

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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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
18 th Nov 2026	Registration
	Inauguration: Welcome and briefing on World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)
	Inaugural Talk – Eminent Expert
19 th Nov 2026	• Poster competition • Participation by postgraduate and doctoral 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 posters by the judges. • Prize distribution.
20 th Nov 2026	• Reel making competition (1 Min) • Participation by under and postgraduate 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.

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