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EFFICACY OF DIFFERENT YOGA ASANA ON PHYSICAL VARIABLES AMONG THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Abstract
The present article examines the efficacy of selected yoga asana on physical variables among elementary school students. Physical fitness during childhood plays a crucial role in healthy growth and overall development. Yoga, being a holistic and non-competitive form of physical activity, is increasingly introduced in schools to enhance physical fitness. The subjects for the present study were selected from a Government Elementary School at Karumandapam, Trichy. A total of thirty elementary school students were initially selected for the study. Out of these, fifteen students from the fifth grade were assigned to the experimental group and participated in the yoga training programme. The remaining fifteen students did not take part in the training and were excluded from the experimental intervention. The yoga training programme was conducted for six weeks, with sessions held five days per week, each session lasting 30–40 minutes. The programme consisted of selected yoga asana suitable for elementary school students, focusing on flexibility and muscular strength. The study focuses on the effects of different yoga asana on physical variables such as flexibility and muscular strength. Findings from various school-based studies indicate that regular practice of yoga asana significantly improves physical fitness variables and contributes positively to children's physical health. The article highlights the importance of incorporating yoga into the school curriculum for overall physical development.

Keywords: Yoga Asana, Flexibility, Muscular strength, Elementary Students, Physical Fitness, Sit and reach and Modified Push-up.

Introduction

Elementary school age is a critical period for physical growth and motor development. At this stage, children develop fundamental physical abilities such as strength, flexibility, coordination, balance, and endurance. Due to increasing academic pressure and sedentary lifestyles, many schoolchildren experience reduced physical activity, leading to poor physical fitness and posture-related problems.

Yoga is an ancient discipline that integrates physical postures (asana), breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques. Unlike strenuous physical exercises, yoga asana are gentle, safe, and suitable for children. In recent years, yoga has gained importance in school education as an effective means to improve physical fitness and overall well-being. This article aims to analyse the efficacy of different yoga asana on selected physical variables among elementary school students. Physical variables refer to measurable components of physical fitness that contribute to a child's physical efficiency. The major physical variables influenced by yoga asana include flexibility, muscular strength, balance, endurance, and posture.

Flexibility: Flexibility is the ability of joints and muscles to move through a full range of motion. Yoga asana such as Paschimottanasana, Bhujangasana, and Trikonasana involve stretching of major muscle groups. Regular practice of these asana helps improve spinal flexibility, hamstring flexibility, and joint mobility in children. Studies have shown that yoga significantly enhances flexibility among elementary school students compared to sedentary activities.

Muscular Strength: Muscular strength is essential for maintaining posture and performing daily activities efficiently. Asana like Bhujangasana, Naukasana, and Phalakasana strengthen the back, abdominal, and limb muscles. These postures require holding the body in stable positions, which enhances muscular endurance and strength.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects: The subjects for the present study were selected from a Government Elementary School at Karumandapam, Trichy. A total of thirty (30) elementary school students were initially selected for the study. Out of these, fifteen students from the fifth grade were assigned to the experimental group and participated in the yoga training programme. The remaining fifteen students did not take part in the training and were excluded from the experimental intervention**.**

Research Design: The study adopted an experimental research design with a single group pre-test and post-test design. The experimental group underwent a structured yoga asana training programme for a period of six weeks. Physical variables were measured before and after the training period to assess the efficacy of the yoga intervention.

Training Programme: The yoga training programme was conducted for six weeks, with sessions held five days per week, each session lasting 30–40 minutes. The programme consisted of selected yoga asana suitable for elementary school students, focusing on flexibility and muscular strength. The training sessions included such as warm-up exercises, selected yoga asana namely as Tadasana, Vrikshasana, Bhujangasana, Paschimottanasana Trikonasana, Naukasana, Phalakasana and Relaxation techniques. The training was supervised to ensure proper posture, safety, and regular participation.

Selection of variables: The following physical variables were selected for the study namely as flexibility and muscular endurance. Tools used for data collection such as sit and reach test and Modified Push – Up.

Statistical Analysis

The data collected from the experimental group before and after the six-week yoga asana training programme were subjected to appropriate statistical treatment to determine the effectiveness of the intervention on selected physical variables, namely flexibility and muscular strength.

