



Huge boost for sports as Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju launches four infrastructure projects of Rs 50 crore at SAI Bangalore

New Delhi, Feb 22, 2021: In another step towards the development of high-class sports infrastructure, Union Sports Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju lay the foundation of a synthetic athletics track, a 330-bed girls hostel and the kitchen and dining hall, along with a gymnasium complex at NSSC Bangalore. He was joined by Shri KC Narayana Gowda, Minister of State, Youth Empowerment and Sports, Government of Karnataka.

The Synthetic Athletic track coming up at the centre is an 8-lane 400m track with two additional straight lanes. It is an IAAF certified track for Class 1, Category 5. Beside this, the project includes 500m Clay track and a 100m sand track for high performance training. The project is due to be completed by the end of 2022 and at a cost of Rs. 13.86 crores under the Khelo India budget.

The girls hostel coming up is a Grounds +5 facility with 110 rooms with attached bathrooms with a total built up area of 7,170 square kms. The project is due to be completed by the end of March 2022 at a cost of Rs. 29.46 crores under both National Sports Development Fund and Khelo India budget.

The upgradation of the kitchen and dining hall will see the already existing infrastructure upgraded whereby the kitchen will provide 1500 meals per session. The project is due to be completed by March 2022 at a cost of Rs. 2.3 crores under the Khelo India budget.

The Sports Minister has inaugurated a new Modern Gymnasium complex to specifically address the needs of the hockey campers residing at SAI NSSC Bangalore. It will have a modern gym with anti-skid rubber flooring and a variety of strength and conditioning equipment. It will also have physio therapy cum massage room and a separate changing area for both men's and women's team. The project will be completed at a cost of Rs. 4.41 crores.

Also present for the event were Regional Director, SAI Bengaluru Captain Ajay Bahl, Indian men's hockey captain Manpreet Singh, 23-time World Billiards and Snooker champion and Padma Bhushan awardee Pankaj Advani and Shri KP Mahadevswamy, CEO, HSCL who will be the project managers and consultants for the project.

Leading athletes, including those who have qualified for the Olympics, like Rakshita Raju, KT Irfan, Avinash Sable, Sandeep Kumar, Priyanka Goswami, Bhavna Jat, Sonal Sukhwal as well as coaches Gurmeet Singh and Captain Amrish Kumar, were feliciated at the event.





