**“For the first time, 140 Olympic and Paralympic athletes have come together on the same platform” – Nita M Ambani at United in Triumph**

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In a landmark moment for Indian sports, Reliance Foundation, under the visionary leadership of Nita M Ambani, hosted **United in Triumph**—an evening celebrating equality and excellence through the unifying power of sport—on September 29, 2024, at Antilia, Mumbai.

Speaking at the event, **Nita M Ambani** said, “This is truly historic. Over the last two months, our Olympians & Paralympians proudly took the tricolor to the world! Tonight, for the first time, they are all under one roof. Tonight, for the first time, there are over 140 Olympic and Paralympic athletes who have come together on the same platform. United in Triumph, United in Celebration and United in the inclusive spirit of sport.”

Shealso spoke about the ‘transformational power of sport’ and hailed the contribution of India’s female athletes to the country’s Olympic successes, saying, “Their successes are even more special because of the difficulties women face in pursuing professional sport. Not just economic challenges, even getting permission from their families, or finding facilities to train, access to physios and rehab centres, or simply how far they have to travel from their villages to reach a coach. It’s a long and difficult journey for girls to get recognized in sports. And despite that, our female athletes have reached the pinnacle of success. They are sending out a strong message to the little girls who are watching – a message that they are unstoppable and that nothing is impossible for them!”

Akash M Ambani thanked the athletes for their presence, saying, “On behalf of the entire Reliance family, thank you for your inspiration. I would also like to thank my mother, Mrs Nita Ambani, for making this evening possible. Like everything else we do at Reliance Foundation, United in Triumph is her vision.”

Athletes across disciplines were honoured for their hard work, passion, and the profound impact they've had in bringing India to the global forefront in both the Olympics and Paralympics.

Among the attendees were Olympic and Paralympic medalists such as **Neeraj Chopra, Manu Bhaker,** and **Murlikant Petkar**, India's first-ever Paralympic gold medalist.

Also present were **Devendra Jhajharia, t**he first Indian to win two Paralympic gold medals and the President of the Paralympic Committee of India, alongside **Sumit Antil, Nitesh Kumar, Harvinder Singh, Dharambir Nain, Navdeep Singh,** and **Praveen Kumar**, who all secured gold at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

The event was graced by other notable athletes, including **Preethi Pal, Mona Agarwal, Simran Sharma, Deepthi Jeevanji,** and Olympians like **Sarabjot Singh, Swapnil Kusale,** and **Aman Sehrawat.**

The Indian men’s hockey team was represented by captain **Harmanpreet Singh** and **PR Sreejesh**, both members of the medal-winning squad in Paris. Olympic medalist **Lovlina Borgohain** and **Dhinidhi Desinghu,** the youngest member of India’s contingent at just 14 years of age, were also in attendance. Their achievements have not only brought glory to the nation but have inspired future generations to strive for excellence in sports.

The ceremony was also attended by Indian sporting legends like **Deepa Malik, Sania Mirza, Karnam Malleswari and Pullela Gopichand** who have inspired countless younger athletes with their achievements and excellence.

Bollywood superstars **Ranveer Singh and Kartik Aaryan** who starred in sports-centric movies like 83 and Chandu Champion respectively, were also at the event to show their support for India’s sporting heroes and cheer the athletes on as they were honoured.

*United in Triumph* not only celebrated athletic excellence but also highlighted the importance of equality in recognition, regardless of the arena. This event marked a new chapter in Indian sports, one where every athlete is celebrated for their dedication, resilience, and pursuit of excellence.

The athletes reiterated their support for Nita M Ambani’s vision of helping India become a sporting nation that has success in multiple sports and acknowledged the need to further bolster the Olympic movement in the country by showing their solidarity and committing to making a difference in their ways by inspiring the next-gen.