



“Fit India spirit echoes at IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2025 as 2,200 runners take over the campus”

Highlights:

- The event championed the national **Fit India Movement**, celebrating fitness, community, and innovation.
- **2,258 runners** from across India participated in Half Marathon (21.1 km), 10K, and 5K categories.
- Flag-off by **Ms. Pavani Banoth** (World Ability Sports Games Bronze Medalist), **Ms. Uma Harathi N., IAS** (IITH Alumna & Sub-Collector, Narayankhed, Sangareddy) and **Mr. B. Chandrasekhar, IAS**, Additional Collector, Sangareddy.

Hyderabad, 30 November 2025: The **IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2025** turned the campus into a pulsating celebration of fitness and community as **2,258 runners** came together to support the **Fit India Movement**. Organized by the **IITH Runners Club**, the second edition saw an extraordinary mix of students, faculty, alumni, families, corporate runners, and fitness enthusiasts from across Telangana and beyond.

This year’s marathon carried the powerful theme — **“Run to Inspire. Run to Innovate. IIT Hyderabad: Built to Motivate.”** The picturesque route, mapped through green expanses and iconic academic blocks of IITH offered runners a memorable and challenging race experience.

Sunima Dila and Vipin Tyagi emerged champions in the **21.1 km Half Marathon** (Women’s and Men’s categories, respectively). Tyagi, a tech professional from Hapur, Uttar Pradesh, clocked an impressive **1 hour 33 minutes**, becoming the fastest runner of the event. Both winners, working in the technology sector, symbolised the marathon’s message of **bridging innovation, health, and humanity**.

The race was flagged off and awards facilitated by Guests. **Ms. Pavani Banoth**, Bronze Medalist, World Ability Sports Games, **Ms. Uma Harathi N., IAS**, IITH Alumna & Sub-Collector, Narayankhed, Sangareddy, **Mr. Chandrashekar Badugu, IAS**, Additional Collector, Sangareddy, **Satyanarayana Pothumarthi**, Managing Director, Swan Turbine Services and **Prof. B.S. Murty**, Director, IIT Hyderabad.

Prof. B.S. Murty, Director of IITH, sharing his enthusiasm, “The IITH Half Marathon has become a vibrant expression of the Fit India Movement on our campus. Bringing together more than 2,200 participants in a space built on the vision of *Inventing and Innovating in Technology for Humanity*, this event shows how health, innovation, and community can move forward together. At IITH, fitness is not just an activity but a mindset — one that fuels long-term well-being and inspires society.”

Ms. Pavani Banoth, Bronze Medalist, World Ability Sports Games facilitated the winners and shared her happiness to see the enthusiasm, “The energy at IIT Hyderabad was incredible. Seeing so many runners — from beginners to seasoned athletes — embrace fitness with such enthusiasm truly reflects the spirit of Fit India.”

Ms. Uma Harathi N., IAS, Sub-Collector, Narayankhed, Sangareddy & IITH Alumna, shared: “IITH has always stood for innovation with societal purpose. It’s inspiring to see the community come together for an event that promotes health, discipline, and collective motivation.”

Mr. Chandrashekar Badugu, IAS, Additional Collector, Sangareddy, also shared that “the spirit of such initiatives impact the larger aim of the govt. to empower communities with healthy habits”

Dr. Himanshu Joshi, Faculty In-Charge, Sports, IIT Hyderabad, said: “More than 2,200 people running inside a premier technology institute shows how deeply fitness is becoming a part of our culture. The fact that both Half Marathon winners are from the IT sector perfectly captures the message — technology and health can grow together.”

Race Results:

In the **Half Marathon (21.1 km)**, the top honours went to Vipin Tyagi (Men’s Category) and Sunima Dila (Women’s Category), who delivered outstanding performances on the challenging campus route. In the **10K Timed Run**, Viren Sahoo (Men’s Category) and Liza Daksh (Women’s Category) emerged as champions, showcasing remarkable speed and endurance. In the **5K Timed Run**, Ragavan Natrajan (Men’s Category) and Manonmani Regonda (Women’s Category) claimed the top positions with strong finishing sprints. The **5K Fun Run** saw enthusiastic participation, with a special recognition awarded to --- for exceptional spirit and participation.

