

# CITY GETS READY FOR SUNDAY'S MARATHON

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**Ahmedabad:** With just four days to go for the much-awaited Ahmedabad marathon organized by the Adani Group at Shantigram, the event has attracted nationwide interest where people from different states will join and experience the scenic beauty of the venue.

Shantigram has already become the central spot for major sporting events. The venue offers a pollution-free atmosphere, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The event has already witnessed registrations of more than 7000 participants. With a theme '#Run4OurSoldiers', the proceeds will go towards the welfare of Indian soldiers. Around 1,000 soldiers have been invited to participate in the event. The date also coincides with the Mumbai attacks that happened exactly on this very day nine years ago.

Thus the marathon is saluting the spirit of the armed forces who risk their lives to



protect the countrymen.

"Running has the magic to convert my bad day into a good day and the power to transform my frustration into speed, self-doubt into confidence," says Shaily Anand, one of the participants.

Almost the same sentiment is echoed by Ingit Anand, another participant. "Running makes you become one with self. Once you start running, you are just connected with self and go into the state of meditation," adds Ingit.

Another runner Ramanu-

jam is very enthusiastic about of the upcoming running event. "Adani Ahmedabad marathon will be my sixth half marathon in the last two years. I am as excited about this marathon as my first in 2016. This will be a unique marathon for me in many ways. It is organized by my company. It is taking place in Shantigram where I live. I will be running along the Narmada Canal. What more can I expect. I am eagerly looking forward to the marathon day," stated Ramanujam.