

## 2023 National Special Olympics Bharat Speed & Figure Skating Championship Concludes at ISKATE by Roseate

**Gurugram, 6th December, 2023:** The 2023 National Special Olympics Bharat Speed and Figure Skating Championship successfully concluded today at ISKATE – India's largest indoor ice skating rink located in Ambience Mall, Gurugram. The event was graced by the presence of Ms. Mallika Nadda, Chairperson, Special Olympics Bharat who felicitated and motivated the athletes. Esteemed dignitaries including Shri Jai Parkash Dalal, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Haryana, Shri Om Prakash Yadav, Minister of State Social Justice & Empowerment – Haryana, Shri Om Prakash Dhankar, National Secretary BJP, Shri Nayab Singh Saini, State President, BJP Haryana also attended the event.

More than 50 intellectually disabled athletes from Special Olympics Bharat, representing eight states across India, participated in this prestigious event. The competition featured two disciplines, speed skating and figure skating, with participant athletes in the age group of 15-30 years. During the championship, participants were selected for the upcoming Special Olympics World Winter Games slated for 2025 in Turin, Italy.

Commenting on the championship, Ms. Mallika Nadda, Chairperson, Special Olympics Bharat, shared, "As we strive to offer the best training facilities at Special Olympics Bharat, the presence of ISKATE, a state-of-the-art ice skating rink, is a true asset. Beyond being a hub for ice skating enthusiasts, it exemplifies a dedication to fostering winter sports in our nation. Events like these are key to discovering talents and inspiring children, particularly those with special needs. Wishing these children all the best in their upcoming pursuits."

Commenting on the same, Mr. Karan Rai, Business Head, ISKATE by Roseate, said, "As part of our CSR initiative, ISKATE takes pride in offering training sessions to figure and speed skating athletes affiliated with Special Olympics Bharat, promoting inclusivity and a shared passion for the sport. Wishing the athletes all the success, ISKATE continues to extend its unwavering support to them, a dedication that has persisted for more than a decade."

ISKATE, the only sporting venue in India to host All India National Figure and Speed Skating Championships since a decade has been committed towards developing winter sports like Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Ice Hockey in India. At ISKATE School, athletes can not only compete at a world class indoor ice skating facility throughout the year, but also gain knowledge, training and expertise from accomplished Indian and international coaches during training camps and championships conducted regularly.



## About ISKATE by Roseate:

ISKATE by Roseate is India's largest and only all-weather indoor ice skating arena located at Ambience Mall, Gurugram. Inaugurated in the year 2011, ISKATE by Roseate is spread over a sprawling 15,000 sq. feet. Over the years, it has evolved to be a popular lifestyle entertainment destination which offers a unique experience of skating on real ice and can accommodate up to 150 skaters at any given point of time. In addition to an ice rink, the facility now hosts a training school, the ISKATE School, the faculty of which includes All India National coaches and athletes and regularly hosts training sessions spearheaded by international coaches visiting from USA, Canada, Russia, Korea and Germany.

ISKATE by Roseate, a unit of Bird Hospitality Services (BHS), a vertical of Bird Group, is also home to Roasted by Roseate, a premium café and patisserie and a well-appointed co-working space.

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