

No regrets over demolition, says Advani

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AHMEDABAD — Bharatiya Janata Party leader L.K. Advani told a largely attended public meeting at Naranpura in Ahmedabad at the end of his three-day visit to the State on Sunday that what happened at Ayodhya on December 6 would change the course of Indian history.

Mr Advani said he did not regret the demolition of the mosque though he was sad that day because his fervent pleas to *kar sevaks* not to damage the monument had been ignored.

Reciting a couplet from Tulsī Ramayan, *Hoi So Soyī Jo Ram Lekhi Rakha*, he said the disputed structure was destined to fall because Providence had ordained it so.

Reiterating that the Ram temple would be built at the same site, Mr Advani said judicial delay and vacillation by the Prime Minister should be held responsible for the demolition. By frequent references to the disputed structure as a mosque, the Prime Minister had incited *kar sevaks* to go for the demolition.

He said he was surprised at the criticism the demolition got from the President and the Prime Minister among others. It was after all an old structure built by Babar.

Mr Advani, who was late by an hour, reiterated that the Ayodhya

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