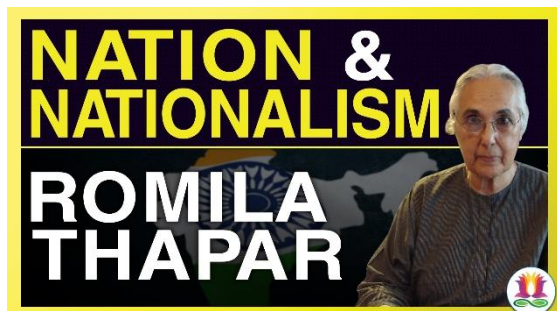




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### Decolonizing Romila Thapar



In a game-changing 5 part series Rajiv Malhotra analyzes and critiques some of key positions held by eminent historian Prof Romila Thapar on various issues of national and cultural importance. In each episode, clips from her various lectures and interviews are used to present her position on specific issues. Then Rajiv responds to her ideas and offers his counter-point.

Prof Thapar considers Indian nationalism a British product. Rajiv shows how the conclusions would be different if traditional categories of *rashtra* and *desh* were used.

She claims that History departments at JNU & similar institutions use critical thinking and Social Sciences methodologies which are objective. She criticizes the BJP governments for suppressing intellectual freedom. She insists that Hindus believe in the Aryan Race theory, and their modern ideas originated in Italian Fascism.

She claims Muslim rulers were good for India, and many even sponsored Sanskrit studies. She dismisses the claims of Somnath temple destruction by citing spurious arguments.

Rajiv gives his rebuttals to all these points and invites her to debate. Video: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)

### Hindu Media Bureau Launch in Boston



Rajiv Malhotra was the keynote speaker at this path-breaking event in Boston. He gave an overview on major issues which the media bureau must address, concrete ideas and project proposals, and offered his full support to the organizers. [Video](#)

### Discussion with Professor Vaidyanathan



Rajiv Malhotra and Prof Vaidyanathan discussed a wide range of issues in a very lively and interesting 6-part series. Some of the issues discussed were:

- Critique of Modi government
- small businesses as backbone of economy,
- “make in India” program,
- family values, jati and social issue
- Demonetization /black economy and GST
- Europe’s family crisis, fertility, demographics, Islamic immigration, de-Christianization.



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- Islam vs Modernity, the nexus of Left-Islam, Localization vs Globalization.
- Indian versus China
- Breaking India Forces
- Moronization of the masses
- Temple control and RTE

Video: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#)

#### Discussion with Mohandas Pai



In this very engaging discussion with Mohandas Pai just before the 2019 general elections, a lot of important issues were discussed.

Mohandas states that the 2014 election was a fight against a corrupt establishment. The 2019 election is defined as Modi versus the Rest. The Rest are unified only by hatred for Modi, and they lack a positive idea of India.

Mohandas and Rajiv agreed that Indian identity is not to be found in Delhi. Modi is a much better representative of the real India than Nehru was. Just like China is becoming rich and discovering its old heritage, so also India must invest in heritage to build national identity. They agree that the Culture Ministry has not performed adequately and must improve.

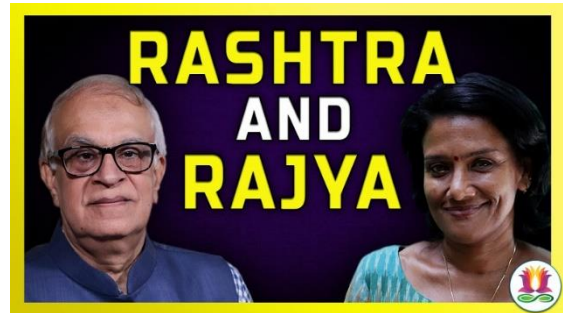
Mohandas highlights some of the key projects that need to be done in the next 5-year term: Justice for all through courts

- development of human capital by revamping HRD to build highly qualified work force

- creation of a labor-intensive ecosystem
- urbanizing small towns so the masses have quality of life and employment efficiency

Videos: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)

#### Rajya is Strong, Where is the Rashtra?

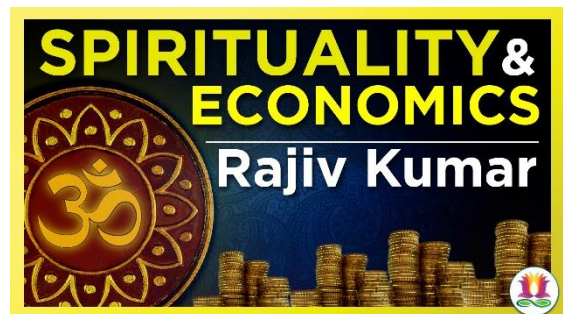


On the historic occasion of Modi 2.0, Rajiv evaluates the opportunities and existential risks that Bharat faces. He identifies 4 key challenges that need to be addressed:

- bureaucratic mediocrity
- digital and social media colonization
- internal and external threats
- development of human capital

In this very engaging discussion with Vijaya Vishwanathan, Rajiv provides a framework for solving these issues. [Video](#)

#### Discussion with Rajiv Kumar



Dr. Rajiv Kumar, the vice-chairman of the NITI Aayog, which is responsible for planning economic development, is asked by Rajiv Malhotra to reconcile the individual's spiritual anand with the materialistic benchmarks used in economics. They discuss whether a spiritual



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nation can protect itself from others who are hostile and materialistic.

