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# 40,000+ runners set to break barriers in Delhi

For 20 glorious years, the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon has broken barriers, serving as a beacon of national pride and redefining fitness by re-shaping the way India unites with health, purpose, and generosity.

Around 40,000+ runners are set to take centre stage at the World Athletics Gold Label Race, scheduled for Sunday, 12th October 2025, from the iconic Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

## PUMA Race Day tee



The PUMA Race Day tee was unveiled by (L-R) Nikhil Pant, Founder, Lakshyaa; Col. Rakesh Yadav, CEO, Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS); Vivek Singh, Joint MD, Procam International; Lili Das, Defending Champion; Abhishek Pal, 2023 Champion; and Meena Bhatia, General Manager, Le Meridien, New Delhi

Every Half Marathon and Open 10K participant will receive an exclusive Race Day tee specially designed by PUMA as a token honouring the runners' hard work, dedication, and relentless spirit.

## Free metro services on Race Day

A special initiative has been taken by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and VDHM 2025. DM-RCL will offer free metro rides to all participants on Race Day. Runners will receive a wristband at the Expo with two QR codes, facilitating ease of travel to and from the race venue.

## Sarathee spearheads inclusive volunteering

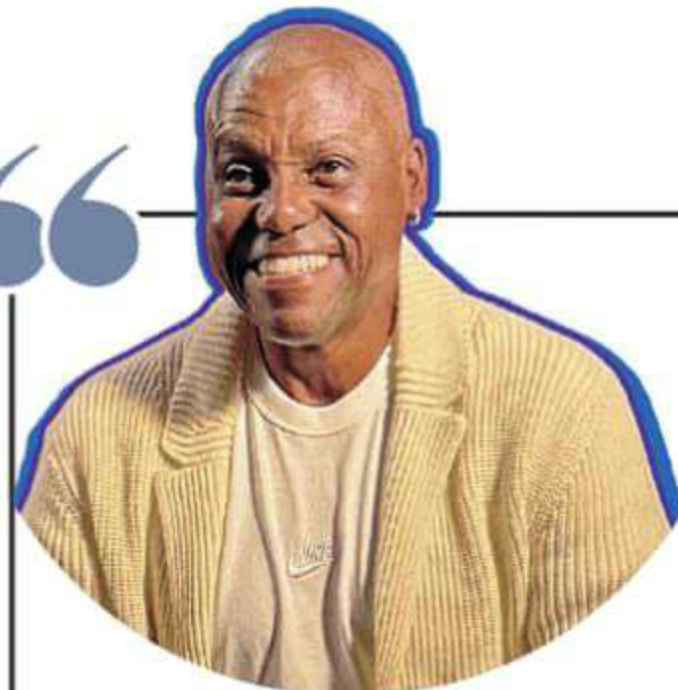
In a pilot project, along with Sarathee, an organisation that has spearheaded the narrative of inclusion, VDHM 2025 has integrated Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) as key volunteers during the Expo and on Race Day.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Smt. Rekha Gupta, unveiled the VDHM Finisher Medal. The medal is crafted from high grade zinc sourced from Zawar Mines, Udaipur, and produced by Hindustan Zinc Limited. She was joined by Ritu Jhingon, President, Anil Agarwal Foundation, Vedanta, and Shreepad Shende, Chief Marketing Officer, IDFC FIRST Bank

## Setting the pace for sustainability

VDHM champions sustainability with a Zero Waste to Landfill approach. In partnership with NDMC, Hasiru Dala Innovations, and Chintan, the race ensures responsible waste management, composting of organic waste, and plastic free race kits. Leftover water is reused for green spaces; low carbon transport is encouraged with e autos and bicycle parking at JLN Stadium, and surplus food is redistributed to communities in need.



**Carl Lewis**

SPORTSMAN OF THE CENTURY\*

9x Olympic Gold Medals  
8x World Championships Gold Medals

"Running is a universal language of possibility and progress. I am happy to be a part of VDHM, knowing that every runner, from first timers to elite athletes, carries the power to break barriers, inspire, overcome, and chase new frontiers. Together, let's run not just for speed, but for the spirit that drives us forward every day."

(\*By the International Olympic Committee)

## Race day start time and venue

RACE CATEGORY	START TIME	START POINT
Half Marathon (Amateurs)	5:00 am	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
Half Marathon (Elite)	6:50 am	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
Champions With Disability and Senior Citizen's Run	7:00 am	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
Open 10K	7:30 am	Sansad Marg
Great Delhi Run	9:00 am	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

## Let your imagination run wild at the Run in Costume

In the Great Delhi Run, dress up as your favourite character, spread your message of goodness, or raise awareness for a cause and win exciting prizes. Fashion icon and marathoner Namrata Joshipura will judge this colourful and creative contest.

## Pacers: Lead the gold standard

Twelve corporate leaders will pace the Half Marathon, and twelve women will lead the 10K, setting the pace for participants to achieve their desired times.

