

## Whoosh..... to the International Arena



Whoosh!! She passes by you with great speed. The sight of her fit body, moving with rhythm, graceful, yet powerful..... she moves past quickly yet elegantly. No, it's not a dancer..... but 14 year old Musckaan Chauhan, a class X student of Amity International school Gurgaon sec- 46 ,for whom skating is not just a sport, it is her identity. Taking it up initially as a pastime while in Class I, Musckaan saw her talent spotted early, with her coaches teaching her the basics. Later, she joined the Yamuna Sports Complex, before shifting to Gurgaon in Class III and blossoming under the tutelage of Mr. Rajesh Sharma, who is her coach till date. Instilling in Musckaan, the right vision and knowledge, he shifted her from quads to inline.

A really bubbly girl, Musckaan so far has won 30 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze at the national level and group champion numerous times. She has been awarded by the Haryana Government a number of times and certified by the Haryana Chief Minister Mr. B.S. Hooda twice for excellence.

This year had been extraordinary as she won gold in every race she played thereby appreciated as the 'Best Skater of The Tournament', at SGFI Nationals held at Bawana, Delhi. The year began brilliantly for Musckaan as she added another milestone to her records by winning all the 5 gold medals at the 50<sup>th</sup> RSFI National Roller Skating Championship held at Mumbai, and hereby setting a national record for the first female skater to achieve this feat. Whether it was the 3 km road or the races on the track or the relay group event or the 21 km half marathon this 14 year old exuded dominance throughout. These medals have qualified her to attend the National Skating Camp and give trials for the forthcoming World Skating Championships. Now she, along with her coach Mr. Rajesh Sharma is gearing up to practice even harder with her focus on representing and winning for India at the Asian Games to be held in Korea in 2014. Musckaan has also got selected at overall 2nd place for the WORLD INLINE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP to be held in Oostende, Belgium in August 2013.

Musckaan gives credit for her success not only to her mentor Mr. Rajesh Sharma, but also to all her teachers at school and especially to the Principal Ms. Arti Chopra for always encouraging her and giving her the freedom to participate in various events. Everyone now wishes to see her getting International laurels and making the school and her family proud.