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Indian hockey squad step up a gear for Glasgow Games

The Indian women's hockey squad will tomorrow (Friday) step up their preparations for Glasgow 2014 when they train at the University of Edinburgh's Peffermill sports complex.

The 16-strong squad arrived in Scotland yesterday (Wednesday) and the team will play its first game, against Canada, on 24 July.

The Peffermill sports complex, part of the University's Centre for Sport & Exercise, offers some of the finest pitches in Scotland, including 3G surfaces. It is also home to the National Hockey Academy.

The Indian team has been buoyed by their recent 6-0 victory over Malaysia in a bilateral series and has set its sights on a podium finish.

The tournament will feature 10 teams divided into two groups.

India are placed along with Canada, New Zealand, Trinidad & Tobago and South Africa in Group A. Scotland, Australia, England, Malaysia and Wales are in Group B. The top two sides from each group will go forward to the semi-finals.

Following their match with Canada on 24 July, India will play New Zealand on 27 July, Trinidad & Tobago on July 28 and South Africa on July 30.

The Indian team is captained by midfielder Ritu Rani, who has 179 caps. Defender Deepika, with 126 caps, is the vice-captain.

India were Commonwealth women's hockey champions in 2002 and were runners-up in 2006.

Ranked among the top universities in the world

The full squad is:

Goalkeeper: Savita (79 Caps)

Defenders: Deep Grace Ekka (57 Caps), Deepika (126 Caps), Kirandeep Kaur (139 Caps), Namita Toppo (46 Caps), Jaspreet Kaur (57 Caps).

Midfielders: Ritu Rani (179 Caps), Sushila Chanu (71 Caps), Lilima Minz (28 Caps), Vandana Katariya (99 Caps), Navjot Kaur (22 Caps).

Forwards: Rani (111 Caps), Poonam Rani (113 Caps), Ritusha Arya (15 Caps), Anupa Barla (33 Caps), Anuradha Devi (62 Caps).

Photographers, TV crews and journalists are invited to attend tomorrow's training session between 11:30 and 12:00. Following training, media will be able to interview players and coaching staff. Please note, access to training will be for 30 minutes only.

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