



### Rajiv Malhotra meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Rajiv Malhotra met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his parliament office. They discussed issues they both deeply care about.



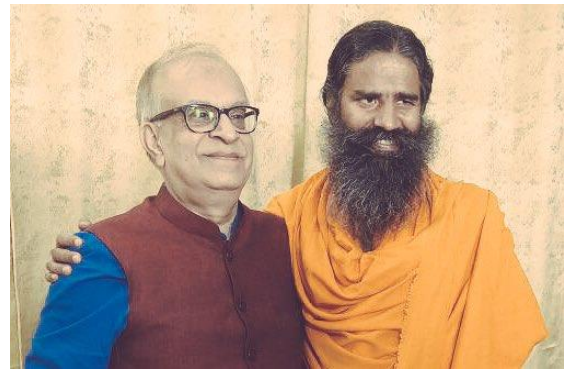
### Strategic meeting with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath



Rajiv Malhotra met the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister at his official residence and gifted a set of his books. They had a fruitful discussion on many issues.

### Baba Ramdev's powerful endorsement

In a videotaped private conversation, Swami Ramdev called Rajiv Malhotra a rare individual in the intellectual representation of Bharat's civilization.



Swamiji made a personal commitment to serve as the **brand ambassador** for Shri Malhotra's causes. He made a strong appeal to everyone to donate generously for this work.

### Online E learning Portal

In July 2017, Infinity Foundation E learning portal was launched. The courses available on this portal would fill the gap between the needs of serious followers who read the books of Rajiv Malhotra and the casual ones who prefer to follow his online talks, articles etc. People who want to learn systematically and don't want to read heavy books would be best served by this.

Courses will be offered without charge.



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## “Sanskritization of English” Project

Rajiv Malhotra delivered the keynote address at the invitation of Samskrita Bharati in Washington, DC. He explained Infinity Foundation’s bold project to resist the translation of Sanskrit words when the replacement of Sanskrit is incomplete or wrong.

Besides a book on *Sanskrit Non-Translatables*, he plans a series on his YouTube and Facebook channels to explain this. There will be three benefits: protection of Sanskrit, Sanskritization of English, and adding poison pills to prevent the digestion into Western frameworks. [Video](#)

## Idea of Bharatiya Exceptionalism



In this talk delivered at IGNOU, Rajiv outlined the Grand Narrative of India or what he termed as Bharatiya Exceptionalism. He said that every nation or civilization had a positive and inspirational story of itself which is taught to all its citizens right from their childhood.

In the case of Bharat however, the narrative so far has been one of fragmentation, caste, oppression, human rights abuses and essentially one which seeks to break up the country. This must be immediately changed. [Video](#)

## Indian Grand Narrative



At a lecture delivered to students of the Foreign Services Institute in Delhi, Rajiv Malhotra spoke about how they must arm themselves to be cultural ambassadors for their country. He talked about the importance of teaching the Indian Grand Narrative and its use abroad by India’s diplomats. He advocated that MEA should educate its diplomats on our civilizational narrative. [Video](#)

## Exposing Hinduphobia: CNN’s “Believers”

In 2017 CNN aired a documentary titled ‘Believers’ hosted by Reza Aslan where Hinduism was portrayed in a negative way using a stereotype ‘caste, cows, curry’ lens. The program focused on a sect called the Aghoris, and accused Hinduism of cannibalism.

Rajiv Malhotra, along with Nikunj Trivedi and Parth Parihar from the Hindu Student



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Council, deconstructed the documentary point by point and exposed implicit as explicit cases of Hinduphobia. [Video](#)

### **Investigative Report: Muslim Yoga**

Rajiv Malhotra's game-changing video surveyed the various postures toward Yoga among Muslim teachers in Pakistan, India, Canada and USA, and exposed a rapidly expanding movement among Muslims to appropriate Yoga. Islamic experts are modifying Yoga by removing Hindu aspects and by adding links with Islam.

He cautioned that there is an attempt to unite all Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) against features in Yoga that are "not friendly to Monotheism", and to blame these on Hindutva. [Video](#)

### **India's Contributions to Mind Sciences**

In May 2017, Rajiv Malhotra gave a talk at the Embassy of India in Washington on the topic "India's (Unacknowledged) Contributions to Mind Sciences".



