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■■■■■■■■■■ - Dead or Alive?

Came across a discussion on BVP that linked to a few leading western Indologists opining on the Sanskrit Revival movement & the spoken Sanskrit movement

<https://t.co/KXFQU9exUx>

Quite instructive!

The starting point - the famous chai video of Pollock (Padma Shri 2010)

Efforts to revive or 'speak' ■■■■■■■■■■ as exemplified by unwashed Hindoos trying to order ■■■■■■■■■■ in Sanscreeet memorably filled Prof. Pollock with 'nwosayae' ■ <https://t.co/HMEfonAsnw>

As a background, worthwhile to hear what Prof. Pollock wants to see happen for
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Don\u2019t you dare order Chai in \u0938\u0902\u0938\u094d\u0915\u0943\u0924\u092e\u094d\u0964 \U0001f602

And while you are at it, check out the

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— \u092a\u094d\u0935\u093e\u0932\u0903 \u0964 pvaal (@pvaal2) [September 4, 2020](#)

The evocatively titled Death of Sanskrit by Sheldon Pollock had crystallized the Indological view that Sanskrit is dead & its best left dead!

He also shared a horror of Hindoos, 'Inheritors of a past that they did not create themselves' actually daring to bring it back to life <https://t.co/lnunp8639E>

For a second snort of this exquisite high colonial discourse!

