Alumni interaction on "Guiding students for higher studies in securing fully funded research and development programs at Indian and foreign universities"

Date: 12th October 2023

Mode: Online

Meeting link: https://meet.google.com/ggn-guxa-vdw

**Time:** 10:00 am

Speaker: Ms. Shruti Gulihar, Ph.D. scholar (fully funded program) at the University of

Nevada, Reno, USA



An alumni talk was organized by the Department of Sciences (Physics Program) to motivate and guide the students for pursuing higher studies at Indian and foreign universities

Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Head of the Department of Sciences, delivered a welcome address and introduced the speaker, Ms. Shruti Gulihar to the audience.

Ms. Shruti Gulihar then shared her experiences of applying for various foreign universities. The key takeaways highlighted for students included starting early to research for available programs, preparing strong statements of purpose and and networking with potential mentors. She also stressed on the importance of scoring good grades while in college, having good

conceptual knowledge, and motivated students to publish their research work, which increases the possibility of securing better PhD positions. She ended the talk by stating that though securing fully funded research and development programs at Indian and foreign universities could be challenging, but with careful planning and preparation, excellent positions could be secured, with fancy scholarship opportunities.

The meeting was opened to questions from students and faculty towards the end of the talk. After this Dr. Sandeep Kumar delivered the vote of thanks to the speaker, wishing her for a bright future at the University of Nevada, USA.