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A RUN, WITH THE TELEGRAPH, TO SPREAD AWARENESS

Ready, set and off they went! The Institute of Engineering & Management (IEM) Kolkata and University of Engineering and Management organised their fifth edition of their IEM-UEM Kolkata Marathon 2022 in association with The Telegraph, on the streets of Calcutta last month. With the theme of this edition being 'Covid Warriors', the aim was to spread awareness about the new normal and help adapt.

The event comprised three different categories — a half marathon, a 10km run and a five kilometre run. Not only were the spirits high in the marathon but the organisers also ensured that the runners get a bottle of water every 500 metres of the marathon. Bio toilets were also present at regular intervals.

With over a 1,000 booked participation slots, the highlight of the event saw people running with prosthetic legs, a lady completing a 10K run with a baby stroller, a three-year old finishing a five kilometre run and a blind participant finishing the run. At least 20 registrations were made free of cost for the needy runners and to promote sports. The running community from Nadia district came with 15 participants. There were runners from Odisha, Bihar and Jharkhand too.

"The main purpose behind organising the marathon is to instil discipline and create awareness on healthy lifestyle amongst the students and the citizens of Calcutta along with supporting the young needy runners," said professor Satyajit Chakrabarti, director of IEM Kolkata.



The starting point of the marathon saw the runners getting prepped to run the long miles.



The marathon was well-organised, with safety precautions in mind.



The participants took part with full enthusiasm.

WINNER'S LIST:

1. Rishikesh Chakraborty (men's category) with a timing of 1 hour and 14 minutes for the half marathon.
2. Mukti Bayen (women's category) with a timing of 1 hour 32 minutes for the half marathon.
3. Soumen Ghosh (men's, 32 minutes) for the 10K run.
4. Sanchita Mondel (women's, 45 minutes) for the 10K run.
5. Rohit Prasad (men's, 17 minutes) for the five kilometre run.
6. Priti Prahapati (women's, 22 minutes) for the five kilometre run.

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