that.

(2:47) I: Thank you. Can you please describe your initial perception of safety in your new environment upon relocating so after you moved to Bangalore, what was your initial impression of the safety of this environment?

(3:01) P: initially, when I came to Bangalore in the month of May for the interview, admissions and everything, I did not feel much anything about the city as well, because I was staying with my relatives. So, it did not feel much of- but during the admission process, like when I went for the interview with my friend. While returning from there, I was not- I was new to the app of 'namayatri' [Metro App] so I had Uber in my phone. I was checking for autos and stuff. So we thought that before checking the autos, like from the apps, let's just see it physically and the amount that the auto-walas said and when we refused the ways that they looked at us, it was very different from the way it used to happen in Kolkata, like where I stayed for my under graduations. That was also a new place to me, but Bangalore was a whole different culture here. And somewhere it was like, okay, sorry for not taking your auto, but you were charging a lot like, you know, but it's showing 150 worth but saying 500 for that. So, the basic perception was like, Is this even a safe place, since I do not even know their language. So that was the initial but after I relocated properly here, like for a proper education purpose, initially I did not like this campus area. It was very secluded from everywhere, like, from everywhere, like even if I need to have a very basic thing like even search for community service, for example, everything was so far and since I joined the classes late, I had my UG exams back there. I joined the classes one month late. It felt like everything is already, you know, nearby areas for community service already covered. So,I had to go very far for community service. Even me and two of my friends, we had to go very far. And we had to do auto every day. And sometimes the auto took different ways. So, it went like, where are we even going? I always have had a grip of Google Maps, and I like my skill of navigating, but initially it was very tough because everything fell very far. Like,

even if I need my relatives help for any reason, if I feel like, okay, I do not feel comfortable at this point, even if my relatives wants to come and help me, it's 40 kilometers away from here, so it's not possible in the most- if I talk about some emergency situation. So that was my initial perception, that, like, what about this whole place? Because when I came, I also heard about a lot of incidents, about the seniors and the hostel people, a lot of things. So yeah, but also I kind of- when- since it is about initial perception, I was also kind of fine with everything, because I kind of had the grip of, like, navigating and things I have done that before. So I also, I was like, Okay, I'll just fine figure it out.

(5:55) I: So, you mentioned the traveling act kind of caused you to feel a little wary of the place and being far from your relatives as well.

(6:03) P: Yeah, it's not about living, far from relatives that is fine. Like anyway, I would have not stayed at my relatives, even if it was near, that is fine. But the- you know, the basic what you said, the basic ways of communicating even, I mean traveling even is just so tough. Like I am not a private transport person. I am always a public transport person. So, when I shifted from my hometown to Kolkata in my undergraduation years, I figured out a whole metropolitan town by myself. I know the bus numbers, even the I don't know, like, if this is a flex or something, even my Kolkata friends say that they call me to ask the bus numbers. I have figured it out for myself, of course, using Google Map and my hyper vigilance everywhere. But I have figured it out. So, I did my internship, also back in Kolkata only, summer one I was- it was like, Yeah, I do not- I'm a guest to this place, but it is also my place, because I have figured it out and it is so well connected. When you figure out public transport, everything gets easy. In Bangalore, I have tried the same, it doesn't work. Public transport doesn't work here or not like everywhere. I just try to commute. It's at least two or three breaks. Even you see about from our campus to the metro, there is no direct thing- every time you cannot give 30 or 90 rupees for the auto and just go right?

So, what I do is I take bus, and the bus, all the busses in this route, goes till that crossing, that's it. Then you have to walk to the whole place. Yeah, I do not understand. What I feel is the public transport system is bad. I think that is a problem with Karnataka itself, because last day, last night, I was checking, I was planning a trip to Mysore. I was checking Mysore public transport, is there.

I: No?

(8:02) P: No and I was like, do they have, like, shall I open up a system that is that should be a backup business or something.

I: Side hustle.

P: Yeah! So, yeah, like, I feel like traveling is very problematic and even the cost of traveling.

(8:17) I: So, it's one of the things that made you feel a little unsafe after coming here?

(8:21) P: Here, yeah, because everything I have to do and not do, everything depends on transport and the cost of transport here, even public transport, if available, that cost so much. Public transports are not meant to be costing so much, right? So, yeah, it's like, okay, better I'll just stay in my PG, if I don't get out, there is no point of unsafe or anything. So the whole concept is like, okay, I'm always in my home only. What is the point of everything?

