

AARATHY MAKES INDIA PROUD

Aarathy Kasturiraj, finished 3rd in the final lap of the Junior Ladies Point to Point 10000 meters Elimination Road Race securing 1 point and was classified **10th place in the race at the 2011 World Roller Skating Championships** held in Yesou - Korea from the 30th Aug to 5th September. 39 Participants from different countries like USA, China, Korea, Australia, Japan Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Hongkong, Ireland, Belgium, Columbia, Chile and Russia participated in this event.

SHE IS THE FIRST SKATER FROM INDIA TO ACHIEVE THIS INCREDIBLE FEAT.

K.Aarathy a 12th std student of Bhavans Rajaji Vidhyashram - Chennai, has till date won 97 medals 81 gold, 9 silver and 7 bronze medals in various National and International Skating events – both in Ice Skating and Inline Skating.

Aarathy represented India in the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championship in 2011 Feb which was held at Courmayer, Italy and was placed 33rd. She is the only Skater to represent the country in the World Championship.

In Jan 2011 Aarathy won 4 golds, 1 silver and the Individual Championship in the 48th National Roller Skating Championship held in Visakapatnam. She was the first girl to achieve this feat of 4 golds 1 silver in India. And she has been winning the Individual Championship for the past 4 years.

In the **2009 World Roller Speed Skating Championship held in Haining City China**, she placed **10th in the 42 km Marathon Road race**. She was the first skater from India to achieve this incredible feat in the World Championship. The Previous best by an Indian Skater was 23rd place. She also placed 13th in the Point to Point Elimination Race, and 12th in the 15 Km track event.

In the 14th Asian Roller Skating Championship held in Taipei, Taiwan, she won 2 Bronze medals.

She received the - **“NATIONAL CHILD AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT”** for the year 2008, from Smt.Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, United Progressive Alliance, in the presence of Smt.Renuka Chowdhury, the then Minister of State for Women and Child Development, in New Delhi. She was awarded a **Silver Medal** along with a cash price of **Rs.10,000/-**. The award was given to recognize her exceptional achievement in the field of “Roller Skating”.

It is noteworthy to mention that Aarathy was the first Indian to win a gold medal in the Swiss Inline Cup which is dominated by European Countries at Beil, Switzerland, at a young age of 11 years.

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