



It is shocking to read that the SGPC has decided to commemorate the Anniversary of the assassin of late Smt. Indira Gandhi, a serving Prime Minister of the country and General Vaidya, a decorated General of the Indian Army. Such a decision by the SGPC and implicitly endorsed by the Akali Dal, is nothing less than an act of treason against the Indian State. This action has wounded the sensitivities of the nation as a whole. The Akali led government in which BJP is a junior and supporting partner could be dismissed for condoning such acts against the Indian State and the Constitution.

Pushed to the wall by its acts of misgovernance the Akalis in the State are seriously threatening the hard won peace in the State which must be collectively resisted by all those who are committed to the unity and integrity of India. The Akalis return to the Panthik Agenda is a sign of their desperation. The BJP must answer for its continuing support to the Akali Dal.

Instead of pursuing a divisive agenda with serious ramifications for the country and for peace in Punjab the State government should focus on major challenges such as Drug Addiction, unemployment of the youth on a vast scale, mal-governance and environmental pollution and the plight of farmers. The Congress party in the State and at the Centre will resist with all its might a brazenly divisive and communal agenda of the State Government.

Punjab Government has failed to provide adequate compensation to the farmers whose rabi crop has been destroyed. The trading community is heavily burdened under the weight of various taxes. The sight of Government stopping the peaceful marks of thousands of women Aanganwadi workers through the use of water cannons and tear gas shells shown the ugly face of the police state, which is condemnable.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashwani Kumar". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

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