



Why Purvapaksha Matters: Stories of Returning from Islam



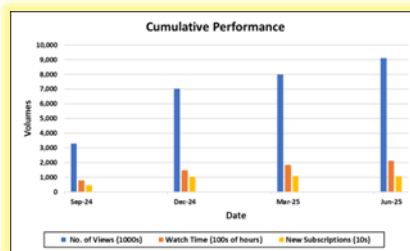
Rajiv Malhotra recently had a riveting conversation with girls of Aarsha Vidya Samajam at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Their stories of conversion to Islam and back to their roots highlight the importance of Purvapaksha that he extensively discusses and explains in his books.

Purvapaksha, a classical Indian intellectual practice, involves deeply studying and fairly presenting an opposing viewpoint before responding to it, on the understanding that meaningful dialogue between religious/civilizational traditions requires rigorous understanding rather than superficial criticism. Using personal narratives of individuals, the video highlights how comparative study, theological questioning and cultural reflection shaped their journeys.

Purvapaksha is not about hostility or debate for its own sake, but about intellectual honesty and self-strengthening through knowledge. By understanding another tradition on its own terms, practitioners can clarify their own philosophical foundations and address misunderstandings responsibly. This method of inquiry is especially relevant today. Traditional Indian modes of inquiry can foster more informed interfaith conversations, strengthen cultural confidence and encourage thoughtful engagement with complex religious identities. [Video](#).



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Our team has been working tirelessly to produce and distribute our content, organize meetings and events, analyze our performance and determine the way forward.

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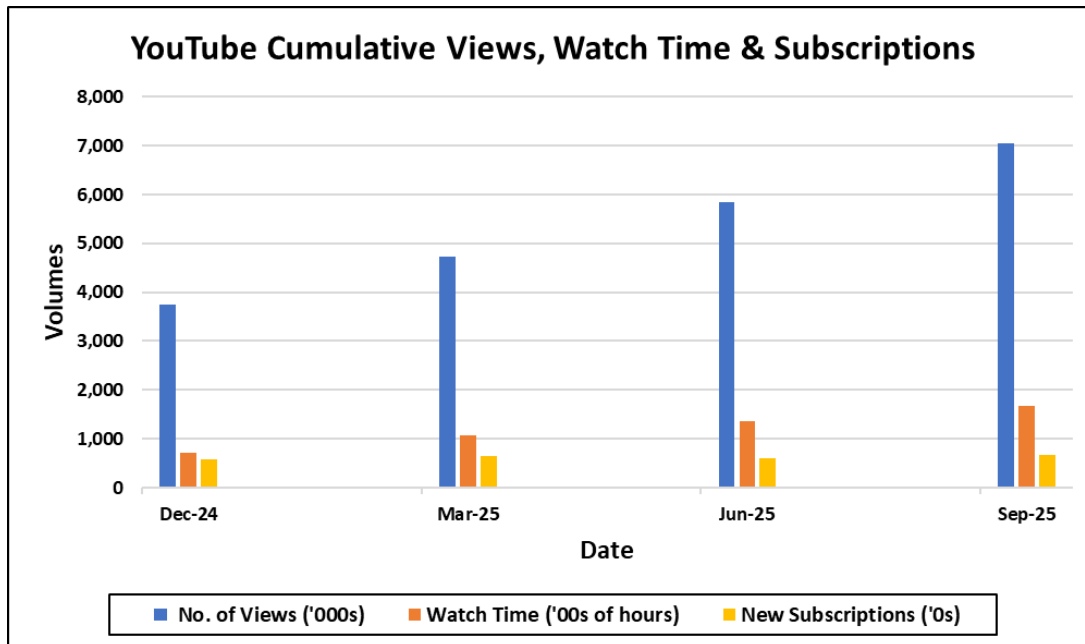
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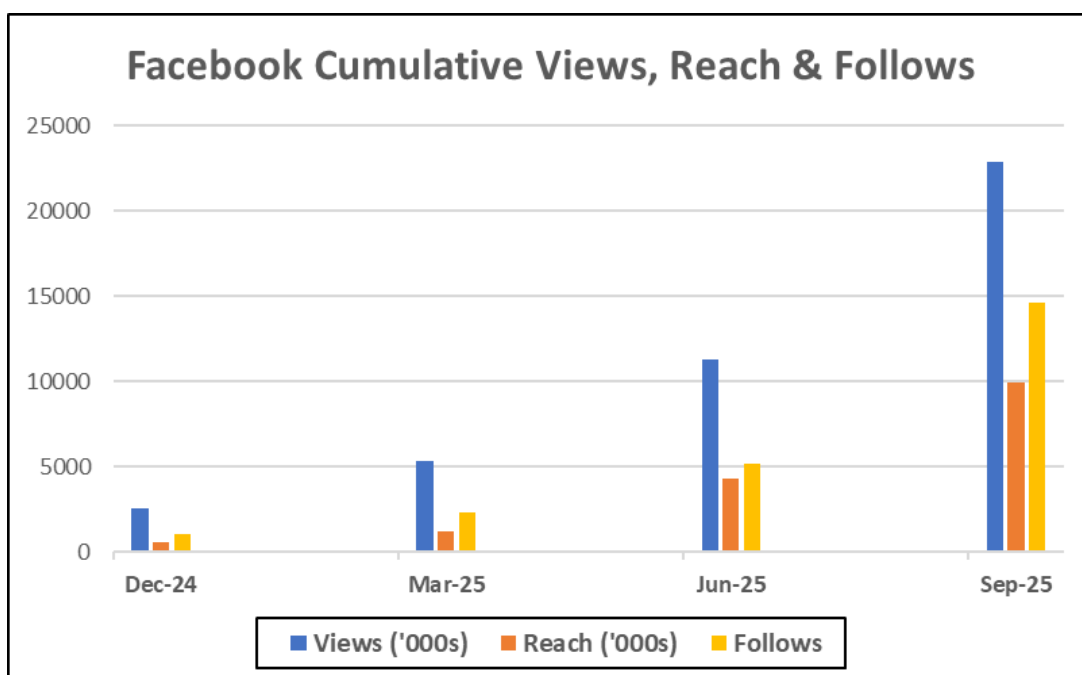
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Our Performance

