D TRANSCRIPT

I: INTERVIEWER

P PARTICIPANT

I: 0:00

Yes, can you hear me?

P: Yes, hello.

I: Thank you so much for participating in my research about women's safety perceptions following relocation. I just wanted to ask if you had the chance to read through my consent form.

P: Yeah, I did okay.

I: Thank you. Do you consent to being audio recorded?

P: Yeah,

I: would you be okay with video recording this meeting?

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I prefer not to please. Is that possible?

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Yes, yes, that's understandable. Okay. Are you okay with me using this data file for my dissertation and my researcher having access to it?

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Ah, yeah, that's fine. Okay,

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thank you so much if you're ready. Can we start with the intro questions, okay, can you please pick a pseudonym for yourself?

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Does D work?

I: Yes, okay. How old are you? D?

P: 22

I: Okay, and what is your gender?

P: Female,

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

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Bangalore, to Lucknow in UP,

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okay, and what was your reason for relocation?

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There was a specialized course that was not there in Bangalore, so

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I went here. Okay, so for education, would you say?

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yes, okay.

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And you moved within the past six months, correct?

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I think it was like five months ago at the point like January, this January, okay, okay.

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And what is your living arrangement

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for? I used to be in like the, you know, the uni hostel, but I moved towards the Fiji afterwards. Okay, okay.

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Shall we start with the main questions, if you're ready, yep, okay, can you please tell me what does the concept of safety mean to you? So this can be both physical safety and also, like emotional comfort, just what helps you feel secure in a space?

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Can I just have, like, a moment to think on that, yeah, sure, sure, sure. Um, so, like you said, there's like, multiple layers, right? Safety. There's first the physical aspect, then there's the mental aspect and there's the emotional aspect. Yeah, so do you mean an overall or each individual,

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anything that helps you feel secure in a space, whether that's your physical safety or emotional or even both, just what helps you feel safe in a space? What does being safe mean to you.

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I think the ultimate form would be familiarity with the surroundings and with the people, especially when you talk about, like, locations and moving Oh, because if you know, then you don't have to worry about things. I mean, there's, I guess there's, like, when you know it's bad, then there's the worries and anxieties. But the more you know about location and about people in location, you can also like actively work to keep yourself more secure and safe. So yeah, okay, so

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would you say that getting to know the place more and getting to know the locals things like that. Would you say that helps you with feeling safer in a space? Yes, okay, and how would you say that translates when you've just moved to the place that you're in in up, like you said you just moved within the past month. So how, how did you navigate that? Like, obviously, you're not very familiar with the place, so when you first arrived, what made you feel safe or what made you feel unsafe? Like, what was your concept of safety when you arrived?

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Oh, it was very well, frankly, it was very terrifying and anxiety inducing, especially at the beginning, because new place completely unknown. I tried to do research beforehand. Yeah, I

tried to look into like, Oh, where are the good spots? Why? Where do the university students usually live? Where the like, you know, I try to look into like, the, what's it called, like, the community, community, communal areas, right? So where, like, maybe there's more people or more women hanging out, specifically, again, there's also, like, a sort of, like, sense of like, oh, there's relatability when there's moment there, which it's one of the things that's like less here that I see up, especially in the streets, but there was that factors taken away the people like, there's also like a difference in how everyone is, obviously, is like cultural differences. So it's not so there's also this feeling of being an outsider, sort of that made me feel even more like singled out, I guess, is the word like, it was also easily noticeable for everyone. I had, like, a bit of a different accent, I guess, and I didn't have the same amount of like, clothing style, I guess, is a good way to keep it okay. So, yeah, there was that was making me very like, they made it hard to connect and build the safety net I discussed before, like, the social safety net. But like, you know, classes have so many people there, right? So it's still, you'd find people that you can connect with, and then through, like, finding people there in classes and making friends here, I've been able to sort of like, try and, you know, make, make it more safer, through getting, like, firsthand experience, not firsthand, yeah, wait, first hand information of the city, so it makes it more, makes it feel more like, yeah, okay, at least I know what I'm doing a little bit more now.

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Okay, thank you. Can you please describe your initial perception of safety upon relocating. So what was your first impression of the area? How did things like public transport and just your general surrounding seem like to you did? Did you feel safe? Did you feel unsafe or you felt indifferent? Like, how was your first impression of the place that you relocated to?

