



# CUBE NATIONAL MEET -2022

## Microbes, Pagalapos & Rotifers



Location: HBCSE-TIFR Mankhurd Mumbai



Image - "[Pagalapos Islands of HBCSE-TIFR Mankhurd Mumbai](#)" - CUBE chat



pagalapos  
Moist soil

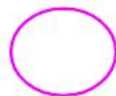
galapagos islands  
Finches

Biodiversity at doorstep

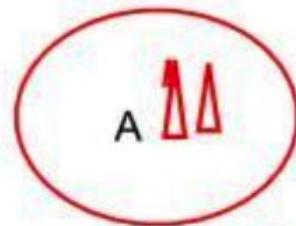


WET

PAGALAIPOS

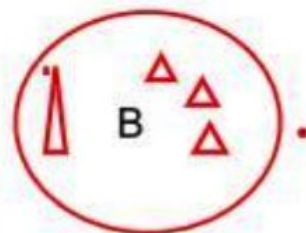


DRY



A

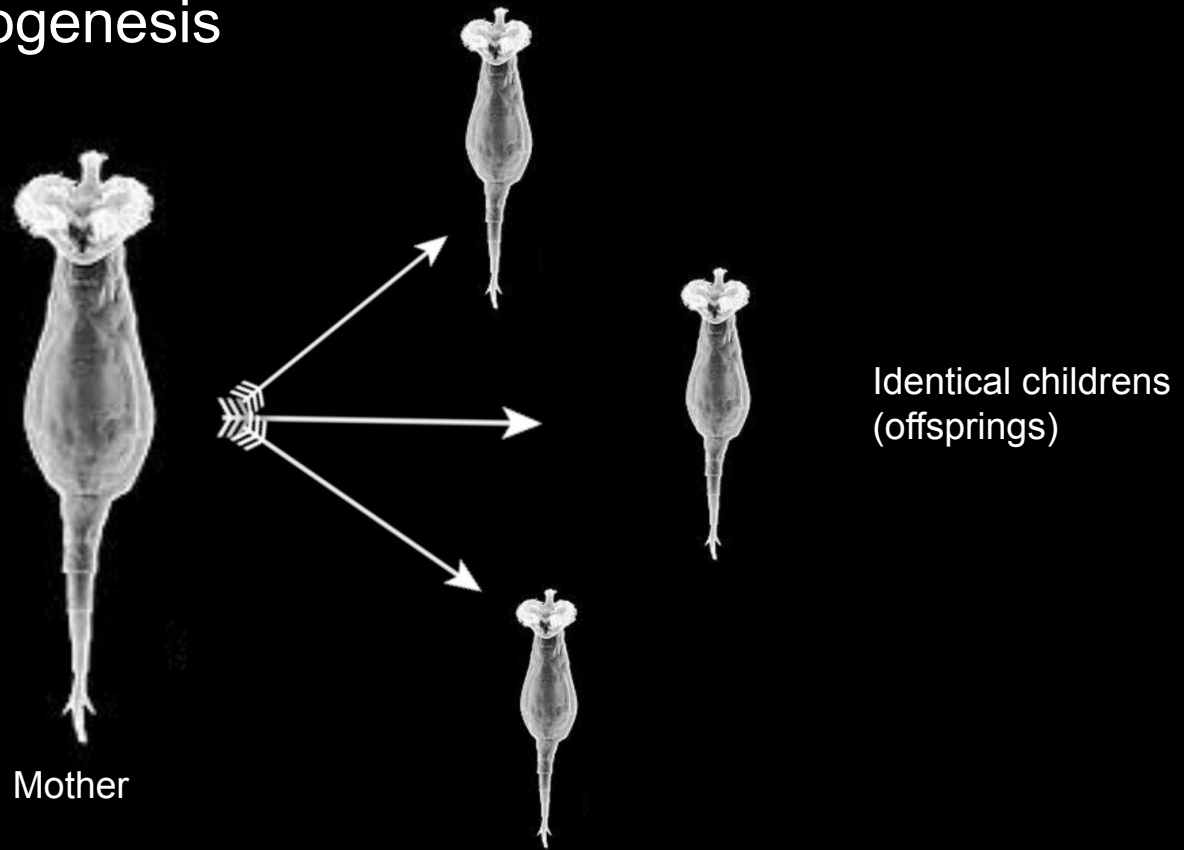
long Beak



B

short beak  
& Long beaked  
finches

# Asexual reproduction Parthenogenesis





# Introduction

Why

- Pandemic ,Lockdown (No wetlab )

