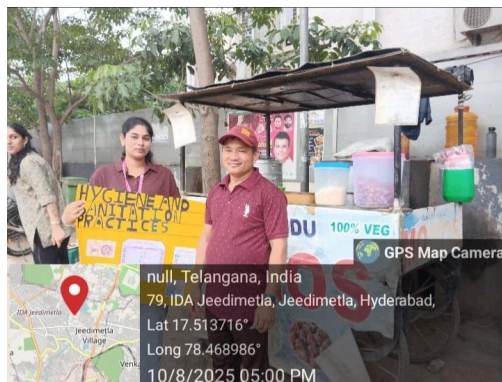


# FOOD MICROBIOLOGY REPORT : A VISIT TO A LOCAL VENDOR

The postgraduate students of **M.Sc. Food Science and Nutrition**, Loyola Academy Degree and PG college, organized a visit at various food-related places like **pani puri stalls, vegetables sellers, fruit juice stalls**, etc nearby their areas. The visit served as both an academic exercise and a **community outreach initiative**, aimed at field-testing nutrition education messages among the community.

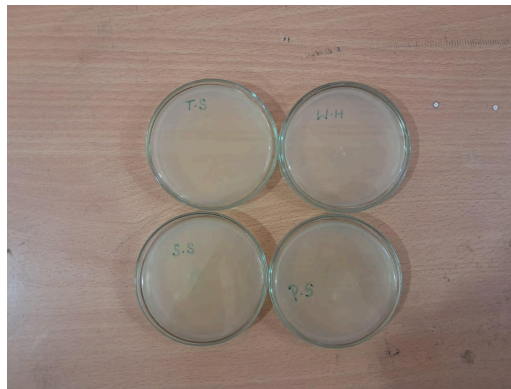


The session was conducted to deliver key messages on **Food Hygiene, Foodborne illnesses due to unhygienic conditions, Food contact surfaces, Food contamination, Cleanliness and disease prevention**, etc using visual aids.



Prior to engaging with vendors regarding food contact surfaces, the students did an experiment in the Food Microbiology Laboratory, wherein they collected and analyzed samples from the college canteen's food contact surfaces.





These tools were used to communicate the **Importance of Hygiene** in a clear and relatable manner. The students adopted interactive methods to ensure the messages were easily understood by the vendors.



An **interactive question-and-answer session** enabled vendors to clarify doubts and provided a means to **assess the effectiveness of the messages.**



This initiative was taken by **Dr. Shirley Lillian**, who has profound knowledge in the subject - **Food Microbiology** (both theory and practicals).



The visit successfully achieved its objectives by enhancing awareness while allowing the postgraduate students to evaluate and refine nutrition messages in a real-world context. Such projects strengthen the impact of nutrition communication strategies and contributes to sustainable public health promotion.