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I feel like it's or maybe for other boats, different but for me, any new location is, like, immediately unsafe, because I don't know the routes, especially when it comes to public transport. How am I supposed to know that the bus is going the right way, or the rickshaw, the auto is going the correct way, and not like, veering out some other secondary location? That's something that's really, really concerning.

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So just not being familiar, like you said, is, yeah, because I can't, like,

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for example, back home, I knew the roads, I knew the ways, I knew which busses which go where, and like, of course, I didn't know every single person that was there, but I sort of was able to, like, I knew the vibe of everyone back home, and like, I could tell people when they weren't, um, exactly when they weren't exactly, like, having good intentions. I could avoid that easily, normal, not easily, but it was more easier to spot, at least. But here, with everything being so different, it's harder to tell the differences. I mean, yeah, large detail like what's just different because of cultural norms being slightly different here, or it's red flags I should be wary of. So for example, sometimes, uh, when I'm like, talking like an auto take me places. It's like, I don't know the roads as well as I do. So it's always like nervous the other background, like, what if I'm not going in the right direction? You know? So at the beginning, it was definitely very like anxiety inducing.

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So would you say that's your initial perception of the place it was you didn't feel that it was safe?

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Uh, yes, for me, like the things I can't see the place itself is unsafe because, like, I guess it's more so that I'm new here, so I wouldn't know how to navigate it, but I don't want to see a blanket statement on, oh, the city is not safe in general, but just, you know, it's a new place for me, so It felt unsafe.

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Okay, understandable. Would you say your perception of safety has changed over time, after you moved like things, like your surroundings becoming more familiar to you, learning the local language, or just figuring out how to get around, like you mentioned before, like you didn't know the place, you didn't know how to get around. So once you were able to figure that out a little bit more. Did that help in changing your perception? Or would you say it stayed the same? It

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definitely helped make things easier. Like, for example, when I figured out, like, the exact pathway and roads that are near my uni and from my PG, and I didn't have to worry about that leg of journey much anymore, the point where, like, I didn't and again, there's also like, better, like, people I know nowadays, so that could help you send them a live location, just in case. So there's like, also a sense of that, like, sort of trust, I guess, liability upon the community that's been built up as well. So that's much nicer, and definitely makes it easier when I have someone

else with me going outside, instead of having to go with myself for like, groceries or whatever. So yes, as well.

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So how would you say your perception has changed since the first time you arrived?

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Can you explain what you mean by perception, like, of the city or of the concept of safety?

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Your perception of safety, how safe you feel in that environment?

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Um, yes, it has gotten better. Like, again, since I'm becoming more familiar with also the with, like the roads, the maps, all that stuff, I feel more secure, I guess I'd say, I wouldn't say safer completely, like feel safe, but more secure in myself and my ability to get around without having to, like, panic, I guess.

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And how did that make you feel? Did that give you more confidence to explore the place more and things like that.

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Oh yes, it made me like, first of all, like, without one moment. Let me just try and like, gather my thoughts for a bit. I'm trying to figure out how to explain this thing is like, constantly when it was when I first came this it was constantly in the back of my mind, right? It just wouldn't leave. Even if I'm studying for, like, you know, uni, it's like, okay, it's a completely new environment. So yes, after time when I did not, when I got more familiar with, like, the area and stuff, I was able to not have that bottom in the back of mind. Was able to focus more on having fun with my friends or studying and what's up and again, since I now knew people I trusted here, I could also trust to go like outside of my comfort zone with them, like as long as they're there. I don't mind going, veering off the path. I don't mind expanding, I guess, my mental map. I don't know if that

counts, but like my knowledge of the area, because, again, there's like a guiding hand now with me, right? So, yes, okay, in that sense, it has changed. Sorry. What was your question? Again, I answered

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if your perception of safety has changed since you first arrived?

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Oh, okay, so yes, I do feel more comfortable. I do feel more confident when I go out with other people. But again, wedge just for myself in two areas. I'm not like regularly going there's always a bit of, like, more hesitance than there would be if I was back home. Okay, so, yeah,

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like you mentioned, it feels easier if you have someone with you and things like that, or even sending your live location makes you feel a little bit safer. So are there any other measures or strategies that you have adopted to cope with your safety concerns? Maybe you avoid certain places, or you only travel during the day, or, like you mentioned, rely on your friends for guidance or just anything. Have you? Can you please talk a little bit about any measures or strategies that you use to feel safer.

