

PRESS RELEASE

02nd June: The Center for Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Central University of Jammu organized a National Webinar on the occasion of **Aacharya Shri Abhinavagupta Jeyanti** through *Streamyard* and was broadcasted live on the **Facebook**. The event started with welcome address by Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed, Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Central University of Jammu followed by that Dr. Richa Kothari, Director In-charge of the Center briefed about the function of the Center. Prof. Ashok Aima, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Jammu was chairing the event and spoke on the remarkable contribution of Abhinavagupta to the philosophy and cultural tradition of Kashmir. Prof. Rajneesh Kumar Shukla, the honorable Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishvavidyalaya spoke on the personality, philosophy and cultural role of Abhinavagupta in his keynote address. Prof. Neeraja A. Gupta Director, Institute of Indic Studies, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad described the Cultural Leadership of Aacharya Abhinavagupta in which she underlined that Abhinavagupta was not only a philosopher but also a keen practitioner and contributor to his culture. Prof. G. M. Khawaja, the former Director of Center highlighted on the Impact of Aacharya Abhinavagupta on Kashmir Culture, no one can ignore Abhinavagupta in the cultural traditions of Kashmir, he said. Prof. Rajnish Mishra, The School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, JNU, New Delhi emphasized on *Abhinavagupta Ke Darshan Me Aham Pratyavimarsh*, in which core philosophy of Abhinavagupta was explained by him. 1041 registered participants participated across the country from about 300 institutes and around 6000 viewers viewed within two hours. The Webinar was convened and moderated by Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor and co-convened by Dr. Murugesan A, Assistant Professor of the Center.