

Chairman 5T and Nabin Odisha Sh Kartik Pandian visits Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela for the FIH Pro League match between India and Netherlands

Appreciates the Rourkela spectators for their whole hearted support for hockey

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Shri Kartik Pandian, Chairman, 5T and Nabin Odisha, visited the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, today, and watched Men's FIH Pro League 2023/24 India Vs Netherlands match.

Speaking during the half time of the match, Sh. Kartik Pandian said, "Hockey is very popular in Sundargarh and that's the reason why Hon'ble Chief Minister Sh Naveen Patnaik decided to built the World's largest stadium in Rourkela for the World Cup. It's a tribute to the hockey lovers of Sundargarh and placed Rourkela as a global hub for hockey. The spectators here create the best ambience for hockey in the World".

He further added that, "India has being playing well and has shown great potential. Similarly, we need to bring more professionalism into the sports management of all sports disciplines. The Corporates will have to start investing in sports and partner with the Federations and Governments".

He extended his best wishes for all the teams for the ongoing Pro League and hoped that all of them carry back home good memories of Odisha.

He also inaugurated cricket facilities at Berhampur Sports Complex, Shree Jagannath Cricket Stadium & Women's Cricket Academy, Puri, Sports Complex, Jajpur, Cricket Ground, Jharsuguda, and 41 cricket Academies developed across state by Odisha Cricket Association. He announced that the stadium in Berhampur will be named as Mahatma Gandhi Cricket Stadium, in memory of Gandhiji's visit to this place during the Freedom movement.