

## Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon raises 5 million meals for children through #RunForZeroHunger

**New Delhi, October 15, 2023:** The second edition of the prestigious Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon which concluded earlier today witnessed the participation of 35,000+ runners in support of the cause of #RunForZeroHunger. The record participation, 50% higher than last year, extended across five events including the flagship Half Marathon, Open 10K Run, Great Delhi Run, Senior Citizens' Run, and Champions with Disability Run. Vedanta's commitment of providing 1 meal to children for every 1 km run added up to 5 million meals in total. These meals will be served across Vedanta's network of nearly 6,000 Nand Ghars, which are modernized, state-of-the-art Anganwadis, in the coming weeks. Nand Ghar is the flagship social impact programme of Vedanta's Anil Agarwal Foundation and operates in 14 states across India.

The races were flagged off by Ms. Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Non-Executive Director, Vedanta and Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Ltd. in the presence of Mr. Anurag Singh Thakur, Honourable Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and I&B, GoI, Mr. Vinai Kumar Saxena, Honourable Lieutenant Governor of NCT of Delhi and Ms. Atishi, Minister of Education, Govt of NCT of Delhi along with other dignitaries. **Speaking on the occasion Hebbar said,** *"What we witnessed today was the immense power of participative sport to mobilise people from all walks of life and come together for fun, fitness and, most importantly, a cause. It is the dream of our Chairman, Shri Anil Agarwal, that every child in India sleeps with a stomach full of nutritious food. We want to make #RunForZeroHunger a mass movement involving every Indian, just like we want every Anganwadi in this country to become a modern Nand Ghar."*

Recently, Vedanta through Anil Agarwal Foundation launched a millet-based nutri-bar that provides supplementary nutrition to children at Anganwadis including Nand Ghars. Early results from the network of Nand Ghars are promising and indicate an improvement in nutritional outcomes. To share this experience with the runners, every participant at the VDHM 2023 was given these multi-millet bars.

Many celebrities and influencers including Actors Bhumi Pednekar, Ashish Vidyarthi, Fitness Coach Yasmin Karachiwala, Wrestlers Sangram Singh & Sakshi Malik, Actors Payal Rohatgi, Sara Khan, Kangan Nangia, Pankhuri Awasthy, Fashion Designer Nikhil Mehra, RJ Vedit, Masterchef Finalist Gurkirat Singh lent their support to the cause of #RunForZeroHunger in the run-up to the event. Ashton Eaton, two-time Olympic medalist and World Champion athlete, the brand Ambassador for VDHM 2023 and Indian women's national cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur & Actor and Sports Enthusiast Gul Panag, motivated the runners at the marathon.

The Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon also saw active participation from nearly 30,000 employees of the title sponsor. While some ran in Delhi, others participated via mini-marathons in their business locations and through the StepSetGo app, leading to the race day.

A Finisher's medal was awarded to the runners. The medal is made from purest and highest grade zinc from world's largest & oldest mines in Rajasthan, produced by Hindustan Zinc Limited, a vertical of Vedanta Group.

### **About Vedanta:**

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Aluminium, Power & Glass Substrate and foraying into semiconductors and display glass. For two decades, Vedanta has been contributing significantly to nation building. Governance and sustainable development are at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety, and the environment. Vedanta has put in place a comprehensive framework to be the ESG leader in the natural resources sector, is committed to reducing carbon emissions to net zero by 2050 or sooner, and aims to spend \$5 billion over the next 10 years to accelerate this transition. Giving back is in the DNA of Vedanta, which is focused on enhancing the lives of local communities.

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**About Anil Agarwal Foundation:**

The Anil Agarwal Foundation is the umbrella entity for Vedanta's community and social initiatives. The focus areas of the Foundation are Healthcare, Women and Child development, Animal Welfare Projects, and Sports Initiatives. Anil Agarwal Foundation aims to empower communities, transform lives, and facilitate nation building through sustainable and inclusive growth. The Foundation has pledged Rs 5000 crore across five years on various social impact programs.

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**About Nand Ghar:**

Nand Ghar, a flagship social impact project under the Anil Agarwal Foundation, is a model project working towards strengthening the Anganwadi ecosystem of the country. The 5700+ Nand Ghars are the enabler of change and sustainable development with a presence in 14 states across India and currently impacting more than 2.25 lakh children and 1.7 lakh women. Set up in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), Nand Ghars are modernized 'Anganwadis' working to eradicate malnutrition among children, provide pre-primary education, primary healthcare, and empower rural women through skill training. Nand Ghars, the state-of-the-art Anganwadis, aims to transform the lives of 7 crore children and 2 crore women across the 13.7 lakh Anganwadis across the country. Nand Ghars are equipped with solar panels to ensure 24x7 electricity, water purifiers, clean toilets, and smart television sets, and have become a model resource center for the local communities. Pre-school education is provided to children in the age group of 3-6 years. Nutritious meals, multi millet nutri bars and take-home rations are being provided for children and pregnant and lactating women. Primary healthcare services are rendered through mobile health vans and telemedicine services, and women are empowered through skilling and enterprise development.

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