

Attack on the Kumbh Mela – The next issue of paramount importance uncovered by Rajiv Malhotra

The Kumbh Mela is at the very heart of the next attack on Indian civilization by Hinduphobic forces. The Kumbh is the very embodiment of the **Integral Unity** of Dharma systems. It is a time when a hundred million people from all strata, regions and ethnicities of India partake in the cosmic yajna. It is also one of the oldest recorded living traditions of Hindu civilization with about 8000 years of records and hence stands as a testament to its antiquity. Thus a threat to it, is a threat to Indian civilization itself. Rajiv

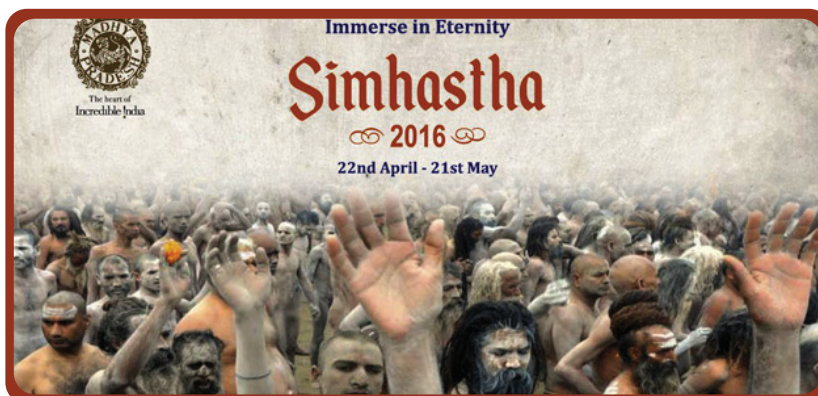
has written about this in detail in a *Swarajyam* article dated 25th November, 2015. This is the latest issue uncovered by Rajiv and where his focus lies at present. Hindus naively celebrate *Harvard* University's latest

initiative called the Harvard Kumbh Mela project. The chief guest at a book launch promoted by this project was none other than the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh. This shows the patronage that this project draws from the highest offices of the Indian establishment.

This is largely due to inferiority complex of Indians who are ever ready to open their doors to Ivy leagues to be studied, as it makes them feel important and honored that they have arrived on the world stage. Harvard and a whole barrage of leftist NGOs wish to study the Kumbh Mela and map it. It must be noted that none of these organizations have an iota of Shraddha for our traditions. The underlying interest is only to subvert it. The various lenses that will be used to study the Kumbh Mela are: feminism, environmentalism, sociology, human rights, anthropology, urban planning, public health etc. Prof

Diana Eck, the person behind the Harvard Kumbh Mela Project made a telling remark in its official video when she said that she missed seeing feminist NGOs at the Mela. Hence the feminist lens is one more that will be applied to investigate issues like:

Is the Mela dominated by males? Are women being exploited at the events? Are there rapes and harassment? Women will be incentivized to speak up as "victims of culture".



The resources within the Indian tradition to address these problems will be ignored and/or sidelined. In a similar manner, statistics will be built about the various castes and ethnicities that participate in the

Kumbh Mela. All this will be done in the garb of 'diversity studies' or by Harvard's Pluralism project in the name of nurturing 'pluralism'. Soon human rights NGOs will claim to 'champion' Dalit rights at the Mela. This way the Mela will be subjected to a host of centrifugal forces of caste groups, north/south, male/female and various ideological streams. Good cops will first infiltrate the Mela in the garb of bringing assistance.

The Mela will then turn into the biggest unexplored frontier of the exotic, "uncivilized and dangerous" others. Case studies will get published in *National Geographic* magazine, and Western television documentaries will be produced on dowry, sati, idolatry, tantric orgies and naked sadhus allegedly eating human flesh.

