

4th Vibrant Asia Symposium

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It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the writers on the ALS online platform who had contributed their articles in the journal-JAACL, Vol 2, No 2 in the 4th vibrant Asia Symposium on June 12th, 2021 at 6 pm IST.

The session was inaugurated by Mr. Manoj Krishnan, Editor-in-Chief, JAACL, and later taken forward by Ms. Manisha Amol. All the other panelists joined the session thereafter.

After a brief introduction regarding their literary inclinations, the first speaker Ms. Mousumee Baruah was addressed to discuss a few salient features of her article. She spoke in detail about the Silk Road conflict and the nomadic lifestyle of people in that era. Also, she touched upon the form of literature that people followed with focus on epics like Hamzanaama and Thousand and One Nights. One of the most interesting aspect that was covered by her was the stories in the Arabian Nights which she found to be very interesting and is being read even now. She also gave an insight into the life of the people of Central Asia.

The next speaker Ms. Jayashree Bhattacharjee dealt deeply into how over several decades after Bangladesh was formed the art and culture of that region shaped up. She discussed briefly on the transformations in the art forms over the period ending with current art which is a wonderful amalgamation of modern art with a traditional one.

The third panelist Ms. Neha Gupta spoke about her experiences while staying in Japan and beautifully explained the lifestyle of Japanese people, their art and architecture. Her article showcases the artificial gardens of Japan that are man-made but done scientifically so that they look like natural gardens. The focus was mainly on two aspects of these gardens-usage of moss and lanterns of various types. A very interesting talk, as she had herself, visited these gardens and also captured wonderful images of it.

The youngest of the participants, Ms. Ankurita Khajanchi spoke about the magnificence of the Persian Architecture. She talked about domes and arches which was made for specific reasons. Also the calligraphy that is seen on the walls in quite a few monuments.

She also mentioned how the Persian literature made its way in the Indian subcontinent over a large period of time over the centuries.

And finally the moderator-Ms. Manisha Amol explained very well the reasons for choosing to write on this magic herb Ginseng and its effects on the lifestyle of Korean and Chinese people. It was an article little different from the others as it talks about a herb which has wonderful effects on human body. In fact, the herb itself looks like a human body. She explained the usages, benefits, and a bit on the side effects as well. Actually many places in these regions are economically dependent only on the cultivation and selling of these herbs. It was an interesting explanation overall.

In the end, Mr. Manoj Krishnan gave a vote of thanks to all the participants, and the session ended on a high.

We would urge all those who are associated with ALS, this journal is an interesting read.
There are a lot of interesting articles and there is much to learn from it.

