

Glorious chain of Marathon runs at Rock Garden

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INVC, Chandigarh, This Sunday morning witnessed a glorious chain of Marathon runs at Rock Garden with enthusiastic response both by the participants as well as the spectators who had been awaiting for the third Chandigarh Marathon being organised by Chandigarh Administration in technical association with Running and Living Marathon. Celebrities like Milkha Singh, a renowned International Olympic athlete graced the occasion during flag off of Full & Half Marathon runs by Mr.Anil Kumar, Home Secretary Chandigarh alongwith Mr. D.K.Tiwari , Secretary Tourism and Ms.Tanvi Garg Director Tourism and other officers of the Chandigarh Administration.The ten Km run was flagged off by Mr.V.K.Singh Finance Secretary UT in presence of all senior officers of Chandigarh administration. National and International runners across the country with wide spectrum of fitness freak coming especially for Chandigarh Marathon from far off metropolitan cities like Hyderabad, Pune, Calcutta, Chennai, Mumbai etc. These runners had a wonderful wholesome experience to run in the most picturesque environs encompassing the running track which had all full and Half Marathon participants having memorable moments while running on the lake promenade with fresh air breezing from all sides. Ms Sunita from Hyderabad who has participated in 15 Mararthons had an unbelievable exciting experience when peacocks voices were heard near the jungle area between Rock Garden and Sukhna Lake after the drizzle last night. The cheer groups and music bands were spread over the route at vantage locations to give a feeling of welcome and applause to the participants, a number of them had come for the first time to the city for participation in Chandigarh Marathon. With over 5000 partcipants turning out in Marathon Runs made Chandigarh Mararthon the biggest tourism sports event of Chandigarh. The event saw maximum turnout in the 5 Km RUN FOR FUN which also made the road between Sukhn Lake and Rock Garden Look like an ocean of smiling exciting human beings giving a spectacular frame. Mr.K.K.Sharma , Adviser to the Administrator was the Chief Guest of the Chandigarh Marathon who flagged off the Run for Fun and distributed prizes upto 4 lacs to the winners in the Full and Half Marathon Runs while the first Prize of 1 lakh in Full Marathon was picked by Vinod Kumar , the prizes in female category for Half Marathon was bagged by Ms. Amandeep Kaur and a special consolation prize by Ms.Sunita. The Chandigarh Marathon also had some eye catching entertaining performances from a renowned band which played to a live gathering and regaled the audience with foot tapping English and Hindi hits making the event more vibrant and colourful.

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