



Union Sports Minister visits the sporting facilities at Kalinga Stadium Complex, Bhubaneswar

- **Lauds the State Government and the people of Odisha for supporting and promoting sports**

Bhubaneswar 1st November, 2019: Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri. Kiren Rijiju was in the city today to attend the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, where he also visited the Abhinav Bindra Target Performance Centre, at the Kalinga Stadium Complex.

At the state-of-art ABTP Centre set up by Odisha Government in collaboration with Rungta Mines and Abhinav Futuristic, Sports Minister, spent time understanding the working of different equipments such as the Walker-View, D- Wall, and Cryo-chamber and got a feel of the assessment and recovery mechanisms at the Centre that are assisting athletes in enhancing their sporting skills and performance at their games

Speaking about his visit and Odisha Sports, **Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri. Kiren Rijiju**, said, "I have come to Bhubaneswar to cheer and encourage our Hockey Women's and Men's team. I am extremely hopeful both our teams will qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. And as a Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, it is my responsibility to ensure our boys and girls are being encouraged appropriately and provide them support wherever necessary."

Speaking about Odisha Sports he said, "I am impressed the way in which Odisha Government is supporting and promoting sports. Over the years, the State has introduced many initiatives to encourage various sports disciplines. International events are awarded basis these efforts and initiatives of the local Government."

Government and people of Odisha are very proactive in promoting sports. The enthusiasm amongst them is very palpable and this contributes to the growth of sports.

I wish the State Government the very best in its journey to further the outreach of Sports and assure our support in their initiatives. I look forward to visiting Odisha again and working with the local authorities, he added.

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