

# THE GLOBAL GATEWAY



**From the desk of the Vice Chancellor**

Dear Readers,  
Manav Rachna University (MRU) is changing — we're growing. While we've always championed collaboration, we're taking it to a new stage. We're erasing boundaries and closing the distance; to be global citizens, we must learn with the world. Our classroom is expanding — our ambitions are evolving. We want our students to redefine their limits, so we're reimagining ours. This newsletter is a step towards the future; it's an effort to bring the world to you. Here's to a new beginning!

Prof. (Dr.) Deependra Kumar Jha

## Latest collaborations

Manav Rachna University has established partnerships with:

- University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- Universidad de O'Higgins, Chile
- INTI International University, Malaysia
- Havant & South Downs College, UK
- Lincoln University, New Zealand
- Üsküdar University, Turkey

These collaborations focus on joint research, student and faculty exchanges, and knowledge-sharing in fields of STEAM, Legal Studies and Sustainability, offering global exposure and transformative opportunities for MRU students and faculty.

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## Manav Rachna University fosters excellence during Quality Month celebration

During the Quality Month celebration, Manav Rachna University organized a series of impactful online and offline sessions showcasing its commitment to academic excellence and global engagement. The events included a session by Prof. Sheryl Williams, Director of Studies for postgraduate taught programs from Loughborough University, UK, offering valuable insights into global educational trends, and a visit by Dr. Stephen Chatelier, Senior Lecturer in International Education and Ms. Juhee Ahmad, Strategic Advisor for India Strategy & Engagement from the University of Melbourne, Australia, which advanced discussions on international collaboration. Additionally, Dr. Chetan Arora, Senior Lecturer in Software Engineering and Country Lead for International Engagement (India) from Monash University, Australia, visited the campus to explore collaborative opportunities with the institution. These initiatives reinforced the university's dedication to providing a world-class learning environment.



## Global education empowered by grants



Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Varshney, former Head of International Scientific Cooperation at DST, India, delivered an online expert talk during quality month celebration on 28 Nov 2024 entitled "Enhancing Quality Education: The Role of International Grants and Scholarships." He emphasized the importance of research and international fellowships like Fulbright, Marie Skłodowska-Curie, and DAAD in cultivating global learning, and interdisciplinary knowledge exchange. Dr. Varshney also shared insights on successful fellowship applications, reinforcing MRU's commitment to excellence in education and global collaboration.

## Visit to Australian High Commision



Prof. (Dr.) Meena Kapahi, Director International Relations, and Mr. Balabhiram E., AGM of International Relations and Global Engagements at Manav Rachna University, attended a workshop on "The Importance of Support Services and Pastoral Care for International Students" on 28 Nov 2024, organized by the Australian High Commission. The session, introduced by Nathaniel Webb, First Secretary at the Australian High Commission, featured opening remarks by Dr. B. Chandrasekar and Mathew Johnston, focusing on enhancing support services for international students.





**Message from the Executive Director,  
International Relations & Alumni**

Dear Readers,

Manav Rachna Educational Institutions (MREI) leverages the opportunity to collaborate with prestigious universities at the international pavilion with a prophetic vision of harbouring academic partnerships, research partnerships, embracing cultural exchanges and advocating for the institution's interests globally. Our enriched diaspora of international alliances aims at expanding the institution's universal footprint and equipping students with knowledge that helps them inculcate global adroitness and emerge as world-class leaders. Students can collaborate with peers from around the world, delve into the richness of diverse cultures, and cultivate a refined and expansive global outlook. As we unfurl our wings and traverse horizons across the world, we envision enriching academic experience and promoting cross-cultural understanding and innovation. International collaborations are the cornerstone of academic excellence, enabling universities to transcend borders and unite diverse minds in the pursuit of knowledge.