(8:52) I: You mentioned that you came here last year in 2024, August, it's now 2025. So has your perception of safety changed over time. After you moved?

(9:07) P: I have moved, I don't think the perception has changed, because I think again, being a woman, you never know what happens at any given moment of time. You never know what happens. Because when I came here, I heard incidents like all the lanes over here, not the main roads, but the lanes which literally connect to all those like roads basically connecting to the PGS

and everything. Those are very unsafe at night and everything. For God's grace, I have not faced anything as such, explicitly, explicitly, yeah, not like people have not stared at me or something, but not explicitly as such. But that doesn't mean the grade will not happen, right? So that perception changing is a little tough, because I have heard a lot of things so often when I return from maybe if I have gone. And out, and I have returned late, so yeah, that becomes some more point that I will consciously not take the lanes while I'll go. I'll just take the main road only, and I'll try to go. I will not take because I mainly avoid the main roads because it is too dusty. I feel like the entire bus will just go over me. So I prefer taking the lanes. But I think lanes are okay for the mornings and at nights. I'll just go with the main roads, even if it nothing happens. I feel like, Okay, shall I even take the lane? Specifically the walk that I take from Metro to the cross, because all the busses start from that cross, that domino is there, that point that and that portion is almost like 700 to 800 meters. I don't mind walking, but the whole place is just petrol pumps and some trucks standing over there. So it feels like, okay, somebody just can pull me in the truck and just move, and nobody will ever know. So yeah, and that place is always just very either you take auto or you just walk. So the perception has not changed. It's just about how much of precaution you can take so.

(11:06) I: Can you recall a time where you felt unsafe, like what happened, and how did you respond, if there were any?

(11:13) P: Yeah, I remember the incident in Bengal. We have not in Bengali, basically in our religion itself, but specifically in Bengalis, we have Sarawati puja, which is basically the goddess of education. Okay, so we had that on, I guess, first of February or second of February. So me and my friend, we were out and near that Orion mall in Yeshwanthpur, or sandal soap factory, somewhere near the Orion mall. The opposite side, there was a like a nice stream and nice lighting. So basically, you can take some good pictures. The lights were nice and you can take

good pictures. It was very much near the traffic. But you are on the footpath, you are taking some the pictures were really bad. But we just tried to say take and randomly, there was a bus. It was not a like the- all these public transport, these busses, those were those sleeper busses, basically that comes from some other places. So due to traffic or something, I do not know, because the traffic was a little in the ahead, the bus just stopped beside us, and there were passengers, and the driver just passed some comment in Kannada or Tamil, I do not know, and they just passed some comment, and the first passenger who was sitting, because, of course, again, a man, and he just laughed at that. And both of us were like, We, first of all, we could not react, because we do not know what they were saying. But it was something about, like taking photo or something or the other only, probably, because otherwise, why will they even say anything like we were just standing and taking pictures and we were in saree. We were not even in some dress that will make them feel that we are for them standing or something. We were in saree and stuff. So that was one. And then both of us were like, and me as a person, I'm very- when I talk normally, I have five slangs in my sentence. So I was like, and my friend was like, 'No, not here' I was like, yeah, right, not here. But anyway, anyway, I would have just given- curse them in Bengali so they would not understand like they did in their language. But yeah, it was one and on the same day, while I was returning again, I will be taking the bus to return, of course. But for the bus again, I have to walk from the sky walk to the this portion. So while I was walking back from there, it was not- it was 8pm only. It was not even, like 9/10, 11 or something. It was just 8pm only. While I was coming again, that truck area and stuff and petrol pumb thing, there was a guy in the bike. He did not talk to me or do anything to me, to me as well, but he had his phone like this, okay, like just as if he was using, but as if he was using the phone. But I suddenly looked at him, and I felt like he took a photo of me. I felt like that, because when you take a photo, what happens is that this, the front screen of the flashes a little

