

Guwahati master plan to change for AIIMS!



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There seems to be no end of conspiracy to deprive Raha of the proposed AIIMS if the government [affidavit](#) before the [National](#) Green Tribunal is to be believed.

In a desperate attempt to ensure the [state](#) of the art hospital in Jalah, the GMDA is trying to draw its master plan afresh where the controversial site in the outskirts of Guwahati might lose the [green](#) belt area tag. This would be the best possible way to get the country's premier hospital in North Guwahati.

According to the AAIMS Demand Committee [leader](#) Birinchi Bhuyan, the master plan approved in 2007 was prepared by an outside consultancy when VK Pipersenia was revenue secretary. "Now the same Pipersenia finds flaws in it. This is a conspiracy only to ensure that AIIMS is not allowed to set up in Raha".

Bhuyan told Assam Times that the government side is of the view that the surface part which is surrounding by hills and forest won't disturb the eco sensitivity if the hospital is set up in the outskirts of the Guwahati [city](#) where a missile centre is under operation.

Initially, the government considered Raha [as](#) an ideal place for the hospital after it received positive feedback from the central team. But under mysterious circumstances, the site was shifted to Jalah triggering a massive protest in the form of NH 37 blockade and a protester died in police firing.

Chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal assured the AAIMS Demand Committee delegation that he would convey the issue to the Centre which has yet to be materialised.

The committee then moved the [National Green](#) Tribunal challenging the move to set up the hospital in Jalah which falls in the [green](#) belt area according to the Guwahati master plan.

The Assam government's representative was absent from the hearing initially. When the tribunal halted the ground works, the [chief](#) secretary filed an [affidavit](#) disclosing the move to amend the master plan only because of the proposed hospital.





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