Warm regards,  
Sanya Bhalla

## Strengthening global connections through online meetings

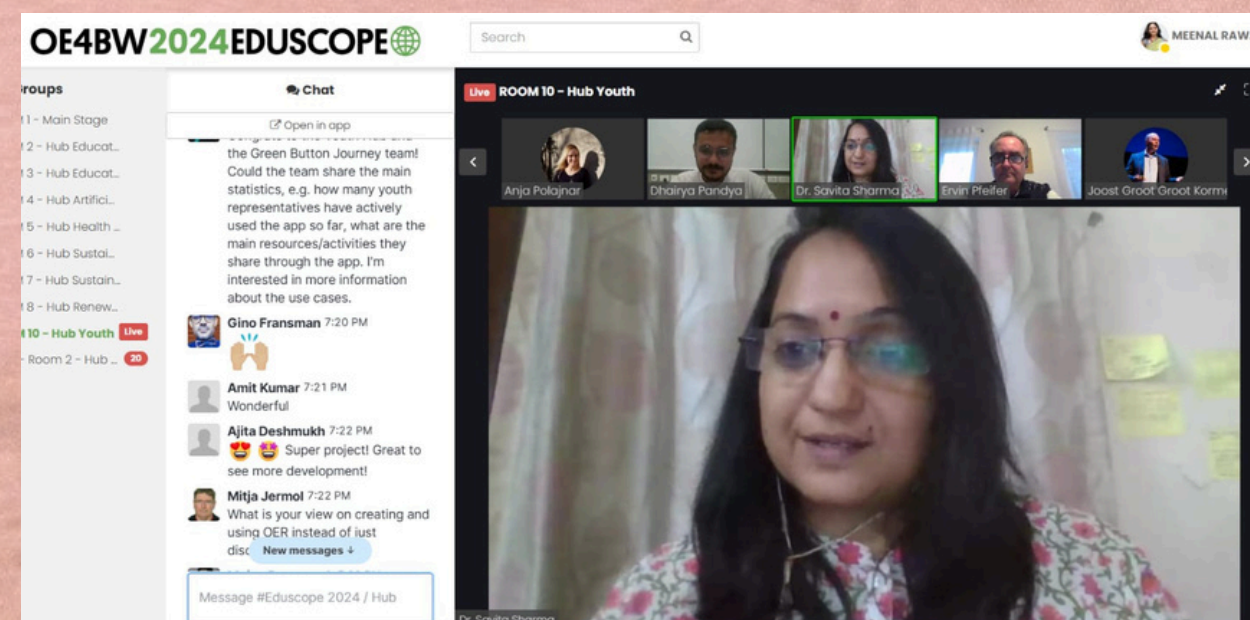
The Office of International Relations has been actively engaged in hosting a series of online meetings aimed at fostering global academic partnerships. These virtual interactions focus on advancing joint academic initiatives, student and faculty exchange programs, and collaborative research opportunities with institutions across the world. By leveraging digital platforms, the office continues to bridge geographical boundaries and strengthen international ties.

