

## **Alumni Report: ‘Women STEM Roadshow, New Delhi, 2018**

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I am writing this report as an US alumnus. The chain of a number of workshops conducted in India’s six major cities proved quite a success. It is very boosting to see the amazing response and enthusiasm from the women participants of these workshops. The students who took part in these events were mostly from under privileged and poor sections of the society. Our aim through these workshops was to make them aware of the importance and significance of STEM studies in the US.

I work in the above university as a professor. I attended one of the two workshops held in my university in New Delhi during Feb 3-5, 2018. I made a presentation to the participants explaining them the career opportunities and importance of STEM. I shared with them my life and experiences as a STEM fellow at the Ohio State University, Columbus, USA. I presented to them the opportunities and benefits of studying in the US and the state of the art of infrastructure of US universities and institutes, funding opportunities available to the talented students to study in US and reasons why the US universities always occupy top ranks in the world ranking every year. The students were so intrigued and enquired many questions regarding studying in US during the session. They even continued asking related questions even after the sessions got over which proves their undying interests in STEM and desire of studying in the USA. I am very happy to the success of this workshop to such an extent.

After all workshops got over, the participants got back to their places and with the time they started asking questions through phones and emails. This fills us with immense satisfaction about the efforts we put in to conduct these workshops and concluded they reached their culminations.

This is also very encouraging to us to make more efforts in helping them to realize their dreams of receiving higher education in STEM fields and make use of these for the betterment of human beings and to make this world a better place to live.

As an US STEM alumnus I am committed to make every possible effort for the education of the deprived and the underprivileged.