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Inside Karsevakpuram: From Refuge to Ram Temple Workshops

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A refuge for karsevaks became a permanent centre of the Ram temple movement. Reporting in December 2023, Swati Goel Sharma traced Karsevakpuram's residents, the organising work behind mass gatherings, and nearby workshops where craftspeople prepared pillars and murtis for the temple.



The Karsevakpuram in Ayodhya

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Karsevaks including Hazarilal Rathore sheltered in a secluded, guava-covered area about two kilometres from Janmabhoomi to escape police arrest and firing.
- By the reporting date, Karsevakpuram housed the VHP's Ayodhya headquarters alongside a guest house, school, cow shelter and Sita Rasoi dining hall.
- Women working on pillars said they had migrated from Rajasthan, lived near the workshop and were employed on a contractual basis.
- Two visitors hoping to contribute manual labour said they were told construction work was carried out exclusively by labourers employed by L&T.

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