



## KERALA STATE COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

### Centre of Excellence in Microbiome (CoEM) CoEM First Agar Art Competition - 2024

CoEM in association with KSCSTE is conducting an agar art competition as part of the upcoming 'World Microbiome Day' 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 preferably based on any of the following themes: a) Microbial interaction in beneficial ways in biotic/abiotic realms, b) One-health approach or any related relevant aspects.
- Interested participants can upload their agar art images 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 first and second prize winners 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 winners name and address.

- Last date for submission: **June 15, 2024**. The results will be announced in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June, 2024.
- 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](mailto:coemkscste@gmail.com)
- Link to apply: <https://forms.gle/GGp7SYFpXRokoW5c7>

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

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