

## Alumni Talk

Topic: "UNDERSTANDING HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS"

Date: February 6, 2023

Time: 10:00 am Onwards

The Department of Sciences (Program - Mathematics), Manav Rachna University organised an invited talk on "UNDERSTANDING HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS" by its alumni (M.Sc. Mathematics 2018-2020 batch), Ms. Ridhima Nehra on February 6, 2023. She is currently pursuing PhD from North Dakota State University, USA. The session was conducted in online mode on Microsoft Teams (Link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5n867x7r">https://tinyurl.com/5n867x7r</a>) from 10 AM onwards. The session began with the welcoming of the speaker and audiences. A brief introduction about Ms Ridhima was given by the Program Head – Mathematics, Dr. Aparna Vyas. Ms Ridhima

started the talk by sharing her experiences of the journey from Manav Rachna to PhD in USA. She shared how research guidance and encouragement from her research mentor Dr Aparna helped her to get admission in PhD. She also shared that the guidance from her research mentors helped her to grow as a researcher and made her capable of presenting papers in various workshops and conferences during her masters tenure. Many questions were asked by the students which Ms Ridhima answered very skilfully. She shared the procedure to apply for admission to PhD and Master's degree programs. She motivated students to be self-managed and to manage time effectively so as to participate in extracurricular activities while keeping their grades on the higher side. She inspired students to stay focused on their goals and to *never stop learning*. Overall, the session was very informative and the students were very happy to listen to her. The session was concluded with the vote of thanks by the organiser of the event, Ms Savitta Saini.

