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REPORT ON “BCU INTER-COLLEGIATE NETBALL AND SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR MEN AND WOMEN – 2024”

Name of the event	:	BCU Intercollegiate Softball and Netball Tournament for Men and Women 2024 2024
Date	:	2/5/2024 and 3/5/2024
Time	:	09:30 AM to 6:30 PM
Venue	:	St. Francis PU College Ground
No. of Participants	:	250
Event Coordinator	:	LT. Amaregouda, P.E.D
Resource Person/s	:	Sri. Jaware Gowda T, KAS (Selection Grade), Registrar, BCU.

Ms. Chitra Purushotham, Miss India,
Professional body builder.

Prof. Dr. V R Devaraj, Director I/C, DPE, BCU.

Sri. Bheemaraj, International Baseball Player.

Objective: The main objective of this event is "to organize an inter-collegiate Netball & Softball competitions for men and women teams which are affiliated to BCU, to promote sportsmanship among students and reward the winners."

Outcomes:

- Event helped to improve sportsmanship in the participants.
- Participants introduced to importance skills, tactics and techniques of both the events.
- Participants understood the level of competition.
- Participants learnt basic rules and regulations of the game.



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DAY 1

The Department of Physical Education organized the BCU Intercollegiate Softball and Netball Tournament for Men and Women 2024 at St. Francis's PU College ground on 2nd and 3rd of May, 2024. The registered teams which are affiliated to BCU, arrived at the St. Francis degree college, ready to showcase their skills in the Netball and Softball tournaments. The Chief Guest was warmly welcomed by NCC volunteers as they accompanied them to the event venue.

Distinguished dignitaries inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the spirit of sportsmanship and enlightenment. Mr. Sachin S Nayak, Head of the Department of Physical Education, delivered a warm welcome speech, expressing gratitude to all participants and emphasizing the significance of sports in education. The Principal Dr. R N Subba Rao, addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of such inter-collegiate tournaments in fostering teamwork, discipline, and leadership among students. Captains of each participating team were honoured by esteemed dignitaries, recognizing their role as leaders and ambassadors of their respective institutions. The Chief Guest, Mr. Jaware Gowda T, K.A.S, Registrar, BCU, was introduced with reverence by college officials, acknowledging his contributions to sports and society. Mr. Jaware Gowda T, delivered an inspiring motivational speech, encouraging the participants to strive for excellence and uphold the values of sportsmanship. Ms. Chitra Purushotham, Miss India 2023, the Guest of Honour, was introduced, symbolizing resilience, determination, and perseverance in the face of challenges. Ms. Chitra delivered a poignant and inspiring speech, sharing her personal journey and emphasizing the importance of perseverance and self-belief in achieving success. Bro. Peter, Director, St. Francis College, addressed the audience, imparting valuable insights and words of wisdom to the participants. The opening ceremony concluded with the rendition of the national anthem, evoking a sense of pride and unity among all present.

After a hearty lunch break, the Netball games commenced at the PU ground of St. Francis Institutions. The competition featured four men's teams and four women's teams, setting the stage for an intense battle on the court. As the matches unfolded, the atmosphere was charged with excitement and anticipation as each team gave their all to secure victory. The competition was marked by tight matches and impressive displays of skill and strategy from all participating teams. After an exhilarating series of matches, the competition concluded with a spectacular dancing performance by students from St. Francis College. The performance



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served as a fitting conclusion to the event, celebrating not only the spirit of sportsmanship but also the vibrant culture and talent of the institution.

The closing ceremony of Day 1 was a memorable event, filled with moments of celebration and inspiration. A video highlighting the highlights and memorable moments of Day 1 was played, allowing participants and spectators to relive the excitement and camaraderie of the day. Dr. V R Devaraj, Director I/C, Directorate Physical Education, Bangalore City University, was felicitated by college officials for his invaluable contribution to the field of physical education and for gracing the event with his presence. Dr. V R Devaraj delivered an inspirational speech. Ms. Sneha P J, Deputy Range Forest Officer, was introduced as the Guest of Honour. Dignitaries presented her with a token of love and appreciation for her achievements and contributions.

The most awaited session of the event, the prize distribution ceremony, recognized and rewarded the outstanding performances of the participants. BMS College for Women and mLAC, Malleshwaram secured first & second place respectively in women's category. Sindhi College and St. Francis College secured first and second place respectively in men's category. Winners and runners-up in both men and women netball categories were awarded trophies, medals, and certificates, amidst applause and cheers from the audience. With the conclusion of the prize distribution ceremony, Day 1 of the tournament came to an end, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating the exciting matches and events planned for Day 2.

DAY 2

The morning of Day 2 saw the continuation of the tournament with the much-anticipated softball matches. A total of eight teams, comprising four girls' teams and four boys' teams participated in the tournament. Players from both teams lined up on the field, ready to showcase their skills and determination. Dignitaries, including college officials and special guests, took the opportunity to encourage the students by shaking their hands and offering words of motivation before the start of the matches. With spirits high and determination evident, the softball match commenced amidst cheers from supporters and spectators. Both teams displayed exceptional sportsmanship and competitive spirit as they battled it out on the field.



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After a thrilling contest, the winners were crowned amidst cheers and applause from the crowd. The valedictory function began with the arrival of the esteemed Chief Guest Sri. Bheemaraj, International Baseball & Softball Player, whose presence added prestige to the event. The Chief Guest delivered an inspiring speech, commending the efforts of all the participants and emphasizing the importance of sports in education and personal development. Following the Chief Guest's speech, the much-anticipated prize distribution ceremony took place. St. Francis College and Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies secured first & second place respectively in women's category. Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies and St. Francis College secured first and second place respectively in men's category. Winners from both the girls' and boys' categories were called up one by one to receive their trophies, medals, and certificates. The atmosphere was charged with excitement and anticipation as the deserving teams and players were recognized for their outstanding performances.

The valedictory function concluded with closing remarks, expressing gratitude to all the participants, organizers, and sponsors for their contributions to the success of the tournament. As participants and guests bid farewell to the event, they carried with them not just the tangible rewards of their achievements but also the intangible lessons and memories that would stay with them for a lifetime.