Benefit

- No obstruction to continue biology work

How?

- BY DIY MICROBIOLOGY LAB

# Microbiology in Our Kitchen labs



Tap water

Frugal  
Media



Glassware

Kitchen  
Burner



# Microbiology Home Lab

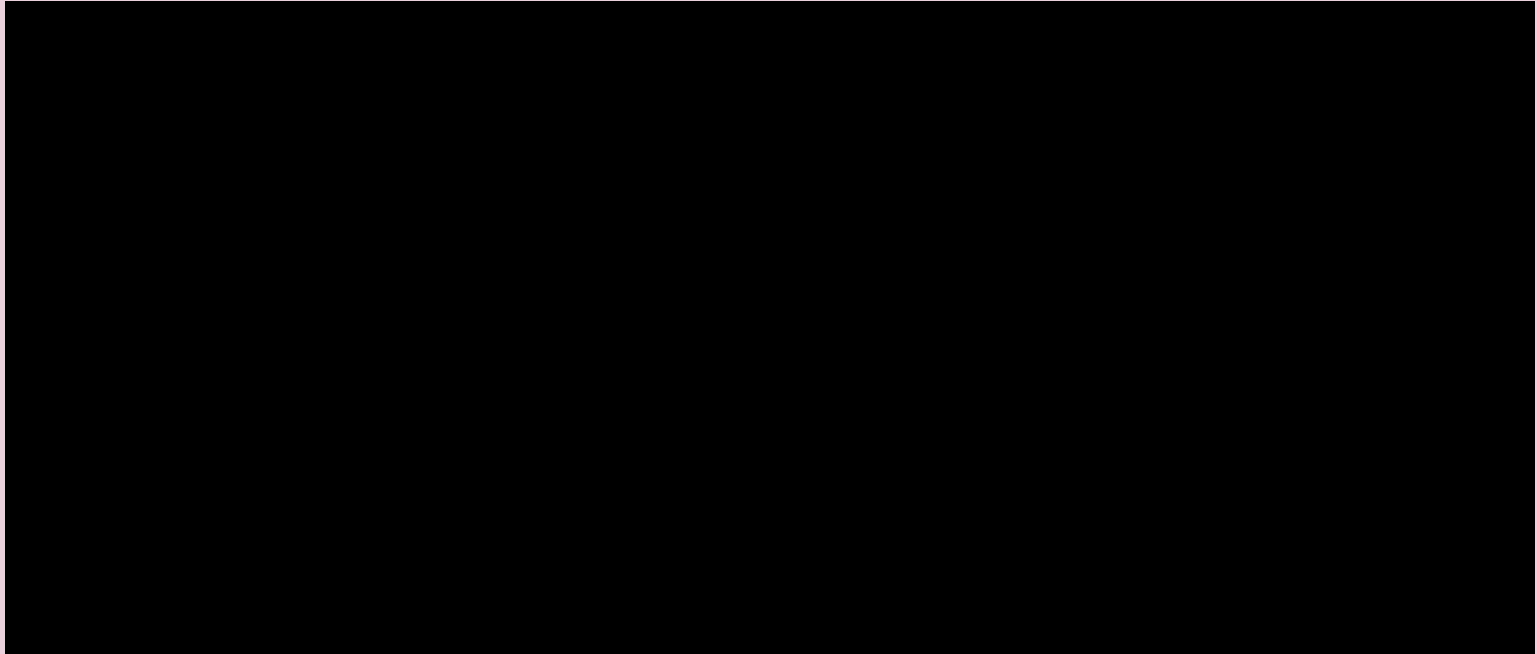
- Frugal Nutrient Agar
  1. Carbon Source
  2. Nitrogen Source
  3. Salt
  4. pH
  5. Agar (China Grass)
  6. Sterilization





