## **Activity Report: Competitive exams guidance session**

The Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology had organized a Competitive exams guidance session on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 11.00am on google meet platform. The session was conducted by our alumnus, Mr. Subhash Khatri, Ph.D. Scholar, TIFR, Mumbai. Dr. Kalpita Mulye and Dr. Jayashree Pawar welcomed the speaker and Ms. Zahera Momin introduced him to the audience.

Mr. Subhash Khatri explained the students different aspects of M.Sc. by papers and by research. He also gave a gist of his current research work in TIFR. Mr. Khatri also gave an insight into life as a Ph.D. scholar and solved several other doubts of the students. He motivated the students to prepare sincerely for entrance exams and discussed strategies to study for the same. He also talked through the interview and SOP stages of selection after clearing the exam.

The session was attended by 27 students from department of Biotechnology and Microbiology of B. N. Bandodkar College. Feedback for the session was taken using google forms. Filled forms were received from 18 participants. The students commended the excellent overall organization of the event and appreciated the firsthand experience of research institute shared by the Mr. Khatri. They also mentioned that the session was really interesting, informative and that they anticipate attending more such detailed sessions in future.

