

Good response to Vasco marathon

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Vasco: Local as well as international participants made their presence felt as the first trial run for the Goa River Marathon 2011 covering 14kms was held on Sunday morning.

The Goa River Marathon 2011 was officially launched in May this year and, according to the organizers, the response for this years event has been encouraging. More than 500 are learnt to have confirmed their participation and the participants include not just from all over the country but also other countries like England, United States, France and Japan.

"After the resounding success of the first edition of the Goa River Marathon, Vasco Sports Club have decided to take this event to even greater heights," club secretary Rakesh Unny said during a press briefing on Sunday.

"It's not just the participants but also the proceeds that we are hoping to double. We will be helping a couple of NGOs this time around too," said Unny. Cause of Joy and Ashadeep School for special children have been shortlisted for monetary assistance.

Like last year, there would be two events. While the main event on December 11 would be the 21km half marathon, there would also be a run for fun 5km walk later in the morning.

"The marathon is all about the Green campaign. Starting next week, we will introduce many events to publicize the marathon," said club president Nitin Bandekar.

Com. Mahesh Chandra Joshi, Navy PRO and participant said, "Navy is an integral part of the Vasco community and we would encourage all of us to take part in the marathon."

Get set for NRB Goa River Marathon

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PANJIM: The 2nd River Marathon to be held on Dec 11 promises to be bigger and better with the warm-up event being run from Cortalim Circle to Club House, near Tilak Maidan, Vasco, Sunday.

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Marmam Shipyard and back.

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One of the participants on Sunday, Ashwin Tombat, who has participated in three marathons around the country, praised the organization of last year's marathon and stated, it was the best organised event compared to the other events in the country.

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ENDURANCE TEST: The participants at Vasco Marathon.

Our Joy.

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line on www.goariver-marathon.com and forms are available at all outlets of

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Goa River Marathon in December

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PANAJI: Vasco Sports Club organised a practice run on Sunday for those who have registered for the Goa River Marathon which is going to be held on December 11. The second edition is expected to get bigger and better.

The run started at Cortalim Circle and terminated at the Club house near Tilak stadium.

The runners who

have registered for the Goa River Marathon had a great experience. They could study the route and could exchange tips with each other at the beginning and the end.

About 20 runners from all over Goa took part. The route was 14 km long and this is an ideal distance to run in preparation for the Marathon which is just about a month away.

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