like the picture that it flashes and it reflects here, no? so I felt like a photo of mine was taken. So I just did not even look at the guy I just- just came across. I just ignored him. But I kind of know that my photo was taken. And the fun fact was, I was in saree, and I was fully wrapped with saree because I was in Metro, so I was, like, fully even wrapped, like, like these, like putting my full pallu over here. I was fully wrapped with my bags and everything. So I do not know what picture has he taken, but he has probably. So yeah, that was one. So yeah, this area is actually not really safe. Because even if you work with on this auto lane, wala, this main road only, you will see random scooty is just getting over you. So yeah. Yeah, and it kind of feels like you cannot even say anything, because the roads are very congested. So if the scootys are literally over you, running over you, you, they will be like Jaga nahi tha [‘there was no room’], so you, you never know, and they will start speaking in their language. And the worst part is you cannot even ask people for help, because they can explain anything or the other to in their language, to the local people, they will not even like listen to you at that point, I feel so very much, and specially now that the given situation of Bangalore, where the localites are very much intolerant to other language, no matter. Yeah, if we are being disrespectful, I understand. But if someone is not being disrespectful, yet their intolerance is like, very unnecessary thing. So I feel like- and the campus being here is not our fault, and it's not like the localites are not taking much of business. They are having their flats and PGs, and they are

literally building PGs in the- they're building PGs literally, in the whole structure of furnished PG and stuff, there is no concept of unfurnished flat anywhere in the space. So you guys are taking business, and also you guys are just getting lusted and also very intolerant. What is the problem, man? Just talk about it. Talk to the management. Yeah.

(16:19) I: So to deal with all these that you mentioned, were there any measures or strategies you used to cope with safety concerns in this environment?

(16:30) P: Not really, because I do not know exactly what measures to take from- for these like I mentioned that first of all, for a fact, localites will not help me, so I do not know what to exactly take help externally. Now internally. Another thing is that we know this is some kind of a thing that will go on happening no matter wherever we go. So just it is that I whenever, if I have to, if I'm public transport, if I'm traveling, I'll have the Google Maps on. Same goes with book an auto. It's- I know that they are following, they are also following the map, but I'll also open my map until and unless I reach the destination. So that is something that I always do. I remember during our first Community Service, two of my friends. They used to sleep in the auto because they know that I will be checking the Google Map. That is literally my thing. I'm always very much hyper vigilant in there, so that that is, that is all I can do. And also, like there is the emergency contact saved in Uber of my friend and my relative. So by chance, anything, I do not know if that will even help if there is really some emergency, but that is all I think can be done from our side, like I have, I have done the same thing. When I relocated from my hometown to Kolkata three years back, I used to do the same thing. I figured out the whole navigation thing, the transport thing, and Google map was always just there. So it's like, and also like, you know, being very much like, Is everything fine, everything in my bag handy. I always have one safety pin or the other in my bag just, I'll just just come and just put in here, please. Whatever you want to do on me. I'll just put safety pins. So those things I feel like something you just go on acquiring that becomes one of the survival things.

(18:28) I: So were there any specific routes or things that you would avoid during daytime?

(18:34) P: Lanes, I will just not take the lanes, basically. So yeah, but I have also kind of forcefully taken the lanes at around 7:38 I have taken I saw a lot of Christ students moving, so it was not really a much of a problem. But yeah, I will usually avoid but I have tried the lanes as well. So yeah, but my point is, I just walk very fast. No matter what, I always have my earphones

on, and I walk very fast, and you don't see what is happening this the other places. So I'll just straightly walk, and I'll not look at anywhere. So I'll just avoid it also, basically that blocking, basically everything,

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All of this can also be very emotionally heavy, especially if it's a new place. So was there anything you did to cope with it emotionally? If it bothered you? Emotionally, if it is about safety?

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No, not much. It was like I have blocked the whole thing in that way only. And I again, like and said in the very beginning, I kind of had the confidence that I can do this because I have done this earlier. So I somewhere, yeah, somewhere it was, like, just because it was fine earlier, it will not it doesn't mean it will be fine now also. But somewhere it worked that, okay, I'll figure it out. Okay, I'll figure it out. And somewhere it just, you know, my. One of my coping is like humor. So it's like, Max, what will happen? I know what will happen. Max, like it just comes as humor and stuff. So Emotionally, I did not deal about the safety thing, because again, no place is safe taking in that way, no place is safe, even if I stay in hostel, that might not be safe. The PG might be safer than the hostel, but, no, it is usually not, but it completely depends on the environment now, so I do not think emotionally, safety has impacted. Yeah, a lot of other factors, like, if you say, like, the experiences, the family expenses, experience increased because of me and this whole uncertainty after this masters thing and also other personal stuff. So those are fine, but safety, I do not think it has impacted emotionally.