The Indian government adds its bit to the exoticism by promoting the Mela as tourism. The exotic and

then get reprogrammed into adopting the western gaze in looking at their own traditions. Such Indians become very important in the spread of the Western mindset. Useful knowledge gets digested into western knowledge systems. Christian and Islamic groups will take over greater share of the mental space at the Mela. Secularized distortion will then be repositioned as a 'reform movement'.

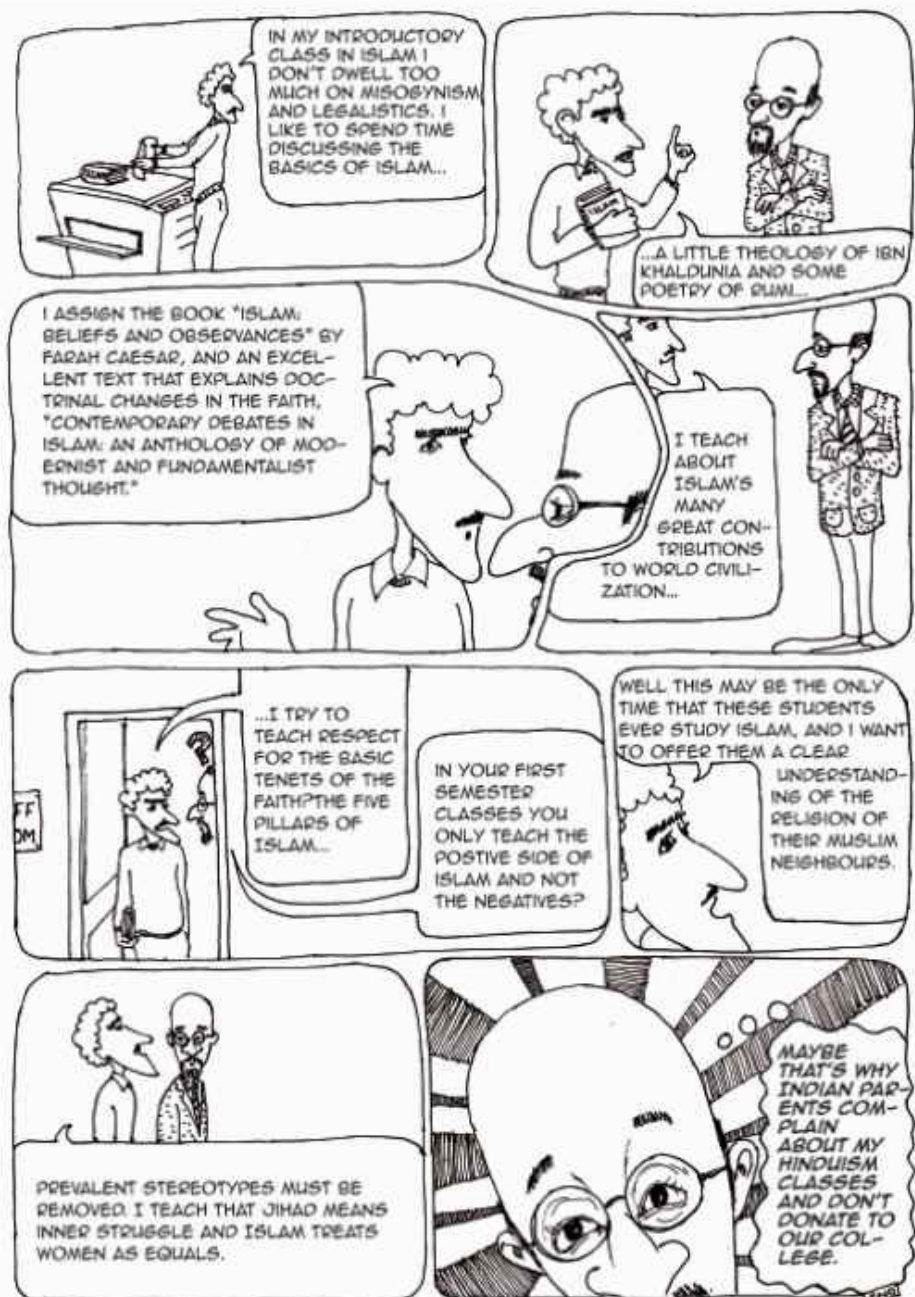
The issues facing the Mela in increasing order of importance are-

- 1) Dilution as exotic tourism
- 2) Source of resource for appropriation and digestion
- 3) Distortion and secularization of the Mela itself
- 4) Infiltration and hijacking by Christian and Islamic groups.
- 5) Condemnation as another "human rights violation" to be exposed through atrocity literature.
- 6) This is the destructive stage.