## Celebrating runners, fuelling dreams with Bisleri

Running has grown beyond just a fitness routine—it's now a movement. Across cities and age groups, more people are lacing up their shoes and hitting the road, driven by passion for health, community spirit, and personal milestones. Bisleri is proud to continue its partnership with the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon as the Hydration Partner. To ensure you stay hydrated throughout every mile, Bisleri is installing 10 water stations

### Hydration Partner



and two mist zones along the running route, providing vital hydration to keep energy levels high. This year, Bisleri goes a step further with inflatable arch branding at pivotal points along the track. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or a first time runner, Bisleri will be there every step of the way.

Besides these activations, Bisleri's 'Bottles For Change' is supporting VDHM's zero plastic waste initiative with recycled

benches, responsible disposal, and post event plastic waste collection. To celebrate sporting excellence, Bisleri is also launching limited edition bottles featuring three of India's most iconic athletes—Anju Bobby George, India's legendary long jumper; Rani Rampal, the fearless hockey star and former India captain; and Hima Das, the record breaking sprinter known as the "Dhing Express". They will also front Bisleri at the marathon. These bottles honour their achievements and aim to inspire a generation of runners. Because at Bisleri, we believe hydration fuels heroes—and every runner has a champion within. Run strong. Stay hydrated. Celebrate success with Bisleri.



**SANJIVANI JADHAV**  
(India)

Winner 10,000m at Portland Track Festival High-Performance Meet, 2024

Winner, VDHM 2018 and 2022



**ALEMADDIS EYAYU**  
(Ethiopia)

Defending champion, VDHM



**LILIAN KASAIT RENGERRUK**  
(Kenya)

Winner TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2024



**LILI DAS**  
(India)

Defending champion, VDHM

## Champions at the start line

**ABHISHEK PAL**  
(India)

Winner VDHM 2023



**GULVEER SINGH**  
(India)

Asian Games Medallist (10,000m and 5,000m)  
National record holder (10,000m, 5,000m and 3,000m)



**ISAAC KIPKEMBOI**  
(Kenya)

Winner, Roma Half Marathon 2023



**BIRHANU LEGESE**  
(Ethiopia)

Silver medallist, Barcelona Half Marathon 2023, 58:59 (PB)



## Run for zero hunger

Vedanta's flagship event, the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon, continues to champion #RunForZeroHunger through its social impact initiative, Nand Ghar.

Developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Nand Ghars are modernised anganwadis providing children with nutrition, healthcare, and education, while empowering women through skill development. With nearly 10,000 centres across 15 states, it is transforming rural communities and reaching India's remotest villages to ensure no child goes hungry and every woman leads an empowered life.

Over the last three editions, the move-

ment has facilitated nearly 20 million meals. This year, for every kilometre run, Vedanta will provide one Poshan Pack—nutritious supplements designed to bridge

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gaps in children's diets. For the fourth edition, Vedanta has pledged 5 million Poshan Packs for 5 million km. Alongside participants, Vedanta employees are also contributing meals, amplifying the initiative and showcasing the power of collective action.

By joining #RunForZeroHunger, runners, corporates, and citizens are helping build a hunger free tomorrow.

Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc & Non Executive Director, Vedanta Ltd., said, "For me, #RunForZeroHunger is so much more than a marathon. Every kilometre run means nutrition for all. It means hope, strength, and the right to dream. With this initiative, we are bringing people together, united by one purpose, to fight malnutrition and build a healthier, stronger India." The initiative also supports animal welfare through The Animal Care Organisation (TACO), reaffirming true compassion, embracing every living being. Run with purpose. Run for Zero Hunger.



## Get ready for race day

Confirmed individual participants can collect their bibs from the NSIC Exhibition Grounds, NSIC Estate, Okhla Phase III, New Delhi – 110020. Entry will be through Gate No. 6 (located below Govind Puri Metro Station)

### COLLECTION DATES AND TIMINGS:

- Thursday, 9th October: 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, 10th October: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 11th October: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### TUNE IN:

Catch all the excitement of race day live on Sony Sports Ten 1 and Sony Sports Ten 1 HD on Sunday, 12th October 2025, from 6:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



## Lakshyaa: 60+ NGOs, 16 causes, 15 corporates (and counting)

The Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon is a movement to inspire change, unite communities, and break barriers. This year's theme, "Breaking Barriers," reflects Lakshyaa's mission of enabling strategic, ethical, and impactful collaboration across sectors to create lasting social good.

As the Philanthropy Partner, Lakshyaa brings decades of development sector expertise to make VDHM a powerful platform for action. Specialising in CSR strategy, compliance driven philanthropy, and high impact engagement models, Lakshyaa works with governments, corporates, NGOs, academia, and communities to design

partnerships that are scalable, sustainable, and measurable.

### Philanthropy Partner



VDHM's 20th edition supports 60+ NGOs and 16+ causes, spanning

education, gender equality, healthcare, mental wellbeing, environmental action, livelihoods, and animal welfare. With 15 corporates on board, fundraising for the event is in full swing and will continue till 28th October 2025.

Lakshyaa acts as a catalyst and connector, helping NGOs access best practice fundraising frameworks and guiding corporates to align investments with meaningful outcomes.

Participating as a runner, donor, or supporter means replacing silos with collaboration and turning intent into impact. Join the movement at <https://vdhm.lakshyaa.co.in/>, run for causes, dreams, and barriers waiting to be broken.

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