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Like you mentioned, the PG might be safer than hostel or vice versa. How did your living arrangement and the physical layout of your new environment affect your sense of safety. Like you said, the campus is in this location that you feel is not very safe. So how will the physical layout of this place and your living arrangement add to your sense of safety?

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Talking about the physical layout, my PG is situated in a very good place like that place is always surrounded with people, because it is not inside some lane or something. I do not have to walk a lot inside. It's just on the Vishal Mega Mart is here on that lane. If I go, like from that big wala lane, if I go two to three minutes, the PG is just there, so it's not like even if I return at 10pm I will, of course, avoid the lanes, but even if I take the main road, it won't be a problem, since just beside my PG, there is Sapna supermarket. Every time it is crowded, there is another vegetable shop, like farmers cart, so every like fruits, vegetables, so people are always there. And also a lot of food places are just there, the small not even just being the small food, the street foods, basically the street vendors, a lot of places. So till 1010, 30, even till 11, I see students are just there. So I think the location of my PG is very good, so that way I feel it's fine. And even my PG has the biometric thing, and the caretaker is very good. So basically, a lot of PGS which have biometric literally outside, so you can enter anytime, but no, since he stays with his family in the ground floor, he closes the gate at 1030, 45, around, yeah, if you see him, he will open the door later. So that is fine. It might be late. A lot of people from office also comes late. But our previous layout is there is door outside which collapsible, basically it can be closed. And then there is a second door, which is of biometrics. So it is usually fine. So that works. Arrangement is fine. So I feel like and they do not allow outsiders to come inside. Inside. No, they cannot. Now some I have to, I brought my friends, but that is till the evening, so they cannot stay at night

or something. So it's fine. So I do not feel much. I rather feel that this PG is much better than the other places. So it's okay. It works.

I: 23:36

So that arrangement and the layout itself makes you

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Yeah, like, because all, because the point is, again, the always the comparison comes since I look at it earlier, and since I stayed for three years in Kolkata, I stayed in a PG. I also shifted to a flat which was very much inside of a place. And I also shifted to hostel, which was, again, in a very crowded yet very secluded place. So I have experienced all those setups. So basically, a PG in a very crowded area, a flat in a very secluded area, and coaster in a very mix and match area. So I have experienced that three of the settings previously. So this feels like fine. This is totally fine. It's just that the local ads cannot do not like us, so cannot really help with that. It is not in my hands. So,

I: 24:30

Yeah, you mentioned before that, before you came to bang, you heard a lot about how safe it is here and how the lanes and streets and stuff are so has any new story or Social Media Online reports about this new location affect how safe you felt before moving or after moving.

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I did not really think much about the safety in Bangalore, usually, like I was very much worried about the expense and everything. I did not really think about the safety because it did not. Much occurred to me about the safety I just after shift, and also the algorithm works that way. Social

media algorithm works that way. So after shifting, and I, of course, not did not like the place, I still do not like the place, like the whole city as a whole, not just this place. I do not like the city as a whole. So there is all. I have never really seen a good news about Bangalore anyway, because I do not know, probably the algorithm can read minds. So I do not like Bangalore. I see posts against Bangalore, whatever happens, like some auto driver has slapped a person because of not speaking the language and all this used to just come to me. And specifically, of course, the weather changing. The Bangalore people say the weather is very good. I find it very hot. So it it kind of just, I do not like the place. The algorithm just synced with me, so I only get bad news. So yeah, basically that kind of content is what I engaged with earlier. So it just occurs. Sometimes I just avoid so that is it. So I didn't previously this, everything will not occur to me much.

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So even before you moved, have you seen any news or social media about like you mentioned, cab driver slapping the girls.

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I do not remember much of that time after moving here.

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Have you seen those things that make you more reluctant, or anything after shifting here.

P: 26:15

There was this news. That is what that was here only in front of our campus, the slapping thing to a girl that was near our campus only, so I'm not sure, but that happens. It's not like it doesn't happen because, like last day, I went to my relatives place, and my friend also came there, and