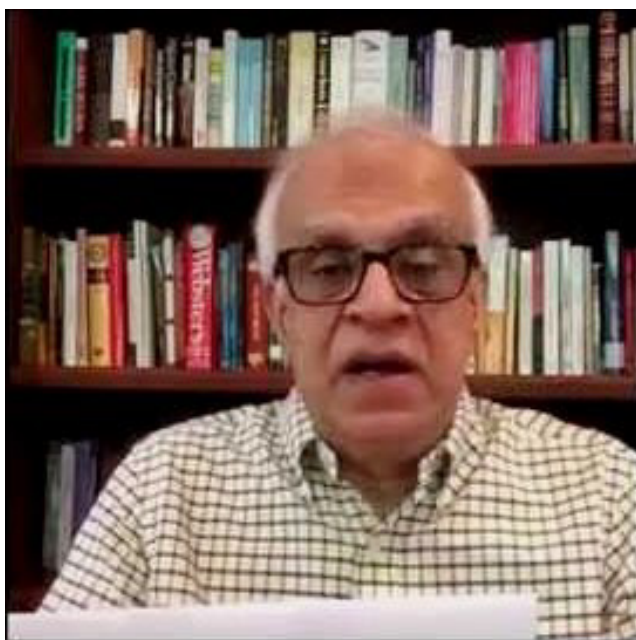
Rajiv covers a host of important issues and threats facing the Kumbh Mela in the article. He also maps the possible future trajectory of the various projects by NGOs, Ivy League Universities and Christian and Islamic groups. He alerts us on what is in store for us, if we do not act now. He also provides an array of precious advice for Hindu leaders and common Hindus on how to equip ourselves for the impending attack on us. It is imperative to read the whole article at the link provided to even reasonably understand the magnitude of the threat facing us.



Respect accorded to Islamic studies in academia is not accorded to Hinduism studies.



Rajiv Malhotra conducted Facebook LIVE Broadcasts, to quickly communicate the issues facing Kumbh Mela to large number of followers. His first live broadcast was on 26th of May. Rajiv said that since his first article on the subject mentioned above, he has been able to obtain an audience with the Akhada Parishad who are the true adhikaris of the Kumbh Mela. The Akhadas were grateful to Rajiv for alerting them about these issues as even as they were observing certain unusual behavior in the Mela, they weren't able to connect the dots. He also said that left wing publications like Scroll have already written articles on the Kumbh Mela about internal politics and clash amongst caste and economic groups.



They use terms like “militant groups” and “violence” and claim that these problems are part of more Hindu organizations outside the Kumbh which must be studied. Other publications attacked the Kumbh on accounts of it being an extravaganza during a drought and so on. None of these are about the spiritual significance of the Kumbh Mela or the yajna. BBC Hindi published an article as an investigative report on the plight of Dalits positioning themselves as champions of Dalit rights. The Mela will be studied by Public Health scholars to understand how “diseases spread”, pretending to be providers of aid, but in truth, are just seeking to exploit vulnerabilities. Religious studies departments will try to see if it is a Brahmin dominated event (which it isn't) and whether Christians and Muslims are allowed as it is secular and so on.