Rajiv pointed out the immense contributions of the dharma traditions to the fields of mind sciences, psychology, consciousness studies and so on. He pointed out that these contributions have largely gone unacknowledged and that

Indians themselves had very little knowledge of them. [Video](#)

### **Mini-Series: History of Indians in America**

Most ethnic and religious groups in America have taken great pains to research and explain their respective histories as American immigrants. Sadly, Indians have not done this. To open this discussion, Rajiv Malhotra presented a mini-series on this important chapter of American history.



Each episode of this ground-breaking documentary is an interview with Shefali Chandan, noted historian and educationist. Sensitive topics like White Supremacy, and Hinduphobia put into perspective the complex facets of Indian-American relationship.

Videos – [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#) and [Part 4](#).

### **Rajiv Malhotra meets Swami Swaroopananda, head of Chinmaya Mission**

Rajiv Malhotra met new head of Swami Swaroopananda, the new head of Chinmaya Mission privately in Houston.



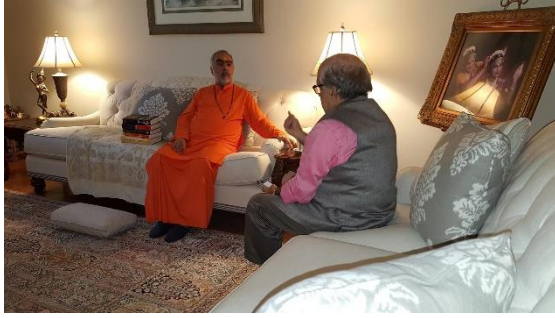
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Rajiv briefed Swamiji on his experiences with Western Indology and its complexities. Swamiji asked for his inputs on the Chinmaya Mission university project.

### Importance of Deras in Punjab and Haryana



In this video Rajiv explained how the British engineered divisions in the Sikh community for their own agendas and in the process sowed the seeds for many present-day problems in Punjab & Haryana. In this context, he explained how the rise of deras must be understood as a reaction to the social engineering that the British had set in motion with their policies in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. He underlined the importance of deras as the backbone of civic society at the grass roots.

[Video](#)

### Rajiv Malhotra visits KSRI



In August 2017 Rajiv visited KSRI (Kuppuswami Shastri Research Institute), a highly acclaimed center for research on Sanskrit shastras as well as Tamil literature in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Dr. Kameswari, head of the institute highlighted importance of KSRI, its financial vulnerability today, and the strategic projects it could perform if properly funded. [Video](#)

### Rajiv Malhotra in conversation with V. Ramachandran, noted neuroscientist

A most interesting and stimulating conversation was begun with V. Ramachandran, considered as one of the foremost neuroscientists in the world credited with making numerous path-breaking scientific discoveries.



This episode was the first of hopefully many more conversations between these



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two very creative individuals exploring the frontiers of mind science. [Video](#)

### **Rajiv Malhotra in conversation with Brooke Boon, Founder of 'Holy Yoga'**

Rajiv had a very fascinating and illuminating conversation with Brooke Boon, founder of a movement teaching 'Holy Yoga'. In this video, Rajiv showed how U-turn and Digestion happen as simultaneous phenomena among most Westerners taking to dharma and its practices. Rajiv then analysed and deconstructed the digestion methodology of Christians and the church, processes that have been perfected over centuries. [Video](#).

### **Rajiv Malhotra Facebook Page hits 3 million Likes**



In 2017, Rajiv achieved a huge milestone when his follower count on Facebook touched 3 million. It is to be noted that he is fast galloping to the 4 million mark and is likely to achieve it very soon.

### **Swadeshi Indology Conference**

2017 saw two conferences being held as part of the Swadeshi Indology Conference Series. A brief report on each conference is given in the next section.

### **Other Episodes on our Social Media Channel**

There were many other interesting episodes in Rajiv's weekly show on Facebook and YouTube, including those listed below.

[Dr Subramanian Swamy in Conversation with Rajiv Malhotra](#)

[Decolonizing the Indian Civil Services](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra on persecution of Hindu Gurus who challenge Hinduphobia](#)

[In Conversation with Vivek Agnihotri, a Patriotic Filmmaker](#)

[Discussing the Digestion of Yoga](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra in Conversation with Meenakshi Jain](#)

[Did the "Art of Living" Event Destroy the Yamuna, as Alleged?](#)

[Keynote Speech by Rajiv Malhotra: "Hindu Contributions to Humanity"](#)

[Princeton University's Parth Parihar Interviews Rajiv Malhotra](#)

[Let's Debate the Politics of Social Sciences](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra Darshan with Puri Shankaracharya](#)