she was telling the conductor about the stoppage, and the conductor understood that she's not from here, and he just, he was just acting like he did not understand what she was saying. And he like, took price of took more price, and gave her a ticket of the next stoppage. So instead of 30, she had to pay 40, and he was just constantly mocking her. She was saying and it but while getting down, she just said the driver, and the driver just stopped, and the punter was like, Ha. So those things, these are very subtle things, what I feel that they know, and they just act that way. They just act ignorant. Because I have seen conductors who are helpful as well, talking properly, guiding properly, and there are some who just, it just shows that they will not help you. And that is one, I will not say it's the problem that is the system here, but you just get into the bus, you just step and you have to pay. Like, let me stand. Take out my bag. There is no space in the bus. They were just no pay, no pay. Last day, I got into a bus and there was no place to stand. My one leg was almost out of the place, and the gate will close. I was like, like, wait. And it was like, 2828 28 and I was, I just looked at him. It's 730 in the morning. Shut up. I will pay you. I'm literally getting one of the last stoppage. Stop behaving like that, like I don't understand, like we will pay first of all, the entire woman community is not paying you. Kanata women community is not paying you because they have an adhar card of Karnataka. Anyway, you are getting money from us only just let us stay almost the door was shutting on my face. Like, wait. Like, no, no money. Money. Talking to them is useless. So it shows

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How does that impact your sense of safety?

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It was not an unsafe thing. It just felt like if sometimes the situation goes unsafe, these people will not help you, so you are just unsafe, because these people cannot even wait, like for two

minutes for the person to stand properly and then give the money. It's like the other women are going out for the next stoppage and stuff, and he just wants his money, like he can wait for two minutes, nothing will happen. They are already running, taking a lot of money to for everything. So it's okay. So that's like, these people are very they are not. They are just apathetic. And also they are pathetic. So safety comes. If I talk about safety in the distance, it's like, if some problem occurs, these people will not help you other. They will just provoke the whole situation. Totally depends on what kind of person they are.

I: 29:38

Has making any new social connections influenced your sense of safe, feelings of safety. Like you said, You made some new friends after coming here, has that helped your sense of safety?

P: 29:52

No, not really making new connections has not helped, because it's like I am the because it's like they used to sleep in the auto right? They knows that I will be doing. So it's not like I am being taken care of. It's like it's my responsibility of myself and others. So it's not like I have grown any sense of safety. It's just my sense of being hyper vigilant, and my sense of using Google Maps and navigating the whole place for myself has gone reinforced, not like it has been taken care of or something small.

I: All of this can be very stressful, so how did the stress of safety impact your sense of safety? having to come to a completely new city, moving in, finding a new place to live, things like that, that stress, or adjusting to the place even. P SEP

P: First of all, financial safety, because Bangalore is a place all this well I was talking about the other places. but relocating to Bangal, it's all about some financial safety, which I find it's very important. I probably because I questioned myself a lot before moving in, because adgnition was

fine, but the amount of money I have to send for just existing in this place. Like I am a person who do not go for clubbing or anything. I do not like, better I will just, even if I have to socialize then drink, I will rather stay at a room and with my close friends and I will do that and I will whole night I will talk or maybe just sleep even. That is fine. But I do not like going out much anyway. If you just like going out there, it has to be some, you know, like open space and stuff like that. I'm not like closed space and all. So I do not go out much in Bangalore. But yet I cannot say anything. Is the basic necessities like it's a grocery I do not because PG provides food, but you have to something on the other in the room. One random transportation and some very my medicines, basic things and the money is gone. So financials, you have to do something that is very problemable. Initially I thought I will just cancel the admission because admission is fine. It's like a one-time thing and stuff. But the monthly experiences here are much, like very much and very unnecessary. And somewhere it has been normalized so much that it's like, yeah, that is normal, which is kind of not. It is is not. So I think more than other portions of safety, the financial safety has affected emotionally, physically, and everywhere, and it's still affected.. Like every day I still question myself, is the whole what's the whole thing, what it like? Am I having enough education? Am I having enough quality of education here that can justify my admission fees as well as all these monthly expenses I have and all these. Like I say, the unnecessary field internship that they have given us thisister, even after the the whole summer internship and the next coming internships, I do not understand the whole weekly once in a week thing that is just, I do not know. So all these extra things and also after so much of money, not like this place is providing us any good workshop or something for free. It's like any proper workshop, even in the campus itself itself, you have to pay for it. And not like 100 to hundred It's starts from 1500. So I question about a lot about the financial safety here. So when youre Bangular, it's a lot of question about like co questioning myself, degrriting, having a

