

PROJECT SAFE STAY 2.0

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE



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Covering Cyberabad's most densely populated working women and student hubs.

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11 Urban Clusters Covered in Cyberabad



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20 Score10 Team & Students



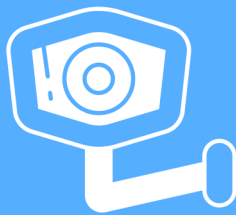
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SHE Team & Local Constables



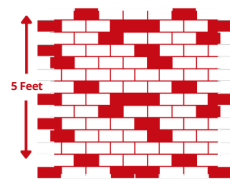
Locker Access

95%



CCTV Coverage

98%



Compound Wall

67%



Access Control

99.7%

Resident ID Proof validation



87%

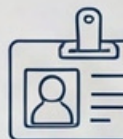


Staff ID

64%

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INTRODUCTION

Project Safe Stay is a comprehensive safety assessment initiative undertaken across 1008 Hostels, Paying Guest (PG) accommodations, and Co-Living spaces within the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate jurisdiction. Led by the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) in collaboration with Cyberabad Police, the initiative aims to evaluate safety infrastructure, security practices, emergency preparedness, and operational compliance across accommodation facilities catering to students and working professionals.

As Cyberabad continues to grow as a major hub for education, technology, and employment, ensuring safe and secure residential environments has become increasingly important. Project Safe Stay was envisioned not merely as a compliance audit, but as a strategic intervention to strengthen safety standards, promote accountability, and support the creation of safer living spaces through evidence-based assessments and stakeholder collaboration.

The project is aligned with the broader goal of making Hyderabad a model city for gender-responsive urban development, leveraging technology and community engagement (SHE Teams, SCSC forums) to build safer

METHODOLOGY

Project Safe Stay adopted a structured field-audit methodology to assess safety standards across 1008 Hostels, Paying Guest (PG) accommodations, and Co-Living spaces within the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate jurisdiction. The assessment was conducted by 20 Score10 team members and student volunteers, supported by 70 SHE Team & local constables personnel.

Hostel assessments were carried out using digitized checklists through Crypto Forms, capturing infrastructure images, safety practices, and compliance with the 10 Commandments issued by the Cyberabad Police. The collected data was cleaned, validated, and analyzed using univariate and bivariate analytical techniques to identify compliance levels, key safety gaps, and areas requiring intervention.

Supported by volunteer training, real-time field coordination, and expert review, this rigorous methodology ensured that the findings were both data-driven and grounded in operational realities, making Project Safe Stay one of the most comprehensive safety assessments conducted across Hostels, PGs, and Co-Living spaces within the Cyberabad region.

KEY COMPLIANCE INSIGHTS

INFRASTRUCTURE READINESS – STRONG BUT UNEVEN

Foundational safety infrastructure such as access control systems, CCTV surveillance, and individual lockers demonstrate high levels of compliance across 1008 Hostels, PGs, and Co-Living spaces. However, compliance varies notably by cluster, particularly for perimeter security and highlighting where targeted improvements are needed to bring all facilities to a consistent standard across the Cyberabad region.

ACCESS CONTROL



99.7%

Overall Compliance

Main gate access control is in place at nearly every hostel surveyed, with 1,005 of 1,008 properties confirming a functioning main gate. This is one of the most consistently implemented safety measures across the dataset.

↑ Highest: Gachibowli, Madhapur, Kondapur, Kokapet, Miyapur, Suchitra, Bachupally, Dundigal - all at (100%)

↓ Lowest: Medchal (98.8%)

Camera surveillance is deployed almost universally, with 990 of 1008 reporting properties confirming operational CCTV systems. Coverage remains consistently strong across nearly every cluster, with only minor variation at the lower end.

CCTV COVERAGE



98%

Overall Compliance

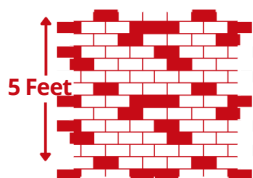
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↓ Lowest: Gachibowli (96.5%)

COMPOUND WALL

67%

Overall Compliance



This is the weakest link in the dataset. Only 677 of 1,008 hostels have a compound wall meeting the full 5-foot-height standard. The remaining either fall short of that height or report no applicable wall at all. Compliance is heavily concentrated in a handful of clusters, while others fall below the network average.

