**Press Release**

MoU between IGU and Rays

**NOW HIV POSITIVE CHILDREN TO PLAY GOLF**

**Jaipur, 16 June:**The apex Government Body regulating the sport of golf in India – Indian Golf Union (IGU) – has signed a MoU with Rays, a Jaipur based NGO that houses and supports HIV children. The aim of the collaboration is to encourage the HIV affected children to take up the sport of golf as well as instill in them a sense of achievement and confidence. This was informed today by Director General, IGU, Mr. Arun Singh at a media briefing. Founders of Rays – Mr. Gurinder Virk and Ms. Rashmi Kuchhal were also present on the occasion. As was Mr. Sandeep Verma of Ultimate Golf Foundation, a national ‘A’ level coach. His foundation will assist and coach the children in learning golf.

Mr. Singh further said that in order to realize this goal, IGU will hold dedicated and personalized workshops for the children at Rays. Furthermore, free sessions will also be conducted by professional golf coaches at India’s top Golf Course in Pune – Oxford Golf and Country Club – for the children of Rays. He said that he will request for permission from over 200 golf courses across India for the children to play once they prove their acumen.These children will be selected after a camp in Jaipur.

In addition to this, IGU will also ensure that Rays has a presence and mention at all national tournaments in India. The IGU website will also have a direct link to the Rays website.