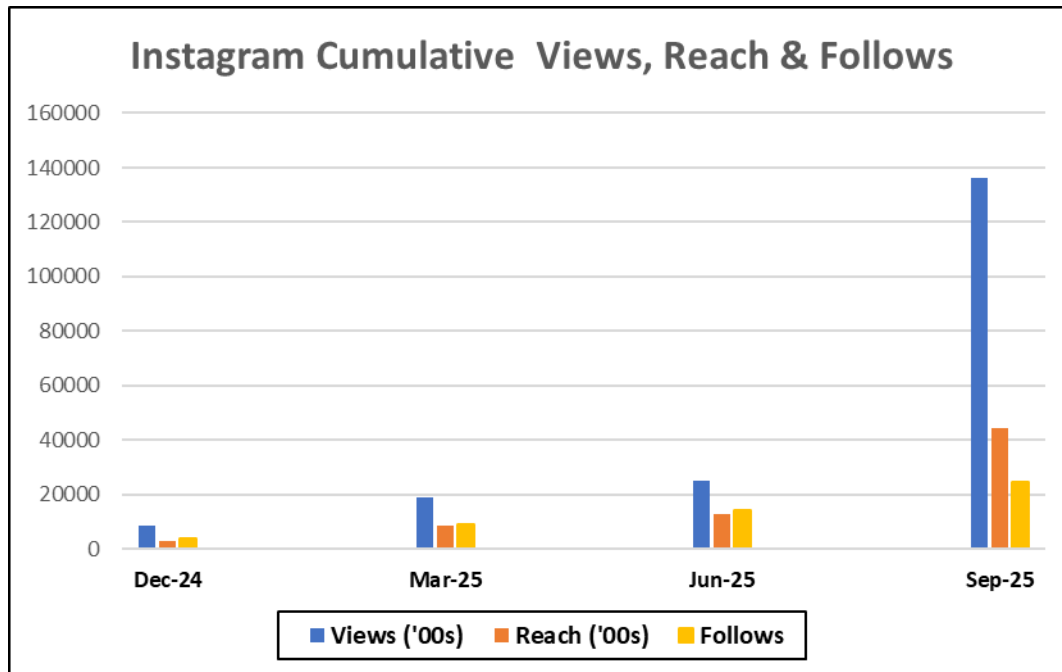
This section provides a brief overview of our recent performance. In the first chart below, we present the cumulative performance of our YouTube channel over the past year. As in past quarters, we have materially grown our views, watch time, and total subscriptions during this period.