All winners were felicitated during the prize distribution ceremony with medals, trophies, and certificates supported by partners, including **Swan Turbine Services** (Sponsor), **Cubic Transmissions** (Co-Sponsor), **CARE Hospitals** (Healthcare Partner), **FoodSutra** (Refreshment Partner), and others listed in the official brochure.

With its growing scale and enthusiasm, the IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon is steadily becoming a signature annual tradition of Fit India Movement—celebrating **health, innovation, resilience, and togetherness**, and inspiring thousands to “Run with heart, stride with pride.”

About IIT Hyderabad:

IITH, established in 2008, has reached a respectable position in academics, research, technology development and startups in a short span of 17 years. In the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF-2025), IITH is ranked 7th among Engineering institutes (crossing a first generation IIT), and is ranked 6th in Innovation, while it has maintained its rank within the top 10 Engineering Institutes ever since NIRF was launched. IITH is ranked 664 and 270 in the QS World and Asian University Ranking 2026, respectively (among the top 10% of global institutions in citations per faculty). IITH secured 46 positions by 31 faculties in the Global Top 2% Scientists World list 2025 released by Stanford University (SU) in collaboration with Elsevier across two categories. IITH has been striving for excellence with a motto of "Inventing & Innovating in Technology for Humanity (IITH)".

With 340 full-time faculty, 360+ non-teaching staff and 5,700+ students (PG+PhD students accounting for about 60%), IITH has a strong research focus with 5150+ R&D projects worth of Rs. 1630+ Cr (Rs. 335+ Cr funding in 2024-25, i.e. Rs. 1+ Cr per faculty, one of the largest per capita funding among IITs), 12,550+ publications, 2,37,000+ citations, 610+ patents (210+ Patents in 2024, the largest per capita patents filed among IITs), and about 330+ Startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs with a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr).

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IIT Hyderabad Celebrates 25th Anniversary with IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2025

IIT Hyderabad celebrated its 25th anniversary with the IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon 2025, a significant event that brought together runners from across the country. The marathon, held on November 30, 2025, was a testament to the institute's commitment to sports and community engagement. The event was organized by the IIT Hyderabad Sports Association (IITHS) and was a major success, with over 2,258 participants completing the race. The marathon was held in the scenic surroundings of the IIT Hyderabad campus, providing a beautiful backdrop for the event. The race was divided into two main categories: 10K and 5K. The 10K race was completed by 2,258 participants, while the 5K race was completed by 1,000 participants. The event was a great success, with participants from all over the country participating. The marathon was a great opportunity for the institute to showcase its facilities and to promote a healthy lifestyle among its students and faculty. The event was a great success, with participants from all over the country participating. The marathon was a great opportunity for the institute to showcase its facilities and to promote a healthy lifestyle among its students and faculty.

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“Run to Inspire. Run to Innovate. IIT Hyderabad: Built to Motivate” — This theme was the backbone of the marathon, reflecting the institute's commitment to innovation and its impact on the community. The event was a great success, with participants from all over the country participating. The marathon was a great opportunity for the institute to showcase its facilities and to promote a healthy lifestyle among its students and faculty.

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2,200 మంది రన్వర్క్లు క్యాంపస్ను అక్రమించడంతో ఫిబ్ ఇండియా స్కూల్ 2025లో ప్రతిద్వందిస్తుంది"

- దేశవ్యాప్తంగా ఫిట్ ఇండియా మూవ్‌మెంట్‌ను ప్రోత్సహిస్తూ ఫిట్‌నెస్, సామాజిక భాగస్వామ్యం, ఆవిష్కరణల వేరుకగా మారింది ఈ ఈవెంట్.
- 2,258 మంది రన్వర్క్స్ 21.1 కిమీ హాఫ్ మారథాన్, 10K, 5K రన్స్‌లలో పాల్గొన్నారు.
- ప్లాగ్-ఆఫ్ చేసిన వారు: Ms. పావని బనోత్ (World Ability Sports Games ట్రోంట్ మెడలిస్ట్), Ms. ఉమా హరత్ N., IAS (IITH అలుమ్నీ & సబ్-కలెక్టర్, నారాయణఖేడ్, సంగారెడ్డి) మరియు Mr. జి. చంద్రశేఖర్, IAS (అదనపు కలెక్టర్, సంగారెడ్డి).

