

**Department of Clinical Research
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Swami Rama Himalayan University**

Alumni Speak Report

Topic of the Event: Why to Pursue MSc Clinical Research from Swami Rama Himalayan University?

Date: May 20, 2026

Time: 03:00 PM – 04:00 PM

Speaker: Ms. Arpita Borgaonkar, Associate Centralised Monitor - IQVIA RDS Ltd, Mumbai

Organized by: Department of Clinical Research, HIMS, SRHU

Audience: MSc Clinical Research, BRIT, and B. Pharm Students

Introduction:

On May 20, 2026, the Department of Clinical Research at HIMS, Swami Rama Himalayan University organized an Alumni Speak session on the topic “Why to Pursue MSc Clinical Research from Swami Rama Himalayan University?” The session was delivered by Ms. Arpita Borgaonkar, an alumna of the Department of Clinical Research who is currently working as Associate Centralised Monitor at IQVIA RDS Ltd, Mumbai. The objective of the session was to guide MSc Clinical Research students regarding the academic advantages, practical exposure, career opportunities, and industry relevance of pursuing MSc Clinical Research from SRHU.

Key Highlights of the Session:

Ms. Arpita began the session by sharing her academic journey and professional experiences in the clinical research industry with the MSc Clinical Research students. She discussed how the MSc Clinical Research program at SRHU helped her build a strong foundation in clinical trials, research ethics, pharmacovigilance, regulatory affairs, and study management. She emphasized that the university provides both theoretical knowledge and practical exposure, which are essential for building a successful career in clinical research.

She highlighted the importance of quality education, industry-oriented curriculum, experienced faculty members, research-based learning, and internship opportunities available during the MSc program. According to her, these experiences helped her gain confidence and prepared her to work in a professional research environment.

Advantages of Pursuing MSc Clinical Research from SRHU:

- Industry-oriented curriculum covering all major aspects of clinical research
- Practical exposure through internships, hospital-based research activities, and workshops
- Training in ICH-GCP guidelines, ethics, and regulatory requirements
- Guidance from experienced faculty members and industry experts
- Opportunities to participate in conferences, seminars, and research activities
- Development of communication, documentation, and professional skills
- Better career opportunities in pharmaceutical companies, CROs, hospitals, and research organizations

Career Opportunities Discussed During the Session:

Ms. Arpita explained that MSc Clinical Research graduates have a wide range of career opportunities in India and abroad. She discussed various roles such as:

- Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC)
- Clinical Research Associate (CRA)
- Clinical Trial Assistant (CTA)
- Pharmacovigilance Associate
- Data Management Executive
- Regulatory Affairs Associate
- Medical Writer
- Centralized Monitoring Professional

She also informed students about the growing demand for trained clinical research professionals in pharmaceutical industries, contract research organizations (CROs), hospitals, and healthcare research sectors.

Skills Required for Success in Clinical Research:

The speaker discussed the essential skills required for establishing a successful career in clinical research. These included:

- Knowledge of clinical trial processes and regulations
- Understanding of ICH-GCP guidelines and ethical practices
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong documentation and data management abilities
- Teamwork and professional ethics
- Time management and problem-solving skills
- Continuous learning and adaptability in the evolving research industry

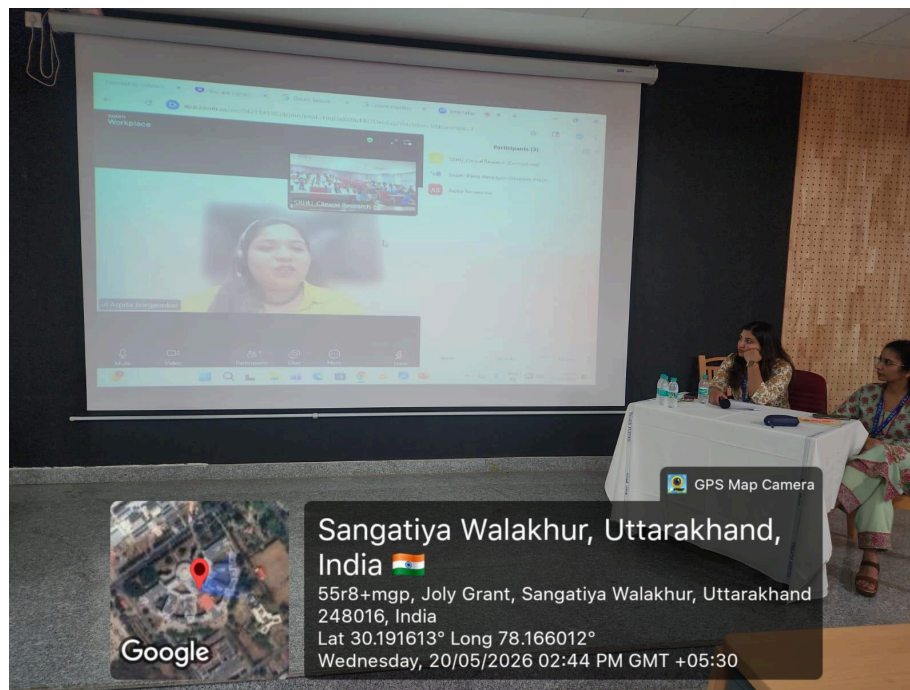
She encouraged students to actively participate in internships, workshops, and academic activities to strengthen their practical knowledge and professional confidence.

Interactive Session and Q&A:

The session concluded with an interactive discussion where students asked questions regarding placements, career growth, salary expectations, industry challenges, and opportunities in multinational clinical research organizations. Ms. Arpita shared practical insights from her professional experience and guided students on how to prepare themselves for careers in the clinical research industry.

Conclusion:

The Alumni Speak session provided valuable insights into the benefits and career prospects of pursuing MSc Clinical Research from SRHU. Ms. Arpita Borgaonkar shared her professional experiences and motivated students to build strong academic and practical foundations for successful careers in clinical research. The session was highly informative, interactive, and inspiring for the MSc Clinical Research students.



Ms. Arpita sharing her experiencing with students