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# Maharashtra governor presents awards to fund-raisers at Mumbai Marathon

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*Bhagat Singh Koshiyari*

MUMBAI: Maharashtra governor, [Bhagat Singh Koshiyari](#) on Tuesday presented the Tata Mumbai Marathon Philanthropy Awards to some of the highest fundraisers this year. Breaking its previous records, the race participants raised Rs 45.9 crore through NGO United Way Mumbai for charity this year.

The highest fundraiser this year was late Dhaval Mehta, who died in a road accident a little before the race. He raised Rs 2.4 crore for the NGO [Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care](#). A close second was V S Parthasarathy, CEO, [Mahindra Mobilities](#) who raised Rs 2.2 crore for the KC Mahindra Education Trust. Three other individuals raised over Rs 1 crore each.

“The impact of the Tata Mumbai Marathon resonates beyond race day. It is heartening to know that so many NGOs working for a multitude of causes have raised a record amount in donations at the 2020 edition; there cannot be a better way to symbolise the power of the human spirit. I hope all individuals and corporates will also contribute generously to the cause of Covid-19 pandemic relief effort,” said Koshiyari. Since its inception, TMM has raised over Rs 315.90 crores, benefitting over 700 NGOs.

This year, 295 NGOs, 204 corporates, 1424 fundraisers and over 36,000 donors contributed for causes such as healthcare, education, animal welfare and environment and women empowerment among others. “This year has been challenging for all and the global pandemic has affected each of us, in one way or another. Corporates and NGOs alike struggled to navigate the new normal. The money raised for TMM couldn’t have come at a more crucial time for NGOs and is helping them meet commitments of ongoing projects, sustain and resurrect themselves,” said Jayanti Shukla, CEO, United Way Mumbai, the philanthropy partners of the marathon.

The highest fundraising NGO this year was Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care which received donations to the tune of Rs 7.5 crore while the highest fundraising corporate was the Kotak Mahindra Bank at Rs 2.8 crore.