

## **Press Release**

## High Jumper Tejaswin Shankar heads to Europe for Continental tour, aims for Olympics Qualifications

**New Delhi, Feb 01, 2024**: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' (MYAS) Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) in their recent meeting approved Commonwealth Games medallist Tejaswin Shankar's request for financial assistance towards participation in continental tour events in Europe.

Tejaswin wants to compete in Belgium's High-jump Gala Elmos, which is a Category D event, followed by International Athletic Meet, Hvezdy Nehvizdy in Czech Republic which is a Category B event.

By competing at these Continental Tour events Tejaswin aims gain important ranking points that will help him improve his world rankings and in turn help him qualify for the upcoming Paris Olympic Games.

Tejaswin, who won the bronze medal in High Jump at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games (2022) and later the silver medal in Decathlon at the Hangzhou Asian Games, is making a comeback to High Jump, in order to qualify for the Olympic Games.

He is currently training in Kansas State College, USA under Target Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS) funding and will be heading to Belgium followed by Czech Republic, later this month. His airfare, boarding/lodging, local transport cost among other expenditure for these events would be covered under TOPS funding.