

Ice Hockey association of India to host third under twenty national ice hockey championship at India's first all year ice skating rink - iSKATE

New Delhi, February 16, 2015: Ice Hockey Association of India announced that the Under Twenty National Ice Hockey Championship will be held from 15th to 19th February, 2015 at India's first all year ice skating rink – iSKATE. Located on the 6th floor of Ambience Mall, Gurgaon and spread over 15000 sq. feet iSKATE has been visited by seven lakh ice skating enthusiasts till date. Ice Skating is hugely popular among families, corporates and youth and caters to customers from 5 years to 55 years of age.

This sporting event hosted by iSKATE is a vision and extension of Bird Group's Corporate Social responsibility efforts to promote Ice hockey and skating as a sport in India and provide talented and aspiring athletes a platform to compete for national and international events. Earlier such championships have been held in Shimla, Leh and Kargil which are natural rinks and operational withstanding weather conditions and thus only possible in certain weeks of the year. The decision to host the championship at iSKATE allows athletes to not only compete any time of the year at a world class indoor rink but also practice all through the year which is must if India wishes to compete successfully in International events.

The Under Twenty National Ice Hockey Championship 2015, will witness five teams from states like Delhi, Himachal Pradesh Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Ladakh Winter Sports Club. Some of the players playing who also are National Level players include Tsewang Namgail, Faisal Ahmad Giri, Stanzin Namgyal and Gamandeep Singh.

The Championship is being refereed by Mr. Abdul Hakim, Mr. Rajat, Mr Wangail, Mr Gyalston and Mr. Mushtaque Ahmad Giri all of who are former National Level champions. The finals will be held on February 19th, 2015 and the winning team will be given a chance to participate in Asian and International competitions.

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