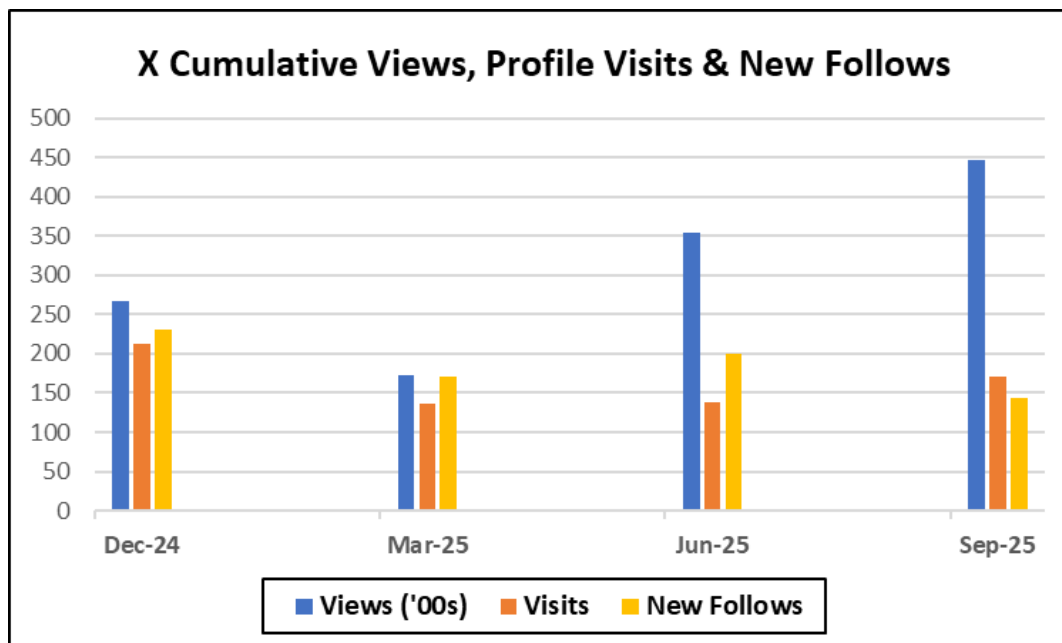
In the second chart, we present the cumulative reach of our Facebook page in the last twelve months. Our performance on Facebook shows continued growth on all key metrics, as we expanded our reach, increased traffic to our page and garnered an ever-growing number of likes and follows.



The third chart shows our cumulative performance on Instagram. Here too, our content appears to be receiving continued traction, with expanding reach, swelling traffic, and the resultant increase in likes and follows.



The next chart shows our X profile data displaying much the same kind of data trends. Content views, profile visits, and new signups remain encouraging.



Views on any of these platforms can be unusually high at times because of celebrity involvement, hot topics and certain event-driven hits, such as during book launches. Therefore, cumulative numbers are more meaningful.

