

## SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA


### **Sub: Report on the visit of DG, SAI to Bangalore on 11.06.2015**

DG, SAI visited Bangalore on 11.06.2015 in connection with (i) laying of foundation stone for the second synthetic hockey turf at SAI NSSC, Bangalore (ii) execution of an MOU with AIFF for comprehensive partnership in development of talent search, coaching, infrastructure and competition structure; and (iii) to witness the World Cup Qualifier Football match between India and Oman at Bangalore.

2. The foundation stone for the second synthetic hockey turf at SAI NSSC, Bangalore was laid by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, in the presence of Shri Abhaychandra Jain, Hon'ble Minister of State, Youth Empowerment and Sports, Govt. of Karnataka and various eminent sports persons, officers, coaches and staff members. The said turf will be blue in colour for playing area and green for free zone, similar to the one being laid at Rio Olympics-2016, so as to provide similar playing conditions to our players for practice. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 860 lakhs.

3. The MOU was executed by Shri Hira Ballabh, Secretary, SAI on behalf of SAI and Shri Kushal Das, Secretary General, AIFF on behalf of AIFF. The function was attended by Hon'ble MOS(I/c), YA&S in the presence of Shri Abhaychandra Jain, Hon'ble MOS, Youth Empowerment and Sports, Govt of Karnataka and various eminent sportspersons, sports administrators, coaches, Olympians and national campers. The function was followed by a Press Conference.

4. In the evening I witnessed the World Cup qualifying football match between India and Oman at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bangalore, in which we lost to one goal.

  
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