↑ Highest: Miyapur, Bachupally (100%)

↓ Lowest: Kondapur (26.8%)

Personal storage facilities are available at the large majority of hostels, with 958 of 1,008 properties confirming lockers/cupboards for residents. Compliance is high and fairly evenly spread, with softer numbers concentrated in the smaller clusters.

INDIVIDUAL LOCKERS



95%

Overall Compliance

↑ Highest: Miyapur, Suchitra (100%)

↓ Lowest: Dundigal (81.2%)

KEY COMPLIANCE INSIGHTS

HUMAN SURVEILLANCE & EMERGENCY READINESS – A KEY GAP

Human surveillance, real-time monitoring, and emergency preparedness systems are equally, if not more critical, especially in environments where residents live communally and vulnerabilities can escalate rapidly. Despite physical barriers, there are serious gaps in human-led monitoring and emergency preparedness infrastructure.

24/7 SECURITY



39.7%

Overall Compliance

Only about 4 in 10 hostels have security staff on duty around the clock. A large share cover only nights or have no fixed watchman schedule, which leaves gaps in daytime or rotating coverage where problems could go unnoticed.

↑ Highest: Kukatpally (53.1%) ↓ Lowest: Kondapur (19.5%)

Most hostels have fire extinguishers, but a large number still do not. Some areas are doing well, while others are missing this basic safety equipment, which puts them at risk in case of a fire.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



63.8%

Overall Compliance

↑ Highest: Gachibowli (91.4%) ↓ Lowest: Suchitra (37%)

EXIT PLAN

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15.9%

Overall Compliance

Very few hostels have a written or posted emergency exit plan. Even when there is a clear way to exit the building, most places have not documented it for residents and staff to follow during an emergency.

↑ Highest: Kondapur (26.8%) ↓ Lowest: Medchal (5.8%)

Most hostels do not keep a proper record of visitors. Without this, it becomes difficult to know who entered the building, which makes it harder to handle emergencies, complaints, or safety issues involving outsiders.

VISITOR REGISTER



15%

Overall Compliance

↑ Highest: PJR Nagar (32.5%) ↓ Lowest: Suchitra (0%)

KEY COMPLIANCE INSIGHTS

ENGAGEMENT & SOFT SAFETY – FRAGMENTED IMPLEMENTATION

While external surveillance and structural control have received moderate attention, the internal safety culture, especially resident communication, grievance mechanisms, and documentation protocols remains largely underdeveloped and fragmented across clusters.

COMPLAINT BOX

28.1%

Overall Compliance

↑ Highest: Madhapur (44.5%)

↓ Lowest: Suchitra (0%)



A critical feedback mechanism, the complaint box is absent in roughly 7 out of 10 hostels, silencing resident grievances.

NOTICE BOARD

24.9%

Overall Compliance

↑ Highest: PJR Nagar (51.6%)

↓ Lowest: Medchal (9.3%)



The weakest metric in this panel. Structured communication between management and residents is largely absent, even in the best-performing cluster.

FIRST AID BOX



41.8%

Overall Compliance

↑ Highest: Kondapur (63.4%)

↓ Lowest: Medchal (9.3%)

Basic emergency provisioning is inconsistent sector-wide. A couple of clusters have no first aid coverage whatsoever.

LICENSING

48.2%

Overall Compliance

↑ Highest: Kokapet (66.7%)

↓ Lowest: Kukatpally (33.2%)



The sector's second-weakest metric. Licensing status remains inconsistent across clusters, with even the best-performing cluster falling short of full compliance.

The strongest metric in this section. Most hostels reliably check resident ID. Even weaker clusters stay above average.

↑ Highest: Suchitra (96.3%)

↓ Lowest: Kokapet (71.6%)

ID PROOF VALIDATION



87.2%

Overall Compliance

STAFF ID ISSUED



55%

Overall Compliance

↑ Highest: Madhapur (83.6%)

↓ Lowest: Medchal (18.8%)

Most hostels confirm staff carry ID. A meaningful minority still don't. Coverage is solid overall but weak in a few clusters.

