

## IUCAA Annual Sports Events (IASE)

### Marathon Event Details (2025–26)

**Date:** Saturday, 03 January 2026

**Reporting Time:** 06:45 AM

**Warm-up and Motivation Session:** 07:00 AM

**Marathon Start:** 07:15 AM

**Stretching Session:** 08:00 AM

#### Starting and End Point:

Chittaranjan Parking, Near AkashGanga Guest House,  
Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune [1em]

#### Categories

Sr. No.	Category	Age Group As per Participant's Age as on January 01, 2026	Distance
1	Rising Protostars	6–12	2 KM
2	Terrific Tauris	12–18	3 KM
3	Amazing Alpha Centauris	18–35	5 KM
4	Charismatic Cepheids	35–60	5 KM
5	Majestic Miras	60 and Above	5 KM

#### Marathon Route

The marathon course has been designed keeping in view safety, accessibility, and effective event management. Participants are advised to review the route description carefully prior to the event and follow the designated course without deviation. Compliance with the route instructions is mandatory and will be monitored through designated reporting points along the route.

#### Rising Protostars Category [2KM]

Starting Point: Chittaranjan Parking → Akashganga Gate (Turn Right) → Takshashila Gate → SPPU Boys Hostel #9 → International Students Hostel → Adarsh Canteen (Back Side) → SPPU Computer Science Department Square. Participants will return to the starting point by following the same route in reverse.

**End Point:** Chittaranjan Parking

### **Terrific Tauris Category [3KM]**

Starting Point: Chittaranjan Parking → Akashganga Gate (Turn Right) → Takshashila Gate (LHS) → SPPU Boys Hostel #9 (RHS) → International Students Hostel (RHS) → Adarsh Canteen (Back Side, LHS) → SPPU Computer Science Department Square → Alongside SPPU Teacher Quarters (RHS) → SPPU Electronic Department (LHS) → SPPU New Jaykar Building (RHS) → Alongside SPPU Department of Physics (LHS) → Main Road to SPPU Main Gate near Physics Department. Participants will return to the starting point by following the same route in reverse.

**End Point:** Chittaranjan Parking

### **Other Age Categories [5KM]**

Starting Point: Chittaranjan Parking → Akashganga Gate (Turn Right) → Takshashila Gate (LHS) → SPPU Boys Hostel #9 (RHS) → International Students Hostel (RHS) → Adarsh Canteen (Back Side, LHS) → SPPU Computer Science Department Square → Alongside SPPU Teacher Quarters (RHS) → SPPU Electronic Department (LHS) → SPPU New Jaykar Building (RHS) → Alongside SPPU Department of Physics (LHS) → Main Road to SPPU Main Gate near Physics Department (Turn Right) → SPPU Department of Botany (RHS) → SPPU Ambedkar Garden (LHS) → SPPU Main Gate. Participants will return to the starting point by following the same route in reverse.

**End Point:** Chittaranjan Parking

**Note:** LHS and RHS indicate the side of the route while approaching SPPU Main Gate.

## **Instructions**

### **On the Day Rules**

1. Participants must report to the starting point at the designated time.
2. The prescribed route must be followed strictly; no deviations are permitted.
3. Three official reporting checkpoints will be positioned along the route.
4. Participant verification will be carried out at each checkpoint.

### **Disqualification Rules**

1. Any form of misbehavior, obstruction, or unfair practice will result in immediate disqualification.
2. Failure to complete the designated route or taking shortcuts will be recorded as Did Not Finish (DNF).

## Facilities for Participants

1. Three hydration stations will be available along the route.
2. Post-run refreshments, and tea or coffee will be provided to all participants.

## For Successful Marathon

1. Individual performance will be published at: <https://iase.iucaa.in>

