

Report

Panel Discussion on “Sinauli Speaks: Unearthing India’s Indigenous Civilizational Roots Beyond the Aryan Invasion Myth”

The Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), in collaboration with The World Intellectual Foundation (WIF), organised a high-level Panel Discussion on the theme “Sinauli Speaks: Unearthing India’s Indigenous Civilizational Roots Beyond the Aryan Invasion Myth (4,000 Years Ago, India Rode Chariots – Sinauli Redefines Our Past).” The event took place at Samrasta Hall, DAIC, New Delhi on 9th October 2025 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

The discussion revolved around the remarkable archaeological discoveries at Sinauli (Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh) where chariot burials, copper weaponry, wooden coffins with copper plating, and elite grave goods dating to around 2000 BCE have been unearthed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). These findings have opened new dimensions in understanding India’s civilizational history and have posed critical questions to the long-propagated Aryan Invasion/Migration Theory.

Dignitaries and Panelists

- **Guest of Honour:** Shri **Ram Bahadur Rai**, President, IGNCA Trust
- **Panelists:**
 - Dr. **B.R. Mani**, Former Director General, Archaeological Survey of India
 - Dr. **Sanjay Kumar Manjul**, Additional Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, and lead excavator of Sinauli
- **Moderator:** Ms. **Hemangi Sinha**, Project Head, World Intellectual Foundation
- **Welcome Address:** Col. **Akash Patil**, Director, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre

The event began with a welcome address by Col. Akash Patil, followed by a brief introduction of the Guest of Honour and eminent speakers by Ms. Hemangi Sinha. A short film and presentation on the **Sinauli excavation** was showcased by the ASI team.

Keynote Address by Shri Ram Bahadur Rai

In his keynote speech, Shri Ram Bahadur Rai underlined that Sinauli is not merely an archaeological site but a civilizational voice that speaks of continuity, identity, and indigenous development. He observed that the discoveries at Sinauli dismantle the colonial narrative of rupture in India’s civilizational journey and instead highlight the philosophical, technological, and spiritual resilience of Bharat.

He emphasized that dialogues like these provide direction to streamline civilizational discourse on identity, history, and Rashtra, which has remained in continuum for millennia. He concluded by stating that India must reclaim the authority to write its own history, based on indigenous evidence and traditions, instead of relying on externally imposed constructs.

Panel Discussion Highlights

The panel explored themes such as:

- The **technological features of Sinauli chariots** and their comparison with Mesopotamian models.
- The role of **OCP pottery and copper artefacts** in understanding trade and metallurgy.
- Evidence of an organised **warrior class** and ritual practices at Sinauli.
- How Sinauli challenges the so-called **Dark Age Theory** post-Harappan decline.
- The need to integrate archaeological findings with **Sanskrit texts, Vedic literature, and Itihasa-Purana traditions.**
- The larger question of reframing **Indian history beyond colonial constructs.**

The formal proceedings concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Shri Sudhanshu Mittal, Founder, World Intellectual Foundation. He expressed gratitude to the Guest of Honour, eminent panelists, DAIC, and all participants. He underlined that the event was not only an academic dialogue but also a step toward reshaping public discourse and pedagogy in line with India's indigenous civilizational roots.

The evening ended with High Tea and networking, where scholars, students, and delegates engaged in lively discussions on the civilizational implications of the Sinauli findings.

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