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REPORT SUBMISSION

Name of the Event	“Meet a Book: Read • Explore • Think” – Academic Resource Familiarization & Reflective Reading Activity
Cell/Committee/Dept.	Department of Biotechnology
Date	21st September 2026
Nature of the Event	Academic Resource Familiarization & Reflective Reading Competition for PG Students (50 students)
Objective	To encourage postgraduate students to explore the departmental library resources, familiarize themselves with academic books beyond routine classroom learning, and develop reflective reading, critical thinking and scientific curiosity through structured book exploration.
Details	The Department of Biotechnology organized the “Meet a Book: Read • Explore • Think” competition on 21st September 2026 for postgraduate students. The activity was designed to help students actively engage with books available in the departmental library and reflect on their academic value. Students explored approximately 146 books in total. As part of the activity, students reflected on questions such as the central theme and purpose of a book, major topics covered, chapters or topics that attracted their attention, areas they wished to explore further, and the usefulness of figures, tables, diagrams or illustrations in understanding concepts. The activity also encouraged students to identify concepts they already knew and recognize how the book added to their understanding. The reflective write-ups submitted by the students were evaluated by a panel of five faculty members: Dr. Babita Kar, Dr. Deepesh Bhatt, Dr. Darshan Marjadi, Dr. Nehal Shah and Datasha Kanthariya. The winners were: M.Sc. Biotechnology – Semester 3: • First Prize: Shaik Taslim Fatema • Second Prize: Gavate Hansini Kamlesh • Third Prize: Saiyed Sana M.Sc. Clinical Embryology – Semester 1: • First Prize: Unadkat Aesha • Second Prize: Devanshi Patel

Outcome	The activity successfully promoted academic resource familiarization and reflective reading among postgraduate students. Students explored a substantial collection of approximately 146 books and engaged with academic resources in a purposeful manner. The competition encouraged students to think beyond merely reading a book by identifying key themes, connecting new information with prior knowledge, and reflecting on areas for further exploration. The activity also strengthened the use of the departmental library as an academic learning resource and provided students with an opportunity to demonstrate their analytical and reflective abilities.
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