



“Sinauli Speaks – Unearthing India’s Indigenous Civilizational Roots Beyond the Aryan Invasion Myth”

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Venue: Samrasta Hall, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi

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In continuation of its civilisational discourse on **Identity, Culture, and History**, the **World Intellectual Foundation (WIF)** organised a thought-provoking panel discussion titled “*Sinauli Speaks: Unearthing India’s Indigenous Civilizational Roots Beyond the Aryan Invasion Myth (4,000 Years Ago, India Rode Chariots – Sinauli Redefines Our Past)*” on **October 9, 2025**, at **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), New Delhi**.

The discussion brought together eminent archaeologists, historians, and thought leaders to deliberate on the **archaeological discoveries at Sinauli (Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh)** — a site that has reshaped our understanding of ancient India and its indigenous continuity.

The session began with a **welcome address** by **Col. Akash Patil**, Director, DAIC, followed by an introduction of the esteemed guests and panelists by **Ms. Hemangi Sinha**, Project Head, WIF.

The highlight of the event was the **Keynote Address** by **Shri Ram Bahadur Rai**, President, IGNCA Trust, who eloquently emphasised that the true search for our *civilisational self* must be grounded in archaeology and authentic indigenous narratives. He underscored that discoveries like Sinauli allow India to move beyond myth-based constructs such as the *Aryan Invasion Theory*, offering instead a framework of cultural and civilisational continuity.

The **panel discussion** featured two of India’s foremost archaeologists — **Dr. B. R. Mani** (Former Director General, ASI) and **Dr. Sanjay Kumar Manjul** (Additional Director General, ASI, and lead excavator of Sinauli). Moderated by **Ms. Hemangi Sinha**, the dialogue explored the **technological, ritualistic, and cultural significance** of Sinauli’s findings — including **copper-plated chariots, wooden coffins, weaponry, shields, and ritual artefacts** — and their implications for reinterpreting early Indian history.

The conversation also delved into the larger historical context — connecting **Sinauli with the Late Harappan and Ochre Coloured Pottery (OCP) cultures**, challenging the so-called *Dark Age Theory*, and reimagining the timeline of India’s indigenous civilisation as a continuum rather than a series of ruptures.

In his concluding remarks, Shri Rai urged scholars and institutions to **anchor India’s identity discourse in evidence-based scholarship**, while celebrating the nation’s *spiritual depth, craftsmanship, and intellectual resilience*.

The event concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** by **Shri Sudhanshu Mittal**, Founder, World Intellectual Foundation, who highlighted the importance of such academic dialogues in shaping a self-assured and knowledge-driven Bharat. This was followed by **high tea and networking**, where scholars, students, and dignitaries interacted and shared reflections on the day’s discussions.