

DSYA ORGANISES RUN FOR UNITY TO COMMEMORATE BIRTH ANNIV OF PATEL

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Celebrating the birth anniversary of our great national leader lays upon us the onus to strengthen our unity and at the same time to do away with all sort of discrimination like caste creed, religion, religion etc. asserted Director of Nehru Yuva Kendra Goa Shri Kalidas Ghatwal while speaking as chief guest for prize distribution function of Run for Unity organized at Athletic Stadium Bambolim [today](#).

The Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs organised "Run for Unity, to commemorate the birth anniversary of the first Union Home Minister of India, Vallabhai Patel.

The State Government celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas , National Unity Day to spread the message of national unity among people.

Shri Ghatwal further speaking appreciated the endeavour of entire team of Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs along with the Director Shri Ajay Gaude and others for organizing such a grand mega event. He also acknowledged the participation of the people cutting across age who came from all over indicating their enthusiasm and support for a good cause. The participants ranged from the age of 4 years to 84 years which shows their zeal for unity he reiterated. He said the run for unity was organized to spread message of unity towards our nation and hoped that all of us would adhere to this noble objective in the interest of the nation.

Earlier the running race of 15 kms. was flagged off by Secretary of Sports Shri Ajit Roy IAS, 10 kms. 5 kms & 3 kms races were flagged off by.. Mayor CCP Shri Rohit Monserrate while the 2 km race for differently abled persons was flagged off by Director of Nehru Yuva Kendra, Shri Kalidas Ghatwal.

The running race for unity was organized in various distance category such as [15](#), [10](#), [5](#), [3](#), and 2 kms. respectively. The 2km. run was specially organized for Persons with Disability. The event saw participation by more than 750 persons of all ages.. As a token of appreciation the participants were issued a certificate with medal.

In 2 km race for differently able persons Mast. Atharv Narvekar and Mast. Santosh H. B. bagged the top honours.

In 3 km race for male - Shri Abhay Gaonkar, Shri Pravin Velip and Shri Nitin Gaonkar bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively.

In 5 km. race for female - Kum. Rashi Halarnkar, Kum. Ashwini Dhargalkar and Kum. Tasmiya were the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The winners of the 5 km race for male were Shri Hari Velip, Shri Akash Saroj and Shri Vishnu Meena whereas the winners of 5 km race for female were Smt Sunita Kumar, Kum. Shefali Naik and Kum. Khalifa Khachv.

The winners of 10 Km.race for male were Mast. Uddesh Majik, Shri Franky Gomes and Mast. Clavin Carvalho.

Kum. Mahua Smt Rasika and Smt. Meera emerged victorius in the 10 kms race for female.

The winners of 15km. race for Male & Female were Shri Mahsin Devappa, Shri Akhilesh Kushwah and shri Pritesh Adkonkar.

Miss Suman Gosavi, Smt Cheril Afonso and Kum.Yamini Joshi emerged as winners in the 15 kms race.

The honours of being the youngest girl & boy among the participants were taken by Kum. Bhumi Pednekar 4 years and Mast Samarth Sarvesh Surlikar.

The oldest men & women racers of the event Shri Subhash Bhagwant Surlakar and Smt. Idalena Pereira 59 yrs. old were honoured on the occasion.

Special prize for most energetic person was bagged by Shri B. S. Nabar, aged 84 yrs.

Mayor, CCP, Shri Rohit Monserrate; Secretary Sports Shri Ajit Roy IAS; Director of Sports & Youth Affairs Shri Ajay Gaude; Event Co-Ordinator, Asst. Director Sports Dr. Vivek Pawar; Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra Shri Kalidas Ghatwal; Smt. Jenifer Gonsalves; Navin Achary, Former renowned football player of Goa Shri. Bruno Coutinho were among those who present at the fun.

Executive Director of Sports & Youth Affairs Shri Ajay Gaude welcomed the gathering Shri Pankaj Namshikar compered the function. Asst. Director Sports & Youth Affairs Dr. Vivek Pawar proposed the vote of thanks.