



## Press Release

### **Indian Men's Hockey Team to head to South Africa to prepare for upcoming Paris Olympics**

**New Delhi, Jan 2nd:** The Indian Men's Hockey Team will head to South Africa later this month to train for the upcoming Olympic Games. The senior men's team, who will be training in Cape Town for 15 days from January 14th onwards, will also be competing against the South African, French and Nederland Men's Hockey Teams during this period.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sport (MYAS) has approved financial assistance for the training of 26 athletes and 9 coaches and support staff for this period. The financial assistance of over Rs. 1.30 crores will cover their airfare, boarding and lodging charges, visa fees, medical insurance costs, food supplements and physiotherapy consumable costs among other expenses.

The Indian Women's Hockey team will also prepare for the upcoming Paris Olympic Qualifiers in Ranchi. The Women's team will be training and acclimatizing in Jharkhand for a week ahead of the FIH Qualifiers that take place from January 13th onwards.