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Indore: The fourth batch of the Master in Data Science and Management (MSDSM) programme by the Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIM Indore) and the Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT Indore) commenced on Wednesday.

A virtual inauguration ceremony was held to mark the start of the fourth batch, comprising as many as 80 participants (30 females and 50 males) in presence of IIM Indore director Prof Himanshu Rai and Prof Suhas Joshi, director of IIT Indore.

Six of the participants are from non-engineering and 74 from engineering background. The maximum participants are from Karnataka (11), Maharashtra (10), Telangana (09), and Delhi and Madhya Pradesh (8).

With a vision to equip future leaders with the essential skills to navigate the dynamic landscape of data-driven decision-making, this programme brings together a diverse group of individuals, reflecting a tapestry of knowledge and experience.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Rai drew a parallel to Data Science, explaining, "Just as in data science we examine both successes and shortcomings — appreciating positive trends and analysing anomalies for actionable insights — in life, we should embrace and celebra-

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te our achievements while learning from our setbacks."

Every experience, whether a triumph or a challenge, offers valuable lessons. By integrating these insights, we build resilience, enhance decision-making, and drive continuous improvement, he said. Prof Suhas Joshi welcomed the new batch, expressing his excitement about the growth and development of the MSDSM programme. He highlighted the programme's interdisciplinary approach, showcasing the strong collaboration between IIM Indore and IIT Indore to deliver a curriculum that meets industry standards.

"It's remarkable to witness how our joint efforts have cultivated a programme that seamlessly integrates data science with management. It not only meets industry standards but also significantly benefits students," he said.

The fusion of expertise from both IIM and IIT provides a unique and relevant educational experience, preparing you to excel in the dynamic field of data science and management, Joshi said.

MSDSM is distinguished by its unique combination of technical expertise and business strategy. Unlike conventional programmes, it offers a holistic education that develops not only skilled data scientists but also leaders with a deep understanding of strategic decision-making and ethical leadership.