They discuss the importance of upgrading the minds of our people, our national grand narrative, and the quality of governance especially in HRD and Culture.

Another issue which is touched upon is if caste reservations can be replaced by affirmative action based on individual economic needs. This conversation concludes with a constructive way forward. Video: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)

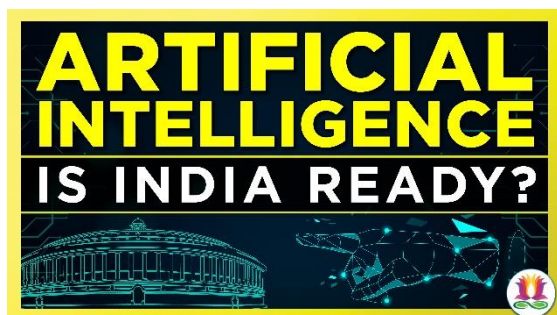
### Terror in Tamil Nadu



Rajiv Malhotra speaks to Shri. B R Gautaman, Director, Vedic Science Research Institute, who has been tracking the jihadist turn of events in Tamil Nadu in every sphere of life and has made a compilation of these activities.

They discuss how groups like Tawheed Jamath (responsible for the Easter Sunday terror attack in Sri Lanka leaving 250+ dead) are raising their fundamentalist agenda in Tamil Nadu. Yet the media maintains a studied silence on this grave matter. [Video](#).

### JNU Lecture



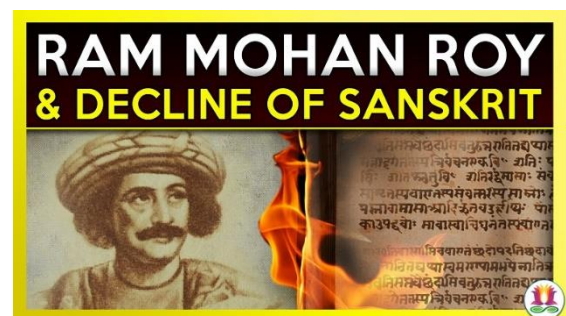
Rajiv Malhotra delivered a lecture at JNU where he touched upon a number of important issues that the youth of today must understand and address.

Today Artificial intelligence is poised to replace most of the jobs the youth are aspiring to get. USA and China have 80% share of new technologies between them. He asked the young people in the audience to reflect on their future and assess their readiness to face this challenge.

He stresses on the urgent need for decolonization. While China controls the study of its civilization, the study of India remains colonized and is directly or indirectly controlled by the West even now. Sanskrit scholars in India have failed to counter the biases of Western scholars of Sanskrit, despite many efforts by Infinity Foundation and others.

Rajiv explains the inapplicability of Left/Right categories to Indian society, and challenge the youth of JNU to rise above such dichotomies. Only then can they lead India's youth to tackle the massive challenges facing their generation. Videos: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)

### The Decline of Sanskrit



This provocative Q&A discusses some of Ram Mohan Roy's disturbing side. People blame Lord Macaulay for masterminding the replacement of Sanskrit with the Anglicization of India. Rajiv shows that it was Ram Mohan Roy who championed this change 12 years before Macaulay took it up. Rajiv explains how we must transcend regional identities like



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“Punjabi”, “Tamilian”, etc. The Rashtra must come first. [Video](#).

### Videos in Hindi (Dubbed)



Starting this quarter, we are providing Rajiv Malhotra’s English videos with Hindi dubbing, under the brand “देश विदेश का सन्देश”. This initiative was undertaken to address the needs of a large demography who are more conversant with Hindi than English. The Hindi videos have received good response.

List of Hindi-dubbed videos this quarter are:

- [सौम्य शक्ति की भरपाई](#) (English)
- [अमेरिका का भगवाकरण](#) (English)
- [मुस्लिम और भारत की महागाथा](#) (English)
- [अंतर्धार्मिक बैठकों का पाखंड](#) (English)

### Other Episodes

- [Hindu Music Compromised: Presented by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and IGNCA](#)
- [Jallianwala Bagh: British Regret](#)
- [Western Influence on Hinduism Today - Rajiv Malhotra](#)

### Current Projects

Multiple projects are happening on the regional language front. In this quarter we have provided Indian language subtitles for:

- 51 videos in English
- 42 videos in Hindi
- 3 videos in Tamil

- 2 videos in Kannada
- 2 videos in Telugu
- 1 video in Gujarati

2 new languages were added this quarter:

- 2 videos in Nepali
- 1 video in Sanskrit

Full video transcripts in different Indian languages are now available for easy reference. Rajiv Malhotra’s academic writings are being translated into various Indian languages. All these are being made available in [Rajivmalhotraregional.com](http://Rajivmalhotraregional.com) website.

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