Our Content

Infinity Foundation has launched regional language translations of several seminal works authored by Rajiv Malhotra and co-authored by Vijaya Viswanathan. Some related videos and events that were released during the June quarter are summarized below:

Breaking India (Malayalam)

'Breaking India' Malayalam Translation Launch Event



In his talk, Rajiv Malhotra explains the central thesis of his book *Breaking India*, focusing on how civilizational narratives and identity frameworks influence India's social cohesion. He categorizes his research into academic, ideological, and institutional forces that interpret Indian society through external frameworks that may amplify internal divisions such as caste and regional identities.

Malhotra emphasizes the importance of intellectual self-understanding and encourages audiences to study Indian traditions using indigenous frameworks rather than relying solely on Western academic models. He also explains why regional-language translations are important for democratizing intellectual discourse and enabling wider public participation in debates about history, culture, and identity. The talk highlights the role of scholarship, research networks, and public awareness in

shaping national narratives, urging listeners to engage critically with ideas and participate actively in interpreting and preserving civilizational knowledge. [Video.](#)

"Breaking India" is igniting our hearts and minds - Hon'ble Governor of Kerala



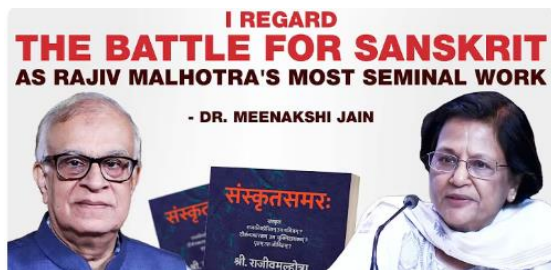
The Governor of Kerala, Sri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, shared his thoughts on the book *Breaking India* at the launch of its Malayalam version recently in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

He talks about the impact of the book, and highlights how it has sparked intellectual and emotional engagement among readers. He praises the work for shedding light on forces and narratives that aim to fragment Indian society along cultural, religious, and social lines. It is a call to awareness, encouraging citizens to critically examine external influences, ideological frameworks, and internal divisions.

The book resonates deeply because it combines research with a strong civilizational perspective, urging readers to reconnect with India's cultural roots. It goes beyond mere critique, acting as a catalyst for dialogue and national introspection. It is a thought-provoking work that inspires vigilance, unity, and informed discourse about India's socio-cultural challenges. [Video.](#)

The Battle for Sanskrit (Sanskrit)

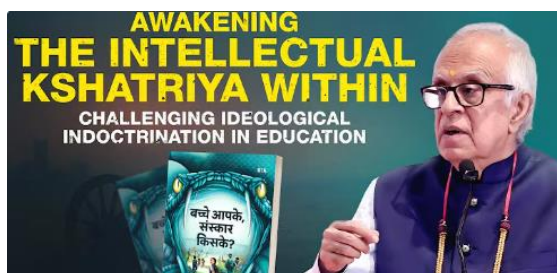
"The Battle for Sanskrit is Rajiv Malhotra's most seminal work" – Dr. Meenakshi Jain



At the launch event of the Sanskrit translation of *The Battle for Sanskrit*, Dr. Meenakshi Jain, historian and Rajya Sabha member discusses the significance of the book, describing it as one of Rajiv Malhotra's most important contributions. She explains that the book examines how Sanskrit texts and Indian philosophical traditions are interpreted within Western academic frameworks and raises questions about methodology, cultural context, and intellectual ownership. Jain highlights Malhotra's argument that indigenous perspectives should play a central role in studying Indian knowledge systems. The video emphasizes the need for balanced scholarship, civilizational self-understanding, and greater participation of Indian scholars in shaping global discourse around Sanskrit and Indic traditions. [Video](#).

Who is Raising Your Children (Hindi)

Awakening the IK Within: Challenging Ideological Indoctrination in Education



In Rajiv Malhotra's recent talk at Indus University, Ahmedabad, he talked about examining current affairs using the frameworks he has developed over the decades, his latest book, *Who is raising your children?*, and more.

