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Chief minister Parkash Singh Badal urged the Centre to deploy more BSF contingents to check infiltration and effectively seal the border Punjab shares with Pakistan.

Addressing a 'sangar darshan' programme in Fatehgarh Churian assembly segment, Badal said there was a dire need to replicate security mandates followed in Jammu and Kashmir in Punjab.

"Punjab is a national frontier and its security must be beefed up to protect the unity and integrity of the nation," he said. Badal also assured that the police was capable enough to thwart any kind of terror attack. The chief minister further said he had ordered the director general of police to step up vigil.

"We are fully committed to uphold the sovereignty of the country and will protect our borders by foiling any such attack," added Badal.

Badal further panned state Congress chief Capt Amarinder Singh by saying he was making futile attempts to form a government in this state. He said, "Darbars are held only by maharajas, but a 'sangar darshan' is a pro-people exercise.

Badal also said the government had started a major recruitment drive to fill more than one lakh vacancies in state departments.

"We are providing jobs to a lakh, seeing that the previous Congress government had imposed a blanket ban on employment in the state," he added.

Badal also slammed the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party for attempting to disrupt communal peace and harmony. He said the Congress was a chronic pursuer of the divide and rule policy, adding that the AAP was also not an exception to it.

"Congress has a poor track record making such moves to incite communal tension for votes. Punjab has suffered due to this before as well. The AAP is following suit," he said.

The chief minister also spoke about how both parties were essentially against the interests of the state.