## Frugal Nutrient Broth (No Agar)

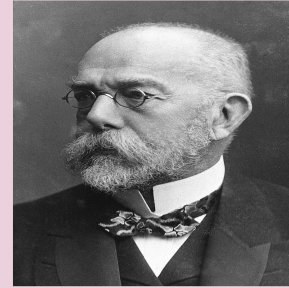
- Biofilm formation in positive control after 48 hrs



## Future plans of this work

- To grow the organisms on frugal nutrient agar
- To study the biofilm formation using foldscope
- To characterize the bacterial morphology using DIY microscope

# First microbial culture started on 13th December 2021



**Dr Robert Koch**  
**Got Nobel Prize in 1905**

## **OBJECTIVE**

To grow the microbes from various places.

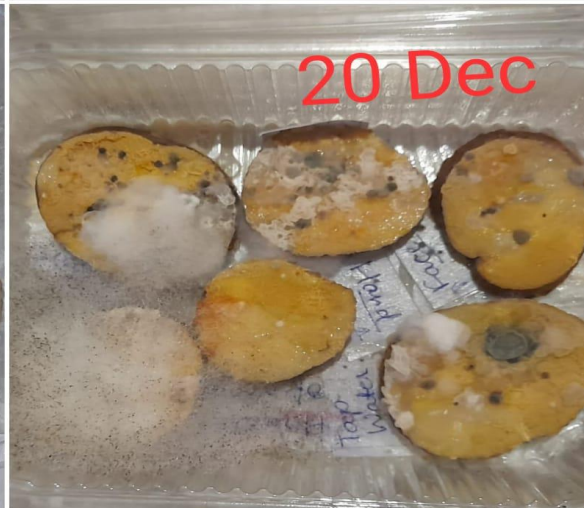
## **REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 potato
- 2 knife
- 3 cotton covered tooth pick
- 4 plastic box.

## **SAMPLES-**

Face, Sink, Floor, Door handle, Hand, Tap water.





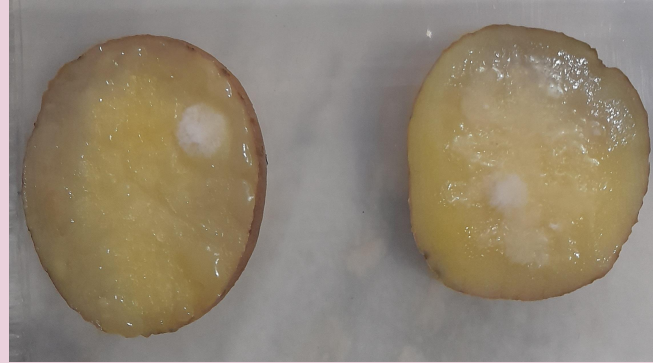
- Goof up
- No control slice.

