## **Brief Biography of the Candidate**

Ms. Shivani Gupta is a doctoral candidate in Department of Biological Sciences at BITS-Pilani. She holds M.Sc in biotechnology from Panjab University, Chandigarh. She has worked as a Lecturer in Department of Biotechnology for one year after her M.Sc and then Joined as JRF in Department of Biological Sciences at BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus in 2010 and joined Ph.D program under the supervision of Dr. Suman Kapur.

Her good command over research analysis and data handling is due to the exposure she had in international Fogarty workshop "Introduction to Chronic Diseases Research Methods" organised by University of Pittsburgh and Share India, held at Hyderabad. She has presented her research work at various conferences and has also won best oral presentation award. Along with her research work she has been actively involved in organizing scientific workshops. She has also contributed significantly in other lab projects and won two national awards; GYTI 2015 (NIF sponsored) and BEST 2014 (DBT sponsored).