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Full fun in half marathon

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Great Atmosphere Leaves Runners Asking For More In Next Run

It was not so much about the results as the spirit during the bSafal Half Mara thon 2016 organized by LS Sports in association with The Times of India, NavGujarat Samay and Anti-Corruption Bureau, Gujarat in the city on Sunday morning. Young and old, shapely and out of shapes, in shorts and tees and tracks suits and joggers -they all got together before dawn at the AES Ground, behind Doordarshan Tower, to celebrate the spirit of freedom that is so associated with running than any other sport.

The weather was perfect for running with the temperature around 14-15 degrees Celsius but the participation of 10,150 runners had the atmosphere charged up. The number is the highest in terms of participation in any marathon in the city . There were 1,900 participants in half marathon, 1,550 in the 10-km run and 6,700 participants in the 5-km fun run.

Most of the participants said the route was flat and they recorded their personal best timings in the race. The winners looked satisfied with their performances and said they were already looking forward to the event next year.

"This huge gathering at the start of the year for a fitness activity is a delightful sight," said race director Lihas Trivedi, adding: "I thank people of Ahmedabad for their huge support and participation especially those who came out to cheer the runners in the early hours."

The event was flagged off by Gujarat home minister Rajnibhai Patel and mayor Gautam Shah. Chief minister Anandiben Patel had sent a special congratulatory message to the event organised to create awareness among citizens about good health and to fight corruption.

"The spirit of participants was high and they enjoyed running in the cool weather," said Rajesh Brahmhatt of Safal. ACB, Gujarat director Ashish Bhatia was overwhelmed by the response of the crowd in the early morning and said that "such activities should be a routine event in the city".

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- || Lemelemu Mikiyas (M)
- || Brigid Jerono Kimitwai (F)
- 30-45 YRS**
- || Samuel Kamau Muhuthu (M)
- || Rashmi Gurnule (F)
- VETERANS**
- || Naresh Kumar Sharma (M)
- || Leelama Alphonso (F)
- SR. VETERANS**
- || Sabhajeet Yadav
- 10KM RUN**
- 10-18 YRS**
- || Niraj Kumar (M)
- || Kajal Goswami (F)
- 18-30 YRS**
- || Molla Mezgebu (M)
- || Vijaymala Patil (F)
- 30-45 YRS**
- || Manju (M)
- || Kamini Vakil (F)
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