

Keynote Speaker - Dalip Shekhawat

Dalip is a passionate adventurer, mountaineer, and ultra runner with over 20 years of experience. Dalip has summited 17 mountain peaks and ran over 40 ultra marathons. Dalip summited Mt. Everest in May of 2019. Dalip completed Marathon Des Sables a 250 km ultra-marathon in the blistering heat of the Sahara Desert in October 2021. In June 2022 Dalip completed Jungle Ultra a 230 km ultra-marathon in the gruelling Amazon rain forest. The same year in December Dalip took part in the breathtaking ski the last degree expedition and reached the Geographical South Pole.

In July 2023 Dalip finished the 200 km Mountain Ultra in Kyrgyzstan, it was extremely tough, technical, and treacherous at an altitude of 4,000 meters, in August Dalip reached the Geographical North Pole and ran the first-ever marathon run by any humans at the North Pole in the summer season.

In Jan 2020 Dalip founded "Rising Runners" a running group with the vision to inspire and encourage others to share their passion for fitness and support the community through fundraising and supporting the climate action initiatives.

In Oct 2020 Dalip was recognized in the legislative building by MLA Riel Minister Rochelle Squires for his efforts and community service in Riel. In October 2022, Dalip was recognized by the Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Canada, and Dalip received the community service award. In December 2022 Dalip received the Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal at the Legislative building.

Through his talk, Dalip would like to inspire members of the running community by sharing his journey to the top of the world and to the most inhospitable environments on the planet.

Currently, Dalip works at St Amant School as a special education teacher, and he is also a member of the 17 Field Ambulance. Dalip is married to Parul Shekhawat and is a proud father of two boys.