



Jain Mandir, located near famous Anarkali Bazaar of old city, had been damaged by mob in 1992 after the demolition of Babari Mosque in India. Lately temple was being used for some commercial purposes like shops, office of the Lahore Waste Management Company and a private filling station before it was completely destroyed on February 11, 2016 by the Shahbaz Sharif government.

In January, the Lahore High Court had issued a stay order against the construction work for the metro line project within 200 feet of historical buildings along its route.

Opposition parties in Punjab Assembly have not only brought a resolution in the House against the government's move to demolish/damage historical sites but also launched a drive to protest against the Sharif brothers, terming them as "builders having no care for the historical sites and public properties". The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan called upon the Punjab government to review the project and desist from attacking the people's basic rights to preservation of their heritage.

Besides the Jain temple, various other buildings, including Maharaja Building and Kapurthala House situated in Jain Mandir Square, were also brought down.

What's your reaction?