

Tracking Telangana.....

Tracking Telangana is an effort to go behind the scenes of the current Telangana movement. Reasons or outcome apart, this movement is extremely fascinating for its mass democratic character. Distinguished by wide ranging and active participation of diverse sections of population – farmers, lawyers, students, employees, women, Muslims, caste groups, professionals, this a moment in which different kinds of injuries and aspirations are being articulated through the notion of a ‘regional inequality’. One is witnessing the process of ‘Telangana’ itself acquiring a history, identity and cultural integrity. Dalits, a strong presence in several forums, are contending that Telangana’s culture is a ‘Sabbanda culture’ that is predominantly non-Sanskritic or un-Hindu. The Muslimness of Telangana is being rediscovered and rearticulated. Nizam is no longer a pariah, nor the questions of Police action and Muslim repression in this region are. Long suppressed in nationalist and communist histories, Muslims in the movement are demanding that their presence, contribution and rights be acknowledged. Backward caste and Dalit Students of Osmania University, faced with bleak employment scenario of the liberalized/globalized world are asking, what is wrong in loosing a year, when their entire future is at stake!

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