**BLACK COLOR MICROBIAL COLONY  
SUBCULTURE FROM FACE SAMPLE  
STARTED ON 20TH DEC 2021**



22nd Dec.2021

**WHITE COLOR MICROBIAL  
COLONY SUBCULTURE FROM  
TAP WATER SAMPLE STARTED  
ON 20TH DEC 2021**



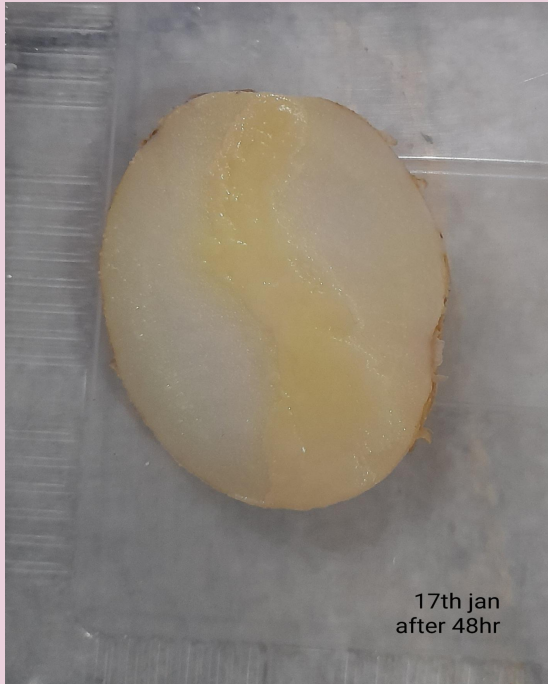
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**CONTROL**



22nd Dec.2021

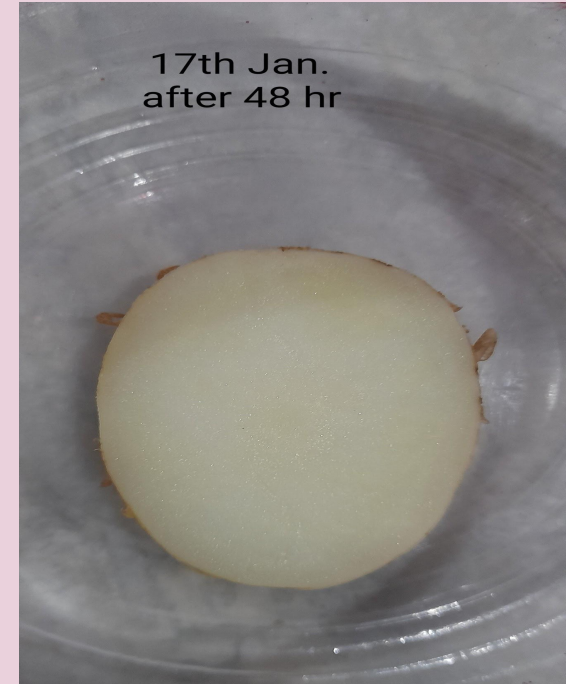
# FIRST CURD BACTERIA CULTURE STARTED ON 15TH JANUARY 2022



Test 1



Test 2



Control

**GOOF UP - More inoculum- no isolated colony**



## SECOND CURD BACTERIA CULTURE STARTED ON 22nd JANUARY 2022



Test 1



Test 2

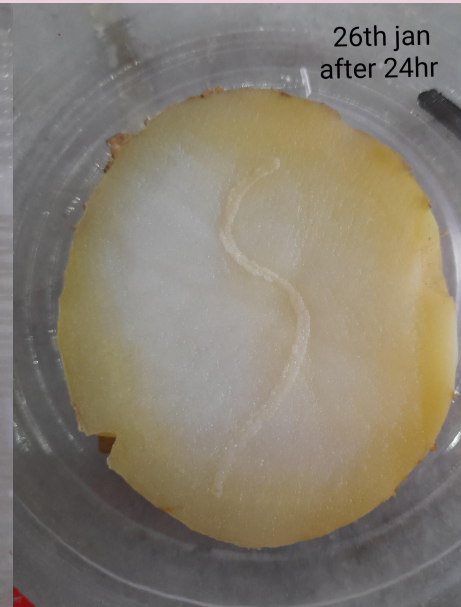
# FIRST CURD BACTERIA SUBCULTURE STARTED ON 25th JANUARY 2022