He discusses the idea of awakening the Intellectual Kshatriya — a metaphor for individuals who actively defend truth, critical thinking, and cultural understanding within academic and public discourse. Further, he says that modern education systems can sometimes promote ideological conformity rather than open inquiry, encouraging students to accept dominant narratives without rigorous examination. There is an emphasis on the need for intellectual courage: questioning assumptions, engaging opposing viewpoints seriously, and developing independent analytical skills.

An Intellectual Kshatriya is someone committed to disciplined scholarship, ethical debate, and informed dialogue. Education should cultivate thinkers who combine knowledge with responsibility and moral clarity. By reclaiming traditional frameworks of debate and inquiry, individuals can resist intellectual passivity and contribute to healthier academic environments.

Ultimately, the message encourages viewers to become active participants in shaping educational and cultural conversations through reasoned engagement rather than ideological reaction. [Video](#).

30-Year Celebrations Series

Infinity Foundation Anniversary Special Panels: Hindus and Human Rights



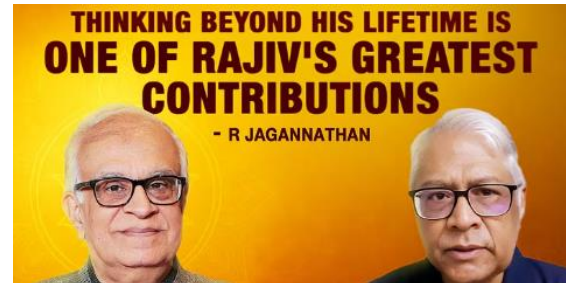
In this panel discussion marking the 30th anniversary of the Infinity Foundation, experts and grassroots activists share their experiences while examining several critical issues facing the Hindu community today. Moderated by Sree Iyer, the panel features Rahul Sur, Tahir Gora, Omendra Ratnu, and Rahul Dewan.

Rahul Sur emphasizes the importance of ensuring that the Hindu voice is represented and heard in human rights forums across the world. Dr. Omendra Ratnu discusses his efforts to help Hindu refugees from Pakistan find homes and resettle in India. Rahul Dewan speaks about the need for Hindus to engage more proactively in outreach and revival, arguing that the community must openly reconnect people with their Hindu roots and identity, including through formal recognition in official records.

Tahir Gora reflects on the challenges faced by Hindus in Pakistan, his own journey after leaving the country, and his work in Canada. He highlights how Hindus often become soft targets for radical elements, and points to the lack of a strong narrative about Hindus in educational and public discourse. He stresses the need to build institutions that can engage constructively with the wider world, and also shares his ongoing efforts

to raise awareness among South Asian Muslims about their Hindu ancestry. [Video.](#)

"Thinking beyond his lifetime is Rajiv's greatest contribution" - R Jagannathan



In this video, R. Jagannathan, former editorial director of Swarajya magazine, speaks about Rajiv Malhotra as a visionary thinker whose ideas and balanced arguments continue to influence today's thought leaders.

Rajiv has highlighted the importance of succession planning—an area that has long been a blind spot within Hindu society and remains a pressing concern even now.

Despite his significant contributions and impact, Rajiv Malhotra has not received the level of recognition he truly deserves.

Jagannathan also points out that the government has not fully leveraged Rajiv's work or made the best use of someone of his intellectual stature. Expressing a sense of regret over this, he reflects on how Rajiv Malhotra's influence nevertheless continues to grow and spread. [Video.](#)

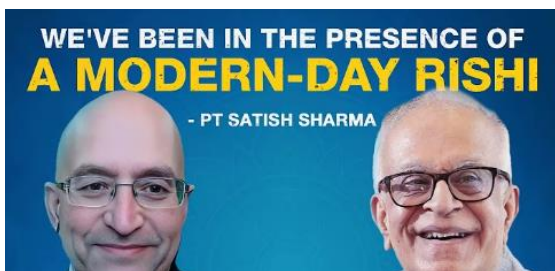
"Rajiv is a visionary" - Joel Finkelstein



In the video, Joel Finkelstein, Director and Co-founder of NCRI, explains that Rajiv Malhotra stands out for his ability to think far ahead and anticipate long-term civilizational challenges. According to him, Malhotra has played a key role in shaping a new generation of thinkers and leaders who engage with issues related to Hindu thought, culture, and global discourse.

