



## Goa University

**Training, Internship and Placement (TIP) Committee**  
**Directorate of Student Placement & Alumni Relations (DSPAR)**  
in Collaboration with  
**Microbiology, School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology (SBSB)**  
**Report on “Converge 3.0: Shiksha Udyojak Sangam, the academia-industry summit organized by Goa University” Talk: Food Safety, Hygiene guidelines and Career options”**

<b>1. Title of the Event/Activity/program</b>	Food Safety, Hygiene guidelines and Career options
<b>2. Date and Time</b>	17-02-2026 from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm
<b>3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)</b>	Physical (Offline)
<b>4. School/ Directorate/ Section</b>	Training, Internship and Placement (TIP) Committee Directorate of Student Placement & Alumni Relations (DSPAR) in collaboration with Microbiology, School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology (SBSB)
<b>5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate/Research Institutes/Industries</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Goa State Higher Education Council &amp; the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa</li><li>2. Microbiology Discipline, School of Biological Sciences &amp; Biotechnology (SBSB)</li></ol>
<b>6. Detail of the Resource Persons (Brief biodata)</b>	Ms. Safia Khan, Food Safety Officer, Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration and Commissioner, Food Safety, Government of Goa.
<b>7. Number of Faculty attended/participated</b>	8 faculty
<b>8. Number of Student attended / participated</b>	92 [ 53 Microbiology, 31 Botany, 7 Biotechnology & 1 Zoology]
<b>9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants</b>	one

<p><b>10. The objectives of the Program/ activity/ event</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To promote awareness about food safety and hygiene practices among students, encouraging responsible consumption and informed decision-making aligned with national food safety standards.</li> <li>2. To familiarize students with the roles and responsibilities of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and FSSAI, helping them understand how regulatory bodies ensure public health and consumer protection.</li> <li>3. To build awareness about food safety regulations and legal requirements that must be followed while starting a food-related business, enabling responsible and compliant entrepreneurship.</li> <li>4. To equip students with practical knowledge on identifying safe and hygienic food practices, understanding labelling standards, and recognizing whether food establishments follow prescribed safety guidelines.</li> <li>5. To inspire students to adopt the “Eat Right” approach and explore meaningful career opportunities in food safety and regulatory services, fostering socially responsible professionals committed to public health and community well-being.</li> </ol>
<p><b>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A lecture on “Food Safety, Hygiene guidelines and Career options” was organized by Training, Internship and Placement (TIP) Committee under the Directorate of Student Placement &amp; Alumni Relations (DSPAR) in Collaboration with Microbiology, School of Biological Sciences &amp; Biotechnology (SBSB), Goa University on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.</li> <li>➤ <b>Ms. Komal Salkar</b>, Assistant Professor of the Microbiology Discipline, SBSB, delivered the welcome address and introduced the <b>Chief Guest, Ms. Safia Khan</b>, Food Safety Officer, Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration and Commissioner, Food Safety, Government of Goa.</li> <li>➤ A total of 101 participants attended the event, including 08 faculty members and 92 students. The student participants represented a range of disciplines, with 53 from Microbiology, 31 from Botany, 7 from Biotechnology and 1 from Zoology.</li> <li>➤ Ms. Safia Khan delivered an insightful talk highlighting the importance of food safety and public health in today’s rapidly growing food industry. The session began with an overview of India’s food regulatory framework and the crucial role of food safety in protecting consumers. The functions of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and FSSAI were explained, emphasizing regulation, monitoring, and enforcement of food safety standards.</li> <li>➤ The session explored the roles and responsibilities of FDA and FSSAI in ensuring safe food production, distribution, &amp; consumption. Students were guided on how to identify whether food establishments follow prescribed safety guidelines, including proper labelling, licensing, hygiene standards, &amp; compliance with regulatory norms.</li> <li>➤ Practical insights were provided on the legal requirements &amp; regulations that must be followed when starting a food-related business. The speaker explained licensing procedures, registration processes, &amp; importance of maintaining hygiene, documentation, &amp; quality standards to operate responsibly &amp; legally.</li> <li>➤ Special attention was given to career opportunities within the FDA and allied regulatory services. The speaker outlined the roles of Food Safety Officers and other regulatory professionals, highlighting the qualifications, responsibilities, and scope for growth in the field. The session also emphasized the importance of adopting the “Eat Right” approach and making informed food choices for a healthier lifestyle.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The students’ interest was clearly reflected during the interactive session with the resource person, where they actively engaged in discussions and clarified their doubts regarding food safety regulations, career pathways, and responsible food practices.</li> <li>➤ The program concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Komal Salkar and token of appreciation to the resource person by Dr. Lata Gawade, Assistant Professor of Microbiology, SBSB.</li> </ul>
<p><b>12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gained a clear understanding of food safety principles and the importance of regulatory frameworks in ensuring public health and consumer protection.</li> <li>2. Developed insight into the roles and responsibilities of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and FSSAI in monitoring, regulating, and enforcing food safety standards in India.</li> <li>3. Increased awareness of food safety guidelines, licensing requirements, labeling norms, and hygiene standards that food establishments must follow.</li> <li>4. Understood the legal procedures and regulatory compliance required to start and operate a food-related business responsibly and ethically.</li> <li>5. Built confidence in identifying safe and hygienic food practices, enabling informed decision-making as responsible consumers.</li> <li>6. Learned how to assess whether food products and establishments comply with prescribed safety regulations and quality standards.</li> <li>7. Gained knowledge about career opportunities in the FDA and allied regulatory services, including the roles, qualifications, and responsibilities of Food Safety Officers.</li> <li>8. Developed awareness of the “Eat Right” approach and the importance of adopting healthy eating habits for long-term well-being and community health.</li> </ol>
<p><b>13. Enclosures with report</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brochure</li> <li>2. Geo-tag photos</li> <li>3. Attendance of the participants</li> <li>4. Letter of Invitation</li> <li>5. Letter of Appreciation</li> </ol>

