



**MICROBIOLOGISTS SOCIETY, INDIA STUDENT CHAPTER,
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
KLEF – VADDESWARAM**

Title of the Event: Alumni Guest Lecture

**Special Address on
Startups and Entrepreneurship
Delivered by
Syed Sana Tabassum
2020-2024**

**Graduate Assistant, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Maryland, USA**

Date	06-01-2026
Time	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Venue	Offline
Target Participants	III Year B. Tech Biotechnology students
Number of Participants	50

An insightful alumni interaction session on “Startups and Entrepreneurship” was conducted for undergraduate students with the objective of guiding and providing practical insights into entrepreneurship journey. The session featured distinguished alumni, Syed Sana Tabassum, a B. Tech graduate from the 2020-2024 batch, currently working at University of Maryland, Baltimore County as Graduate Assistant.

The event commenced with a welcome note by Head of Department, emphasizing the significance of entrepreneurship and startups. She shared personal experiences of transitioning from a student to a startup founder, highlighting the importance of identifying real-world problems, validating ideas through market research, and developing a minimum viable product. Key aspects such as building an effective team, managing risks, securing funding, and scaling a startup sustainably were discussed with real-life examples. The speaker also emphasized resilience, adaptability, and continuous learning as essential traits for successful entrepreneurs.

She also shared her personal experiences in applying for higher studies and transition journeys from undergraduate education in India to prestigious global university currently.

Students actively engaged with the alumni, raising queries about university selection, research opportunities, timelines for application, and adapting to new academic and cultural environments. Alumni also highlighted the importance of internships, academic projects, and recommendation letters in strengthening their applications.

The interaction has proved to be highly informative and inspiring, particularly for final and pre-final year students aspiring for startup foundation. The session concluded with a vote of thanks and a proposal to establish a mentorship program connecting interested students with alumni currently studying abroad.



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