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Report on Microchef Event Conducted under Microtalkies by the Department of Microbiology

Microchef, an annual culinary event conducted under Microtalkies, was organized by the Department of Microbiology on 28th January 2026, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event was hosted in the Undergraduate Microbiology and Biotechnology laboratories, which were systematically arranged and decorated to accommodate food stalls and activity zones. The primary objective of the event was to provide students with an opportunity to showcase creativity, strengthen teamwork and leadership skills, and gain hands-on exposure to basic entrepreneurial practices.

The programme commenced with a welcome and inaugural address by Ms. Shriya Khedekar, MSc Part II student on behalf of students. This was followed by the traditional lighting of the diyas and ribbon-cutting ceremony performed by the chief guest, Ms. Lata Mohan, Head, Department of Mathematics, formally inaugurating the event along with Dr. Aparna Dubhashi, Head, Department of Microbiology; Dr. Krupa Purandare and Dr. Meenal Dukhande. The chief guest interacted with students, appreciated the innovative presentation of the food stalls, and sampled several dishes prepared by the participants. As a gesture of appreciation and to promote environmental awareness, saplings were presented to the chief guest and judges.

All food stalls were prepared and managed by students of the Department of Microbiology. A total of 25 food stalls with 79 participants were set up and organized under thematic sections such as Oriental Bites, Sip and Chill, Fermentation Counter, Processed Pantry, and Chaat Chatka, enabling students to present a wide variety of food items and preparation techniques.

The judging panel consisted of Dr. Surekha Gupta, Dean of Science, Head, Department of Zoology, and Ms. Manisha Sakure, Department of History. The evaluation was carried out based on parameters including taste, hygiene, presentation, innovation, and teamwork.

In addition to the culinary competition, a gaming section was arranged by TY BSc students. Activities such as tarot reading, spin-the-wheel, and memory games attracted enthusiastic participation, with the tarot reading counter drawing the maximum crowd.

The result announcement ceremony was conducted by Dr. Meenal Dukhande, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology. Based on the judges' evaluation, first and second prizes were awarded, along with two special recognitions for the best-selling food items. A special recognition titled “Crowd Puller” was also awarded to the tarot reading counter for attracting the highest number of participants.

The event was conducted under the guidance and support of faculty members Dr. Aparna Dubhashi, Head, Department of Microbiology; Associate Professors Dr. Meenal Dukhande and Dr. Krupa Purandare; and Assistant Professors Mrs Sukhada Mulik, Ms. Mamta Sawant, Mrs. Prachiti Raul, Mrs. Purva Chavan, Dr. Ayesha Shaikh and Ms. Uzma Kazi.

Student coordination and volunteer participation formed the backbone of the event's successful execution. Student volunteers contributed actively to various aspects of planning and execution, ensuring the smooth conduct of Microchef 2026. Microchef 2026 was actively promoted across the campus through on-ground efforts by student volunteers, who generated awareness and encouraged participation. The programme was further supported by the dedicated assistance of non-teaching staff members Mr. Rakesh, Mr. Satpute, Mr. Ravichandra, and Mr. Ganesh, who contributed to the logistical arrangements.

Microchef 2026 received encouraging participation from students and visitors and provided valuable experiential learning in event organization, teamwork, leadership, and responsibility management.

The event concluded successfully with appreciation extended to all faculty members, non-teaching staff, student volunteers, judges, and participants whose collective efforts made Microchef 2026 a successful initiative.

LIST OF WINNERS 25-26.

Sr. No.	Prize	Class	Name
1.	Prize by judges		
	1st Prize	1) FyBSc Major	Ms Divya Sapre Ms Sanjukta Dhudhe Ms Swara , Ms Prachi Bhawe , Ms Vaibhavi Sawant
		2) FyBSc Minor	Ms Mehak Hussain Ms Aditi Pingle
	2nd Prize	1) FyBSc Major	Ms Jhanavi Karjavkar , Ms Sejal More, Ms Laxmi Chauhan, Ms Suvidha Dhuri
		2) MSc II	Ms Sweety Patra , Mr Aman Pandey , Mr Om Vaikar
2.	Best Seller Dish		
	1st Prize	SyBSc Major	Ms Heena Shaikh
	2nd prize	TyBSc Major	Ms Apoorva Kadam , Ms Vaibhavi, Ms Vaibhavi Jadhav, Ms Poorva Kokate
	2nd prize	SyBSc Minor	Ms Vaishnavi Rode , Ms Kanchan Vaishya , Ms Shabana Shaikh.
3.	Special Prize (Special Appreciation)		
	winners	TyBSc Major	Ms Bhagyashree Wagamare , Ms Ruchika Shalini , Ms Supriya Shinde
4.	Logo Design		
	Winners	MSc II	Mr Saumil Fafadia
		FyBSc Major	Ms Tanaaz Shaikh