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To commemorate the 4th Centenary Birth Year of Mata Shree Roop Bhawani, the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu in collaboration with Shri Alakh Sahiba Trust organised a Webinar on the topic 'Mata Shree Roopbhawani a comprehensive perspective'. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice-Chancellor University of Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion and Dr. C.K. Gariyali IAS, a Prolific Writer & former Secretary to Tamil Nadu Governor and Dr. Mahesh Koul, Doctoral Fellow, ICPR, New Delhi and Expert on Sanskrit Indian Philosophy were the Guest Speakers.

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, in his presidential remarks complemented SAS Trust for organising a series of intellectual events to commemorate the 4th Centenary Birth Year of Mata Shree Roop Bhawani who is worshiped as the human embodiment of Mata Sharika. There is a lot to learn from the life of Mata Roop Bhawani which would inculcate spirituality and positivity in our lives. He pondered on the point that even being divine, she faced all the hardships which humans are supposed to encounter just to exemplify the precincts of mortal beings. He also informed that the University of Jammu is always committed to share the rich philosophical content and regional heritage and to strengthen this practice, the university is opening a Department of Philosophy very soon. He also complemented Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare and his team for organising such events of importance.

In her address, Dr. C.K. Gariyali informed in detail about the real life incidents of Mata Roop Bhawani and how mystical and divine she was. She also explained how much she was inspired by her divinity and has mentioned the same in her books. Dr. Mahesh Koul asserted that because of her mystical aura, the reverence of Mata Roop Bhawani is not limited to Kashmiri community only, she is Akhileshwari and is revered by all those who come across her divine deeds. He also mentioned that there is a lot of reverence for deities In J&K and Mata is one among them.

In her welcome address Prof. Vishav Raksha informed that the Department of Students Welfare is always open to organise the events of cultural, literary and intellectual thrust to inculcate and ignite interests in the young minds towards their rich cultural heritage and spirituality. She also complemented the university fraternity and stakeholders of improved ranking by Centre for World Ranking. The event was ably conducted by Dr. Hema Gandotra and Dr. Surinder Kachroo from SAS trust presented vote of thanks.

The event was organised by the Department of Students Welfare under the guidance of Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Sanjana Koul, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean, SW, Dr. Garima Gupta & Dr. Preetam Singh, Assistant Deans, SW, members of Campus Cultural Committee and was coordinated by Mansi Mantoo, Media Officer, Ifra Kak, Cultural Officer and Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor.