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Jaipur: The 10th edition of the Vedanta Pink City Half Marathon (VPCHM) concluded here on Sunday, showcasing an extraordinary display of community spirit and determination. Almost 15,000 runners participated in support of Vedanta's #RunForZeroHunger movement, raising 1 lakh meals for children at Nand Ghars, the company's flagship social impact project working to ensure a nourished and healthy future for children by transforming anganwadis across India. Under the initiative, each kilometre run by participants translated into one Poshan Pack or nutritious supplement for children at Nand Ghars. The marathon featured three categories -- the 21-km half marathon for professional athletes, a 10-km cool run for intermediate athletes, and a 5-km dream run for beginners and families. The winners also expressed their gratitude and pride upon completing the race with remarkable timings. In the 21-km male category, winner was Bablu Sisodia, pipping Versiram to the second spot and third place went to Yogesh. In the female section, Ujala

reigned supreme. Kuamri Parul finished runner-up, while Bhumi Negi stood third. In the 10-km male group, Pawan Kumar emerged champion, while second spot was claimed by Hukum Singh. Third place went to Sanket Kadyan. In the female category winner was Saloni beating Usha Sharma, while Mamta Choudhary had to be content with the third position. They shared that running the Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon was a truly memorable and inspiring experience. From seasoned athletes to first-time participants, every finisher crossed the line with pride, making this edition a true celebration of grit and glory. Priya Agarwal Hebbar, non-executive director, Vedanta Ltd. and chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Ltd. said, "The Vedanta Pink City Half Marathon is not just a sporting event, it has evolved into a people's movement for a healthier India. What makes today truly special is that every step taken by every runner helps nourish a child. Rajasthan is at the heart of our Nand Ghar mission, and we are committed to scaling it further with the goal of developing 25,000 Nand Ghars in the state to ensure that every child and every woman has access to nutrition, education and opportunity." Harmanpreet Kaur, captain of the Indian women's cricket team and international brand ambassador for VPCHM 2025, added, "It's inspiring to see thousands run not only for fitness, but for a purpose that touches the lives of children at Nand Ghars across India. When sport is used as a force for good, it becomes even more powerful. I am proud to be part of the Vedanta Pink City Half Marathon and support the #RunForZeroHunger movement." Developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Nand Ghars provide nutrition, healthcare and early childhood education for children, alongside skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities for women. With over 10,000 Nand Ghars operational across 16 states, the initiative continues to uplift rural communities by ensuring that no child goes to bed hungry and every woman leads an empowered life. Supported by Vedanta, the country's leading energy transition metals, oil & gas, critical minerals, power and technology conglomerate, organized by AnyBody Can Run (ABCR) and powered by Finova Capital this year's marathon was flagged off at NRI Chauraha, Mahal Road in Jaipur by Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Ltd. and Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Ltd., and Harmanpreet Kaur, Captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team and International Brand Ambassador for VPCHM 2025. As a lead-up to race day, mini-marathons were organised in Jaipur and Barmer that brought people and Vedanta employees together for the cause. Indian sprint athlete Sufiya Sufi and students from Vedanta PG Girls College, Reengus, also lent their support to #RunForZeroHunger. This marathon reflects the power of participative sport for social change, where each runner contributes to a better tomorrow. Each participant received a finisher's medal crafted from the purest high-grade zinc sourced from Rajasthan's Zawar Mines, produced by Hindustan Zinc Limited, a Vedanta subsidiary. VPCHM 2025 builds on Vedanta's legacy of

leveraging sports as a platform for fitness, community engagement and social impact. As part of this vision, Vedanta supports several major sporting events, including the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon, the Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon in Udaipur, Vedanta Tour de Thar – a first-of-its-kind desert endurance cycle race that concluded recently in Bikaner, and multiple marathons across India including Bengaluru, Mumbai and other cities. Beyond these, Vedanta is nurturing grassroots talent through its acclaimed football development programs, the Zinc Football Academy in Udaipur and the Sesa Football Academy in Goa, which have consistently produced national-level players. The company also promotes sports infrastructure and community fitness initiatives across its operational locations, reinforcing its belief that sport is a powerful catalyst for youth development and social transformation. Vedanta, through its subsidiaries Hindustan Zinc Ltd. and Cairn Oil & Gas, has been making an impactful multi-dimensional contribution to Rajasthan, from sustainable growth to economic and community development. Hindustan Zinc Limited is the world's largest integrated zinc producer and amongst the top five silver producers globally, recognised for its leadership in operational excellence, innovation and ESG practices. Cairn Oil & Gas is recognised as the largest private oil and gas exploration and production company in India, accounting for more than 25% of India's total domestic crude oil production.