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[Prof R. Vaidyanathan & Rajiv Malhotra on the Global and Local Economic Mess](#)

[Meet the Real Hero behind Demonetization-Anil Bokil](#)

[Sushil Pandit, Well-Known Kashmir Activist in Conversation with Rajiv Malhotra](#)

[Swami Nirmalanandanatha, Head of Sri Adichunchanagiri Muth, in discussion with Rajiv Malhotra](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra in conversation with Prof Mohan on "Breaking India"](#)

[Discussion with researcher Dr Dilip Amin on interfaith marriages in US](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra in conversation with Dr. Ravi Ravindra, Templeton Advisor](#)

[Aditi Banerjee Recollects with Rajiv Malhotra How they started Responding to Hinduphobic Academicians](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra on history of Racist and Religious expansion](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra in conversation with Shri Vallabh Bhanshali on Dharma, Corporate Success and Bharat's Future](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra and junior Kanchi Acharya, Shri Vijayendra Saraswathi](#)

[Dada Vaswani Discussion on "All Religions Are True"](#)

[Rajiv Malhotra interviewed by an Australian film crew on Yoga](#)

### **Infinity Foundation Call for Funding**

List of major budget items:

1. Stipends for top scholars
2. Book printing
3. Research Assistants for game-changing new books
4. Conferences with high impact
5. Video production for the mainstream
6. Translations/transcriptions of our best-sellers, articles, videos into Indian languages
7. General fund for institutional expenses.

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## Swadeshi Indology 2



The second Swadeshi Indology Conference (SI-2) was held on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of February 2017 – at IGNCA, New Delhi on the theme – Global Perceptions of Indian Heritage.

The conference had six components: an inaugural function, a few plenary sessions, paper presentations, Vakyārtha Sadas sessions, release of monographs, and a valediction. Everything went on as planned, except that the sessions extended up to almost 7.30 pm in the evenings, owing to extended discussions. IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts) played a key role providing the venue (3 halls) as well as local hospitality and other benefactions.

In all, 35 papers were presented on ten themes – in three simultaneous tracks in 3 halls; the topics pertained to the extraordinary claims of Prof. Sheldon Pollock, purporting consciously (or at best ostensibly unconsciously) to misinterpret our heritage.

The focus on Pollock (as with SI-1) was on grounds of his being the most influential scholar – in academic circles (also through his students who are well placed in celebrated academia), firstly, and secondly, in his reach on the general public, especially Indian (by virtue of his editorship in leading publishing houses); but even more importantly on grounds of the complex and complicated intellectual maze he has conjured, aimed at confounding and



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bamboozling the reading public by an ostentation of scholarship: in width, depth, or impact, or even the novelty of ideas or interpretations – in short, in terms of the Neo-orientalism he has sought to bring about in a copiously camouflaged and convoluted language – he has added new negative dimensions to Indology (and hence totally incomparable to some of the earlier Orientalist Indologists, the damage caused by whom pales into the background in quality and quantity). So much for the raison d'être of the themes of the conference.



*Sri Ravishankar Prasad, the Hon'ble Minister for Law and Information*

### **Inaugural Session**

The conference was inaugurated by Sri Ravishankar Prasad, the Hon'ble Minister for Law and Information. Dr Subramanian Swamy, Rajya Sabha MP, gave the key-note address. Prof R Vaidyanathan (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore) and General GD Bakshi gave the Special Invitee addresses. Sri Rajiv Malhotra (Founder, Infinity Foundation) gave the Welcome Address, and Dr Sachchidananda Joshi, Member Secretary of IGNCA tendered a vote of thanks. Earlier, Dr Sudhir Lall of IGNCA, welcomed the guests onto the stage.



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*(L-R) Shri Rajiv Malhotra, Prof R Vaidyanathan, Dr R. Nagaswamy, Dr. Pappu Venugopala Rao, Prof Korada Subrahmanyam, Dr Aravinda Rao, Dr Shrinivas Tilak, Dr Subramanian Swamy (Rajya Sabha MP)*

### **Plenary Sessions**

There were four Plenary Sessions – addressed by Dr R. Nagaswamy (renowned archaeologist), Ms Meenakshi Jain (Former Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library), Dr. Pappu Venugopala Rao, D Litt (reputed musicologist, dance theoretician, and aṣṭāvadhānin), and Dr Lokesh Chandra (President, Indian Council of Cultural Research, and Director, International Academy of Indian Culture).