Hence the adhikara is slowly being eroded away from the traditional adhikaris. Ford Foundation, Harvard and other NGOs have co-opted several Swamis, politicians and the media. These NGOs serve to produce atrocity literature on the natives as indulging in rapes, sati, dowry etc. There are people with cameras mounted on kites recording hours of private footage which will be later used to exoticise and eroticise the Mela. Hindus will first be approached by making them feel proud about “how ancient they are” and “how much diversity they have” etc. People love to be on camera, share stage with Harvard etc. Good cops stoke the pride, while bad cops collect data for intervention purposes.

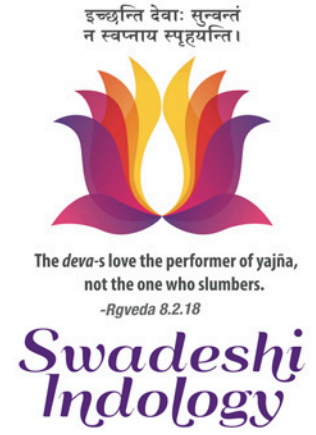
The third lens, apart from feminist and human rights lens is the environmentalism lens.

The whole event will be targeted as being environmentally damaging and disease causing. While all these issues are valid i.e. the gender issues, the human rights issues and environmental issues, solutions must be sought from within the control of our own leaders and Akhadas rather than have interventions from the outside by people who are going to appropriate what they want and distort the rest. The Kumbh Mela should not become another Halloween where the original tradition is exotified in the dominant culture as a mere show. In such a situation we may have a Ram lila in the Kumbh Mela which maybe a parody, new forms of dances that are pejorative, Ram Lila may become Christ lila and so on. Evangelists are infiltrating the Mela with soft Christianity. At first Jesus will show up as a Yogi, Mary may come in a Saree with a Bindi. In the beginning we will see a lot of warmth and charity i.e. Sama and Dana which will be followed by Bheda and Danda or conflict and attack. Diana Eck's pluralism project will first seek to make Hindus proud showing the Kumbh as the most pluralistic tradition of the world. Soon in the name of pluralism, evangelists and Muslims will infiltrate. In the beginning, there will be Sufi music. With sufficient gathering, the gradual Islamization will set in. Rajiv closed the session with asking some pertinent questions like: where do we draw the line? Can we assert ourselves legally?

Rajiv conducted two more Facebook LIVE Broadcasts on the Kumbh Mela topic. All 3 parts can be viewed in the YouTube Playlist link provided at the end.

Progress on the Swadeshi Indology conference series

The first conference will be held at IIT madras in the month of July. Professor Kannan and his team have worked extremely hard to achieve this so rapidly. The first event will be a closed door one for scholars only. About 60 scholars were interested in participating. Prof Kannan has selected 35 among them to send in completed papers out of which the best 15 or so will be selected to be presented. It will be a 3 day event which will be completely videotaped. A book will be compiled comprising of these papers which will set a new trend in Indology. It will be a Swadeshi response to Western/Videshi Indology that has dominated for generations now.



Introducing key term Integral unity

In the backdrop of the Kumbh Mela issue, it is useful to understand the concept of 'Integral unity' contrasted with "Synthetic unity" introduced by Rajiv in his book 'Being Different'. Integral unity means that ultimately only the whole exists and the parts of the whole have no independent existence; just as a smile cannot exist independently of a face. Different dharmic philosophers have defined this integral unity in different ways. It is the unity that generates all the diversity or in other words the unity is itself pregnant with the diversity. In contrast, a synthetic unity is one where different parts have independent existence and must be artificially unified from the outside. Thus in a synthetic unity there is always tension with centrifugal forces, as the unity is artificially created.

The integral unity is true both for Indian metaphysical world views as well as Indian intellectual systems. For example, Indian poetry would contain mathematics (rules for meters), aesthetics, literature and philosophy in an integral whole unlike the West where each subject is a separate stream and never mix.

Western religion (Christianity) as well as intellectual systems are synthetically stitched together. Hence while studying the Kumbh Mela through separate lenses which are not integrally unified, the integral unity is compromised and presented as a synthetic unity after which tension can be introduced in each of the parts to pull them apart.

