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Thatipur city's dream died before it could settle

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- Thathipur Colony ruined due to the redevelopment plan

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Gwalior | Tall mounds of earth, clogged drains, wild shrubs, and tree branches spreading haphazardly—this is the identity of the hundred-year-old Thathipur Colony. Under the Thathipur redevelopment plan by the government, new constructions are being carried out in this colony. A new city is being promised, but all construction is in limbo. The construction work that has been going on for several months here has come to a halt. Because of this, the lives of government employees living in a large part of Thathipur Colony have become difficult. Passing through this area, one would hardly realize that it is a century-old colony within the municipal limits. Its condition is so bad that it is worse than many of the city’s settlements. At night, there is neither proper lighting nor cleanliness in the drains. Sewer lines are overflowing.

Under the Housing Board's redevelopment plan, there is a plan to build a huge mega city on the vast land of the Thatipur area. This includes commercial markets, tall multi-storey buildings, and well-organized roads, but it can be seen that construction work in the entire area has been stalled for many months. The entire area is shrouded in darkness. The drains

are filled with garbage. Large trees have spread carelessly. The people living here are not even in a position to complain to anyone. The reason is that the whole colony is being rebuilt from scratch.

Construction has been done

In this colony of the Thatipur area, government employees' housing has been completed for now. Office buildings have also been prepared. Tall water tanks have been built. Roads have also been constructed. In the area in front of Ramakrishna Ashram, the old houses were demolished and the ground was cleared, but a 22-story building has not been constructed here yet. Similarly, the old residences of C and B blocks on the main road have been demolished, but construction hasn't started here yet either.

Construction Stopped

It is being said that due to the actions of the Housing Board officials, this construction work has been stalled for the past few months by government order. Even the officials are clearly avoiding giving information. Housing Board EE Rajendra Tiwari said that the colony’s construction work is currently on hold. It will start after getting approval from the municipal corporation.

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