### **Academic Sessions**

There were 10 Academic Sessions, presided over by 10 Chairpersons. Among them figure Padma Vibhushan Dr Sonal Mansingh (Trustee, IGNC), Prof Korada Subrahmanyam (Centre for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies), and Dr Amarjiv Lochan (Member, International Association for the History of Religions, and International Association of Sanskrit Studies).

35 papers dealing with the topics of Rasa, Mimamsa, Buddhism, Sastra, Philology and Desacraliasation which have been impacted by Pollockian theories were presented. About 15 of the scholars were below 40 years of age. Over 15 were from the fields of Science/Technology, but backed by a sound knowledge of Sanskrit. There were participants from half a dozen States of our country. A few papers were in Sanskrit.

A novel feature of the conference was 3 sessions of Vākyaṛtha Sadas. 3 young students trained by Mahamahopādhyāya Brahmaśrī Mani Dravida Sastrigal debated in Sanskrit in the



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traditional style of śāstrārtha, key themes gleaned from the theories of Sheldon Pollock. The purport of the discussions was presented in English at the end of each session.

Two monographs written by two young scholars were also released on the last day. While one was on Pollockian Philology, the other was on the politics of Sanskrit Studies. The two monograph writers have been supported by Vellayan Chettiar Foundation based in Chennai and the awards for the monographs were given away by FICS (Foundation for Indian Civilisation Studies) instituted by Sri. Mohandas Pai. The details of the monograph writers and their work are as follows:

- Manjushree Hegde is the author of the monograph titled “Politics of Sanskrit Studies: A Critical Appraisal of Sheldon Pollock’s Ramayana”.
- T M Narendran is the author of the monograph titled “A Pariksa of Sheldon Pollock’s Three Dimensional Philology”.

The Valedictory function had an address by Dr Sachchidananda Joshi, Sri Rajiv Malhotra, Dr K Aravinda Rao (Trustee, IGNC, and Member, Indian Council of Philosophical Research), Dr Sudhir Lall, and Prof K S Kannan (Academic Director).

Best Paper Awards of Rs.70,000/= each, instituted by Sri T V Mohandas Pai (academician and philanthropist of repute) of the Foundation for Indian Civilization Studies, were presented to 7 best papers. In addition, Lifetime achievement Award was conferred upon Dr. Nagaswamy by Foundation for Indian Civilisation Studies for his contribution to the field of swadeshi perspectives in Indology.

We will be continuing to engage with these scholars and will strive to make their voice heard in the larger mainstream discourse. Vākyārtha Sadas, the traditional form of Purvapaksha and Uttarapaksha debate will slowly be revived and restored to its rightful position as a scientific and rigorous form of debate that has been the cornerstone of our intellectual tradition.



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## Swadeshi Indology 3: Tamil Nadu – The Land of Dharma

The third edition of the SI conference series was held at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. The conference had scholars, participants and well-wishers from all over India and abroad. Under its theme “*Tamil Nadu – The Land of Dharma*”, the conference addressed various issues feeding the divisive, separatist, and racist discourse currently prevailing in Tamil Nadu, including the exploitation of caste and untouchability, Aryan invasion theory, Dravidian movement, Hinduphobia, etc.



*Inaugural Session (L-R) Rajiv Malhotra, Prof Ramachandran, Shri Mohandas Pai, Justice N. Kumar, Dr Nagaswamy, Shri Vallabh Bhanshali*

The inaugural was graced by luminaries like Shri Vallabh Bhanshali, founder of Satya Vijayi foundation and Shri Mohandas Pai, Chairman of Manipal Global Educational Services. Shri Pai underlined the fact that India is the only country civilization in which multiple identities are an integral part of the people.

The Keynote address by noted archaeologist Dr. R Nagaswamy proved for the first time that the Thirukkural by Thiruvalluvar is a Tamil rendering of the Dharmashastra and other Shastras. In effect, this Tamil classic is meant to bring Dharma into the lives of Tamil people. He pointed out that while the language is different, the culture is similar and that Valluvar was the first to highlight and project this all-India character of Sanskrit shastras.



