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N O T I C E

MicrobioPodium · Scientific presentation
Rules and Guidelines · National Level MicrobiOlympiad 2026–27

To: The Heads of Departments, College Coordinators and all participants registered for **MicrobioPodium**.

MicrobioPodium is a scientific presentation contest. Each participant prepares **two slides** on one of the five themes below, records a **video presentation of up to 5 minutes** using them, and uploads the video and the slides online by **30 November 2026**.

No.	Theme (choose one)
1	Microbes: The Invisible Engineers of Life
2	Microbiology for a Sustainable Future
3	Microbes and Human Health: From Disease to Wellness
4	Microbes for Food Security and Agriculture
5	The Future of Microbiology: From Microscope to AI

The two slides

Slide 1 · Introduction	The participant's photograph, full name, year, subject and college, and the theme number and title.
Slide 2 · Scientific poster	One slide laid out as a **scientific poster of three columns and three rows** (nine panels) on the chosen theme, as below:

	Column 1 · Introduction	Column 2 · The science	Column 3 · Outcome
Row 1	Title of the poster and the theme	Key concept or mechanism	Applications and importance
Row 2	Background: why the topic matters	Figure, diagram or flow chart	Conclusion and future scope
Row 3	Aim or question addressed	Examples, data or case study	Key references

The video

Length	**Up to 5 minutes.** Videos longer than 5 minutes are judged on the first 5 minutes only.
Content	The participant presents both slides in English, in their own voice. The participant's face must be visible at least at the start (camera on, or a picture-in-picture corner).
Recording	Landscape (horizontal), clear audio, recorded on a phone or computer. A single continuous recording; no background music or special effects.
Upload	The video (any phone or computer recording; the submission page **compresses it automatically to 720p** on the participant's device before uploading) and the two slides as **one PDF**.

Judging criteria	Marks
Relevance to the chosen theme	15
Scientific content and accuracy of the poster slide	30
Poster design and visual clarity	15
Delivery, clarity and confidence in the video	25
Time management (within 5 minutes)	15
Total	**100**

How to submit

1. Open **microbiolympiad.org/submit** and sign in with the **e-mail registered by your College Coordinator**; a 6-digit code is sent to that e-mail.
2. Choose your theme, enter the title and upload the **presentation video** and the **two slides as one PDF**.
3. Last date: **30 November 2026** (the page closes at the end of the day). An entry can be replaced until then, unless it has already been sent to the judges.

General rules

1. Open to regular FY, SY, TY and PG students of Microbiology, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Zoology, Botany and allied Life Sciences, registered for MicrobioPodium by their College Coordinator for 2026–27 (fee ₹125 per participant; not refundable).
2. Entries are **individual**; one entry per participant.
3. The entry must be the participant's own original work, made for this edition. Plagiarism, copying or tracing leads to disqualification. Work generated with artificial-intelligence (AI) tools is not accepted. Sources must be acknowledged.
4. The decision of the panel of judges is final and binding. Top performers receive **medals and certificates**; every participant receives a **Certificate of Participation**. Results are announced on **microbiolympiad.org**.
5. The Organizing Committee may use entries, with credit to the participant, in the souvenir, website and publicity material.

Heads of Departments and College Coordinators are requested to bring this notice to the attention of the registered participants. Participants may direct their queries to their College Coordinator.

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