## Korea-India Business Confluence strengthens global ties

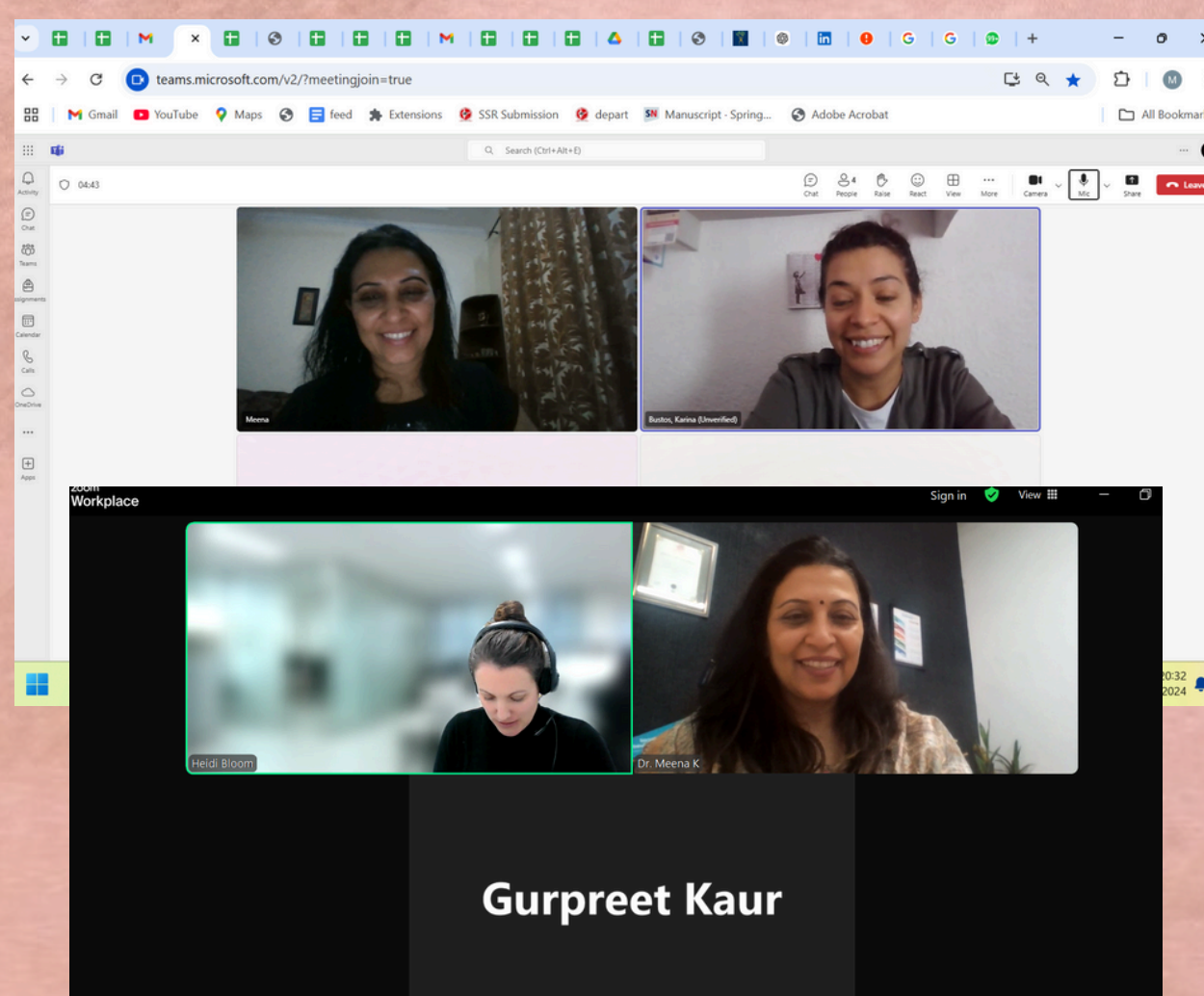


Prof. (Dr.) Meena Kapahi and Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Pruthi attended the Korea Business Confluence held at the Korea Centre of Excellence, NDIM, New Delhi, on 13 November 2024. The event, organized in collaboration with IRKFS, KOSME GBC, and prominent Korean multinational corporations, served as a dynamic platform for fostering international business collaborations and cultural exchange.

## MRU faculty members shine on global platform with UNESCO's OE4BW initiative



MRU faculty members have been selected as Course Developers and Mentors for UNESCO's Open Education for Better World (OE4BW) Initiative 2023-24. It focuses on creating Open Educational Resources aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The faculty presented their proposals at EDUSCOPE 2024 on 26-27 November. Congratulations to all for their remarkable feat!



## International partnerships in Ph.D. co-supervision



Dr. Meenakshi Arora, a distinguished professor in the Department of Infrastructure Engineering at the University of Melbourne, Australia and Director of the Melbourne India Postgraduate Academy (MIPA), has joined as a co-supervisor for Ms. Yashita Dhingra, a research scholar in the Department of Sciences under the primary guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Meena Kapahi. The research focuses on sustainable waste management practices.

## INTI International University Research Fellow

The Department of Computer Science & Technology, School of Engineering, is pleased to announce that Dr. Abhishek Saxena, Associate Professor, has been appointed as a "Research Fellow" at INTI International University, Malaysia, for two years (Dec 2023 - 2025). His role will involve advancing research in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and deep learning, guiding scholars, publishing in reputed journals, and securing funded research grants.

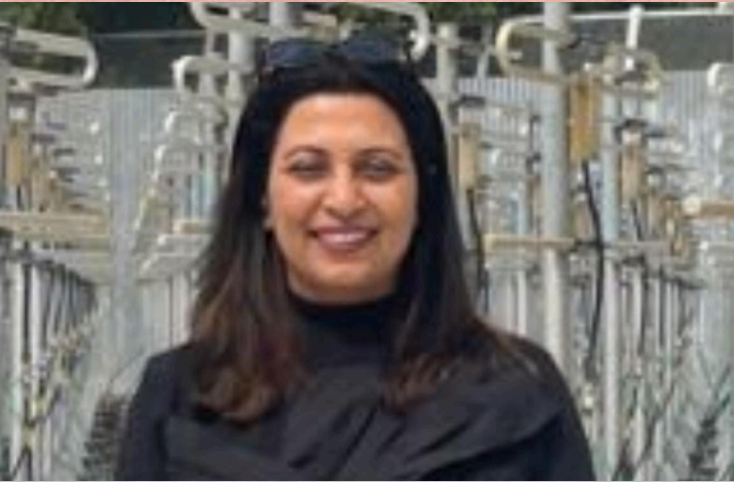
## International alumni spotlight - Ms. Shanu Agarwal, School of Law



With a strong passion for cross-cultural collaboration and international business strategies, Ms Shanu Agarwal (B.Com LLB, 2K18 batch) is pursuing Masters at the University of Birmingham, UK. Her goal is to contribute to the organizational growth leveraging her international business expertise.