Descriptive statistics such as mean and standard deviation were calculated for the pre-test and post-test scores of the experimental group for both variables. These values were used to describe the central tendency and dispersion of the data.To find out whether there was a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test mean **scores** of the experimental group, the paired 't' test was employed. The paired 't' test was considered appropriate because the same group of subjects was tested twice under different conditions (before and after the yoga training programme).

TABLE – I

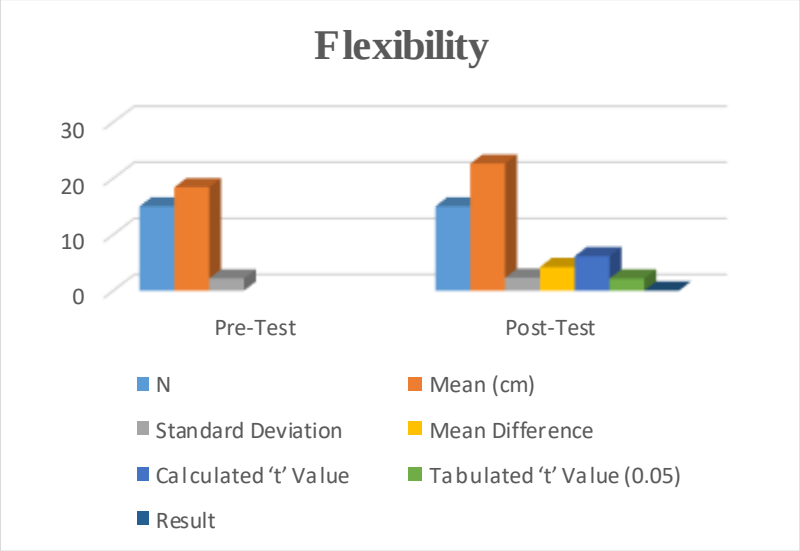
Descriptive Statistics and Paired' t' Test For Flexibility (Sit and Reach)

Test	N	Mean (cm)	Standard Deviation	Mean Difference	Calculated 't' Value	Tabulated 't' Value (0.05)	Result
Pre-Test	15	18.40	2.15	-	-	-	-
Post-Test	15	22.60	2.30	4.20	6.12	2.145	Significant

Level of significance: 0.05 and Degree of freedom: 14

Table I reveals that the calculated't' value 6.12 for flexibility is greater than the tabulated't' value 2.145 at the 0.05 level of significance. Hence, the six-week yoga asana training programme significantly improved flexibility among elementary school students.

Graphical Representation



The graph illustrates the comparison of pre-test and post-test mean scores of flexibility measured by the Sit and Reach Test among elementary school students. The pre-test mean score was **18.40 cm**, while the post-test mean score increased to **22.60 cm** after the six-week yoga asana training programme. The noticeable increase in the post-test bar indicates a significant improvement in flexibility following the yoga intervention. This improvement is statistically confirmed by the paired't' test results, where the calculated 't' value **6.12** is greater than the tabulated 't' value **2.145** at the 0.05 level of significance

TABLE - II

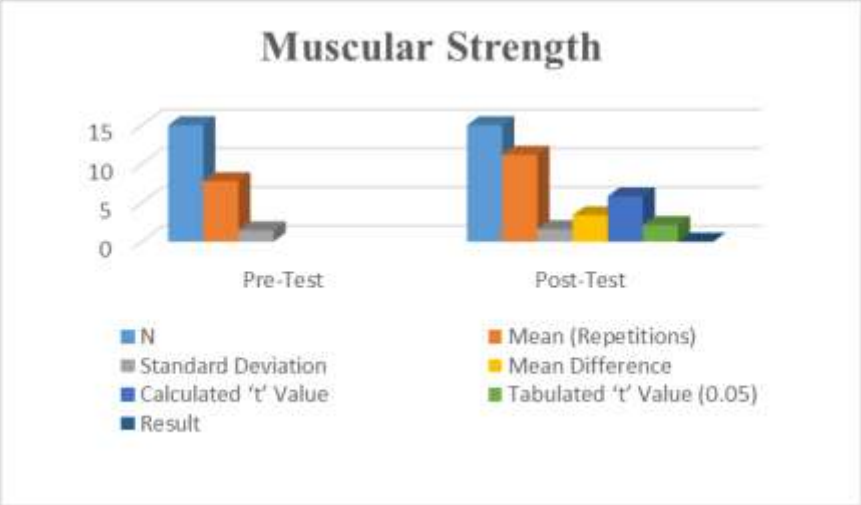
Descriptive Statistics and Paired't' Test For Muscular Strength (Modified Push- Up)

