MATRIX '24 – SPORTS FEST REPORT

OVERVIEW:

The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI&DS) proudly hosted its inaugural intra-college sports fest, "Matrix," from February 21st to March 6th, 2024. The event was designed to foster sportsmanship, camaraderie, and a healthy competitive spirit among students.

Matrix saw enthusiastic participation, with **155 teams** competing across five popular sports namely: Cricket, Football, Volleyball, Kabaddi, Badminton (Men's and Women's).

The opening ceremony on February 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 March 21st 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 Crickerz** from the **Department of Computing** securing a victory over the **Department of Computer Science and Engineering**.

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.

Football: Football drew 33 teams into a series of intense matches that tested endurance and teamwork. The final match was a nail-biter between Oldmonk from the **Department of Civil Engineering** and Toons Squad from the **Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering**, ending in a 1-1 draw. **Oldmonk** from **Department of Civil Engineering** emerged victorious by winning the penalty shootout.

Badminton: Badminton, the most participated sport with 52 teams, showcased incredible agility and precision. In the **Men's Singles** category, the **Department of Computing** claimed victory, while the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science were the semi-finalists.

The **Women's singles and doubles** category saw the **Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering** securing a victory over the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science.

In the **Men's doubles** category, the **Department of Computing** emerged as winners, with the **Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science** being the runners-up.

The **Mixed doubles category** saw the **Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering** as winners, and the Department of Computing as runners-up

Volleyball:

Volleyball featured 14 teams competing fiercely with powerful serves and spikes. The **Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering** emerged as champions, showcasing superior coordination and strategy. The **Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science** fought valiantly and reached the semifinals.

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

Kabaddi: Kabaddi saw 13 teams demonstrating strength, strategy, and agility in gripping matches. The **Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering** clinched the winner's title, with the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science reaching the semifinals. Matches were marked by quick raids and robust defences, drawing large and enthusiastic crowds.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

The **Department of Electrical and Electronics** Engineering emerged as the overall winners, with the **Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science** as the runners-up, based on points obtained in all the games.

All sports winners and runners-up were awarded trophies worth a total of Rs. 7,000 and medals worth Rs. 3,000, celebrating their hard work and dedication.

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.