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Oh, yes, okay, so definitely make me sure I go out during the daytime, even when it's really hot, which annoys me a lot. I will say it becomes really inconvenient between classes and the heat. I really don't want to go outside when I don't want to, especially when I have to walk or anywhere like that, is very I feel I not this might just be amazing, but, like, it feels more risky. Sometimes, just walking to the grocery store that's five minutes away, then going to uni, that's like a 10 minutes auto right away, even though, like, technically, with an auto, you're already with a stranger, but they can, like most apps have, like the tracking system, so that's I rely on that a lot, the live tracking, and then there's information being shared another person and all that stuff. So that's been really useful.

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Do you send it to your friends or your family members? Like, who do you send it

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to mostly like my roommate. I trust her a lot, so I always let her know if I'm going somewhere, and she let me know if she's going somewhere. We're not going together. Okay, okay. Usually we do try to make like, trips that are like near sunset together if we're going anywhere, just in case. But yeah, we won't leave the house by ourselves at night, especially. Okay, so that would you say? That's a

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strategy that you use, avoiding certain times of the day, making sure that you have company when you go out. Does that help you feel safer?

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Yes, I feel like it does a lot to make me feel more assured. And I feel like it's a good strategy. I feel like it works, okay, nighttime is technically more dangerous, and being alone is always a indicator of, oh, there's a target. Blah, blah. Okay.

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Sorry. One second is your Wi Fi, okay, I can't exactly hear you. Oh,

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can you hear me now?

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Yes, yes, I can. Thank you. Mentioned how you have a lot of trust in your and even sharing your location with her, and knowing that she's home and things like that helps you feel a little bit more safe when you go out, when you're alone, and most of the time you take her with you and things like that. So can you please speak a little bit about how making new social connections has influenced your sense of safety? So having someone to travel with, someone to navigate the place with if you're going some place far. So how has making new social connections influenced your feelings of safety?

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Okay? So, like I said before, I really value having knowledge of the location to try and like, make myself safe, right? So thankfully, the roommate I got assigned with she is a local, so she had she knew all like the tips and tricks paths and like paths to go, paths to avoid things like that. So I've been learning a lot from her, and we've actually, like, grown pretty close. So I'm really glad that I met her. She's, like, really sweet, but yeah, so with her, even with my university friends, we she has a different course technically. So when I say universe friends, I don't mean her, but my university friends, when we're like, when we go outside to grab like a meal or a snack or something, or we stay late for project, they're really, really nice to me, especially because, like, they know I'm from, not here, basically. So again, like I said, there's still, like, the outsider effect that's very prominent with strangers. But I'm glad, like, I found very nice people that, like, helped me with it, and they helped me, like, find my way. And they show me like, Oh, here's a good spot to eat. If you're ever lost, call this number, or if you're in this area, go to this pathway. Don't use this path. Use these roads. These roads are the ones you should avoid at night, only things like that. So that helps a lot. There's also, like the, I guess, I'm not sure, explaining, but again, like humans pack animals, so socializing is very high on the ladder for people to feel comfortable and safe. So there's also just the community aspect that, oh, I know people here, I trust people here, so that really, really helps just having that, like, emotional connection, and knowing that emotional connection is there,

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I understand when you first relocated, like, Did you immediately make these friends. Was there a period of time where you weren't that close to your roommate, or you weren't that close to these friends? How did you navigate that time period of not having these social connections? Do you think it made much of a difference?

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It really, really did. Because at the beginning I was again, I said before I was like, terrified to go anywhere that wasn't direct uni or direct back to dorms, right? And again, I was also, like, shy, like I was the most outgoing we had, like a university group chat. And my university friends, I found them through that group chat, like one of them messaged me and invited me to, like, discuss some class project, and then we hit it off. From there, I'm so glad I almost never approach people, so I was so thankful for that, and we started bonding through that. Okay, so before, um, before we met properly in uni, I would try and again, there's, you don't know what, where is safe, where isn't safe. So what I would try and do, I try and stay in, like, the most, not too crowded that you wouldn't notice anything, but not empty, I guess, either, like, maybe, like a decent amount of people, like, let's say half filled or more, not completely full rooms or cafes. So

that's how I would like have like as a parameter for if I should go into that room or stay there and or not.

