**The Contribution of Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati in Inter-University Sports Competitions of Vidarbha region universities**

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**ABSTRACT**

Physical education and sports are considered as one of the most important factors in developing personality. The main purpose of physical education is the overall development of the individual through physical activity. Keeping this objective in mind and working in the college of the Society, The study has been completed on the purpose of seeing "The Contribution of Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati in the field of Physical Education & Sports. Total 28 colleges run by Shri Shivaji Education Society are affiliated to Sant Gadgebaba Amravati University, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur, Dr.Panabrao Deshmukh Krushi Vidyapith, Akola, Health Sciences University Nashik and Mumbai Technical Board. To complete this study, we compiled ten yearly sessions of 1999-2000 to 2007-08 through a questionnaire based on the factors required for sports development and the annual report of the university and the institution. In Chapter three the research methodology was set out. In Chapter Four, tables and graphs were used to analyze and explain the data.

It has been concluded that the selection ratio of players selected in university team to total university players is much higher than the ratio of Shri Shivaji Education Society's colleges to total number of colleges and this means that Shri Shivaji Education Society's colleges were performing excellent and has been creating very good players in the field of sports.

1. Introduction

Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati is the number one education institute in Vidarbha region and second in Maharashtra state. In keeping with the noble purpose of providing education opportunities to the people of Vidarbha, and making everyone to get education on equal terms and without discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, language, region and religion and to establish fraternity and humanity. These were the motives of the institution. Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh established Shri Shivaji Education Society at Amravati on July 3, 1932. Before that in the beginning of 1926 Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh initiated Shri. Shivaji Vyayam Prasarak Mandal for the spread of physical education and sports culture.

In the personality development physical education and sports is an important element. The prime aim of physical education is to get an overall development through physical activities. Through physical education every child must develop his physical, mental and emotional ability. In order to lead happy life in the society he should develop personal and social features. By all means he would become an ideal Citizen.

And keeping in view all the aims and objectives of physical education, the National Education Policy gave weightage to the health and physical education in addition to other subjects. The special feature of physical education and sports is to make everyone to take right decision in any circumstances, to develop self-confidence, to play any sports with healthy attitude without having the intention of winning or losing and develop leadership quality so that one could become someone with logical argument.

Today we find that there is tremendous development in the field of Sports. On the international level we have Olympic Games, Asian Games, Common-wealth Games and World Cups. The countries which show good performances in such competitions are well developed countries. The reason is very obvious because in such countries modern and advance sports facilities are available, for example. Indoor and outdoor sports fields, sufficient and well maintained sports equipment’s. In order to make available all these facilities institutions and management play significant role. The college and management which take interest in sports have a well-developed sports field and they also become influential medium for the publicity of the propaganda of physical education and sports. Here all students are given cumulative and compulsory education. And for this to happen we need objective oriented educational institutions.

The researcher has been working for last 12 years as a lecturer in the department of physical education and sports of Dhanwate National College, Nagpur run by the society. In order to get acquainted with the spread and depth of physical education and sports the researcher decided to study on the topic “The Contribution of Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati in the field of Physical Education and Sports- A study”.

In addition to education field Shri Shivaji Education Society has been playing very significant role in the field of physical education and sports. Hence the efforts are made to
throw light on the aspect. It is required to know what facilities, curriculum and co-curriculum are available with Shri Shivaji Education Society. How many players of the society take part every year in the state, national and intervarsity level competitions and what are aids provided to them by the colleges run by the society. How many sports persons have received the government awards and how they developed? And so the purpose of the study is to know the positive answers to the following question.

Given the scope of this study, only the senior colleges of the society were considered for periods of this study in ten years i.e. session 1999-2000 to 2008-09. The study looks after the general information of the colleges, basic facilities for the sports & finance provided to the sports persons. The study also focuses its attention on the participation of the colleges in the various competitions, team and individual achievement and the awards received by the players and the teachers. Its looks into the matter of the organization of various competitions, training camps, conferences, seminars and workshops.

The study is also limited to the information supplied by the departments of physical education and sports of Sant Gadgebaba Amravati University, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University and Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola and annual reports of Shri Shivaji Education Society's.

In order to avoid repetition of the topic and get the proper information of the works done in the field has been studied and the details have been presented in the second chapter of the study. Reviews in connection with the topic have also been considered and referred for this study. These reviews are broadly divided under four heads: reviews related to the contribution of physical education & sports, reviews related to the contribution in education, reviews showing the contribution of Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh in various field and Review giving information about the facilities available for the physical education in various institutions.

The third chapter explains the research methodology employed in the research. The survey method was used in this study. Shri Shivaji Education Society runs 269 branches and hence it has been very tough task to study all the branches. Therefore the study is limited only to the 28 senior colleges of the institute. For this research primary and secondary sources were used for data collection. Primary sources consisted of questionnaire and the secondary sources annual reports of the Universities and Society.

The questionnaire consist of : (a) general information of the colleges, (b) information related to the sports departments and sports field in the colleges, (c) information related to the sports facilities and equipment’s in the colleges, (d) incentives competitions, (f) team and individual achievement of colleges, (g) organization of competitions, training camps, seminars, Conferences and workshops, given to the players, (e) participation of colleges in various (h) contribution of sports teachers and their relation with other organizations, (i) financial position and the co-operation of the management, (j) physical efficiency test and medical examination.

The care was taken while preparing the questionnaire so that it could be trustworthy and simple one. The help of the guide and experts in the physical education was taken to avoid lacunae in the questionnaire. Final questionnaire was prepared only after consultation with the experts and their suggestions were followed so that there should not be any difficulty while answering to the questions.

