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Several youngsters took part in the marathon to spread the message of women's safety, empowerment and student's wellness.
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Over 3,000 children and students from various schools and colleges of Panvel, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, and Uran participated in the Saraswati Education Society’s ‘SES Marathon-2013’ recently. The run was split in various age groups, and was started from Gurudwara near Central Park. The participants ran for the noble cause, focusing on women’s safety empowerment and students’ well-being. While the open group ran for six kilometers, the junior group covered four kilometers.

The awareness about women's safety was picked up as the slogan of the road race, organised by the youth wing of Saraswati Education Society’s (SES) Saraswati College of Engineering, Kharghar. The hosts’ college students formed a major chunk in the runners’ brigade. The cause was supported by city traffic police to highlight the implication of rash driving. Students' suicide was also addressed through this event.

Chairman of the institute Prithviraj Deshmukh in his inaugural speech stressed on creating awareness of women’s safety in the wake of increasing rape incidents all over the country.

Dr Alam Shaikh, principal of the college, emphasised on the alarming trend of student’s suicide, depression, drug addiction and rash driving. Navi Mumbai Mayor Sagar Naik, Panvel MLA Prashant Thakur and Deputy Commissioner of Police (traffic) Vijay Patil also expressed their concerns over women’s safety, students’ wellness and rash driving.

Dr Suresh Ugrade, dean faculty of Technology, University of Mumbai; Dr G D Pol, president of G D Pol Foundation; Vrushali Deshmukh, secretary SES; Prof V S Nimhalkar, principal of RVIOT; Prof S N Teli, head of department of Mechanical Engineering; Colonel N Sen and L Devrajane made their presence felt to encourage young runners.

Uran girls stole the show in the female open category. The national level marathon runner and Uran resident Neelam Rajput bagged the first place, and other ace runners Supriya Patil and Heena Mali won second and third place respectively. “It was yet another road for me as I have won several marathons in the past five years as a professional long distance runner. I am glad that I continued to win another title,” said Rajput.

In the men’s category, Paras Kumar, Anil Yadav and Jagdish Gawade grabbed first, second and third place respectively. In 10-15 age group for girls, Madhuri Deshmukh, Pramila Yadav and Sunita Patil claimed top three medals. In the boy's group, Bidan Das, Pintu Gaikar and Sanjay Panna got home with top medals.
सरस्वती एज्यूकेशन सोसाइटी (खारगोर, नवी मुंबई) नवंबर 15 व्यापकदिनाचे औपचार्य साधून आयोजित मेल-शोन-2013 मध्ये 3900 विद्यार्थी मराठला.  

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