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Baijatal: has neither beauty nor greenery, just stretches of barren land

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- Smart city is getting tiles, potholes on the sidewalks

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Gwalior. Baijatal, located in the heart of the city, is a victim of poor management. Even though attractive lighting decorations are being done here, the place remains dark where tourists visit. All greenery has disappeared from the entire area. On the steps of the pond, couples sit for hours from evening till late at night, and no one bothers them. Meanwhile, the pond's toxic water has also

turned black. At night, some areas are illuminated while a few remain under total darkness.

The structure of Baijatal, located near Motimahal, used to be very beautiful. A few years ago, its strong and attractive construction, along with the solid pond in the middle, gave it the look of a tourist spot. Gradually, development started taking place. In the 1980s, cultural events began on the large stage built in the middle. When artists performed on the floating stage in the middle of the pond with colorful lights, it quickly became a topic of discussion among the public. One event after another took place. After that, a few performances of the Tansen Festival were also held. Following this, the development of this place picked up pace with the Smart City initiative.

Lack of Lighting

The way Smart City illuminated Theme Road and Gandhi Road and covered it with greenery is not visible in Baijatal. Baijatal could have been organized and lit up in a similar way, but here, though the domes are illuminated, the steps near the pond lack light. People slipping in the darkness while getting a closer look at the pond from the steps is a risk. There isn’t even dim lighting on the pond's steps, and the nearby sidewalks are also dark. Tiles are being laid on the sidewalks these days, which makes many pits invisible in the night darkness.

Only the Smart City office stays lit.

Fewer people are into boating

Baijatal is very small and there are boats kept here, but gradually fewer people are interested in boating. The pond filled with dirty rainwater hasn't been cleaned yet. Tourists do come to enjoy after buying tickets, but even they don't return after seeing the polluted water in the small pond. A tourist from Shivpuri said that the polluted water in the pond should be cleaned.

All the greenery has disappeared

Tourists are usually most attracted to greenery at a place, but even the lush park in the middle of the stage built in the pond has dried up. Chairs have been nicely arranged around the pond for seating, but there's no greenery near them either. Arrangements for toilets and drinking water for tourists are also not easily visible throughout the area.

Traffic arrangements are poor

A long line of vehicles heading from Motimahal towards the Gurudwara near Baijatal starts forming from the morning. These vehicles keep moving nonstop through the huge narrow gate. Many times, these vehicles create chaos in the area due to traffic jams.

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