Test	N	Mean (Repetitions)	Standard Deviation	Mean Difference	Calculated 't' Value	Tabulated 't' Value (0.05)	Result
Pre-Test	15	7.80	1.47	-	-	-	-
Post-Test	15	11.20	1.62	3.40	5.84	2.145	Significant

Level of significance: 0.05 and Degree of freedom: 14

Table II shows that the calculated't' value 5.84 for muscular strength is greater than the tabulated't' value 2.145 at the 0.05 level of significance. Therefore, the yoga asana training programme significantly improved muscular strength as measured by the Modified Push-Up Test.

Graphical Representation



The graph shows the comparison of pre-test and post-test mean scores of muscular strength measured by the Modified Push-Up Test among elementary school students. The pre-test mean score was **7.80 repetitions**, whereas the post-test mean score increased to **11.20 repetitions** after the six-week **y**oga asana training programme.

This visible increase in the height of the post-test bar indicates a substantial improvement in muscular strength following the yoga intervention. The improvement shown in the graph is statistically supported by the paired't' test results, where the calculated 't' value **5.84** is greater than the tabulated 't' value **2.145** at the 0.05 level of significance.

Conclusion:

The findings from both statistical analysis and graphical representation indicate a significant improvement in both flexibility and muscular strength. The calculated't' values for flexibility 6.12and muscular strength 5.84were greater than the tabulated't' value 2.145 at the 0.05 level of significance. This demonstrates that regular practice of yoga asana effectively enhances physical fitness among elementary school students.

In conclusion, the study suggests that incorporating yoga asana into the school curriculum can play a vital role in promoting physical development, muscular strength, flexibility, and overall health in children. The programme also provides a safe, non-competitive, and enjoyable form of physical activity suitable for young students.

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STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTH OF FEMALE ATHLETES

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Abstract
Mental health is a critical component of athletic success, especially for female athletes who experience unique psychological challenges such as performance pressure, gender expectations, injuries, and balancing sport with academic or personal responsibilities. The aim of this review is to examine and synthesize empirical studies published between 2015 and 2025 that explore strategies to enhance mental health among female athletes competing across different sports and performance levels. A systematic search of databases including PubMed, Scopus, PsycINFO, SPORTDiscus, and Google Scholar was conducted to identify mental-health intervention research. Thematic analysis revealed key strategies such as psychological skills training, mindfulness-based interventions, resilience-building programs, supportive coaching practices, social support initiatives, and access to mental-health professionals. Overall, evidence suggests these strategies effectively reduce anxiety, improve coping abilities, promote emotional regulation, and strengthen confidence and motivation. The review highlights the need for gender-sensitive, long-term mental health programs to support female athletes' well-being and overall performance.
Keywords: Female Athletes, Mental Health and Sports Psychology

Introduction

Mental health is an integral component of overall health and athletic performance. In recent years, increasing attention has been given to the psychological well-being of athletes, as mental health influences motivation, performance consistency, injury recovery, and long-term participation in sports. Among athletes, females represent a group that experiences unique psychological challenges due to a combination of biological, social, and sport-specific factors.

Female athletes are exposed to higher risks of mental health concerns such as anxiety, depression, stress, body image dissatisfaction, disordered eating, and burnout. Hormonal fluctuations, societal expectations regarding appearance, gender norms, and unequal access to resources contribute to these vulnerabilities. Additionally, pressures related to performance, academic responsibilities (for student-athletes), injury, and career uncertainty further affect their psychological well-being.

Despite the growing participation of women in competitive sports, mental health issues among female athletes remain underreported and insufficiently addressed. Stigma surrounding mental illness, lack of mental health literacy, and limited availability of gender-sensitive support systems often prevent athletes from seeking timely help. Coaches and sports organizations traditionally prioritize physical performance, sometimes overlooking psychological health.

