

“Run for Children 2015” by Prayas

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Central Secretariat Ground, VinayMarg, Chanakyapuri

Prayas JAC Society, which was born out of dire need of the marginalized, deprived, destitute and vulnerable children on **November 1988**, stepped into **27 years** of journey today. The journey which was started with only **25 children** is presently serving more than **50,000** such children women and youths in **09 States/UT’s** through its multiple programs. Through its various activities, it is directly serving and addressing issues such as child protection and juvenile justice, trafficking of children and women, vocational and life skills training, empowering women through **Self-Help Groups** and Income Generation Programmes, promotion of entrepreneurship, and facilitating credit through bank linkages and also direct micro finance operations.

In order to mark its Founder Day, Prayas organized the 5th edition of ‘**Run for Children**’, a short marathon of 4 km’s for the marginalized and vulnerable children, which witnessed the participation of more than 3500 children coming from different homes/shelters of Prayas, NGO’s and school, people from all walks of life, celebrities and dignitaries.

The Run was divided into two groups for the **children between (09-14) years & 14 years and above**. The Run was coordinated by the group of morning jogger’s of Nehru Park Team, titled ‘Park 21” led by Ms. Neha Verma & Dinesh Rawat and team. The marathon was flagged off by Mr. Vijender Beniwal, Boxer, Mr. Shashi Kant Sharma, IAS Comptroller & Auditor General, Mr. P. K. Tripathi, Chairman, the Public Grievance Commission Mr. Praveer Sinha, CEO Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited, TPDDL Mr. Mukesh K Meena, Jt. Commissioner of Police & Chief, Delhi Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) and Mr. Amod Kanth, General Secretary Prayas JAC Society. Mr. Oscar Fernandes is a senior Indian National Congress leader & Ms. Stuti Kacker, Chairperson National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, NCPCR also graced with her presence and blessed the children’s.



Singer-politician Babul Supriyo and Olympic medallist boxer Vijender Beniwal motivated the children with their presence. The duo detailed the benefits of running and exercise for children as they flagged off the run organised by NGO Prayas.

"Childhood is the time to build stamina as kids have huge energy. School children should participate in such

aces to ensure that they are not just academically bright but physically fit too," Beniwal said while addressing the children.

On this occasion, noted singer and Union Minister of State Urban Development Housing & Poverty Alleviation Mr. Babul Supriyo enthralled the children and participants of different age group with his song. He said that the 'children are children' only, the term street or marginalized children should be abolished. He appreciated the efforts and initiation of Prayas.



The children from different NGO's and School put colourful performance. At the end, prizes were distributed to winners by Mr. Babul Supriyo.

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