After being pushed further into poverty due to the sudden resettlement, the residents of Savda Ghevra have created a bustling neighborhood over the years. This timeline captures the gradual growth of the neighborhood.

When first established, Savda was surrounded by agricultural land with no basic amenities available nearby - no schools, health clinics, shops, public transport...

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Rebuilding a Life in a Resettlement Colony

The story of Savita

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The next few years are filled with hardships for all the families resettled to Savita Sherma. Savita builds a new shanty house with a tin roof and paper walls. There is no water supply and very limited tenants leading to daily quarrels.

STATE OF TRANSPORT

Today, I have to get into the bus!

Every day I see the bus, how will I earn money if I do not reach to work?

STATE OF HOUSING

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STATE OF WATER

There are very few sanitation toilets and people have to wait in long queues for their turn. In the name of transport, there are only two daily buses to the city because of which people have to fight with each other to get space on the bus. Many get left behind.

STATE OF SANITATION

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