bad spiral emotionally, or maybe just physically feeling sick about the whole financial stuff, because that that place is very unsafe for me at least here. So, yeah. Can you recall a time where this stress and anxiety that you mentioned made you feel more vulnerable in your surroundings? Yeah, Almost every day. It makes me feel so. I see a lot of I see most of the people around me, in the class, even in the campus and in the PG and everywhere. And I feel like I am I am an imp boosterster here because of the way they just carry them. I know a lot of people fakes, but not always. So, yeah, because honestly, I did not make friends' friends here. So, like, with whom I'll just prefer going out for a cup of tea or something. They don't even have a stall of tea and everything is so perfect.ly. Like, that is not even tapri So that feels like a very sense of loneliness here because I am a person I like staying alone. But this place brings a very much sense of loneliness because it's here, it's like if I am having friends and they want to go out and stuff, maybe the type of outing is not matching or the financial situation is not matching and going out, having good food needs a certain amount of money, which I can cannot afford, basically. Being very practical, I cannot afford that. And Banggalore has bad food. So coming from Bengal, Bengal just has bad food. So I amm not going to spend50 rupees even in public transport for traveling and then400 rupees on some stupid food that will not even feel half of my stomach. I'm not doing that. So I feel that like I have not made enough friends because of that as well. So somewhere, the whole everything makes me very vulnerable at the end of the day that it was just another day in college. I cannot wait to get this over. And honestly, I cannot wait to get over with just because, again, this place has not given me anything as such, that you say about a satisfied sense of belongingness or some high profile exposure that they talk about in Christ university or some social support or friendships or anything. So if it is talking about some emotional safety as well, I don't find it here. Besides that physical safety outside and everything.

I do not find my financial or emotional safety also getting fulfilled here. So that I think makes me well notable.

I: Last question. Can you please share an experience where cultural differences in your new environment, if any, influenced your sense of safety? Cultural differences in the sense, you mentioned how the language barrier or how they behave is very different from what you' used to. And you relocated before in Kolkata. But even then you find this place to be very different. So any cultural misunderstandings arose or any differences that made you feel unsafe?

P: The thing is, when I look at it in Kolkata, that was still my own language and people, there are, I don't know. I feel like, I have not visited Mumbai, but what I hear about Mumbai, I feel Kolkata and Mumbai are kind of similar because old city and stuff and uh homely thing, a sense of that, street foods and everything. I do not find anything here. This place, Bangalore itself, looks like an artificial shallow place, which is just made on random high-d buildings. They do not even have proper street food, street food. Even the street foods, they are just someh that they are just bad. So I think besides language, the most cultural differences, I feel it's a personal bias, of course. Bangalore itself not have its own culture. It's the mixture of every other place. It doesn't have its own culture. So a Tamil person here will not judge you because you cannot speak Kadika. Kannada, I mean. So they will not judge you. But people will always judge you like, you know, you' not have a language, you're not know culture. I do not know what's Bangalore's culture is. Dossa is not food of Bangalore. It's a food of Chennai. biryani is definitely not of Bangalore. It is it tastes very bad. Like It's of Andra Pradesh, birani and if I talk Bengalsu birani that. So I did not find any cultures here that I'll be differentiating because everything is very mixed up and that they consider of theirs, and then they become intolerant to be people who are not used to some mixed up culture, which is not even some original thing. So it gets very like problematic. And the thing is, I understand that the South Indian Indian people,

they do not really like the North Indian, but I'm not even a Nort Indian and I'm literally from was like the east. I'm not even from the north. But it's like it's treated as a whole, right? So the whole point just goes like okay, whatever. So, yeah. So I did not really find cultural, culture different, but yeah, everything refers and that just influences a lot of things, especially when it comes to food.. It's like, no, like, no, it just doesn't occur to me in that.

I: Thank you so much much for that. Is there anything else you would like to add on about your safety perceptions following your reloation or anything else you would like to say?

P: No, it's just that whoever is relocating for the first or even for the second or third time, it is tough. It is very tough, but it's okay. We all just can do it. It feels like it's very overwhelming at times. It's not like I do not find things overwhelming just because I have done that earlier. but I really hope all this struggle, whatever I or any one of us, everyone is from, very few of us are from here, basically. So everyone here. I just hope everything makes sense later. So everything is worth it. That is it. Otherwise, there is no point of everyday just existing here. So all this, because relocation itself is a huge thing. from every aspect. So I just hope it is all worth it at the end.. I worrying about safety on a daily basis. Worrying about every kind of safety on a daily basis and dealing with it all by you yourself. So it has to be a little fruitful, so otherwise it is just no point, so yeah.

I: Thank you so much.