Finkelstein highlights that Malhotra's work is not limited to academic debate; it encourages Hindus to become more active and action-oriented in addressing social, cultural, and intellectual challenges facing them. He believes Malhotra's vision promotes a more confident and engaged Hindu community that takes responsibility for shaping its own future. [Video](#).

"We've been in the presence of a modern day Rishi" - Pt Satish Sharma



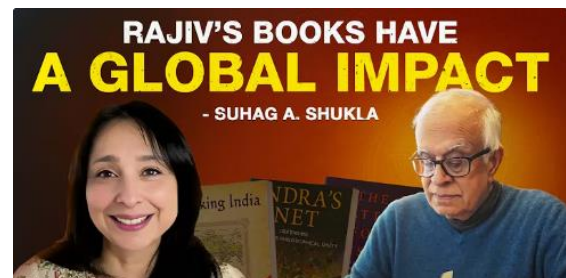
Pandit Satish K. Sharma describes Rajiv Malhotra's extensive body of work as a rich resource for those working toward cultural and civilizational renewal, describing him as a modern-day rishi whose insights have helped many see

deeper truths and extends his gratitude to him.

He reflects on first encountering Rajiv Malhotra's work through *Being Different*, which provided powerful frameworks to understand the deeper roots of cultural and intellectual confusion within the Indian diaspora. Reading *Breaking India* clarified how internal divisions had developed and revealed the forces contributing to discord within India.

He praises Rajiv Malhotra's courageous intellectual battle against the dominant colonialist academia, recognizing how his work was deeply inspiring for those seeking to understand and defend their civilizational roots and mentioned an event at the British Parliament where Rajiv's courage and intellectual clarity shone through. [Video](#).

"Rajiv's books have a global impact" – Suhag A. Shukla



In this video, Suhag A. Shukla explains that Rajiv Malhotra's books have raised awareness about Hindu civilization among readers globally, particularly within the Hindu diaspora. Books such as *Invading the Sacred*, *The Battle for Sanskrit*, and *Indra's Net* help readers understand how Western or Abrahamic frameworks have shaped the way Indian civilization is interpreted. The questions of cultural identity and intellectual traditions, representation, as well as historical

interpretation of Hindu traditions are now clearer to readers. Many feel that the books give them intellectual language and research-backed arguments to articulate concerns on these matters. Encouraging critical thinking, Rajiv's scholarship often serves as an entry point for people in the global Hindu diaspora to become more informed and engaged more actively in academic, social and cultural conversations. His writings act as catalysts for global dialogue on civilizational identity and intellectual self-understanding. [Video](#).

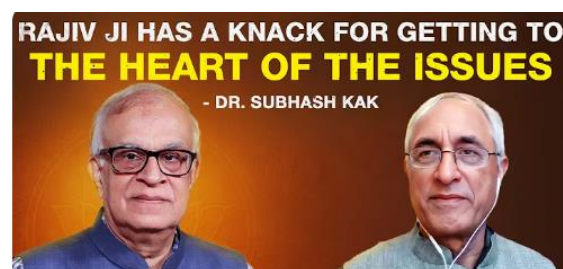
"Rajiv ji engages intellectually without personal bias" - Saumitra Gokhale



In this video, Saumitra Gokhale, the Global Coordinator of The Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, reflects on Rajiv's scholarly approach, highlighting his method of engaging with complex intellectual and civilizational debates. Gokhale explains that Malhotra focuses on ideas, theories and academic frameworks rather than targeting individuals, which allows discussions to remain constructive and respectful. He emphasizes that Rajiv carefully studies opposing viewpoints and critiques them through research-based arguments, demonstrating intellectual discipline rather than emotional or personal bias. This approach helps foster meaningful dialogue on sensitive subjects such as religion, culture and identity while

encouraging readers to think critically about dominant academic narratives. His style of engagement has inspired educated professionals across the world to participate in discussions with greater analytical clarity and fairness. In a nutshell, his work promotes balanced debate, intellectual rigor, and deeper reflection on civilizational perspectives in contemporary discourse. [Video](#).