Test 1



Test 2

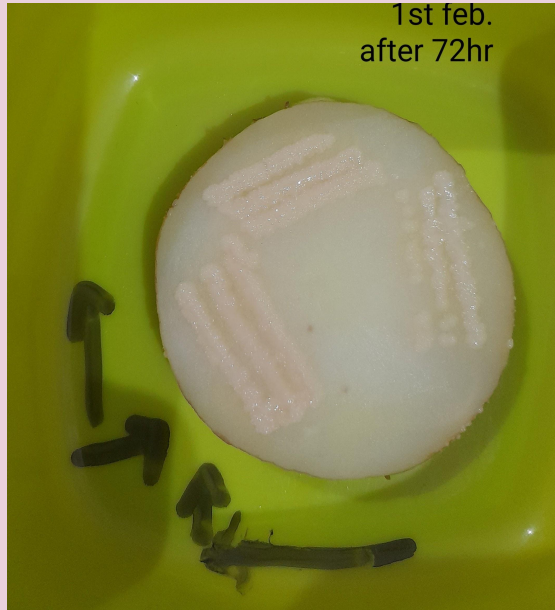


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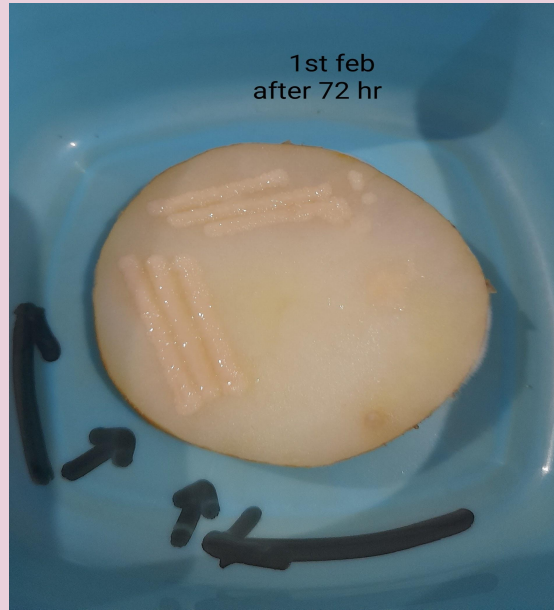


