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FIFA delegations visited for inspection of YBK

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A FIFA inspection team on Thursday proposed few minor changes to turn the facility into a world class stadium. The team expressed their satisfaction over the work done at the Yuva Bharati Krirangan, and had met Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on this matter. The delegation is led by Yarza – FIFA’s head of events – and it would now travel to two other cities – New Delhi, and Guwahati – after having visited Kochi, Mumbai and Goa earlier.

Addressing a press meet at Nabanna the team said “We inspected the stadium today. The planning and work done here is excellent. The work done until now is fruitful and satisfactory. There are minor amendments that needs to be done. We will come back in October to see the final situation. This will become the top stadium in India in future,” Jamie Yazra, Head of Events, FIFA U-17 World Cup delegation team, said. Yuva Bharati Krirangan, known as Salt Lake Stadium, is one of the selected venues for the 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup.

Ceppi, while talking about the capacity of the stadium, said that he hoped that it would be able to hold around eighty five thousand spectators. “I am told that the stadium has a capacity of one lakh ten thousands. But with the individual seats the stadium capacity will come down to eighty five thousands which is very very good because it considers all the security planning,” he said.

Minister Arup Biswas too expressed his satisfaction on the reviews from the delegates.

Apart from Yarza and Ceppi, the FIFA delegation comprised Tracy Lu, Felipe Restrepo and Vijay Parthasarathy (Competitions Department), Christina Hollerl (Marketing), Jochem Steinhoff (Media), Paul Calder (TV), Jean Pierre Koeltgen (Ticketing), Mike Pfister (Senior Development Manager) and Shaji Prabhakaran (Development Officer).

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