

PIB NEWS ANALYSIS

INDIAN NAVY HALF MARATHON, NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy is proud to announce the conduct of a Half Marathon race in New Delhi on 06 Oct 24. The event aims to strengthen the Navy's ties with the civil society and raise awareness about the Navy's vital role in safeguarding the nation's maritime security and interests.

The run will also serve as a platform to promote good health and fitness amongst participants from all walks of life, encouraging them to engage in physical activities and choose an active lifestyle as a means of ensuring overall well-being.

The event will highlight the values of gender equality, women empowerment and inclusivity. By actively involving individuals from diverse backgrounds and all strata of society, the event will underscore the Navy's commitment to fostering a culture of inclusiveness and equal opportunity for all. Getting people together in a spirit of camaraderie and competition will also forge stronger bonds among the people of the NCR and beyond, besides encouraging the youth to take up an adventurous life by joining the Indian Navy.

The event will feature a **Half Marathon (21.1 km) race and runs of 10 km and 05 km**, catering to participants of all ages and fitness levels. It is envisaged to be an annual event, in tandem with other similar events conducted by the Navy every year in Mumbai, Visakhapatnam and Kochi.

CBDT clarifies on media reports claiming special drive to reopen cases with reference to HRA claims

Certain instances of mismatch of information as filed by the taxpayer and as available with the Income Tax Department have come to the notice of the Department as part of its routine exercise of verification of data. In such cases, the Department has alerted the taxpayers to enable them to take corrective action. However, some posts on social media, as well as articles in the media, have highlighted enquiries initiated by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) in cases where employees have made incorrect claims of HRA and rent paid.

At the outset, it is stated that any apprehensions about retrospective taxation on these matters and re-opening of cases on issues pertaining to HRA claims is completely baseless.

Data analysis was carried out in some high-value cases of mismatch between the rent paid by the employee and receipt of rent by the recipient for the FY 2020-21.

This verification was done in a small number of cases without re-opening bulk of cases, especially since Updated Return for FY 2020-21 (AY 2021-22) could have been filed by the taxpayers concerned only till 31.03.2024.

It is underlined that the objective of the e-verification was to alert cases of mismatches of information for FY 2020-21 only without affecting the others. -

It is reiterated that there is no special drive to re-open such cases, and media reports alleging that large-scale re-opening is being undertaken by the Department are completely misplaced.