ఈ ఏడాది మారథాన్ థీమ్: **“Run to Inspire. Run to Innovate. IIT Hyderabad: Built to Motivate.”** పచ్చని చెట్ల మధ్య, అద్భుత అకాడమిక్ ఖర్చు గుండా వెళ్లి అందమైన మార్గం రన్స్ గ్రీన్ ప్రజ్ఞ అనుభూతి అందించంది.

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ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಾಸ್ಥಿತ್ವ ಪ್ಲಗ್ ಇಟ್ ಚೆಸಿ, ಐಜೆಷಲ್‌ಕ್ ಉವಾರ್ಡ್‌ಲು ಅಂದಿಂಚಿನ್ ವಾಡು:

- Ms. ಪಾವನಿ ಬನೋತ್ - World Ability Sports Games ಫ್ರೆಂಚ್ ಮೆಡಲ್ಸ್
- Ms. ಐಮಾ ಹಾಠಿ N., IAS - ಸಬ್-ಕಲೆಕ್ಟರ್, ಸಾರಾಯಣಪೆಟ್ & ITH ಅಬಖ್ಖಾ
- Mr. ವೆಂಕಟಗೌಡ (ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್) ಬದುಗು, IAS - ಅಧಿನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಕಲೆಕ್ಟರ್, ಸಂಗರಾಪೆಟ್

- Mr. సత్యనారాయణ పాటిమర్తి – Managing Director, Swan Turbine Services
- ప్రొఫెసర్ బి.ఎస్. మూర్తి - డైరెక్టర్, IIT Hyderabad

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Ms. పావని బనోజ్ అన్నారు: "IIT Hyderabad లోని ఎన్టీ అద్భుతం. కొత్త రన్వే నుంచి నిపుణుల వరకు అందరూ చూపిన ఉత్సాహం-ఫీల్ ఇండియా యొక్క నిజమైన అడ్డం."

Ms. ఉమా హరణి N, IAS అన్నారు: "IITH ఎప్పుడూ సమాజ ప్రయోజనాలకు దోహదపడే ఇన్ఫో.టేషన్స్ నిలుపుదొరగా నిలిచింది. ఇటువంటి ఈవెంట్స్, ఆరోగ్యం, క్రమశిక్షణ, సామాజిక బాధ్యతను పెంపొందిస్తాయి."

Mr. చంద్రశేఖర్ బడుగు, IAS అన్నది: "ఈ రకమైన కార్యక్రమాలు ఇతిగోస్థులు అలవాట్లను పెంపొందించి, ప్రభుత్వ లక్ష్యాలను సమాజం వరకూ తీసుకెళ్తున్నాయి."

డా. హేమాన్సు జోషి, Faculty In-Charge, Sports, IIT Hyderabad, అన్నారు: “□□ □□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ **2,200**
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- పోస్ట్ మార్డ్రానిక్ (21.1 కిమీ): బిపిన్ జ్యోగ్ (పురుషులు), సునిమా బిలా (మహిళలు)
- 10K బ్రిష్ట్ రన్: బిరెన్ సాహూ (పురుషులు), బిజా దక్త్ (మహిళలు)
- 5K బ్రిష్ట్ రన్: రఘువర్న్ నజ్రాజన్ (పురుషులు), మనోన్మీసి రెగొండా (మహిళలు)
- 5K ఫన్ రన్: ప్రత్యేక గౌరవం - ---

విజేతలకు మెదల్చే, బ్రోఫీలు, సర్టిఫికేట్లు అందజేయబడ్డాయి. ఈ ఈవెంట్‌కి సహకరించిన భాగస్వాములు: **Swan Turbine Services, Cubic Transmissions, CARE Hospitals, FoodSutra** మరియు మరికొందరు.

IIT Hyderabad Half Marathon పేల్తే ఇంద్రియా మూవ్‌మెంట్‌లో ఒక ప్రతిష్టాత్మక వార్షిక సంప్రదాయంగా నిలుస్తోంది-ఆరోగ్యం, జివిమృద, పట్టుదల, ఐక్యతను జరుపుకుంటూ ప్రజలను ప్రేరేపిస్తోంది. **“Run with heart, stride with pride.”**