



**Consulate General of India  
Houston**

**Post Event Press Release For Viksit Bharat Run, 2025**

The **Consulate General of India in Houston**, jointly with MY Bharat, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, successfully organised the **Viksit Bharat Run 2025 on 28 September 2025**. Held simultaneously across **over 150 international locations**, the event became a truly global celebration of service, fitness, and sustainability. The run in Houston 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 (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 Houston came together for community runs of **3K/5K Walk/Run**, turning the event into a powerful statement of collectiveness. More than a fitness activity, the event celebrated the ideals of **Seva Bhav** (spirit of service) and echoed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of **Viksit Bharat @ 2047**. It also embodied India's Swadeshi ethos, highlighting the collective call for self-reliance, inclusivity, and environmental responsibility. The turnout was remarkable, with **over 900 runners, 50 volunteers, and more than 60 community organisations** joining hands to make the event a grand success.

**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 Houston 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.

**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.”

From London and Paris to New York, Moscow, and Sydney, Indian communities ran together, taking pride in their heritage and reaffirming their role in India's journey towards a Viksit Bharat.

In **Houston**, **Fort Bend County Judge KP George, Mr. Jeff Syptak** – representing **Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Ms. Alice Lee** – representing **Commissioner Lesley Briones's office, Councilman Sanjay Singhal** – representing **the Mayor of Sugar Land's office, Council Member Abhijit Utturkar** – **from the City of Fulshear and prominent leaders of Indian Diaspora** graced the event, underscoring the importance of connecting India's development story with the world.

**A Landmark Global Celebration**

The **Viksit Bharat Run 2025** emerged as one of India's largest global outreach initiatives. It carried a strong message of unity, resilience, and shared responsibility, while also showcasing India's cultural and developmental strides. The run sowed seeds of hope and service for a stronger, more inclusive India.

Together, let us continue the journey towards a **Viksit Bharat** - a developed, self-reliant India rooted in service and global leadership.

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