



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN MICROBIOME

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CoEM Agar Art competition- 2026

Centre of Excellence in Microbiome is conducting an agar art competition as part of the upcoming ‘**World Microbiome Day Observance**’ with a view to share the awareness of the microbial world with the public and awaken the artistic skills of enthusiastic students and researchers involved in the field of microbiology. CoEM invites original high-definition agar art images using microbes with agar as canvas.

- ✚ The contest is open for all microbiology enthusiasts, students and researchers.
- ✚ The art should be original and not copied from any source. Coloured agar, differential or selective media and pigmented microbes can be used and the artwork must be based on the following theme: **Food Portraits with Microbes**. It should depict food items or its process or any food-related concept through microbial art.
- ✚ Interested participants can upload their **agar art images (high resolution good quality)** along with a title and detailed description in the Google form link. The participant must upload the declaration of originality and strictly adhere to lab biosafety rules that must be duly signed by the concerned faculty (In case of students, the signature must be obtained from the concerned authority).
- ✚ The best entries will be awarded cash prizes and certificates. Besides, all the eligible entries will receive an E-certificate of participation.
- ✚ The copyright ownership of every agar-art entry by any participant shall lie exclusively with the organizing Institute, Centre of Excellence in Microbiome. This copyright transfer covers the exclusive right and license to reproduce, publish, distribute, and archive the said agar-art image in all forms and media of expression. The images submitted in the contest will be uploaded in CoEM associated online platforms with the winner’s name and address.
- ✚ Last date for submission: June 15, 2026.
- ✚ The decision of the Selection Committee would be final and binding on all the participants and no clarifications would be issued to any participant on any decision of the Selection Committee.
- ✚ Drop your queries to the contact E-mail: coemkscste@gmail.com
- ✚ Link to apply: <https://forms.gle/YBbGh3KTnnFoLBBC6>

A fascinating opportunity to unleash your artistic creation of Microbiology art awaits you!!!

*Note: Strictly follow the laboratory biosafety rules and guidelines while working with the microorganism. Organizers shall not be responsible for any kind of mishap by the participant.

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Director