

**Consulate General of India
Manchester**

Press Release

Viksit Bharat Run, 2025 held on 27/09/2025 at Consulate General of India, Manchester

The Consulate General of India in Manchester, jointly with MY Bharat, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, successfully organised the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 on 27 September 2025. Held across over 150 international locations, the event became a truly global celebration of service, fitness, and sustainability. The run in Manchester drew enthusiastic participation from the Indian diaspora, local communities, students, professionals, and friends of India.

The run was held as part of Seva Pakhwada (17 September - 2 October), and reflected the transformative progress India has achieved in areas such as infrastructure, healthcare, technology, education, and sustainability under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The community in Manchester City reaffirmed its commitment to the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat, a developed India, by joining the run.

Under the theme "Run to Serve the Nation," participants from Manchester came together for community runs of two kilometres, turning the event into a powerful statement of collectiveness. The run embodied India's Swadeshi ethos, and echoed PM Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

Pledge for a Viksit Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Bharat: A key moment of the event was the collective recitation of the Viksit Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Bharat Pledge, where participants committed to contributing towards India's journey of becoming a developed nation by 2047. This gesture brought Manchester closer to Indians across the globe, aligning with the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat and reinforcing a shared aspiration for growth, innovation, and global leadership.

Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam: A Green Commitment In addition to the run, the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign was embraced by the community in Manchester. Trees have been planted, honouring loved ones and underscoring the link between personal responsibility and environmental sustainability. This act served as a living reminder of India's commitment to building a greener planet.

Diaspora Engagement and Global Partnerships: The Viksit Bharat Run became a platform for diaspora engagement and youth mobilisation, with Indian Missions partnering community groups, cultural bodies, and local organisations worldwide. It reinforced the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – "the world is one family." In Manchester, Mr. Navendu Mishra, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mr. Vimal Choksi, Councillor, fitness influencer Ms. Madhusmita Jena who completed the run wearing a traditional saree. Apart from them,

community leaders such as Mr. Mamit Agarwal, Mr. Vijay Kumar, Mr. Maneet Kapoor, Mr. Sumit Tuli, Ms. Alka Rauniar and Mr. Divyesh Patel etc graced the event, underscoring the importance of connecting India's development story with the world. Together, let us continue the journey towards a Viksit Bharat- a developed, self-reliant India rooted in service and global leadership.
