

RUN 4 OUR SOLDIERS

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AMDAVADIS TURN OUT IN FORCE FOR THE CITY'S FIRST FULL MARATHON AND SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES WHO KEEP GOING NO MATTER WHAT THE COST

CITY STANDS WITH BRAVES FOR LONG RUN



The cold crisp air at Adani Shantigram was broken by puffs of vapour from eager contestants at the first ever Ahmedabad Marathon at 4.45am on Sunday morning, drawn there not just by the spirit of competition but also to #Run4OurSoldiers, honouring the sacrifices our soldiers stoically make at so many cold, remote and inhospitable places.



The first ever AIMS-certified marathon in the city was flagged off on the stroke of 5.30am by Major General Anil Puri, general officer commanding of 11 Division, along with Pranav Adani, director, Adani Group. Some 168 athletes would compete in the 42.195km competition – the same distance the Greek soldier-messenger Pheidippides ran from the Battle of Marathon to Athens 2,500 years ago, which gives this competition its name.

The Armed Forces Welfare Fund, representing Rs 25 lakh raised through registrations and a Rs 25 lakh contribution matched by the Adani Group.

The final competitive event was the 10km Timed Run. It was flagged off at 7.00am by Rear Admiral Sandeep Beecha, managing director of Adani Group Rajesh Adani and Mrs Shilin Adani. More than 2,200 runners took part in this event.



WINNERS	
MARATHON (42km)	
OPEN CATEGORY	
Umesh Kuvor 2:44:42	Arpita Pandya 4:14:22
MEN	
Raju Singh, 2:46:02	
Jaywant Yellurkar, 2:46:32	
WOMEN	
Priyanka Bhatti, 5:07:24	
Vanita Korassery, 5:25:27	

EIGHT THOUSAND IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR AN EVENT LIKE THIS. THE NEXT TIME WILL BE GRANDER - AGLI BAAR BEES HAZAAR



PRANAV ADANI
DIRECTOR ADANI GROUP

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING VENUES I HAVE SEEN. THE CLEAR AIR AND CANAL-SIDE ROUTE MAKE IT THE BEST I HAVE SEEN IN THE COUNTRY



ABHISHEK MISHRA
RACE DIRECTOR

THESE KIND OF EVENTS SHOULD BE HAPPENING MORE OFTEN. INSPIRING TO SEE PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE BEING PART OF IT.



VIDUSHI SHAH
TEACHER

THIS IS FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT I AM PARTICIPATING IN ANY MARATHON. HENCEFORTH I WILL TRY TO TAKE PART IN MORE SUCH EVENTS.



MITAL SHAH
HOUSEWIFE

21km HALF-MARATHON	
MEN	
Mohan Darmor, 1:09:13	
Ravindra Gore, 1:11:05	
Vineet Kumar, 1:11:39	
WOMEN	
Nikitha Nimawat, 1:52:37	
Patricia Howieson, 1:55:43	
Ranjana Panwar, 2:00:20	
10km	
MEN	
Ramesh Rathwa, 00:32:13	
Deepak Chaudhari, 00:32:23	
Dinkar Santu Giake, 00:32:38	
WOMEN	
Saroj Thakor, 00:45:11	
Pooja Thakor, 00:50:17	
Rachna, 00:50:18	
VETERANS (10km)	
MEN	
Manuji Chavda (84 Years)	
WOMEN	
N Saroja (61 Years)	



84-year-old Manuji's run for glory

It was a Sunday surcharged with athletic power and excitement at the Adani Ahmedabad marathon bringing out the bristling best from contestants, who had out their sleep to converge at Shantigram.



Manuji Chavda (centre)

race but came out with flying colours in less than 2 hours, a big achievement indeed. However, this man remained humble about his own athleticism. "I kept taking the name of God and reached my destination in time," he said after the race.