GUEST ENTRY RULES



17.7%

Overall Compliance

↑ Highest: PJR Nagar (39.7%)

↓ Lowest: Suchitra (0%)

Lack of clear guest entry rules. It creates security blind spots, allowing unauthorized access to go unnoticed.

CLUSTER WISE

KEY STRENGTHS&GAPS

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Strength

- 1.Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Individual Locker

Weakness

- 1.Visitor Register
- 2.Notice Board
- 3.Complaint Box

KUKATPALLY

Near-flawless security undermined entirely by almost zero visitor registration.

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MADHAPUR

Strong gatekeeping, but exits and entries go largely untracked.

Strength

- 1.Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Individual Locker

Weakness

- 1.Notice Board
- 2.Visitor Register
- 3.Complaint Box

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PJR NAGAR

Reliable physical security, poor grievance and communication systems.

Strength

- 1.Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Individual Locker

Weakness

- 1.Compound Wall
- 2.Visitor Register
- 3.Complaint Box

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GACHIBOWLI

Good access control, but residents have no grievance channel.

Strength

- 1.Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Individual Locker

Weakness

- 1.Visitor Register
- 2.Complaint Box
- 3.Notice Board

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MEDCHAL

Reliable security basics, yet first-aid readiness is nearly nonexistent.

Strength

- 1.Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Compound Wall

Weakness

- 1.First Aid
- 2.Notice Board
- 3.Complaint Box

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KOKAPET

Near-complete physical compliance, weak on visitor tracking.

Strength

- 1. Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Individual Locker

Weakness

- 1.Visitor Register
- 2. Complaint Box
- 3.Notice Board

CLUSTER WISE

KEY STRENGTHS&GAPS

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Strength

- 1.Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
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Weakness

- 1.Visitor Register
- 2.Notice Board
- 3.Complaint Box

KONDAPUR

Consistent physical safety, almost no resident communication.

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SUCHITRA

Strong perimeter and surveillance, but no formal resident safety net.

Strength

1. Individual Locker
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Access Control

Weakness

- 1.Complaint Box
- 2.Visitor Register
- 3.First Aid

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Strength

- 1.Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Compound Wall

Weakness

- 1.Staff ID Issued
- 2.First Aid
- 3.Notice Board

DUNDIGAL

Well-covered physically, weakest staff ID documentation.

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MIYAPUR

Complete physical infrastructure, zero resident-facing services.

Strength

1. Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Individual Locker

Weakness

- 1.Visitor Register
- 2.Complaint Box
- 3.Notice Board

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Strength

- 1.Access Control
- 2.CCTV Coverage
- 3.Compound Wall

Weakness

- 1.Visitor Register
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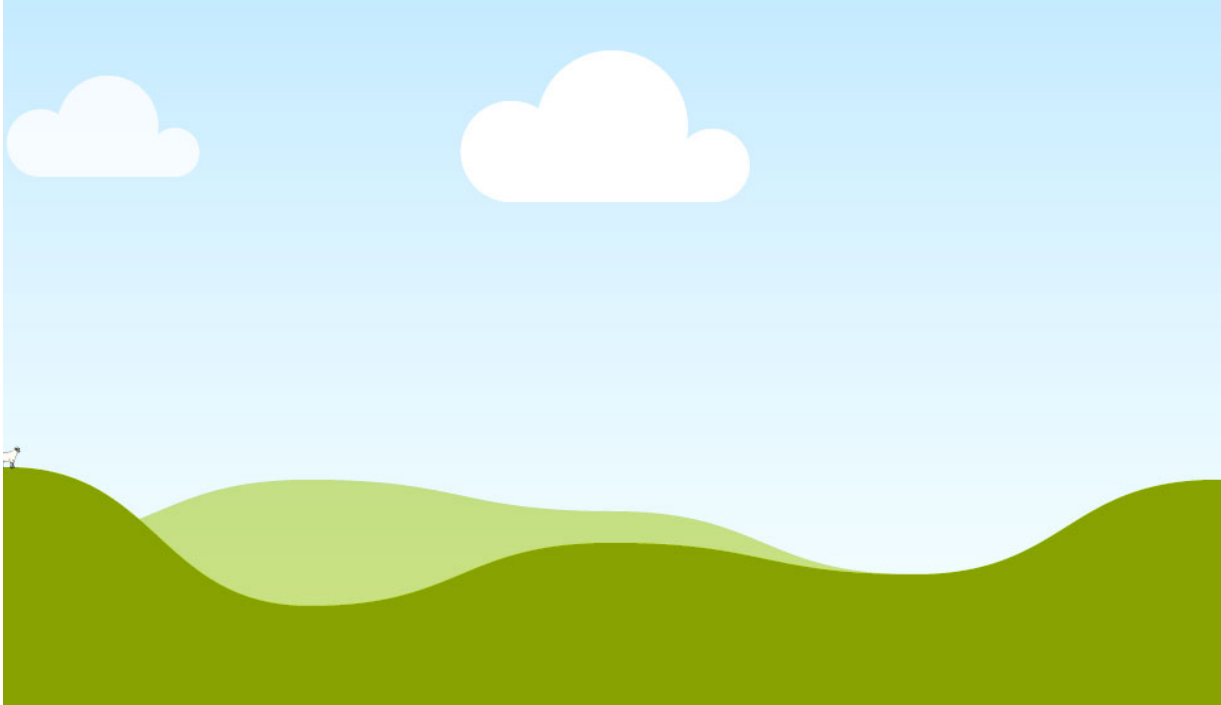
BACHUPALLY

