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Apnu Amdavad gets its own half marathon

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After Delhi, Mumbai, Pune and Bangalore it is Apnu Amdavad's turn to have its own short running event as the city gets ready to host the B Safal Half Marathon on January 4, 2015. The main race will be of 21.097km for all above 18 years of age. There will a 10km and a 5km run as well which is open to all above 10 years of age and the total prize money is around Rs 10 lakh.

The city has witnessed huge participation in the Sabarmati Marathon for the past three years and Lihav Trivedi of LS Sports, the organizer of the event, said that they are looking for big participation this time around too.

"This race is open for only Indian from across the globe as I want this to be a platform for Indians to run and excel," said Trivedi.

Talking about the initiative chairman of B Safal Constructions Rajesh Brahmhatt said: "B Safal believes in collaboration with events for health awareness and also participate in such events and activities as a part of their CSR activity. I believe in a healthy and fit society."

Arjun Handa, vice chairman and MD of Claris Lifesciences Ltd, a co-partner in this event said: "Sports is very important not only to maintain good health but also to create a better mind. I have played both the extremes of sports-chess and football and I think physical sports teach you more including strategy. Marathon builds endurance and patience which are both equally important in the journey of life. I am big fan of supporting any kind of physical sports that build us all into better people."

This half marathon has also been billed as a run against corruption and Shamsheer Singh, the additional commissioner of Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Gujarat, an associate partner in this event said: "We are proud to be associated with this half marathon with a cause. The theme 'run against corruption' will help create awareness among citizens for our fight against corruption. As running is important for health of society, control of corruption is vital for the health of economy of the country. We will also run a signature campaign."

The organizers have also decided to hold two promo runs on December 14 and 21 in preparation for the main event.