The fourth chapter of the study focuses its attention on collection and interpretation of the data. The data was collected from the heads of the department of physical education and sports and other physical education teachers in the colleges of Shri Shivaji Education Society through questionnaire. Records and annual reports of Sant Gadgebaba Amravati University, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola were studied and examined by the researcher for the purpose of the statement. The study recorded organization of the competitions, number of championships declared, total participation of players in the Intervarsity competition, total teams participated in the inter-collegiate competitions, total training camps organized by the universities, coaches & managers accompanying to the intervarsity teams. In order to find the ratio of the total number of colleges and students with the other colleges and students of related Universities and Shri Shivaji Education Society, the care was taken.

After collecting relevant data the suitable tables were prepared. The statistical analysis, the graphs and interpretation helps to draw suitable conclusions in chapter no 5.

Shri Shivaji Education Society runs colleges which impart education in Arts, Commerce, Science, Agriculture, Biotechnology, Horticulture, Law, Medical, Engineering, Education, Physical Education and Chitrakala. Out of 28 colleges 24 colleges are run on grant basic, except Biotechnology, Horticulture, Medical & Engineering College. 20 colleges are affiliated to Sant Gadgebaba Amravati University, 3 each to Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University & Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola, and one each to Maharashtra Health University & Technical Board Mumbai. The ratio of these colleges is 7.84 % in Amravati University, 0.76 % in Nagpur University and 15.44 % in Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth. (See Table No.1 & Graph No 1
Except one college of Shri Shivaji Education society all other colleges have separate office for the Sports Department. In the department of 6 colleges the computer facilities were available. In 18 colleges there were honor boards showing the performance of the outstanding players. There is store room in the department of 19 colleges and 8 colleges have separate changing room. In these colleges a peon/marker also works. In 3 colleges we find the facilities of T.V/VCR/Refrigerator in the Sports departments.

Many of these colleges have grounds for Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and Volleyball, more than 50 % colleges have Gym & Cricket ground. Some of the colleges have Table Tennis & Badminton hall, Basketball court, independent Athletic track, independent Football/Hockey, Handball/Korfball ground. Ball-badminton ground. This shows that all the colleges of Shri Shivaji Education Society have Physical Education departments and more or less availabilities of ground.

In all the colleges of society sufficient equipment’s were found for Volleyball, Badminton, Chess, Cricket and Athletics. Some of the colleges had equipment’s for Table Tennis, Gymnastics, Football, Handball and Basketball. Some of the colleges had also the equipment of Hockey and Korfball. In all the colleges of Shri Shivaji Education Society Sports Uniforms are provided to the players. Some of the colleges offered shoes to the players of Football and other games. Many of the colleges honour the players with tracksuit. While admitting the students in the colleges preference is given to the players in near about 75 % colleges.

In the preamble, we were the first to say that the countries whose universal development has been achieved receives medals in competitions such as the Olympics, Asian and Commonwealth and the underdeveloped countries or developing nations like India fails to achieve the goals achieved by the developed nations. To see the relationship of our organization on this same background, the most important factor was to see the participation of the University and the success of the colleges in that competition.

Overall, all the colleges of Shri Shivaji Education Society have good facilities related to physical education and sports. But in view of the limitations of this paper, we will consider only the total number of players to be selected from the University for inter-university competition. At the national level, the Association of Indian University organized competition at the All-India and Zonal level of all sports. In this competition almost all the universities of India send their sports teams. So it is a matter of pride for the college students to be selected for this competition. In view of the importance of this competition, this paper has been prepared.

In this regard, information in the sixth part of the questionnaire was obtained about the collective and personal achievement of colleges run by Shri Shivaji Education Society. The duration of the information is from session 1999-2000 to 2007-08 means 10 years. In Part 6 (2), the total number of players selected for the university competition from various colleges run by Shri Shivaji Education Society and the University wise total are given in Table no.2.

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<th>Sr. No.</th>
<th>University</th>
<th>Total Selected players for Intervarsity</th>
<th>Selected players of Shivaji Society’s Colleges</th>
<th>Selected players of others College</th>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>RTMN University, Nagpur</td>
<td>3745</td>
<td>273</td>
<td>3472</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Dr.PD Krushi Vidyapith, Akola</td>
<td>1088</td>
<td>214</td>
<td>874</td>
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Analyzing this, it was seen that in Sant Gadgebaba Amravati University the ratio of selected players to total selected players in the colleges of the *Shri Shivaji Education Society* is 19.67 % and the ratio of society’s colleges to total no. of colleges is 7.84 %. Similarly, the ratio of selected players from the colleges of the *Shri Shivaji Education Society* at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur to total no. of selected players in University is 7.28 % while ratio of no. of society’s colleges to total no. of colleges is 0.76 %. Also, ratio of selected players from the colleges of the *Shri Shivaji Education Society* to total selected players in Dr. Punjababrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapith, Akola was 18.04 % whereas the ratio of society’s colleges to total no of colleges is not higher than 14.28 %.

2. Conclusion

*Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati* offers arts, commerce, science, Law, agriculture, education, physical education, management, engineering, medical, drawing etc. from a total of 28 colleges. Due to all the physical education and sports facilities in these colleges, the performance and scale of the colleges run by *Shri Shivaji Education Society* is remarkable among the players selected for inter-university competition from various universities in Vidarbha region. It has been concluded that this selection ratio was much higher than the number of affiliated colleges and *Shri Shivaji Education Society*’s colleges. This means that *Shri Shivaji Education Society*’s colleges with the physical education sector are determined to be successful.

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