

## **AXISCADES and Mistral Announce Winners of**

### **The Prestigious Engineering & Technology Event - Hackfest-23 at the Grand Finale**

**Bengaluru, 30<sup>th</sup> June:** AXISCADES Technologies Ltd. and Mistral Solutions Pvt. Ltd., leading players in the technology domain, are thrilled to announce the winners of the successful Hackfest-23. Hackfest-23, one of the most prominent engineering competitions in South India, witnessed widespread participation across three domains - Electronics, Digitization, and Mechanical, culminating in a spectacular showcase of innovation and talent.

The competition provided an exceptional platform for engineering students to demonstrate their innovative technology solutions aimed at solving real-world challenges faced by various industries and society. Since its launch in 2022, HackFest has gained significant popularity among engineering fraternity and has created exciting opportunities for students in India to showcase their engineering talent. Subsequent to Mistral's merger with AXISCADES, the HackFest-23 expanded its scope by introducing two additional categories to the contest – Mechanical and Digitization.

The competition attracted an overwhelming response with 76 colleges, 1012 teams, and a total of 2368 students registering for the event. After an intense competition of over 2 months, the Grand Finale took place at BIT, Bengaluru, on Friday, 30th June, starting at 9.00 AM.

#### **Grand Finale Highlights:**

- No. of Colleges Participating: 16
- No. of Teams Participating: 39
- No. of Students Participating: 110

The finalists had an incredible opportunity to present their prototypes to an esteemed jury panel, led by the Chief Guest Dr. S. Christopher, Professor at IITM Electrical Department, and former Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Joining him on the panel were Mr. Rajeev Ramachandra, Group CTO at AXISCADES and Mistral, and Mr. Anees Ahmed, President and Co-Founder of Mistral Solutions.

The teams were evaluated based on their creativity, technical excellence, totality of solution and socio-industrial impact. After careful deliberation, the jury selected the winners from each category:

▪ **Electronics Domain**

- **Winner:** Team “Circuit Breakers” from BIT, Bengaluru - Karnataka
- **1<sup>st</sup> Runner up:** Team “Angry Birds” from Mount Zion College of Engineering & Technology, Pudukkottai – Tamil Nadu
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up:** Team “DUTAH” from Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Erode – Tamil Nadu

▪ **Digitization Domain**

- **Winner:** Team “TechPriests” from BIT, Bengaluru - Karnataka
- **1<sup>st</sup> Runner up:** Team “Team Titans” from BIT, Bengaluru - Karnataka
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up:** Team “Vanguards of VR” from Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Erode – Tamil Nadu

▪ **Mechanical Domain**

- **Winner:** Team “TECH POWER” from KS Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode – Tamil Nadu
- **1<sup>st</sup> Runner up:** Team “ZIGMA” from Mount Zion College of Engineering & Technology, Pudukkottai – Tamil Nadu
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up:** Team “Electrontwerpers” from M.Kumarasamy College of Engineering, Karur - Tamil Nadu

In addition to the winners, Team Rovers from GNITS, Hyderabad, and Team Kinetic Tile from KCG College of Technology, Chennai received Special Jury Awards for their projects.

The winning teams were rewarded with a consolidated prize money of ₹7 Lakh in addition to an offer for internship for each student, as a testament to their outstanding efforts and ingenuity.

Mr. Arun Krishnamurthi, CEO and Managing Director of AXISCADES commented: “We are pleased to see the resounding success of HackFest-23’s grand finale. I extend my congratulations to all the winners and participants who embarked on an exhilarating journey spanning over two and a half months. Witnessing their engaging interactions with industry stalwarts like Dr. S Christopher, former DRDO



Chairman, and others was truly gratifying. The event was marked by a day filled with enthusiastic young tech wizards passionately showcasing their ideas and prototypes. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the staff and management of BIT for flawlessly hosting the event. AXISCADES and Mistral, in collaboration with academia, have fostered an environment that nurtures creativity, collaboration, and technological advancement. I look forward to the next edition of HackFest on a larger scale.”

Mr. Rajeev Ramachandra, the Group CTO, AXISCADES said "It was an exhilarating day of innovation, collaboration, and technological excellence. Hackfest-23 has truly exemplified our company's commitment to academia. The Hackfest served as a platform for young, brilliant minds to come together, exchange ideas, and present groundbreaking advancements that will shape the future of Electronics, Digitization and Mechanical domains. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by participants was truly inspiring, reaffirming our belief in the power of technology to transform lives. I deeply appreciate and extend my heartfelt thanks to the management of BIT, Bengaluru for flawlessly hosting this remarkable event and keeping the spirit high throughout.”

Hackfest-23 has served as a catalyst for creating an ecosystem and fostering creativity, collaboration, and technological advancements among aspiring engineering students and professionals. The competition not only encouraged the spirit of innovation but also nurtured an environment of growth and learning about the industry requirements.

For more information about Hackfest-23 and to stay updated on the latest developments, please visit [www.mistralsolutions.com/hackfest-2023/](http://www.mistralsolutions.com/hackfest-2023/).

### **About AXISCADES:**

AXISCADES (is a leading, end to end technology and engineering solutions provider aiding creation of innovative, sustainable and safer products worldwide. Headquartered in Bangalore with subsidiaries in USA, UK, Canada, Germany, India and China; and offices in Germany, France, Denmark, USA and Canada.

AXISCADES has a diverse team of over 2,700 professionals working across 17 locations across North America, Europe, UK and Asia-Pacific, striving to reduce the program risk and time to market. The company offers Product Engineering Solutions across Embedded Software and Hardware, Digitisation and Automation, Mechanical Engineering, System Integration, Test Solutions, Manufacturing Engineering, Technical Publications, and Aftermarket Solutions.



The solutions comprehensive portfolio covers the complete product development lifecycle from concept evaluation to manufacturing support and certification for Fortune 500 Companies in the Aerospace, Defense, Heavy Engineering, Automotive, Medical Devices & Industrial Product industries. The company is known for its robust system of certifications and best practices that address customer requirements and domain expertise.

**About Mistral:**

Mistral is a leading provider of embedded solutions in the areas of IoT, AI, and advanced digital design services. With a focus on product engineering and system design, Mistral enables its customers to build innovative and intelligent products for various industries, including aerospace, defence, healthcare, and more.