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After Kankaria, AMC's sports complex largesse for Naranpura

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Ahmedabad: The civic body seems to be bending backwards to keep top party bosses happy.

After developing an Olympic-level sports complex at Kankaria in Maninagar, the civic body has turned its focus to Naranpura. Plans are afoot to develop another national-level sports complex in the area.

It goes without saying the largesse has the blessings of the BJP top guns too. The Naranpura project will get central government funding.

Maninagar was the constituency of PM Narendra Modi, the then CM. It has been revamped and has some of the best attractions of the city.

Naranpura is the constituency of mayor Gautam Shah and BJP national president Amit Shah.

The exact location of the complex is not yet decided, but confirming the development, Gautam Shah said, "We are coming



An Olympic-level sports complex, TransStadia, has been developed at Kankaria in Maninagar

up with a sports complex at Naranpura. The central government is funding us for that project. We are looking for space where it can be developed."

According to sources, it might come up between AEC flyover and Bhuyangdev crossroads.

"We have issued expression of interest for the project. We are yet to decide the scope of the project," said NK Modi, assistant en-

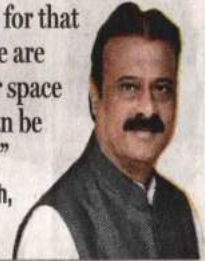
gineer, west zone.

According to the sources, the project will have facilities for outdoor as well as indoor games. There will also be provision for aquatic sports facility. "Unlike the Kankaria complex which is developed under the public private partnership mode, this one will be operated by the civic body itself," the source said.

Leader of opposition, Dinesh

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Sharma, accused the civic body of bias in development works. "We are not opposing development or any developmental work. But projects are being developed only in BJP-majority areas. There is no pressing need to develop a complex at an already developed place. They could have constructed it in the north zone or some other area. They have selected Naranpura just to woo voters and please their top bosses," Sharma said.