

MATRIX '25 – SPORTS FEST REPORT BY KATHIRESAN M

OVERVIEW:

The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI&DS) proudly hosted its inaugural intra-college sports fest, Matrix, from March 21st to April 3rd, 2025. The event was designed to foster sportsmanship, camaraderie, and a healthy competitive spirit among students.

Matrix saw enthusiastic participation, with **100 teams** competing across five popular sports namely: Cricket, Football, Volleyball, Kabaddi, Badminton (Men's and Women's).



The opening ceremony on March 21st ignited the fest with excitement and team spirit. Yet friendly competition across all games showcased exceptional talent and athleticism. Enthusiastic cheers and support from fellow students created a vibrant and electrifying atmosphere throughout the event. The closing ceremony on April 3rd celebrated both winners and participants, acknowledging their dedication and sportsmanship.



GAMES OVERVIEW:

Cricket: Cricket was a thrilling highlight with 23 teams competing passionately. The final match saw **Team Thirupathi Brothers** securing a victory over the **Team Shouryangas**.

Throughout the tournament, players displayed remarkable batting, bowling, and fielding skills. The excitement peaked during the finals, with strategic plays and high-energy performances captivating the audience. Cricket fans enjoyed nail-biting finishes & sportsmanship. In cricket, teamwork is the backbone of a successful performance. While individual brilliance can change moments, it is the collective effort that wins matches. From the coordination between batsmen running between the wickets to the strategic placements by fielders, every role contributes to the team's overall goal. Bowlers rely on fielders to complete catches, while batsmen trust their partners to rotate the strike and build partnerships. The spirit of collaboration, mutual trust, and shared responsibility is what transforms a group of players into a winning team. Cricket, more than most sports, reflects how unity and understanding can turn potential into victory.



Football: Football drew 33 teams into a series of intense matches that tested endurance and teamwork. The final match was a nail-biter between **LA MASIA FC**

Squad emerged victorious by winning against the **TEAM NAZISS** in the penalty shootout.



Badminton: Badminton, the most participated sport with 52 teams, showcased incredible agility and precision. In the **Men's Singles** category.



The **Women's singles and doubles** category. The **Mixed doubles category**, the **Men's doubles** category matches were having coordination and strategy with to building on this success and establishing the importance of teamwork and communication.



Volleyball:

Volleyball featured 14 teams competing fiercely with powerful serves and spikes. **QUARTER GOPAL BOYS** clinch the title against the **DAS & CO BOYS** and fought valiantly get the title from trmnt.



The matches were intense, with each point fiercely contested and spectacular rallies captivating the crowd. Volleyball highlighted the importance of teamwork and communication.



Volleyball is not just a game; it's a passion with a purpose. When life gives you a set, spike it! Don't let the ball hit the ground—

unless it's on their side. Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard. Every play is a chance to be legendary.

Kabaddi: Kabaddi saw 15 teams demonstrating strength, strategy, and agility in gripping matches. The **TEAM NAZIS** clinched the winner's title. Matches were marked by quick raids and robust defences, drawing large and enthusiastic crowds.



Kabaddi is not just a game, it's a battle of breath, strength, and strategy. One breath. One raid. One chance to change the game. Champions are made in the mud of Kabaddi. It's not about size or height, it's about heart and fight. In Kabaddi, even the smallest player can bring down a giant

CONCLUSION:



The Matrix Sports Fest was a landmark event for the AI&DS department. It not only promoted physical activity and healthy competition but also strengthened the bonds within the student community. The department looks forward to building on this success and establishing Matrix as an

annual tradition. Teamwork is an essential element in achieving collective success. When individuals collaborate, they bring diverse perspectives, skills, and strengths to the table, which enhances problem-solving and innovation. Working together fosters a sense of unity, encourages mutual support, and increases motivation toward common goals. Effective teamwork also builds trust and improves communication, creating a positive and productive environment where each member feels valued. Ultimately, it is through cooperation and shared effort that teams accomplish more than individuals working alone