Recent research in sports psychology emphasizes the need for a holistic and preventive approach to athlete mental health.

Understanding the determinants of mental health among female athletes and identifying effective strategies for enhancement are essential for creating supportive sports environments. A comprehensive review of existing literature can provide valuable insights into evidence-based practices and inform coaches, practitioners, and policymakers about interventions that promote the mental well-being of female athletes.

Objective

To review and synthesize research published between 2015 and 2025 on strategies aimed at enhancing the mental health of female athletes.

Methodology

Review Design

This study employed a systematic review design to identify and synthesize empirical research on strategies to enhance mental health among female athletes. The review included studies published between 2015 and 2025 and was conducted in accordance with the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) 2020 guidelines to ensure methodological transparency and rigor.

Search Strategy

A comprehensive literature search was conducted across five electronic databases: PubMed, Scopus, PsycINFO, SPORTDiscus, and Google Scholar. Searches were performed using combinations of keywords and Boolean operators, including *female athletes*, *women athletes*, *mental health*, *psychological well-being*, *intervention*, *strategy*, *mindfulness*, *resilience*, *psychological skills training*, and *sports psychology*.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

Studies were included if they:

- Were published between 2015 and 2025
- Were peer-reviewed empirical studies
- Focused on female athletes across any sport or performance level
- Examined strategies or interventions aimed at enhancing mental health or psychological well-being
- Used quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-method designs
- Were published in English

Studies were excluded if they:

- Focused exclusively on male athletes
- Did not report mental health-related outcomes
- Were review articles, editorials, commentaries, theses, or conference abstracts

Study Selection

All retrieved records were initially screened by title and abstract to remove irrelevant studies. Full-text articles were then assessed for eligibility based on the predefined inclusion and exclusion criteria. Only studies meeting all criteria were included in the final review.

The study selection process is illustrated in the PRISMA 2020 flow diagram (Figure 1).

