

One Day National Seminar on International Microorganism Day
Organized by the Department of Microbiology, Al-Azhar College of Arts and Science,
Thodupuzha
In Association with IQAC

Date: 17th September 2025

Venue: B Block (BBA Classroom)

The Department of Microbiology, Al-Azhar College of Arts and Science, Thodupuzha, in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized a One Day National Seminar on the occasion of International Microorganism Day on 17th September 2025. The seminar was conducted under the theme “Empowering Scholars” with a focus on career development, CSIR-NET preparation, and research methodologies.

The programme commenced with the inaugural session at 9:30 am, in the presence of respected dignitaries, faculty members, and students.

As part of the day’s programme, the prize distribution ceremony of the recently held Life Science Quiz Competition – BioQuest: The Ultimate Life Science Challenge was also conducted. Winners and participants were honoured with certificates and prizes, adding a celebratory dimension to the seminar.

Two technical sessions were conducted as part of the seminar:

Session I (10:30 am – 12:00 pm)

- Resource Person: Dr. Nimsi K A, Assistant Professor, Department of Biosciences, MES College, Marampilly.
- Topic: “Cracking NET – Tips and Strategies; Career Opportunities”.
- The session offered valuable guidance to participants on effective preparation strategies for CSIR-NET examinations and highlighted career prospects in biosciences.

Session II (12:00 pm – 1:30 pm)

- Resource Person: Dr. Sareen Sarah John, Assistant Professor, Union Christian College, Aluva; Visiting Scholar at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Former DST Women Scientist.
- Topic: “Effective Project Work and Research Methodologies”.
- The session provided detailed insights into research design, project execution, and methodological approaches, thereby enhancing the research aptitude of the participants.

The seminar witnessed active participation from undergraduate and postgraduate students, research scholars, and faculty members. The resource persons delivered highly informative sessions, which were followed by interactive discussions.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the management, dignitaries, resource persons, organizing committee, and participants.

Overall, the seminar proved to be a significant academic event that successfully achieved its objective of empowering scholars by equipping them with essential skills in career preparation and research methodologies.

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