

Navratna associates with Patna Pirates

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PATNA: Members of Patna Pirates, the city team in the Pro-Kabaddi League, enjoyed a relaxing 'Champi' with Navratna Oil, as makers of the oil brand Emami announced the association of the brand with the team here on Wednesday.

Captain of the team and Arjuna awardee Rakesh Kumar and coach Ramveer S Khokhar, along with other players of the team were present during the announcement, made by direc-

tor of Emami Limited Harsha V Agarwal.

"Kabaddi has always been a popular form of sport we grew up with. With Pro-Kabaddi League, the team is getting due recognition. Our association is aimed at boosting its popularity further," he said, adding that Bihar was a core market for Navratna and the association will help the brand increase its people connect.

Chief executive officer of Patna Pirates Vinod Bish expressed his gratitude towards the company and

requested other companies to follow suit, thereby helping the game "attain the desired professional and world-class status."

ABHISHEK BACHCHAN TO VISIT PATNA

Bollywood actor Abhishek Bachchan would be in the city on August 9 to cheer for his team, the Jaipur Pink Panthers, during their matches in the Pro-Kabaddi League on August 9 and 10.

"The junior Bachchan has visited every venue where his

team plays as motivation. He will be here in Patna, too," said league organisers.

If luck favours the people of Patna, they would also be able to catch a glimpse of beauty queen Aishwarya Rai-Bachchan, who is expected to make an appearance alongside husband Abhishek.

"Amitabh Bachchan, the Big B himself, is also among the expected guests. However, there is no confirmation regarding Aishwarya's or the senior Bachchan's appearance," the organisers said.