

## ***After The National Capital, Pink City gears up for The Great India Run***

**Jaipur, 21<sup>st</sup> July:** The Great India Run, India's first multi city marathon conceptualised by ProSportify in association with Mobiefit Technologies will commence the second leg of its epic journey from Pink city, Jaipur at 6:30 AM tomorrow morning. A 5k Fun Run that will see participation from locals will also start simultaneously at the point of action which is the Sawai Mansingh Outdoor Stadium. The 1480 Km long run, India's first ever attempt to a multi-city marathon, has seen 15 of the best ultra-marathoners from across the continents of Asia, Africa, United States of America and Europe cope with the conditions beautifully, to complete the first leg from Delhi to Jaipur ahead of schedule.

After commencing on their sojourn from India Gate in Delhi, the runners made remarkable progress and were chomping at the figurative bit at every step. Raring to go, they exceeded the average of 74kms a day on each day following the flag off with Arun Bhardwaj, Sunil Sharma, and Kaushal Chauhan even crossing the 100 km mark on an occasion. The foreign runners too were coping with the hot and humid conditions, covering more than 80 km on an average. The 15 runners who are taking part in the event are Arun Bhardwaj, David Bredo, Yuri Esperson, Siddarth Choudhary, Meenal Kotak, Ranjana Deopa, Sreekanth Reddi, Melanie Delainey, Dinesh Heda, Joginder Chandna, Pia Hansson, Sunil Sharma, Shweta Sharma, Kaushal Chauhan and Dhanaee Kumar. Accompanying the team at all times are two Ambulances, a Nutrition Vehicle with nutritionist on board, two Physios and two Masseurs along with a support staff of 40.

*"It has been a very interesting journey so far, with the rain making it tough for us. However, as experienced runners we have all coped with adversities and this time is no different. In fact we are hopeful to finish ahead of schedule, or run longer everyday,"* said the leader of the pack, **Arun Bhardwaj**.

**Kaushal Chauhan**, the Agra based 21 year old Ultra Marathoner was also in an upbeat mood ahead of the second leg of the run. *“It has been an amazing experience to run in such an event for the first time alongside the best names in the sport. I encountered knee pain yesterday, but I thrived to reach my target of 40 kms. I am eagerly looking forward to the second leg of TGIR journey.”*