About the Department

The department of Microbiology was established in 1977. It is now a widely recognized as a Centre for Excellence in Microbiology, both with respect to teaching and research. More than thousand students have completed their Masters program and >70 have completes the doctoral program from the dept. The alumni of the dept. occupy positions of great responsibility in a myriad of institutions all over the world. The dept. has been providing an environment that fosters continuous improvement and innovation in the subject by inculcating required skills in students towards their development through discussion sessions, Saturday meets, visits at research facilities and industries, science exhibitions. The dept. served by highly accomplished faculty and friendly administrative staff, strives to nurture high moral values in students to live up to their civic responsibilities

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SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

Department of Microbiology

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Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Program

On the Occasion of

World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)

An Initiative by

World Health Organization

18 - 24 November, 2026





Theme:

One Health, One Action: Prevent AMR Now





Spreading Awareness

"World AMR Awareness Week" (WAAW), an initiative by **World Health Organization (WHO)** aims to increase awareness of **global antimicrobial resistance (AMR)** among the general public. This activity will encourage best practices to avoid the further emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections. Multiple factors – including overuse of medicines in humans, livestock, and agriculture, as well as poor access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene – have accelerated the threat of AMR worldwide, One of the key objectives of the plan is to improve awareness and understanding of AMR through effective communication, education, and training. The theme for **2026** will be **"One Health, one action: Prevent AMR now".** The objective of the awareness activities is to mark WAAW. The activities are open for students from Savitribai Phule Pune University and its affiliated colleges.

- **Focus:** The theme highlights the present danger of AMR and calls for immediate, coordinated action across all sectors.

- **Goal:** To urge all stakeholders to translate commitments into concrete actions, which includes investing in long-term solutions like surveillance, equitable access to medicines, and innovation.

- **Why it's important:** The theme underscores that AMR is a current threat, not just a future one, requiring sustained investment and strategic action to protect health and economies for future generations.

Department of Microbiology, Savitribai Phule Pune University is organizing the "World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW).

Activities

Day and date	Name of the activity
18th Nov 2026	**Registration** Inauguration: Welcome and briefing on World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) **Inaugural Talk** – Eminent Expert
19th Nov 2026	• **Scientoon competition** • Participation by undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. students. • Poster size : 1 X 1 M poster and handmade. • Presentation at individual level. • Theme: One Health, one action: Prevent AMR now. • Evaluation of the scientoon posters by the judges. • Prize distribution.
20th Nov 2026	• **Reel making competition (1 Min)** • Participation by undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. students • In case of many entries, screening criteria will be set • Prize distribution. • **Demonstrations** - Schools/departments/ public places in the campus

Other activities: Popularizing AMR concepts - Newspaper articles, radio programs and scripts, songs, poems, jingles, and awareness slogans.

Contact Email id: microsppu@gmail.com

Rules & Regulations for Scientoon Competition

Department of Microbiology, Savitribai Phule Pune University is celebrating the "World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)" from 18-24th November, 2026. As a part of the various activities, **a Scientoon and reel competition organized for all registered participants to express their** scientific knowledge in the form of cartoons.

You may create humorous memes or scientoons providing information of any one of the following themes to create awareness about antimicrobial resistance and stop it's spread. Theme: **One Health, One Action: Prevent AMR Now**.

Rules, Regulations and submission details:

1. The competition is primarily to encourage under graduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. students to exhibit their creativity.
2. One participant is allowed to submit more than one entry.
3. The scientoon should be in the form of a hand drawn cartoon and should be clearly visible in the final submission file.
4. The scientoon **should be submitted in JPEG format with the following two sections**:

   Top: This should have the scanned copy of the hand drawn cartoon.

   Bottom: This should explain the scientific concept and the humor related to your Scientoon in not more than 100 words.

