

The UltraMarathon

21st February 2010

An Ultramarathon, was organized as a tribute to the indomitable spirit of the Institute, on a bright and beautiful Sunday morning.

Adding further to the charm were the 800+ runners, dressed in beautiful T-shirts and raring to go. The Ultramarathon drew participants from all age groups and all sections of the community. There were professors, students, wives and children all up bright and early for the run, the first of which was flagged off at 7:00am.

The categories of the races were:

- Individual
- 42.2km Individual
- 21.1km Individual
- 10km Individual - Open to all above the age of 10yrs
- 5km Individual - Open to all above the age of 10yrs
- 2km Individual - Below the age of 10yrs
- 50km Relay Race - Allowed people to form teams to complete the distance

Many of the participants had undergone training. Some were seasoned professional runners while others were novices. But they all had one thing in common and that was the fervor to be a part of this extraordinary event. Along the course directions were drawn on the roads with chalk to guide the participants. Also, there were organizers stationed at various points to provide help, and cool drinks, if required. There was also no dearth of spectators who had come in plenty to cheer the heroes.

It was delightful to see the young and old run together for fun. The event was a salute to the spirit of IIT Kanpur.

The marathon ended at 13:30pm and the closing ceremony was held in the main stadium with Prof. Sanjay G. Dhande, Director, IIT Kanpur giving away the prizes and certificates to the winners.