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**CONVERGE 3.0**  
Shiksha Udyojak Sangam

"Innovate, Integrate, Impact: Building Goa's future ready changemakers"  
Academia-Industry Summit

**Goa University**  
School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology (SBSB)

&

Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations (DSPAR)

**FOOD SAFETY, HYGIENE GUIDELINES AND CAREER OPTIONS**

**MRS. SAFIA KHAN**  
FOOD SAFETY OFFICER,  
FDA GOA

17TH FEBRUARY 2026  
12:15 PM TO 1:15 PM

SCHOOL OF  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE  
AND BIOTECHNOLOGY  
(SBSB)

Organizing Team  
Dr. Bhakti Salgaonkar, Session Co-ordinator  
Mrs. Komal Salkar, Session Co-ordinator  
Dr. Narayan Parab, TIP Co-ordinator  
Dr. Rupesh Patre, Director, DSPAR  
Prof S Krishnan, Dean, SBSB

Brochure



Dr. Lakshangy Charya, Assistant Professor Microbiology, SBSB presenting a floral welcome to resource person Ms. Safia Khan



Resource person Ms. Safia Khan delivering the lecture



Resource person Ms. Safia Khan delivering the lecture





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**Resource person Ms. Safia Khan delivering the lecture**



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**Dr. Lata Gawade, Assistant Professor Microbiology, SBSB offering Token of Appreciation to Resource Person**



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**Group photo of the resource person along with participants of the event**



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Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations (DSPAR)

Converge 3.0 Shiksha Udyojak Sangam: Academic – Industry Summit

Name of the School: Microbiology Discipline, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology (SBSB)

Topic: Food Safety, Hygiene Guidelines and Career Options

Name & Designation of Resource Person: Mrs. Safia Khan, Food Safety Officer, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Goa

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Time: 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM

### ATTENDANCE

Sr. No.	Name of the Participant	Student/Faculty	Class	Signature
1.	Safia Khan	DSO, FDA		<i>[Signature]</i>
2.	Dr. Bhakti Salgaonkar	Faculty	—	<i>[Signature]</i>
3.	Dr. MILIND NAIK	faculty	-	<i>[Signature]</i>
4.	Mk. Komal Salkar	Faculty	-	<i>[Signature]</i>
5.	Dr. Trupti Aselkar	Faculty	-	<i>[Signature]</i>
6.	Dr. Rupali Bhandari	Faculty		<i>[Signature]</i>
7.	Dr. Lalit Gawade	Faculty		<i>[Signature]</i>
8.	Dr. Dakshinam Chanya	Faculty	SBSB	<i>[Signature]</i>
9.	Dr. Meghabati Prabh	Faculty	SBSB	<i>[Signature]</i>
10.	Usha R.	Project Assistant	Microbiology	<i>[Signature]</i>
11.	Prasnat Gaonkar	Student	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
12.	Raj Gaonkar	Student	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
13.	Mustafa Latifnavar	Student	Botany (I)	<i>[Signature]</i>
14.	Rizwan Khan	Student	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
15.	Shradha Babu	Student	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
16.	Laxman Parne	Student	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
17.	Niyati Kestkar	Student	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
18.	Anisha Gaude	Student	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>
19.	Diksha Naik	Student	Botany	<i>[Signature]</i>

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 Dr. Narayan Parab  
 Name and Signature of  
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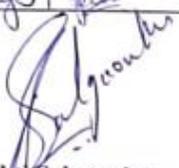


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 Dr. Bhakti Salgaonkar  
 Name and Signature of  
 Session Co-ordinator  
 Microbiology Programme  
 School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology  
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 Taleigao Plateau, Goa - 403205

Sr. No.	Name of the Participant	Student/Faculty	Class	Signature
20	Anisha Velip	Student	Botany Part II	[Signature]
21	Maulan Gudege	Student (SRF)	Microbiology	[Signature]
22	Grandisha Pawar	Research Scholar	Microbiology	[Signature]
23	Diksha Salgaonkar	Research Scholar	Biotech	[Signature]
24	Astucela Pinto	Student	Microbiology	[Signature]
25	Pratnya Dichtkar	Student	Botany (Part II)	[Signature]
26	Neha Sharma	Student	Botany (Part II)	[Signature]
27	Esther Fernandes	Student	Botany	[Signature]
28	Ashvika Gankar	Student	Botany	[Signature]
29	Mishlyn Fernandes	Student	Botany	[Signature]
30	Sasikha Tani	Student	Botany	[Signature]
31	FREJOVAL SOUSA	Student	Botany	[Signature]
32	Anshika Naik	Student	Botany	[Signature]
33	Mahima Gaurkar	Student	Botany	[Signature]
34	Anushka Naik	Student	Botany	[Signature]
35	[Signature]	"	"	[Signature]
36	Shiraj Tajikar	Student	Botany	[Signature]
37	Satori J Naik	Students	Botany I	[Signature]
38	Smadha Peltkar	Student	Zoology II	[Signature]
39	Hetika Kotecha	Student	Biotech	[Signature]
40	Rakshita Kerkar	Student	Biotech	[Signature]
41	Veda Manojkar	Student	Biotech	[Signature]
42	Manasi Volvoikar	Student	MSc Botany	[Signature]
43	Aaruti Pednekar	Student	MSc Botany	[Signature]
44	Akanksha H Manojkar	Student	MSc Microbiology	[Signature]
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46	Siya Naik	Student	MSc Biotechnology	[Signature]
47	Prashila Chori	" "	" "	[Signature]
48	Savi Naik	" "	" "	[Signature]
49	Mousumi Baswal	" "	MSc Botany	[Signature]
50	Banjari Shirodkar	Student	MBr Botany	[Signature]
51	RUCHI R RANE	Student	MSc Botany	[Signature]
52	Ashwika Lattikar	Student	M.Sc Botany	[Signature]
53	Wahika Lenti	Student	M.Sc Botany	[Signature]