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So sorry, what? What do you mean by

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that? Okay, for example, the library, if I know the library between, let's say, 3pm to 7pm is half full. I feel like that's a good reasonable amount of people to be there, that nothing too bad should happen. But that's only like a one group of people in, like a corner that's like it doesn't feel as safe like safety numbers, if that makes sense, but not too many numbers as well, because some people are fine with that. But to me, if a room is way too crowded too then it also feels like anything could happen. Nobody would have noticed because of how many people there are. So if it's like, I don't know if there's like, I can't explain like, that specific parameter, but this is almost not too many people and not too few people, then it feels like it's a safe room, if that makes sense, like that room is okay to be in without having to worry. Okay, I understand.

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Can you please tell me? Oh, sorry, no, sure. Go ahead.

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I'll start with this, this one other thing, where it's like, if they're more women in a room, then that's usually also safer, yeah, especially when it's like outside in like restaurants or other areas.

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Okay, can you please describe any specific challenges or instance that have made you feel unsafe since your relocation? It can be anything from having difficulty with public transport, like you mentioned, you didn't really know the routes or the pathways that the busses were going in, or even the metro, if there is one there. I'm not sure about how it works in up, but I'm sure you were used to the Metro here in Bangalore, so changes like that, and just feeling isolated maybe like was language ever a barrier when you needed help, just any challenge or scenario that you can think of where you felt unsafe after moving.

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You mentioned public transport, for example. I already said like, for example, I feel like there's also the sense of like, oh, when there's an outsider, you can usually overcharge for autos and stuff. So there is that as well. But I don't know if that counts as like, a safety thing, but it did feel like, oh, there's like, what's the word? I'm sorry, the words escaping me, like, taking advantage of, like, my lack of knowledge of the area, that makes sense. That's something I'm always worried about.

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I understand, and then

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I'm sorry, yeah,

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no, no, I was just going to ask if there were any situations that made you feel unsafe after the relocation, if not public transport, just any situation.

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Um, once my friend and I were in a park and it was getting darker than usual, so we're trying to, like, we weren't leaving just yet. We were, like, about to leave so, but there was, like, a guy that was just following us around. Like, I couldn't tell, because, again, there was a decent number in the park. So when, so we were just sort of like, and it wasn't like a small park, it was like a pretty big park. So we were just like, slowly, like, move to a different area. We'd just be walking around the park, right? And then every now, then we'd see him also in the same area, like, just a little bit distance away. It was just, it was like, okay, either We're being followed or either it just big coincidence, and it felt so weird. Eventually he did a protest and try and say something, but we just sort of like, tried something. I couldn't understand what he said. P, my friend, I don't know if it was because of, like, the distance, or because he said something in a different language, but I couldn't hear him well, so we just started, like, leave as soon as possible. Afterwards, said, Oh, we're like, oh, we're waiting for someone. Oh, like, oh, the cars here or something. Oh, my brother's here gonna pick us up. So that was not exactly the most pleasant moment after that.

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So sorry. Continue, please.

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After that, we walked because my friends dorm was closer at this place, right? So we walked together to our dorm, and I waited for my roommate to come pick me up, because no, am I going there like and by myself. So yeah,

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you mentioned how the person was speaking in a different language. Since you're from Bangor, I'm guessing that you speak Canada and not Hindi. So yeah, were there any cultural differences, like the difference in language or social norms or things like that that made you, that influenced your safety once you relocated your sense of safety after you relocate any cultural differences or misunderstandings, language barriers, anything of that sort