Control

# Second curd bacteria Subculture started on 29th Jan 2022



Test 1



Test 2



Control





Test 1



Test 2



Control



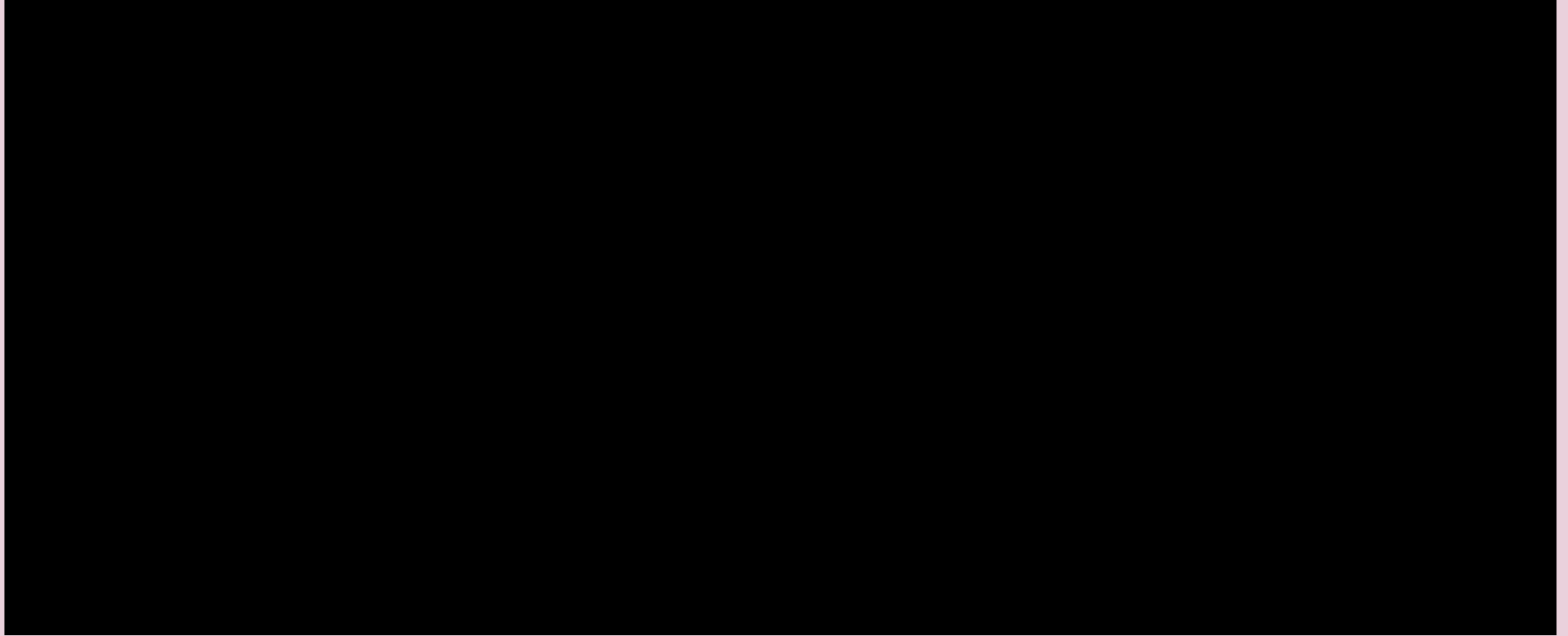
## **Goof ups - Celebrating mistakes**

- No Control.
- Because of huge inoculum - no isolated colony
- Late subculture, so contamination is there.

### **FUTURE PLAN**

**To identify different types of curd bacteria on the basis of there colony morphology.**

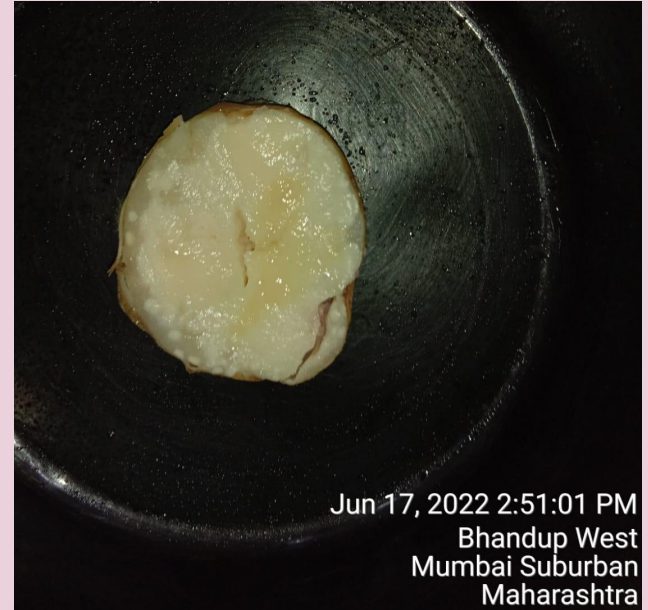
# Curd bacteria culturing demonstration by Archita Rajbhar cube lab Bhandup-W



# Observation



Test



Control

# Cube homelab Kolkata /Batul Pipewala (January '22)

Boiled potato slice t1 and t2 after 24 hours

Of spreading milk along the “S” shape

Clearly show milk bacterial colonies along

The “S” shape . The control potato slice

Shows negligible growth after 24 hours.





# **Bacterial colonies on potato**

Closeup photo of the “S” shape bacterial

Growth show white, convex, raised, round

Colonies of bacteria from milk on Potato.



# Demonstration of fungal culturing by Sakshi Belose cube lab Bhandup-W



# Observation of fungal growth(Aspergillus)



# Isolation of Microbes from Freshwater collected from upavan lake by Yogesh kale and Anupkumar Mourya cube lab Bhandup-w

## **Requirements :**

1. Semi-boiled potato
2. Containers
3. Dettol
4. Freshwater (upavan lake,Thane-w)
5. Needle
6. Knife
7. Tissue



# Observation of microbes from freshwater



## Future plan of this Experiment

- To isolate & study bacterial colonies using Potato as media
- To carry out Gram Staining of Bacteria for our future studies in home lab

# Collaborators

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