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N O T I C E

MicrobioSlate · Scientific essay writing
Rules and Guidelines · National Level MicrobiOlympiad 2026–27

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

MicrobioSlate is a scientific essay-writing contest. Each participant writes one essay, in English, on one of the five themes below. Entries are submitted 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

Essay format

Length	1,500 to 2,000 words, excluding the title and references.
Layout	A4, Times New Roman 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing, 2.5 cm margins; uploaded as **one PDF** (up to 10 MB).
First page	Title of the essay, theme number and title, participant's name, year, subject and college.
Structure	Introduction, main body with headings, conclusion, and references (at least three sources).

Judging criteria	Marks
Relevance to the chosen theme	20
Scientific accuracy and depth	30
Originality of ideas	20
Structure, clarity and language	20
Use and citation of references	10
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, an optional summary (up to 100 words) and upload the essay 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 MicrobioSlate 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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