

Chief Secretary flags off 5-KM 'Run for Fun' as part of Ladakh Marathon



Leh, September 12, 2026: Chief Secretary, UT Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, today flagged off the 5-km 'Run for Fun' from Martyrs' Chowk, Leh, as part of the 13th edition of the Ladakh Marathon 2026. Around 1,334 participants took part in the run, including students from various schools, government officials, runners across India and abroad and, notably, specially-abled participants.

The run covered the route from NDS Stadium, Leh, to Mentokling Motors and back to NDS Stadium.

The Ladakh Marathon has been gaining popularity not only in Ladakh but also across the country and internationally, owing to its distinctive high-altitude endurance events. The marathon has been organised annually for several years, with this year marking its 13th edition. The four-day event is being held from September 10 to 13.

As part of the event, the Silk Route Ultra commenced on September 10 from Kyagar village in Nubra and concluded at Leh Market. A total of 118 participants took part in the Silk Route Ultra.

The Khardung La Challenge was conducted on September 11. It commenced from Khardung village and concluded at Leh Market, with a total of 359 participants taking part in the challenge.

The Ladakh Marathon as one of the world's high-altitude endurance running events not only promote running and fitness, the marathon has emerged as an important platform for showcasing Ladakh's unique landscape, culture and spirit of resilience to a global audience.