1. The name of the **submission file** should be "UG/PG & Full name of the participant". For Example: PG_Pooja Sharma
2. The participants have to submit their Scientoons to microsppu@gmail.com with the **subject of mail** as "Scientoon 2026 – Name of the Participant".
3. **Last date of submission is 17/11/2026 by 4.00 pm.**

Judging Criteria:

- Score will be given on originality, theme, art and humor conforming to technical correspondence of the Scientoon.
- Any copied Scientoon will be disqualified and rejected.
- Decisions made by competition judges shall be final.
- There shall be no dispute resolution process; however, input for process improvement is encouraged**.**
- Results will be declared on 19th November 2026

Rules & Regulations for Reel Competition

1. Eligibility: The competition is open to undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. students.
2. Duration: Each reel must not exceed 1 minute (60 seconds).
3. Content: Reels should be based on the theme “One Health, One Action: Prevent AMR Now”
4. Originality: All entries must be original creations. Plagiarised or copied content will be disqualified.
5. Language: Reels may be prepared in English, Hindi or Marathi.
6. Format: Reels must be submitted in vertical format or horizontal format, with clear audio and good video quality.
7. Submission: Participants must submit their reels in the prescribed format to microsppu@gmail.com, with the **subject of mail** as “Reel 2026 – Name of the Participant”. The participant's class, department, and contact details must accompany the submission in the email.
8. Individual Participation: Participation may be individual.
9. Screening: If a large number of entries are received, a preliminary screening will be conducted.
10. Judging Criteria: The shortlisted reels will be evaluated based on:
    - Relevance to the theme – 25 marks
    - Scientific accuracy and clarity of message – 25 marks
    - Creativity and originality – 20 marks
    - Communication and audience engagement – 20 marks
    - Overall presentation and technical quality – 10 marks
11. Decision: The decision of the judges and organising committee shall be final and binding.
12. Awards: Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the winners.
13. Use of Entries: The organisers reserve the right to showcase selected reels for educational and awareness purposes, with due acknowledgement to the creators.

Note: Reels promoting misinformation or scientifically inaccurate claims will not be considered for evaluation.

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An Initiative by World Health Organization

Invites you to participate in

World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW) Campaign

by Poster and Reel Competition





18 – 24 November, 2026

Theme

One Health, One Action: Prevent AMR Now

Who can participate?

Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG) students and PhD Scholars from **all Colleges and Campus Departments.**

Registration is FREE

Scientoon Poster Competition

Reel Competition
(Short Video)
(Up to 1 minute)

Prizes

1st and 2nd Prize
in each competition
(depending on the number of entries)

Submission Deadline
17th November, 2026
(4:00 PM)

Evaluation of Entries
19th November, 2026

Prize Distribution
19th November, 2026

Campus March for AMR Awareness
20th November, 2026

For further details, see the attached flyer.

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Awareness Activities

On the occasion of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)

An Initiative by World Health Organization (WHO) & Indian Initiative for Management of Antibiotic Resistance (IIMAR), 18 - 24 November, 2026

Theme: One Health, one action: Prevent AMR now

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE: 18 - 24 November, 2026

Day and date	Time	Name of the activity
Wednesday 18th Nov 2026	10.15 am to 10.45 am	Registration
	10.45 am to 11.00 am	Inauguration: Welcome and briefing on World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)
	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	Inaugural Talk – Eminent Expert **Dr Ankita Mohanty,** MVJ Medical College and Research Hospital, Hoskote, Bengaluru, Dandupalya, 30th Km Milestone Kolathur P.O, NH 75, Hoskote, Karnataka 562114
Thursday 19th Nov 2026	11.30 am to 1.00 pm	• Participation : Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral students from all colleges & campus department • Registration: Free • Poster competition at individual level Participation by (1 X 1 M poster handmade) • Reel making competition (1 Min) • Theme: **One Health, one action: Prevent AMR now** • Evaluation of the posters by the judges & interaction with the participants • **Prize distribution**
Friday 20th Nov 2026	12.00 pm to 1.00 pm	• Campus march: Demonstrations on hand hygiene & sanitation practices at schools/departments/canteen public places

Link for Online talk

Inaugural talk - World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW - 18 - 24 November, 2026)
Wednesday, November 18 · 10:30am – 12:00pm Time zone: Asia/Kolkata
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: **https://meet.google.com/kth-ghsk-tzy**

Other activities: Popularizing AMR concepts through various communication channels, including newspaper articles, radio programs and scripts, songs, poems, science songs or jingles, and awareness slogans

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