



Ice skating Association of India to host XIV National Ice skating Championship at iSKATE, Gurugram

Gurugram, 30th September 2017: The Ice Skating Association of India will be conducting the National Ice Skating Championship in Figure Skating Discipline on 1st and 2nd October 2017 at iSKATE, Ambience Mall, Gurugram. This will be the 14th edition of the prestigious Olympic sport in India with over 100 ice skaters participating from all over the country, representing different states.

The championship will encompass separate events for boys and girls in senior (Above 19 years), junior (17-19 Years), advance novice (15-17 years), novice (10-15 years) and Juvenile (below 10 years) categories. The competitive events will culminate to an award ceremony that will be held on held on 2nd October 2017 at iSKATE. The winners of the national championship will receive a cash prize along with medals and certificates.

The National Ice Skating Championship will be judged by Mr. Jagraj Singh Sahney, an experienced coach, mentor and professional ice skater Mr. Vasudeva Sharma, who represents India in roller and ice skating discipline. Also, to train and warm up the participating ice skaters prior to the National Championship, a training camp for figure skating will be held at iSKATE from the 25th to 30th September.

Located on the 6th floor of Ambience Mall, Gurugram, iSKATE has been visited by 17 lakh ice skating enthusiasts till date for leisure as well as professional training sessions in winter sports such as Ice Skating and Ice Hockey. The ability to play winter sports all year around at iSKATE has made it extremely popular among youth, families and corporates. The number of participating ice skaters from Telengana and Andhra Pradesh has also gone up by almost 40% this year at the 14^{th} edition of the Championship.

Dr. Ankur Bhatia, promoter for iSKATE, Bird Group has a vision that expands beyond creating a niche in leisure to overall development of winter sports in India by expanding its reach to all strata of society. Already an extremely popular leisure destination with over 1.5 million visits till date, iSKATE has hosted and supported numerous National level events in Ice Skating, Speed Skating and Ice Hockey along with various training camps and sports welfare programs.

"It is an absolute pleasure to associate with Ice skating association of India to host another edition of one of the most prestigious sporting event at iSKATE. I am confident that the mass reach of National Ice Skating Championships will continue to promote the sport of Ice Skating and help open the doors for talented and aspiring athletes to International events. We hope that the government and sporting bodies support infrastructure development of world class ice skating sporting venues such as iSKATE, helping players to give their best", says Dr. Ankur Bhatia, Executive Director, Bird Group.





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