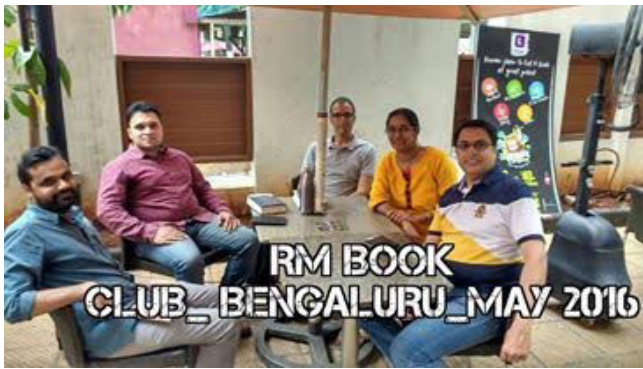
It must be remembered that the Kumbh is also a testament to the integral unity of Dharma traditions which intermingle with mutual respect without any over-arching authority common to all.

The Kumbh is a grand display of the natural unity in diversity of dharma systems. Therefore while defining Hinduism, this integral unity must be identified and presented in concrete terms while differentiating it from other global ideologies like Christianity, Islam and Secularism that seek to subvert, each trying to swallow it up and stitch it to their own synthetic unity. This is a deep and vast concept. Please read chapter 3 of Being Different by Rajiv Malhotra for a complete understanding of it.

Talk at Sri Venkateswara Temple, New Jersey

On 21st May 2016, Samskrita Bharati USA's New Jersey Center conducted 'Baalmelanam' - an annual day for children learning Sanskrit - in the auditorium of Sri Venkateswara Temple, Bridgewater. Rajiv was the chief guest of the event. He applauded the contribution by Samskrita Bharati volunteers towards preserving our rich cultural heritage by making Sanskrit accessible to all. He discussed about the frequent mischaracterization of Sanskrit as a "dead language". He also discussed about Sanskrit non-translatables and problems associated by falsely translating them to inadequate English words. Rajiv also spoke of the spiritual significance of mantras and how their phonetic and psychological meaning is lost in translation. He discussed about distortions by Western Indologists and their use of political philology in studying Sanskrit. Indians then become susceptible to such interpretations and begin looking down upon their own heritage. The talk was followed by a lively Q&A. Rajiv interacted with young volunteers of Samskrita Bharati during lunch and encouraged them to be vocal on social media.





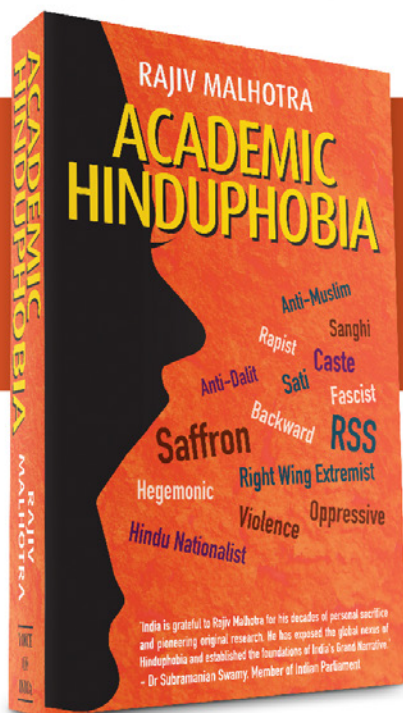
Rajiv Malhotra Book Club Meet, Bengaluru, May 2016

Links

- 1) Swarajyamag article – “Why the Kumbh Mela is at risk”
<http://swarajyamag.com/culture/why-the-kumbh-mela-is-at-risk>
- 2) Playlist for Rajiv's Facebook LIVE Videos
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGQEIwzyJxtzJ2TtFCFThKqOTfG5sQExQ>

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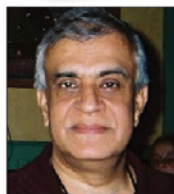
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