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After Jaisalmer Demolition, Refugees Struggle on Allotted Land

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A picture from the Mool Sagar camp in Jaisalmer.

CASE SUMMARY

Settlement demolished	On 16 May, Jaisalmer authorities demolished a settlement of displaced Pakistani Hindus, citing encroachment on government land.
Temporary shelter	The administration moved displaced residents to a government-run shelter and promised land for rehabilitation.
Land allotment	In late May, the administration announced 40 bighas at Mool Sagar, divided into 250 plots.
Conditions at Mool Sagar	About 30 families were at the site during the visit, with roughly half sheltering in the shade of tilted cots.
Water supply	A resident said families often pooled money to hire a tanker, paying Rs 350 to fill their tanks.

THE TAKEAWAY

Families at Mool Sagar were rebuilding shelters and paying for water while they waited for basic services.

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