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Cheteshwar Pujara (second from left) and municipal commissioner Vijay Nehra (third from left) compete at the Rajkot half marathon, in Rajkot on Sunday. Source: Express photo by Chirag Chotaliya

MORE THAN 37,000 people participated in the inaugural Rajkot Half Marathon on Sunday with runners from Kenya and Ethiopia dominating the event in both men's and women's categories. Indians, however, made podium finish with the third position in both categories.

The Race Course ground was almost chock-a-block by 5.30 am as thousands of participants, from school children to senior citizens, assembled for the maiden half-marathon in Saurashtra region. Minister of State for Science and Technology Govindbhai Patel and Rajkot Municipal Commissioner Vijay Nehra flagged off the 21-km half marathon.