Connect with Shanu on LinkedIn:  
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Message from the Director, International Relations

'The Global Gateway' provides a stellar glimpse into International Office's significant strides and accomplishments. This aligns with our commitment towards cultivating meaningful partnerships and driving transformative cross- border growth with our esteemed international university partners. This monthly edition features permanent sections such as updates on our international alumni, a QR code which takes you to the details on the ongoing MoUs, articles by our esteemed faculty, and information on international grants and funding opportunities.

Prof. (Dr.) Meena Kapahi

MRU joins the UN-PRME community



The Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) is a United Nations - supported initiative founded in 2007 that aims to raise the profile of sustainability in business and management education through Seven Principles focused on serving society and safeguarding our planet. Manav Rachna University joins the UN-PRME community that comprises over 800 leading business and management schools from 90 countries around the world committed to building a more sustainable future by implementing the Seven Principles and supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). MRU is a signatory member to UN-PRME.

Rewind : Key Moments of 2024



EAIE Conference 2024, Toulouse, France | September 17-19, 2024

The European Association for International Education (EAIE) Conference 2024, held in the picturesque city of Toulouse, France, from September 17-19, was an enriching experience for global education leaders and practitioners. The event brought together key stakeholders to explore collaboration opportunities, share insights, and strengthen networks across international education systems. The conference was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Deependra Kumar Jha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Manav Rachna University, and Prof. (Dr.) Meena Kapahi, Director International Relations. They represented the institution and engaged actively in discussions on the evolving landscape of transnational education. Discussions emphasized the need to understand and appreciate diverse cultures, languages, and educational systems to foster meaningful global partnerships. Participants explored strategies for overcoming barriers and enhancing collaboration among educational institutions on an international scale. The event provided an excellent platform for exchanging ideas, building strategic partnerships, and gaining fresh perspectives on global education.

Train the Trainer Workshop, CEFAM Lyon, France|May 26 -30, 2024



Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Chauhan, School of Management and Commerce, participated in the "Train the Trainer" workshop organized by Marketplace Simulations USA at CEFAM, Lyon, France, from 26 to 30 May, 2024. The workshop, led by Dr. Ernest Cadotte and four other coaches, provided an immersive business simulation experience. The 4-day workshop was planned incorporating a tour of the city, team-building-exercises, discussions, networking dinners. It was attended by experts from Germany, Canada,France, USA, Spain, Luxembourg.

Challenging dynamics of internationalization of higher education

Prof.(Dr.) SK Bose, Professor, School of Law

Internationalization of higher education has always been a subject of animated debate among competing minds and advanced nations. This brings the realists to ponder over various aspects relating to the core of the subject so as to rediscover more though there is a well established set of ideas for understanding the present system of education. Emerging education entities invariably enquire about various hurdles faced by the established players. They strive to bring drastic changes in the dominant norms of the system in order to give momentum to their own interests and practices. Naturally, there arise conflicts and tensions among the nations, and the experts are divided in their opinions with regard to these conflicts that broadly revolve around the power shifting or power transition. Furthermore, the theorists differ as to whether conflict derives more from the actions of revisionist powers those are pioneering to rebuild the rules of international affairs- that includes socio, economic and educational cultural ties, or from the status quo powers which have growing apprehensions to preserve their supremacy. Recently India and Germany launched an Indo-German Partnership for Green and Sustainable Development. Under this, Germany has committed to provide additional development assistance of 10 billion dollars till 2030 to support India's green growth plans. This partnership includes joint efforts in sustainable urban development, energy transition, and environmental protection. Additionally, both countries finalized a Comprehensive Migration and Mobility Partnership (CMMP), facilitating the movement of students, professionals, and researchers, while addressing illegal migration challenges. The Prime Minister of India deliberated that many countries had benefited from India's skilled workers and professionals and the migration and mobility agreement with Germany will facilitate movement between the two sides at a time when India is witnessing the fastest growth in the post Covid19 era as compared to the other developing economies. This agreement highlights the importance of systemic cooperation and regional integration in advancing international education.

Global funding opportunities

Scholar-In-Residence Program

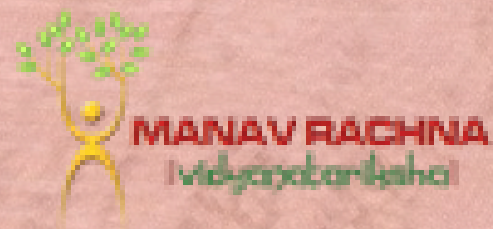
The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program is a unique Fulbright Scholar Program initiative that is specifically driven by the goals of U.S. institutions of higher education to enhance internationalization efforts on their campuses. The Scholar-In-Residence Program is now accepting applications to host for the 2026-2027 academic year. For more details: <https://fulbrightscholars.org/sir>



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