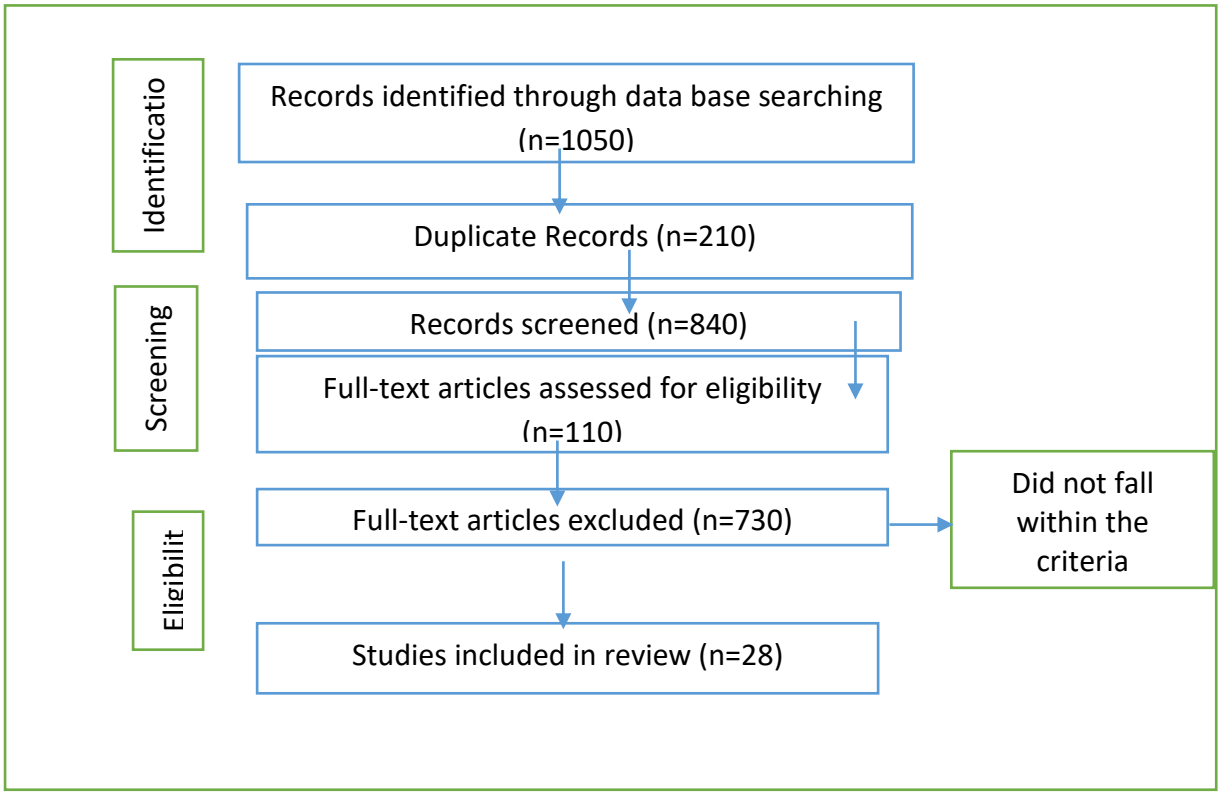


Figure 1. PRISMA Flow Diagram: Study Selection Process

Data Extraction

Data were systematically extracted from each included study using a standardized format. Extracted information included author(s) and year of publication, country, study design, sample characteristics, type of sport, mental health outcomes assessed, intervention or strategy implemented, and key findings related to mental health enhancement.

Data Synthesis and Thematic Analysis

Due to heterogeneity in study designs, interventions, and outcome measures, findings were synthesized using thematic analysis. Extracted data were coded and analyzed to identify recurring patterns across studies. These patterns were grouped into key themes representing strategies for enhancing mental health among female athletes.

Results

Study Selection and Characteristics

The systematic search across PubMed, Scopus, PsycINFO, SPORTDiscus, and Google Scholar initially identified 1,050 records. After removing 210 duplicates, 840 titles and abstracts were screened for relevance. Of these, 110 full-text articles were assessed for eligibility based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Following full-text review, 28 studies were included in the final synthesis.

The included studies were published between 2015 and 2025 and covered a range of sports, competitive levels, and research designs (quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-method). Sample sizes varied, and mental health outcomes assessed included anxiety, stress, depression, emotional regulation, resilience, confidence, and overall psychological well-being. Interventions included psychological skills training, mindfulness programs, resilience-building workshops, supportive coaching, social support initiatives, and access to mental health professionals.

Thematic Analysis

Theme 1: Psychological Skills Training

Psychological skills training emerged as a prominent strategy across studies. Interventions involving goal setting, imagery, positive self-talk, and relaxation techniques were associated with reduced anxiety, improved focus, and enhanced emotional control. Female athletes who participated in structured psychological skills training programs reported increased confidence and improved coping with performance-related stress.

Theme 2: Mindfulness-Based Interventions

Mindfulness-based interventions, including meditation, breathing exercises, and awareness-based practices, were frequently reported. These interventions contributed to reductions in stress and anxiety, improved emotional regulation, and greater psychological resilience. Studies highlighted mindfulness as an effective tool for managing competitive pressure and promoting overall mental well-being.

Theme 3: Resilience-Building Programs

Resilience-building strategies focused on developing mental toughness, adaptability, and coping skills. Such programs were effective in helping female athletes manage adversity, including injury recovery, performance setbacks, and high training demands. Improved stress tolerance and emotional stability were commonly reported outcomes.

Theme 4: Supportive Coaching Practices

Supportive coaching practices played a critical role in enhancing mental health. Studies emphasized the importance of coach empathy, effective communication, and autonomy-supportive environments. Female athletes reported lower psychological distress and higher motivation when coaches prioritized athlete well-being alongside performance goals.

Theme 5: Social Support Initiatives

Social support from teammates, family members, and peers was consistently associated with positive mental health outcomes. Team cohesion, peer mentoring, and family involvement helped reduce feelings of isolation and stress, while encouraging help-seeking behavior and emotional support among female athletes.

Theme 6: Access to Mental Health Professionals

Access to mental health professionals, such as sports psychologists and counselors, was identified as a key strategy for promoting psychological well-being. Studies indicated that professional support facilitated early identification of mental health concerns, reduced stigma, and enhanced coping strategies, leading to sustained confidence and motivation.