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there. I mean, I guess it's like the security guard that's honestly, I feel like he's under this job properly. I don't, I don't know, okay, but sometimes he tries to say something, and I'm just having to constantly be like, sorry, sorry. And it feels like I don't know, like, if I had to trust him on to protect me, I could not, because we could not form a connection on, just even being able to say hello properly. I mean, we could say hello, but like, on, like, making a one normal conversation. Because, like, back home, I used to, like, near my building there is, like, security guards, right? So my mom or my dad, who have said hi to people, and this is like I'm saying throughout my childhood, like there's this thing, like, making yourself known in an area, especially, we're supposed to protect it, so that way we have, like, it's like, a connection, a social connection, a community connection. And then obviously, it's not, not in a manipulative way, but in, like, always, like, they'll feel inclined to actually, like, take care of something for you, if you so ask, like, if I said, Oh, I'm running late, can you just stay with me for a second? My roommate is outside. I just don't want to. I need, like, someone to help pick me up if, or if I need someone to, like, hold something for me for a second. Or, like, I'm doing some sort of errand, or I won't, like, oh, okay, I don't know. I can't think of samples right now. Sorry, but it's useful to know the people who are supposed to be in charge of your protection, and it's useful to make connections with them. But this, I was just not able to properly connect because language. It just felt so humiliating as well, personally, because I couldn't again, like, I have, like, a bit of an accident. So it just feels like, Oh, my God, I'm messing everything up so badly. I

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understand. And

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then there's again, the transport thing, where it's like, oh, people will mainly speak in Hindi. And I'm just like, Okay, I don't know what you said, but I think that was the location I was talking about.

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Oh yeah, I guess, yeah, I understand. Can you please describe how the stress of relocation may have affected your perceptions of safety? Like, did you ever feel vulnerable, or like did the homesickness if there were any affect how you felt in this new environment? If you feel felt a little bit more unsafe because you missed your friends or your family and you didn't know anybody, there anything of that sort.

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I don't think homesickness played a role, because, again, I didn't, because I did sort of compare the two in my head, like, oh, this would be better if I was home. This would be easier to just go outside at night and night, friends here just not possible for me personally. So there are those things that, again, I don't feel safe enough, obviously, just go outside with, even with friends at like, late at night or even dinner, unless it's like new uni. I um, but like, again, that could just be, like, more of a meeting, because I'm still not, like, completely 100% sure of everything on this location yet. Sorry, can you see your question

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again? If the stress of relocation has affected your perceptions of safety. So some people, the homesickness and the unfamiliarity it really gets to them and adds their stress of finding a place to stay, getting used to the place, etc, and that might tend to make them feel a little bit more unsafe or a little bit less prepared for whatever might come their way. So I was just wondering if you've experienced anything of that sort.

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Okay, so again, there's also the outsider effect. Oh, wait, that's really what it's called, sorry, but like the othering, that happens, especially, again, since my

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Hold on one second, I

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can't exactly hear you. But is it better not- sorry, I got, I got a phone call, but I had to tell her I was in an interview. Sorry,

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that's okay. That's okay. Don't worry about it. Can we continue? If you ask, okay, yes. Do you need a minute that it's okay?

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If you do, let me just message her, okay? One second,

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sure, sure, take your time. It's okay. You

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okay, sorry, I am back now. Hello,

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oh, sorry I was on mute. Sorry,

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it's okay,

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okay, sorry, if you're Shall we continue? Yeah, okay. Sorry, I was asking how your living arrangement and the physical layout of your new environment affected your sense of safety, so where your campus is located, where your PG is, or even how the streets are, if there are surveillance cameras, if there's a lab, street lights, things like that. How has those things affected your sense of safety?

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Well, there aren't really many security cameras, which is very it's not relieving. It's kind of upset, especially in the alleyways or, like, when, like, the closest way to get to the, like, nearest supermarket, it's like a minute, like five minutes, or one minute walk away, depends on how fast you're running. Um, it's, it's decently lit up, but not as well as I would like, I would say, okay, so it is, it can be tense, so I try to avoid going at night and suffer the daytime heat. It's very hard.