"Rajiv ji has a knack for getting to the heart of the issues" - Dr. Subhash Kak

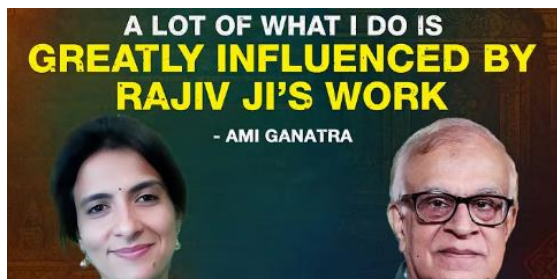


The video highlights how Rajiv Malhotra is known for his ability to cut through complexity and address the core of intellectual and civilizational debates. As noted by Subhash Kak, Rajiv focuses on identifying foundational assumptions behind arguments rather than getting lost in surface-level discussions or personal attacks. He has been challenging dominant narratives, especially in areas like culture, history, and philosophy, by bringing attention to overlooked perspectives rooted in Indian knowledge systems.

By bridging the gap between traditional wisdom with modern discourse, he encourages critical thinking and deeper inquiry. The video also suggests that his style—direct, analytical, and often provocative—helps uncover hidden biases in mainstream academic and media frameworks. He is a thinker who

prioritizes clarity, intellectual rigor and civilizational context in debates. [Video](#).

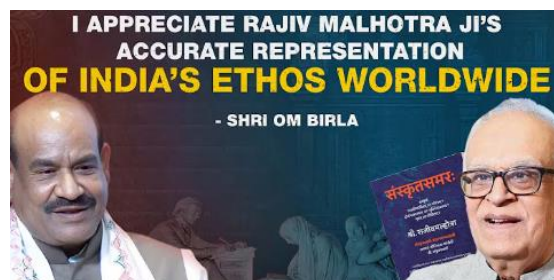
"A lot of what I do is greatly influenced by Rajiv ji's work" — Ami Ganatra



In this video, author Ami Ganatra reflects on how the intellectual work of Rajiv Malhotra has significantly shaped her thinking and writing. She explains that he never compromises on the quality of his research, which encouraged her to examine Indian history, traditions, and epics through an indigenous lens rather than relying solely on Western interpretations. Ganatra discusses how his ideas motivated her to question commonly accepted narratives and inspired her to explore original sources more deeply.

She emphasizes the importance of presenting Indian knowledge systems authentically and making them accessible to modern readers, especially younger generations. The conversation highlights themes of cultural confidence, intellectual independence, and the responsibility of authors to communicate heritage accurately. Ganatra credits Rajiv Malhotra's work for giving her conceptual clarity and courage to pursue her own writing journey, portraying intellectual influence as a catalyst for rediscovering and articulating India's civilizational perspectives in contemporary discourse. [Video](#).

"Appreciate his accurate representation of India's ethos"—Om Birla



In this video, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla praises Rajiv Malhotra for his efforts in presenting India's civilizational ethos and philosophical traditions to global audiences with clarity and authenticity. He highlights Malhotra's work in explaining Indian knowledge systems, cultural continuity, and dharmic perspectives in international academic and public forums. Birla emphasizes the importance of accurately representing India's intellectual heritage at a time when global narratives often misunderstand or simplify it. The video underscores how scholarly engagement, cultural confidence, and informed dialogue can help strengthen India's voice worldwide while encouraging deeper appreciation of its traditions and values. [Video](#).

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