

8th Vibrant Asia Symposium

A Report by Dr. Lalita Vaitheeswaran

The JAACL under the aegis of Asian Literary Society held the 8th Vibrant Asia Symposium virtually on 15th December 2021 at 9.00 pm. The event had the participation of 6 panelists who were an authority on their submitted article for volume2, number 4, Dec 2021 of JAACL. It was a very interactive, enriching session wherein every participant shared her insights into the subject.

The event was moderated by Dr. Lalita Vaitheeswaran who introduced the panelists. The esteemed guests were as under

1. Ms. Vandana Saxena a Soft Skills Trainer & HR Professional, a Content Writer, author, and blogger.

Her article was: Knowing Sita, from the Perspective of Bali

2. Ms. Indrani Chowdhury, a modern Indian writer/poet who has a book 'Raining Drops of Rainbow Verses' published to her credit

Her article was: A Paradise of Our World- Maldives

3. Ms. Komal Gupta, an award-winning Indian poetess, and writer who writes under the pen name of tejaswiniaura.

Her article was: Calligraphy in India

4. Dr. Lalita Vaitheeswaran, a gynecologist turned author who is a part of many anthologies.

Her article was: Thaipusam festival: Bonding across countries

5. Ms Aditi Lahiry, an English and French Language trainer, is passionate about writing poems, short stories, and articles. Her works have been published in various anthologies

Her article was: The Eminent Children's Folktales of Asia and Their Teachings

6. Ms. Indrani Chatterjee is a self-motivated writer and prefers to pen verses and has co-authored three anthologies of poetry. She is also a vocalist of classical music and

Rabindra Sangeet, currently pursuing the course of Senior Diploma. She has a profound inclination for art and is an emotive person.

Her article was: Musical Panorama of Bengal

After the introduction, the guests spoke about their respective articles at length and also addressed all queries posed to them by the moderator as well as Co-panelists.

The first speaker Ms. Vandana Saxena gave us the Balinese perspective of Devi Sita. It was interesting to know that Sita is portrayed as a powerful woman who is emulated by many.

The second speaker Ms. Indrani Chowdhury took everybody on a virtual tour of the Maldives which she beautifully described as the paradise of the world.

The third speaker Ms. Komal Gupta gave a detailed sketch of the art of calligraphy in India. The moderator, Dr.Lalita Vaitheeswaran also gave some interesting and unique facts about the festival Thaipusam celebrated across many countries in Asia.

The fifth speaker Ms. Adity Lahiry gave a wide account of folktales for children in Asia.

The session reverberated with the history of musical evolution in Bengal by the last speaker Ms.Indrani Chatterjee.

There were a lot of new facts which had been shared by all which made the event extremely fruitful and enriching.

The session ended with the formal vote of thanks to the speakers, to JAACL, ALS, and its founder Mr. Manoj Krishnan.