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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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N O T I C E

MicrobioCanvas · Scientific painting & drawing
Rules and Guidelines · National Level MicrobiOlympiad 2026–27

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

MicrobioCanvas is a scientific painting and drawing contest. Each participant makes one artwork on one of the five themes below and submits a scan or photograph of it 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

Artwork format

Size	A3 drawing sheet (297 × 420 mm), portrait or landscape.
Medium	Hand-made only: pencil, charcoal, colour pencils, crayons, oil pastels, watercolours, poster or acrylic colours. Digital art, collage and printed or traced material are not permitted.
Description	A short write-up of **up to 100 words** explaining the science shown in the artwork (entered on the submission page).
Upload	A clear, full-frame scan or photograph of the artwork: **JPG, PNG or PDF**, up to 15 MB, at least 3000 px on the longer side.
Original	Write the participant's name, college and theme on the back; no name or mark on the front. Keep the original safe; it may be called for verification or display.

Judging criteria	Marks
Relevance to the chosen theme	20
Scientific accuracy of what is shown	25
Creativity and originality	25
Artistic skill, composition and use of colour	20
Clarity of the description	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 and the description (up to 100 words) and upload the scan or photograph of the artwork.
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.

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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.

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N O T I C E

MicrobioRead · Reading & comprehension
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To: The Heads of Departments, College Coordinators and all participants registered for **MicrobioRead**.

MicrobioRead tests scientific reading and comprehension. Participants read a published research paper in microbiology, shown on screen during an online test, and answer questions on it. No preparation of a particular paper is required.

Test details

Date and time	**7 January 2027**. The test window (timing) will be shared with all registered participants by e-mail on **5 January 2027** and published on **microbiolympiad.org**.
Duration	**60 minutes** from the moment the participant opens the test.
Paper	**Section A:** 20 multiple-choice questions, 1 mark each, marked automatically, no negative marking. **Section B:** 4 short written answers, 5 marks each, marked by the MicrobioRead panel. **Total: 40 marks.**
Login and venue	A separate MicrobioRead login (Login ID beginning **MR-**) is e-mailed to every registered participant before the test. The test is taken at **microbiolympiad.org/test**, at the participant's college under the supervision of the College Coordinator.

Test rules

1. Answers are saved automatically, and the test is submitted automatically when the time ends.
2. Copying, pasting and right-click are disabled. Switching to another tab, window or application is recorded; the test is **submitted automatically on the third such instance**.
3. Mobile phones, books, notes, other websites and AI tools may not be used during the test.
4. Written answers must be in the participant's own words; answers copied word for word from the paper receive reduced marks.

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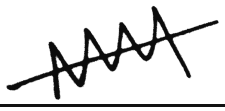

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