

# Directorate of Youth & Sports Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Full design & build of IAAF approved 200m, 6-lane Full PUR athletic track along with 8-layer basketball & volleyball courts including base & drainage.

**Date of Project Completion :** June 2019

**Surface:** IAAF approved FULL PUR track system along with 8-layer Acrylic system

**Base Construction:** Asphalt

**Size:** 300 mtrs.



The tender was awarded originally in February 2018 for complete design, construction & installation of a world-class 200m, 6-lane Full PUR track system along with courts for basketball & volleyball. This entire facility was to go down in the Kottayi Higher Secondary School at Palakkad, Kerala.

The entire design was done meticulously, keeping in mind the project size and planning was done such that the youth would get an opportunity to train, indulge, enjoy and grow and come out "blazing" on the national circuit. The team was well on target before we faced not one, but two natural calamities.

The Nipah virus broke out, and the team had to be evacuated on a war-footing basis as safety and well-being remains our highest concern. Only when the area was declared free of the virus, was the team allowed to go back. But by then, the rains had come and work

had come and work had to be halted. But this wasn't the end. Heavy rainfall and floods wreaked havoc in the district of Palakkad and along with evacuation of personnel, the material also had to be kept dry.

As luck would have it, without too much of repairs, the construction was controlled and brought well within tolerance levels and the team set to work again to finally install the running track as well as the acrylic surface – much to the relief of all concerned. The students and athletes were overjoyed as they finally had a facility that would help them bring out their best and serve their country.



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