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Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration Day at the Memorial Art Gallery – University of Rochester – May 15, 2022

Attendee Testimony

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration Day at the Memorial Art Gallery was an incredibly beautiful event, with the theme *“Hope Blooms Eternal”*. It was very interesting to learn about the specific cultural practices of many Asian peoples, not just South Asia. As India, Pakistan, and China are major countries with political power, we know much more about them than most of the other Asian countries.

However, it was very interesting to learn about lesser known countries as well, most notably the Republic of Kiribati, an island nation located in the Pacific Ocean. It is incredibly small, but the Kiribati people have an incredibly rich heritage and history that has been preserved, much like India, for thousands of years.

Unfortunately, their country is experiencing the effects of climate change and many residential areas are vulnerable to rising sea levels. Climate activists have been lobbying US Congress to support the Climate Displaced Persons Act to help the most vulnerable populations- more information is listed below:

- Climate Change in AAPI Communities:
 - Climate Displaced Persons Act:
<https://www.congressweb.com/NPCA/71/>
 - Climate change migrants:
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/ccmigrants
 - Twitter: @CCMigrants (www.twitter.com/ccmigrants)
- More information about the Republic of Kiribati
 - “Humans of Kiribati”
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/humanofkiribati
 - Instagram:
[@humansofkiribati](http://www.instagram.com/humansofkiribati) (www.instagram.com/humansofkiribati)
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HASYA KAVI SAMMELAN POETS



TEJ NARAYAN SHARMA of Gwalior, is a leading satirist of eminence. He is known for his unique style of humor and satire - reminding of late Sharad Joshi. 'Bechain' is his pen name. His poetry has

a mixture of engaging humor and penetrating satire on society, human-relations, and politics. His humorous poems contain a deep and enchanting sarcasm on day to day problems of life in which foolishness, foibles and follies are exposed and held up to ridicule with the intent to improve the society and the humanity.

Tej Narayan is a law graduate and a lawyer by profession. He has participated in over thousand national and international Kavi Sammelans since 1990s,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXlvMEa1Ms8>

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DEEPAK GUPTA of Faridabad, a Delhi University graduate and a member of a zonal Governing Body in the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is a renowned Hindi poet of

Hasya Ras genre. He is famous for his poetry of expressional humor and quick-witted laughter. He is admired for his comic exuberance and spontaneity. His poems reveal that Deepak is a keen, amused, and at times sardonic observer of the kaleidoscope of human life. His comedic bards exude wit, wisdom, and cleverness that tickle the audience's funny bones, keeping them on their toes and laughing out loud.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOllyesdCwY>

ANKITA SINGH, a gifted poetess known for her melodious velvety voice and spellbinding renditions, was born and brought up in Gaya, Bihar. She is a gold medalist from Rajasthan University who taught computer science



at Bangalore University but chose to follow her passion in visual & performing Arts and Poetry over her IT career. As a young entrepreneur, she is a cake artist and owner of a bakery startup named 'Done by Mum' in Gurgaon. Her love for poetry inspired her to reveal her hidden emotions and unnamed feelings - common in us all - in rhythmical creations of words. She takes a small detail and shows us its overwhelming truth, making us understand our own nature.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPo4oAzWYQM>