

Second edition of GiveLife Chennai International Marathon on August 22

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CHENNAI: The second edition of the GiveLife Chennai International Marathon in aid of the GiveLife Charity will be held on August 22. Actors Sneha, Priyamani and Prashanth, and sportspersons including Narain Karthikeyan endorsed the run and promised support to the event, which was launched here on Saturday.

Speaking at the launch, Sneha said the present trend among Chennaiites was to stay fit and trim. Priyamani said it was a worthy cause to support.

Karti P. Chidambaram, who officially launched the marathon, said that this year international athletes would participate in the professional 21.09-km run. The event has received international accreditation from The Association of International Marathon Society, London.

Tamil Maiyam founder Father Jegath Gaspar Raj said the Great Chennai City Run for GiveLife, in which residents can run for a distance of 7 km, is expected to have over two lakh participants. He said water points would be set up every kilometre, adding that specialised medical care points with cardiologists would be available at five locations along the route.



FOR A CAUSE: Actor Priyamani addressing a press meet to announce the launch of GiveLife Chennai International Marathon in Chennai on Saturday. (From left) Actor Sneha, Father Jegath Gaspar Raj, Karti P. Chidambaram, Narain Karthikeyan, C.K.Ranganathan, M.Mahadevan and Akhila Srinivasan are in the picture. PHOTO: R. RAVINDRAN

Diabetes and obesity-free city

Director of Oriental Cuisines M. Mahadevan said the theme for this year's marathon was to make the city diabetes and obesity free. "We are talking with educational institutions and trying

to provide healthy... Pizzas, for instance, would be made with whole wheat base," he explained.

Non-governmental organisation Banyan's volunteers would manage a café at the Lady Andal School from Monday and the organisers are in discussion with other

schools where children spend quite a bit at the canteen.

Mr. Mahadevan said that after the marathon, a traditional breakfast mela would be organised in which items like 'kambu dosa' and 'koozh' would be available.

GoodLife Trustee and Ma-

naging Director of Shriram Life Akhila Srinivasan said GiveLife, which started with supporting just 200 children in 2007 took care of the educational needs of 14,600 underprivileged children last year. The registration fee for the Chennai marathon would be Rs.20.