Strong access but visitor and grievance systems lacking.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS & ACTIONABLES

FOCUS AREA	LEAD AGENCY	ACTIONABLES
Visitor Register & Tracking	Hostel Associations, Police	1. Pilot digital visitor logging in Miyapur and Suchitra, both at zero coverage. 2. We can set an interim target before full rollout. 3. Link visitor logging compliance to license renewal.
Grievance & Communication Infrastructure	GHMC, Hostel Associations	1. Introduce complaint boxes in Suchitra and Miyapur, the two clusters with no coverage. 2. Prioritize notice boards, the weakest metric sector-wide at 24.9%. 3. Use Madhapur's complaint box adoption, the highest in the audit, as a rollout model.
Staff verification & ID issuance	SCSC, Hostel Associations	1. Start staff ID issuance in Dundigal, the weakest cluster on both counts. 2. Align staff documentation standards with resident ID-proof standards. 3. Use Madhapur and PJR Nagar as reference clusters for rollout.
Emergency preparedness	Fire Dept, SCSC	1. Fast-track fire extinguisher and first-aid deployment in Medchal and Miyapur. 2. Introduce exit plans and SOS protocols in Medchal, where SOS coverage is lowest. 3. Pair equipment rollout with minimum night-staffing in Medchal and Suchitra.
Licensing compliance	Municipal Authorities, GHMC	1. Time-bound amnesty window for unlicensed hostels to regularise. 2. Require visible license display as a standing condition, not a one-time check. 3. Link annual renewal to the cluster's audit score, not just paperwork.

WAY FORWARD



Project Safe Stay provides a comprehensive assessment of safety standards across 1,008 Hostels, PGs, and Co-Living spaces spanning 11 clusters within the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate jurisdiction. The findings highlight strong compliance in core physical security parameters, with access control and CCTV surveillance both exceeding 98% coverage and individual locker provisioning above 95%, reflecting a solid foundation of infrastructure-level safety across nearly all clusters.

At the same time, the assessment identifies clear opportunities to strengthen visitor management, emergency preparedness, staff and resident identity verification, and grievance redressal mechanisms, with visitor registration standing at just 15.1% and functional complaint and notice board systems present in fewer than three in ten facilities. Clusters such as Dundigal, Medchal, and Kondapur show the widest gaps on these fronts, while Madhapur and PJR Nagar demonstrate that stronger outcomes are achievable within the same operating environment. Addressing these gaps through structured, cluster-specific interventions and regular monitoring will further enhance the safety, accountability, and quality of accommodation facilities across the region.

The success of Project Safe Stay demonstrates the value of collaborative action between Cyberabad Police, SCSC, accommodation operators, educational institutions, volunteers, and resident communities. With continued stakeholder engagement and data-driven decision-making, the initiative can serve as a sustainable framework for improving residential safety standards and supporting the development of safer, more inclusive living environments across Cyberabad.

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