

Fans, media may face problems at Guyana stadium

Georgetown (Guyana), March 29 (IANS-CMC) Landscaping remains a problem at Guyana's newly constructed Providence Stadium, and spectators are expected to face problems during the World Cup matches.

The large car park area at the venue remained muddy and waterlogged, and officials spent Tuesday trying to improve the state of the grounds ahead of the opening fixture at the venue, a second round clash between South Africa and Sri Lanka Wednesday.

'We are trying to take care of some of the landscaping issues to get rid of the mud and move the water away so that the spectators, which we expect anywhere from 10,000 to 15,000 for the next two weeks, will be in a lovely stadium environment,' said Don Lockerbie, the World Cup venue development director.

'We are just working hard to make it as good as we can. While the stadiums internally and the pitches, fields and seating are great, what we are dealing with are a lot of the external features,' the Caribbean Media Corp (CMC) quoted him as saying.

The situation compounds an already tense situation at the facility that was far behind in its preparations for Wednesday's match.

In fact, the International Cricket Council (ICC) Sunday warned media travelling here that could face several challenges including lack of constant power supply and limited Internet capacity and connectivity.

Last week, the ICC also indicated it would assume responsibility for the venue after it was clear that the local organising committee could not complete their commitments on their own.

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