

**VPM's B. N. Bandodkar College of Science (Autonomous)**

**Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology**

**Competitive Examination Guidance Session**

**Activity Report**

Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology had organized orientation lecture for competitive exam preparation by **Ms. Shivani Malvankar, alumnus of the Department**, currently pursuing '**MSc Biotechnology**' from **AIIMS, New Delhi**. The lecture was organized on **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 4 pm**.

Dr. Jayashree Pawar began the session and introduced Ms. Shivani to the audience. She proudly mentioned her two publications in ISSRF Newsletter and that she is author of a chapter in a book 'Omics approaches to infectious diseases', published by 'springer publications'.

To begin with, Ms. Shivani discussed about the **AIIMS entrance examination pattern for PG Biotechnology course** in detail. She discussed **few questions in recent question papers**. She also gave the students, idea about **other masters programs offered** by the reputed Institution and how to apply for these courses. She explained her research work on '**regulatory roles of tRNA derived RNA fragments**' and on '**small noncoding RNAs**' accomplished during her Masters study. The students were highly impressed with the research idea and the huge amount of work by her. They also mentioned that the session was very amazing, helpful and informative.

The session was kept open for all biological Sciences students of the College. **Forty-eight students of Biotechnology and Microbiology and two students of botany attended the session**. Thirty nine students gave the feedback in which they commended the overall organization of the event. The feedback received is depicted below.