Discussion

The present systematic review synthesized empirical evidence published between 2015 and 2025 on strategies to enhance the mental health of female athletes. The findings demonstrate that mental health outcomes among female athletes are influenced by a combination of psychological, social, and organizational factors. The thematic analysis identified psychological skills training, mindfulness-based interventions, resilience-building programs, supportive coaching practices, social support initiatives, and access to mental health professionals as key strategies for promoting psychological well-being.

Psychological skills training and mindfulness-based approaches were particularly effective in reducing anxiety and stress while improving emotional regulation and confidence. These findings are consistent with existing sports psychology literature emphasizing the role of self-regulation and cognitive–behavioral strategies in enhancing athlete mental health. Resilience-building programs further supported female athletes in managing performance pressure, injuries, and academic or personal demands.

Supportive coaching practices and strong social support networks emerged as critical contextual factors. Athletes who experienced autonomy-supportive coaching and positive interpersonal relationships reported better mental health outcomes and increased motivation. Additionally, access to qualified mental health professionals facilitated early intervention, reduced stigma, and promoted long-term psychological well-being.

Overall, the findings highlight the importance of adopting gender-sensitive, multi-level mental health programs that integrate psychological training, social support, and professional services within sport environments.

Limitations

1. Few well-designed studies (RCTs) were available.
2. Only English-language studies were included.
3. Study designs and interventions were very different, making comparisons difficult.

Future Directions

1. Conduct more well-designed, long-term studies on female athletes.
2. Explore how different sports and competition levels affect mental health strategies.
3. Develop culturally sensitive and context-specific interventions for female athletes.

Conclusion

This systematic review provides evidence that multiple strategies effectively enhance the mental health of female athletes across sports and performance levels. Interventions such as psychological skills training, mindfulness practices, resilience development, supportive coaching, social support systems, and access to mental health professionals contribute to reduced psychological distress and improved emotional well-being. Implementing comprehensive and gender-sensitive mental health programs within sport settings is essential for supporting female athletes' well-being and optimizing their long-term performance and participation.

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ANALYSIS THE PERSONALITY TRAITS AMONG KABADDI AND KHO KHO PLAYERS AT DIFFERENT TOPOGRAPHY

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Abstract:

Sport is a physical activity or game, often competitive and organized, that maintains or improves physical ability and skills. It is not the mere participation or practice that brings out victory to an individual. Personality is a vital factor in the wholesome of every human being. As in all other aspects of men's life, personality plays a predominant role in the physical activities games and sports form an important aspect of the physical activities in which man likes to take an active sport. The purpose of the study was to analysis the physical fitness and personality traits of Kabaddi and Kho kho players at different topography. To achieve the purpose of the study, a total of three hundred players (Kabaddi (n=150) and Kho kho (n=150)) were selected randomly as subjects from the Colleges and Universities of Tamilnadu, India. The age of the subjects ranged from 18 to 25 years, the selected Kabaddi and Kho kho players were divided into three groups according to their representation in sports. Each group consisted of 50 players. The following variables were selected for this study Personality Traits (Cattell's Sixteen Personality Factor).The static group comparison design was used for this study one way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used whenever, the obtained F-ratio was found to be significant, the Scheffe's test was used as post hoc test to find out the difference among the paired means. In all the cases .05 level of significance was used to test the hypothesis. There was significant difference among college, district and university Kabaddi players on personality traits (Personality Trait Factors-A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4). University Kabaddi and Kho kho players scored higher than the district and college Kabaddi and Kho kho players on Personality Trait Factors-A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4. District Kabaddi and Kho kho players scored higher than the college Kabaddi and Kho kho players on Personality Trait Factors-A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4.

Keywords: Personality, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Topography

INTRODUCTION

Personality significantly impacts sports performance, with traits like conscientiousness, extraversion, and grit often boosting success. Performance levels unimaginable before are now common and the number of athletes capable of outstanding results are increasing. One among the contributing factors is that sports is a challenging field and intense motivation has encouraged long, hard hours of work. Also coaching has become more sophisticated, partially from the assistance of sports specialists and scientists. Sports sciences have progressed from descriptive to scientific. A broader base of knowledge about sports existing now is reflected in training methodology **(Karl, Bookwalter & Harold Vanderwaag, 1972)**.

