

Deepika Kumari, Babita Phogat at IIM-R marathon

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Raipur: Olympian Deepika Kumari and wrestler Babita Phogat of 'Dangal' fame will attend Prayaas, Indian Institute of Management, Raipur's marathon to be held at Naya Raipur on Sunday.

As per IIM officials, the marathon intends to endorse the idea of 'Swacchh Bharat' and create awareness among the general public regarding the same.

The central idea behind the theme is adoption of a village by the students of IIM Raipur to bring quantifiable changes in terms of sanitation and cleanliness literacy.

The marathon is scheduled to commence at 5:30 am at Telibandha pond and has around 1200 registrations. For participants coming by private vehicles, parking facilities have been arranged at Jalvihar Colony, Canal Link road.

All participants will be provided a kit, consisting of a T-shirt and a cap. Ar-

rangement for ambulances has also been made for the entire duration of the marathon, ensuring safety of the participants.

Apart from that, water and glucose will be constantly available to the runners. Special arrangements for three buses that will commute participants to the spot of initiation have been made.

The first bus will start from Kalibari, covering Nalghar Chowk, holy hearts school and Netaji Chowk.

The second bus will start from Samta colony moving towards Azad Chowk, Jaistamb Chowk and Kacheri. The third bus will leave from Bhopal railway station.

Babita Phogat and Deepika Kumari will interact with the urban youth regarding right lifestyle choices and keeping oneself free from diseases. Along with the participants, they will pledge to maintain clean streets and also to focus on sanitation and maintaining a hygienic environment.