

IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2024: A Celebration of Health, Community, and Excellence

Highlights:

- **IIT Hyderabad Runners Club hosted the IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2024 in multiple race categories of Half Marathon (21.1 km), 10K Run, 5K Fun Run.**
- **Ms. Poorna Malavath, the youngest female to summit Mount Everest, graced the event as Chief Guest**
- **Ch. Rupesh IPS, Superintendent of Police, Sangareddy is the Guest of Honor**

Hyderabad, 1st December 2024: The IIT Hyderabad (IITH) Runners Club hosted the IITH Half Marathon 2024, a landmark event celebrating fitness, resilience, and community spirit. Held on the scenic IITH campus, the marathon brought together participants from across the nation, united by a shared commitment to promoting health and wellness.

The event served as a vibrant platform for competitive racing, welcoming the institute's students, alumni, faculty, staff, and passionate runners from all over the country. Over 1500 participants competed in three race categories:

- Half Marathon (21.1 km)
- 10km Run
- 5km Fun Run

The picturesque route showcased IITH's state-of-the-art infrastructure alongside its lush greenery, offering participants a unique and memorable racing experience.

Adding inspiration to the occasion, **Ms. Poorna Malavath, the youngest female to summit Mount Everest, graced the event as the Chief Guest.** Her awe-inspiring journey of courage and determination left the audience captivated as she shared a powerful message of endurance and resilience, embodying the spirit of the marathon itself.

Shri Ch. Rupesh IPS, Superintendent of Police, Sangareddy, joined as the Guest of Honor. He emphasized the importance of fitness and discipline, applauding IITH for creating a platform that fosters health and wellness alongside academic excellence.

Guided by the leadership of Prof. B. S. Murty, Director of IITH, the marathon exemplified the institute's commitment to holistic development. **Prof. Murty shared his enthusiasm, stating,** *"This event is not just a celebration of fitness and endurance but also a testament to the vibrant and energetic spirit of our IITH community and IITH Runners Club.*

Today, we run not only for health but also to inspire collaboration, camaraderie, and a commitment to active lifestyle. My heartfelt thanks to all the participants, volunteers, sponsors, and organizers for making this possible. Let's make this a memorable and energizing experience."

Chief Guest Ms. Poorna Malavath, remarked: *"The IITH Half Marathon reflects the spirit of endurance and resilience, values that resonate deeply with me as a mountaineer."*

Guest of honour Shri Ch. Rupesh IPS, said: *"I commend IITH for creating a platform that encourages health and wellness alongside academic brilliance."*

The success of the marathon is a testament to the hard work of the organizers. The event, meticulously organized by the IITH Runners Club, was led by Prof. Prem Pal (President and Race Director), Dr. Upender Sunkari (Vice President), and Dr. Himanshu Joshi (General Secretary), who ensured a seamless and memorable experience for all attendees.

Reflecting on the success of the event, Prof. Prem Pal, Race Director, remarked, “*This marathon stands as a testament to IITH’s dedication to fostering health, endurance, and inclusivity.*”

Dr. Upender Sunkari added, “*It was a joy to see such an enthusiastic turnout. Together, we have taken strides toward a healthier and brighter future.*”

The IITH Half Marathon 2024 was not just a race but a celebration of life, inspiring everyone to embrace fitness and community as a way of life.

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IITH Runners Club website: <https://iithrunnersclub.com/>

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It has 325+ full-time faculty, 5,300+ students (PG + PhD students accounting for about 60%). The institute has a strong research focus with Rs. 1300+ Cr of R&D funding, 11,500+ publications, 320+ Patents, and about 260+ startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs and a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr). Follow us on [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Koo](#), and [YouTube](#) for the latest updates.

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