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## Run for Dreams flagged off from Kanyakumari

At 7:00 AM on May 12, SufiyaSufi runner began her 5,000 km journey from Kanyakumari to Karakoram — a first-of-its-kind 88-day attempt that ends at the Karakoram Pass.

In a landmark moment celebrating endurance, patriotism, and the spirit of dreaming beyond limits, **Run for Dreams** was officially flagged off from Kanyakumari at 7:00 AM on May 12, marking the beginning of a historic 5,000-kilometre journey to Karakoram by SufiyaSufi runner.

Widely regarded as one of India's finest ultra-distance runners, SufiyaSufi runner holds five Guinness World Records and is known for redefining human endurance through extraordinary achievements, including Kashmir to Kanyakumari, the Indian Golden Quadrilateral, Manali to Leh, and Qatar ultra-runs.

Powered by **College Mentor** in association with **Bharath University** and **Sri Lakshmi Narayana Institute of Medical Sciences**, the initiative is envisioned as a nationwide movement inspiring youth to dream fearlessly and contribute meaningfully to the nation.

Spread across 88 days, the journey will pass through several war memorials across India as a tribute to the nation's brave soldiers. As part of this mission, SufiyaSufi runner will visit the Kargil War Memorial on Kargil Vijay Diwas to honour the sacrifices of the Armed Forces. The expedition is tentatively expected to conclude in the first week of August at Karakoram, making her the first Indian to run from Kanyakumari to Karakoram.

This is the first-ever human attempt to run this route, covering extreme terrains from sea level to nearly 18,000 feet above sea level. Supported by the Indian Army, the run stands as a tribute to national unity, resilience, and the spirit of overcoming limits.



SufiyaSufi runner on the road — Day 01

The event witnessed the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Nagercoil SP, Dr R Stalin, representatives of the Indian Army, and College Mentor Founder M Raja Shekar.

Speaking at the event, M Raja Shekar said, “As a company, we have always mentored students and guided their dreams. *Run for Dreams* is an extension of that vision, as Sufiya runs for the dreams of the nation.”

Addressing the gathering, SufiyaSufi runner said, “This journey is about inspiring people to believe that no dream is impossible when pursued with courage, discipline, and determination.”

The run also marks SufiyaSufi runner's attempt to achieve her sixth Guinness World Record, further strengthening her legacy as one of India's most inspiring endurance athletes.

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**Run for Dreams** begins May 12 from Kanyakumari, passes through 11 states and every war memorial on the route, and concludes at Karakoram on August 7. Kargil War Memorial visit on Kargil Vijay Diwas, July 26.

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