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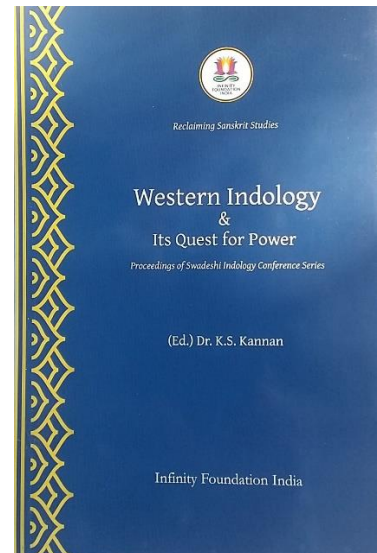


*Dr Nagaswamy highlighting the similarities between Thirukkural and Dharma Shastras and the essential unity among Indian traditions*

In his inaugural address, internationally acclaimed Neuroscientist at the University of California, San Diego, Dr. Vilayanur S. Ramachandran discussed some of the cutting-edge findings of neuroscience. Shri Rajiv Malhotra pointed out that Tamil culture is an important building block of the Indian grand narrative. A book titled, *Western Indology & Its Quest for Power*, a consolidation of selected papers from the first two conferences of the SI series (SI – 1 and SI – 2) was released during the inauguration. Seven more volumes from SI-1 and SI-2 are in the pipeline.



*Book Release by dignitaries*



*Western Indology and Its Quest for Power*



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## Major Panels

The first panel was on “The Harvard Tamil Chair” to debate the benefits and dangers from the recently proposed Tamil studies chair at Harvard. There was an intense but mutually respectful debate between Rajiv Malhotra and noted Dravidian intellectual and media personality, Dr G Olivannan. While Dr Olivannan was initially in full support of Harvard’s proposed Tamil Chair, Rajiv Malhotra was able to convince him of the problems caused by the lack of expertise and due diligence on the part of Tamil leaders creating this chair.



*Shri Rajiv Malhotra and Dr Olivannan discussing Harvard's proposed Tamil Chair*

Shri Malhotra emphasized the need for the Tamil community to be very cautious of the motives of foreign institutions, given their track record of not representing our traditions in an authentic manner, and promoting separatism. Shri Olivannan agreed with Shri Malhotra’s proposal to ensure the development and control of discourse of Tamil culture within Tamil Nadu, and popularizing it within India.

As a direct result of this timely intervention of Rajiv Malhotra and Infinity Foundation, a recent wave of awareness and concern has spread through Tamil intellectuals on the need to undertake stringent due diligence rather than blindly outsourcing our heritage to places like Harvard.

Another panel was on “Aryan theories” where panelists deliberated the various theories that have emerged since colonial times leading to the formulation of the Aryan and Dravidian “races” and driving the divisive politics in Tamil Nadu. The panel on “Contemporary Hinduphobia” discussed how Hinduphobia operates in the media, in academia, in religious



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discourse and in society in contemporary Tamil Nadu. The panelists consisted of researchers in various disciplines including Shri Shrikant Talageri, Shri Nilesh Oak, Dr. Gyaneshwer Chaubey, Shri M. Venkatesan, Shri Jataayu and Dr Kanakaraj Easwaran.

Some of the other panels were on:

- “Spiritual traditions of Tamil Nadu” discussed how since ancient times, the various Indian spiritual streams such as Jainism, Vaishnavism, Saivism, Shakta tradition have co-existed without serious antagonism.
- “Pan-Indic traditions” discussed the specific practices, language, healing systems of Tamil Nadu and how they were intertwined and enmeshed with the pan Indic systems.
- “Legal perspectives on Hinduphobia” discussed the Hinduphobia prevalent in the judicial system and processes. Shri Raghavachari highlighted the deep-seated legal prejudices against Hindus in the context of Tamil Nadu.

Prof. P Kanagasabapathi gave a talk on jati, kinship and entrepreneurial development in Tamil Nadu.

The conference also had paper presentations in three parallel sessions from scholars, artists and researchers from various fields. Papers were presented on various themes of the conference as laid out in the [concept paper](#).

Some of the themes of the conference were “Spiritual streams of TN”, “Caste Untouchability and Hinduism”, “Embedded Sacredness in Tamil life”, “Dravidian movement and evidence” and “Modern Hinduphobia”. Seven papers were chosen as best papers, and were awarded a cash prize of seventy thousand rupees and a memento.

The intense deliberations over three days ended with the consensus that all evidence in various domains points to an integrated civilization throughout the geography of India for a very long time and that the schisms drawn between Sanskrit and Tamil, Aryan and Dravidian, Vaishnavaites and Saivites etc. are largely exaggerated and artificial constructs with malicious intentions.

Indians across the spectrum need to reclaim our discourse from outdated and warped theories.



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