

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE AT A MARATHON

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I went with my parents this weekend to Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh, for a marathon. It was my first experience at such a large sporting event. My father was participating in the half marathon which is a distance of 21.1 KM! Can you believe, he completed it in less than 2 hrs!!! The atmosphere was amazing: there was music & dance & people were cheering the participants loudly.

I volunteered to give "finisher medals" to a lot of runners who crossed the finish line. I also helped give water, juice & bananas to them for refreshment.

The best part was that, seeing me actively participating & cheering enthusiastically, I was called on stage to help the Governor of AP present the memento to the winners! I got to click a picture with him & the 1st lady of AP. My picture was there in a lot of papers & news channels the next day!!! I came back feeling that I would also participate in the children's category in the next marathon & try to complete 5k.

Thank you HYDERABAD