  
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57	Pradnya Borkar	Student	"	[Signature]
58	Sajal Mandalkar	"	"	[Signature]
59	Sona Polji	"	"	[Signature]
60	Prashilo Mandrickar	"	"	[Signature]
61	Sanskriti Mahesh Nair	"	M.Sc Microbiology	[Signature]
62	Pavitra Lallikar	Student	M.Sc. Microbiology	[Signature]
63	Ankita Kalangutkar	Student	M.Sc Microbiology	[Signature]
64	Sanskriti Vihab Dhargalkar	Student	M.Sc Microbiology	[Signature]
65	Ganesh Masulkar	"	"	[Signature]
66	Dinesh Masulkar	"	"	[Signature]
67	Chirag Rodrigues	"	"	[Signature]
66	Komal Phadke	"	"	[Signature]
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70	Om Nair	Student	MScPT II Micro	[Signature]
71	Kanishk Kumar	Student	MScPT Micro	[Signature]
72	Tanya Bhaspat	Student	MScPT II Micro	[Signature]
73	Widisha Silveira	Student	MScPT II Micro	[Signature]
74	Kelly Dias	Student	MScPT II Micro	[Signature]
75	Shubeta Nair	Student	MScPT I Micro	[Signature]
76	Saloni Tani	Student	MScPT I Micro	[Signature]
77	Shanaka Pires	Student	MScPT I Micro	[Signature]
78	NUR BANDERAK	STUDENT	MScPT I MICRO	[Signature]
79	Frasila Fernandes	STUDENT	MScPT I Micro	[Signature]
80	Anita Granfar	Student	MScPT I Micro	[Signature]
81	Ithika Ganekar	Student	MSc Part I Micro	[Signature]
82	Dipali Chav	Student	MSc Part I Micro	[Signature]
83	Dipti D. Morje	Student	MSc Part I Micro	[Signature]
84	Mable Fernandes	Student	MSc Part I Micro	[Signature]
85	Manushi Nalchan	Student	MSc Micro Part I	[Signature]
86	Shruti Madgaonkar	Student	MSc MICRO	[Signature]

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Date: 09/02/2026

To,  
**Ms. Safia Khan**  
Food Safety Officer  
Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration  
& Commissioner, Food Safety  
Govt. of Goa

**LETTER OF INVITATION**

Dear Ms. Safia Khan,

Warm greetings from Goa University.

Goa University, in collaboration with the Directorate of Higher Education and the Goa State Higher Education Council, Government of Goa, is organizing Converge 3.0 under the theme: "Innovate, Integrate, Impact Building Goa's Future-Ready Changemakers."

It is with great pride and admiration that we extend this invitation to you to deliver a guest lecture as career counselling for our students related to training, skill development, career readiness, and placement opportunities.

Your professional experience and dedication to ensuring food safety and public health through the Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration, Goa, serve as an inspiration to many of our students who aspire to build meaningful careers in regulatory services, public health, and scientific sectors. We believe that your practical insights and real-world experiences will help students understand the importance of food safety, hygiene practices, and the practice opportunities in this sector salik in this field.

We would be honored to host you for this guest lecture on "Food Safety, Hygiene Guidelines, and Career Options" at 12:15 pm at Goa University. The session will focus on food safety regulations, hygiene practices, and practical advice for students interested in pursuing careers in food safety, regulatory affairs, public health, and allied sectors.

We look forward to welcoming you to Goa University and to an enriching session for our students.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

**Sr. Prof. S. Krishnan**  
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Date: 17/02/2026

To,  
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**LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

Dear Mrs. Safia Khan,

Warm greetings from Goa University.

On behalf of Goa University, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for delivering the insightful guest lecture titled "Food Safety, Hygiene Guidelines, and Career Options" at Goa University.

It was with great pride and admiration that we invited you, a respected representative from the Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration, Goa, to speak to our students. Your presence and the knowledge you shared were truly inspiring.

Your professional experience and commitment to ensuring food safety and public health left a strong impression on our students. Many of them shared how the session helped them better understand the importance of food safety regulations, hygiene practices, and the diverse career opportunities available in regulatory and public health sectors. The clarity with which you explained practical aspects of the field and career pathways was especially impactful.

We are grateful for the time and effort you devoted to interacting with our students and for contributing to their academic and professional development. It was a privilege to host you, and we sincerely hope to collaborate with you again in the future.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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