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Would you say it was easy to get to places like to your college or anywhere else that you needed to be? How did you feel about walking or commuting alone in that environment where your campus was or where your PG was? The streets,

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sometimes the roads are a bit more like what sort like. They're like cracks and bumps and things like that. The Lord, the roads aren't exactly like I word, but it's only where that's coming in my mind right now. But I'm kind of, like, worried like, Oh, what if I'm walking and then, like, I trip or something, and then I, like, twist their sprain, and I go, like, how am I gonna make my way out of here? And especially in the beginning, I was like, oh my god, oh my God, to be so, so psychic or walking anywhere again. Now have my roommate. I mean, your friends, like, like, in Silver Line and be like, Guys, get me out of this, please, if I'm alone. So, yeah, there's also the fact that, like, especially on that, I feel like there's some street lights that are by the PT that aren't, um, they're not exactly the best. They're flickering, and it makes it so, like, spooky. It's like, oh my god, this is not, I would not survive this. I cannot go there, in that direction. Um, but yeah, so, like, there's also fact, again, even like the building itself, I can't trust the cameras of the PG to be working properly, so it's like, I think I'm gonna get my own security camera from my own room. Thank you.

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I understand. So would you say it has taken away from your sense of safety, the living arrangement.

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Yes, it is not like as up to code as I would want it to be or as I would dream it to be, okay. And there's also, again, like when I mentioned, like security guard, it's not the most reliable social net over here, I

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understand. Would you say that this has affected your emotional safety in any way? Like, for example, has this facilitated any feelings of homesickness? Of you know, like you, you're not used to this place and the streets, like you mentioned, you don't feel very safe. So has it added to your emotional safety in any way?

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There is sense of like, Oh, if I was at home, I would not have to worry about this. Oh, if I was at home, I could be able to do this easily, without having to overthink it 50 times, or without having to grab someone or tell someone my live location, like that would just have been needed. But now just so many like cautionary measures that everything feels more tense, it's harder to like, enjoy life, I guess is that kind of an emotional safety thing?

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Yes, of course.

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Can you expand more on what you mean by emotional safety like

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Sorry, one moment.

P: 6:39

Hello? Can

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um, sorry. Can you hear

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me? Oh, yeah, I can hear you now.

I: 6:52

Okay, so we were talking about um emotional safety, right?

P: 6:57

Yeah. Can you expand a little more on what you mean by that,

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yes, of course, just being able to express yourself and feeling secure in a space where you can just be yourself without any fear or any negative consequences, just being able to be yourself and just feeling comfortable in that space, okay, so that

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confidence in like your Okay, yeah, there's Also, again, like I said, there was like, the like, senses, like an outsider, but I always feel more nervous. And there's also, like, the clothing stuff where it's like, I used to not like, I used to be like, Okay, I'm just gonna wear, I don't know, t shirt, jeans. I'm just gonna wear, like, whatever before. But over here a lot more conservative. So it's always like, you know, I'm not wearing the same style I used to. And it's not that I wore, like, what's the word? It's not like the word. The clothes I wore with, like, tight or anything, but they weren't like, as conservative we hear I was, like, people here usually wear so I've been pulling back a bit on that stuff, trying to I'm trying, like with my friends down, I'm trying to expand my closet to have clothes that fit in more but also have a bit of my own usual style so I can feel a

little more confident again. Yeah, but that's like a work in progress. I haven't really done too much in that area, but that is something I want to do.

I: 8:24

Okay, I understand. Thank you for sharing that. For my last question, I just wanted to know if you heard any new stories, or you witnessed anything on social media about this new location that you were moving to, and if that had any effect sensitivity. Effect, any posts or news articles,

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maybe even positive. Sorry, one second. Can you repeat your mic sort of sounded like strange. Please do that again. Can you hear me

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now?

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Yeah, now it's clear again. Sorry about that. I was

I: 9:01

just asking if you had seen any news articles or social media posts about up the place that you relocated to that made you feel a little bit more cautious, or maybe even something positive that made you feel at ease before you were moving, or even after you moved.

P: 9:19

Okay, well, positive first, because I am really thankful for this. There was a like, a girls group chat in our like, in my course, for like people to like, you know, try and bond more like share locations that are like, you know, more safer on average, and just like, chill and support each other. So that was really, really grateful. That was really nice. It's also an Instagram group the university has. There's, like, a, I guess, a girl power group. But I don't really, I don't know. I don't have opinion. I don't really follow that so, but in regards to before coming here, I said before I tried to, like, you know, research the area, try and, like, be more familiar before stepping which isn't really possible, you know, you always know more than what you're actually there. Yeah,

