

SNEHA KULKARNI

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EDUCATION

Deccan Valley University, Pune, India

May 2026

M.Sc. in Biotechnology

CGPA: 9.0/10 (equivalent GPA 3.9/4.0); University Gold Medal candidate

Dissertation: Engineering yeast for low-cost enzyme production

St. Aldwin's College, Pune, India

May 2024

B.Sc. in Microbiology

First Class with Distinction (88.6%)

EXPERIENCE

Riverstone Research Labs, Pune, India — *Project Trainee*

Jan 2026 – Present

- Optimised fermentation conditions that raised enzyme yield by 2.4×.
- Maintain cultures and lab records for a 12-person group.

National Biology Summer Fellowship, Bengaluru, India — *Summer Research Fellow* May 2025 – Jul 2025

- Cloned and expressed 4 recombinant proteins; presented findings at the fellowship symposium.

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Deccan Valley Bio Society, Pune, India — *General Secretary*

Jul 2024 – May 2025

- Organised a national student symposium with 350 participants.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Government Merit Scholarship for Science (2021–2026)
- Best Poster, Student Bioscience Conference (2025)

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Laboratory: Molecular cloning, PCR, SDS-PAGE, fermentation, HPLC

Computational: R, Python (Biopython), PyMOL

Languages: English, Marathi, Hindi

Interests: Science writing, classical dance