



IIT Hyderabad Gears Up for Half Marathon 2025 with Grand Poster Launch

Highlights:

- *IIT Hyderabad (IITH) proudly launched the official poster for the IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2025 at a special ceremony held on campus.*
- *The marathon is scheduled for **Sunday, 30th November 2025**, featuring multiple race categories – **5K, 10K, and Half Marathon** – catering to runners of all skill levels.*

Hyderabad, 16th March 2025: The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) proudly unveiled the official poster for the much-anticipated IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2025. The vibrant poster launch ceremony took place at the IITH campus and was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. B. S. Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad. The event was also attended by Prof. Prem Pal (Dean Admin), Prof. Mahendra Kumar Madhavan (Dean Alumni and Corporate Relations), Prof. Manish Niranjana (HoD, Physics), Dr. Himanshu Joshi (FIC, Sports), Mr. Voleti Venkata Rao (Registrar), Mr. Muniganti Badrinath (Joint Registrar), and other enthusiastic members of the IITH Runners Club.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Murty highlighted the importance of health, fitness, and community engagement, reflecting on the remarkable success of the inaugural IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon-2024 last year, which drew over 1,500 participants from all walks of life. From seasoned athletes to first-time runners, the event celebrated personal achievements and the human spirit's resilience in overcoming challenges and striving for excellence.

The theme for the 2nd Edition of the IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2025, "**United We Run, Innovate We Rise,**" resonates with key initiatives of the Government of India such as the Fit India Movement, Run for Unity, Startup India, Digital India, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, and Swachh Bharat. The marathon serves as more than just a sporting event; it is a vibrant platform promoting health, community, and innovation - values that are central to India's growth story. Prof. Murty underlined the significance of the event as a unifying force, bringing together students, faculty, staff, and running enthusiasts from across the nation.

Now a flagship annual event, the IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon continues to champion physical wellness while fostering a spirit of inclusivity and perseverance. This year's edition promises to be even bigger and better, drawing participants from diverse backgrounds and enriching the energy and enthusiasm of the run.

Prof. BS Murty said "*Running is a metaphor for life – it teaches us endurance, determination, and the power of community. I am thrilled to launch the poster for the IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2025 and look forward to witnessing remarkable participation,*"

The marathon is scheduled to take place on 30th November 2025 (Sunday), featuring multiple categories - 5K, 10K, and the Half Marathon - catering to runners of all skill levels, from experienced marathoners to enthusiastic beginners. Registration details and event updates will be available soon on the IITH Runners Club website and social media channels.



The poster launch marks the start of an exhilarating journey leading up to the half marathon, promising a grand celebration of fitness, sportsmanship, and camaraderie.

Stay tuned !!

For more details, please visit: <https://www.iithrunnersclub.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYiBTeQ6tA>

About IITH Half Marathon 2024:

The IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2024 was a landmark event that celebrated fitness, resilience, and community spirit. Organized by the IITH Runners Club, the marathon featured three race categories: Half Marathon (21.1 km), 10K Run, and 5K Fun Run, attracting over 1,500 participants from across the country. The scenic IITH campus provided a stunning backdrop, enhancing the experience for runners.

The event was graced by Ms. Poorna Malavath, the youngest female to summit Mount Everest, as the Chief Guest, and Ch. Rupesh IPS, Superintendent of Police, Sangareddy, as the Guest of Honor. Both dignitaries emphasized the importance of endurance, fitness, and community engagement. Prof. B. S. Murty, Director of IITH, highlighted the marathon’s role in fostering health, camaraderie, and an active lifestyle among students, faculty, and fitness enthusiasts. The IITH Half Marathon 2024 was more than just a race—it became a celebration of perseverance, wellness, and unity, leaving an inspiring impact on all participants.

About IIT Hyderabad:

IITH, established in 2008, as one of the second Generation IITs, has reached a respectable position in both academics, research, technology development and startups in the short span of 16 years. In the recent Indian National Ranking (NIRF-2024), IITH is placed at 3rd in Innovation and 8th among Engineering institutes in India.

It has 325+ full-time faculty, 5,300+ students (PG+PhD students accounting for about 60%). The institute has a strong research focus with ~4400 projects with Rs. 1400+ Cr of R&D funding (Rs. 250 Cr funding in 2023-24), 11,450+ publications, 2,15,000+ citations and h-index of 141; 490+ Patents (210 patents in 2024 and a commitment to “Patent a Day: Mission 365” for 2025 to earn 365 patents by the end of 2025), and about 260+ startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs and a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr).

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