that's not enough to speed up on the area. So when I was doing my research, obviously there was the like there were, I feel like there were the expected amount of crimes that you would find in most places here. So it wasn't, it wasn't out of the norm. Even just read, even just the norm itself is pretty terrifying. So it didn't. So even though I know, like, technically, it's not too much worse. It was still very like tearful, because, again, I don't have like, a safety net as strong as I did back in Bangalore. So that was always like, so I feel like it was, I was more of like a higher risk being new here. So usually, if I saw those things in a piece I was familiar with or comfortable with, it would be okay. But since I was new to this place again, it even just that, like normal amount felt like a lot. It felt very like, Oh, my God, oh my god, anything could happen. Oh, I remember seeing this article, in like, an alleyway. Oh, I don't know if I can go down here, or I probably shouldn't go. We need to, like, oh, that light is flickering. I definitely can't go there. Shouldn't go anywhere near there. Sometimes I'll take this letter back home, because, like, you know, it's almost nothing, so it's just a flickering light. Who cares, right? I mean, obviously people care. But like, alexan, like, if I know the area and I know the alien, I don't know houses and other people, and this one clicking right, it's fine. It won't bother me. But here, even with familiar, it's not familiar enough for me to be like, Okay, I'll go anyways. Does that make sense?

I: 11:59

I understand. So even if you see an article about the place, if you've already been there and you have some sort of familiarity, you're less likely to feel more cautious of it. So what you meant,

P: 12:10

I would feel more cautious in the area itself as well. Not someone less of the area more so like the surroundings of like the crime, for example, those ones were like, oh, because of the flickering light, there was enough to like, do, like, a kidnapping thing in one of the streets nearby. So that was very, very terrifying. There was a friend I had who had a little sister, and she almost got kidnapped. It wasn't near here. Was near her school. Recently that was also very like, that made me very cautious of going near anywhere that a car could like, Park, if that makes sense, because it was directly from a car. Wasn't like being lured into the car. I live directly from a car, so I was always being, like, very cautious to stay away from like, areas where cars are driving by slowly, or, like, slow enough, like, you know, like streets in the middle, like, or anything, any

I: 13:13

isolated areas, if that's what you mean. Yeah. Okay, that's understandable. It'll definitely make you feel a bit more on edge if you hear things like that from somebody that you know personally. Is there anything else you would like to add about that?

P: 13:36

Oh, can you give me a moment to think about it? Yeah, sure, sure. So you're saying from, like, social media and new stuff, like, directly, right? Yeah,

I: 13:48

if there's anything, wouldn't say that's okay too.

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I mean, I guess there's this one of this adds anything, but there's a single like, since I'm more in the area now, people who live here, we'll talk more about things that happen here, right? So, yes, it's again, it's more pointed out how, like, how dangerous everything can be. So it's just a constant, like, oh my god, Alhamdulillah, was me, but I'm hurt, I'm sad that it was someone else, and I'm worried for them, and worried for me. I'm worried for my friends who were near the area, or it was, like one of their relatives, or they knew someone, and stuff like that. And I'm just like, it's not just worried for me, it's also worried for like, the people I know now, like when I see it from the history that I know, like, Oh, my friend visits this cafe. Like, oh, my God, that's very scary, I guess. Like, it also makes me more concerned for people everywhere else, because now I know the street names and all that stuff of where the people I care about are or where they like visit, like, so I don't know what I'm saying makes sense, but like, now I have names, and look, I have, like, pictures to the names of the places. So it makes even more scary, technically, a little bit, because I can imagine, like, Okay, I know this person goes to this place, I'm not there. So like for me and for myself, it's not as worrying, what's more so worrying for other people that I care about I understand. I guess I feel like they keep misexplaining it.

I: 15:38

No, that's okay. That's okay. What you said makes sense. It does make sense. Okay, thank you so much for sharing that it does make sense. Don't

P: 15:50

worry. I'm glad. Is there

I: 15:52

anything else you would like to add about the topic in general before we end the meeting? I

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I'm not I can't really think of anything now,

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that's okay. Thank you so much for your time. I really, really appreciate it.

P: 16:14

You're welcome. Thank you for this interview. It was nice.

I: 16:18

Thank you. It was really nice to get your insight. I really appreciate that. if you have any questions or anything please feel free to contact me and let me know. And I really had a great time. Thank you so much.

P: 16:31

Thank you.

I: 16:33

To Now you. Thank you so much.