

Problems faced by Rohingyas in India

What is the issue?

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- Union Home ministry's decided on deporting Rohingyas back to their state.

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- This move needs reconsideration

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What is the current situation of Rohingyas in India?

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- Many Rohingyas living in India have long term visas and refugee cards issued by the United National High Commission for Refugees, or UNHCR.

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- Majority of Rohingyas who fled to India are working for lower wages in Uttar Pradesh or Jammu or Haryana.

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- The reason why a lot of them make their way to Jammu is because the avenues for employment in the unorganised sector are more.

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- The men mostly work as scrap dealers and construction workers, making anything between Rs 150 to Rs 300 a day, while the women mostly stay at home to take care of the children.

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What are the problems Rohingyas are facing in India?

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- There are reported complaints open drains, unsanitary surroundings and slum-like conditions in the Rohingya camps across India.

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- Few children has been dead due to pneumonia, during the winter winds.

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- Snakes make a regular appearance during rains, as so do outbreak of dengue, diarrhoea and other diseases.
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- Some women refugees have reported instances of harassment.
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- The deporting announcements by Union government also made the community anxious.
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Why Rohingyas should not be deported now?

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- Deporting Rohingyas is against the constitutional guarantees to refugees in India.
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- It is also against the principle of non-refoulement.
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- The principle of non-refoulement or not sending back refugees to a place where they face danger is a principle of customary international law and is a part of various conventions that India has ratified.
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- Many individuals remain in internally displaced camps in the central Rakhine state at this situation it is inhumane to deport them back to their nation.
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