The experts have often claimed that participation in many forms of sports favors the development of personality. In many ways participants in sporting activity are much better than non participants. "Sports persons were significantly better adjusted in the areas of health, family, society and emotion while the non-sports persons were better adjusted in the areas of education". Kabaddi and Kho Kho are traditional, indigenous Indian team sports requiring stamina, speed, and strategy, often played in schools and villages, involving tagging opponents but differing in mechanics. The purpose of the study was to analysis the personality traits of Kabaddi and Kho kho players at different topography.

Methodology:

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Kabaddi

Group I - College Players (n=50)
Group II - District Players (n=50)
Group III - University Players (n=50)

Kho kho

Group I - College Players (n=50)
Group II - District Players (n=50)
Group III - University Players (n=50)

SELECTION OF VARIABLES

The physical trainer and coaches were approached to measurement in terms of improved service to sportsman, the priceless product on earth. Each player is a unique problem with his own peculiar background and capabilities, differing from other in innumerable ways. The fundamental function of physical trainer and coaches is to understand each player's qualities and needs in order to give adequate guidance and to adopt programmes to meet necessary needs.

The following variables were selected for this study

Psychological Variables

Personality Traits (Cattell's Sixteen Personality Factor)

Variable		Low scores	High scores
1	A	Reserved and critical	Participating and outgoing
2	B	Concrete-thinking	Intellectual and analytic
3	C	Easily annoyed or upset	Stable and secure-feeling
4	E	Mild, conforming, submissive	Dominant and stubborn
5	F	Prudent and serious	Enthusiastic and spontaneous
6	G	Unreliable and self-indulgent	Conscientious
7	H	Restrained and shy	Socially uninhibited
8	I	Self-reliant and tough	Sensitive and humanistic
9	L	Trusting and accepting	Suspicious, critical, opinionated
10	M	"Proper", conventional	Imaginative, unconcerned
11	N	Natural, forthright	Shrewd and deliberate
12	O	Self-confident	Guilt-prone
13	Q1	Overly cautious, traditional	Free-thinking, tolerant of ideas
14	Q2	Emotionally group dependent	Resourceful, self-organizing
15	Q3	Casual and non-integrated	Precise and orderly
16	Q4	Satisfied, emotionally relaxed	Fretful, tense

SELECTION OF TESTS

The present study was undertaken primarily to analysis the personality traits of Kabaddi and Kho kho players at different topography. As per the available literatures, the following tests were used to collect relevant data on the selected dependent variables and they were presented in the table 3.1.

TABLE 3.1

TESTS SELECTION

S.No	Criterion Variable	Name of the Test	Unit of Measurement
1.	Personality traits	Cattell's 16PF Questionnaire	In Numbers

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

TABLE-4.1

MEAN AND STANDARD DEVIATION OF KABADDI AND KHO KHO PLAYERS AT DIFFERENT TOPOGRAPHY ON PERSONALITY TRAITS

Variables	Level of Participation	Kabaddi		Kho kho	
		Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean	Std. Deviation
Factor A	College	4.28	1.18	4.04	1.48
	District	5.20	0.81	4.70	0.99
	University	6.54	0.71	5.10	0.86
Factor B	College	2.50	0.54	1.34	0.48
	District	4.62	0.70	3.04	0.67
	University	6.56	0.70	4.86	0.64
Factor C	College	4.10	0.71	2.26	0.83
	District	4.82	0.66	3.78	0.68
	University	6.64	0.83	4.86	0.78
Factor E	College	4.90	0.91	3.88	0.98
	District	5.42	0.64	4.64	0.85
	University	6.84	0.71	5.18	0.72
Factor F	College	3.44	0.61	1.82	0.72
	District	4.70	0.95	3.28	0.64
	University	6.78	0.91	4.52	0.74
Factor G	College	3.78	0.89	2.34	0.87
	District	5.10	0.71	3.68	0.79
	University	6.44	0.86	4.74	0.72
Factor H	College	3.70	0.68	1.96	0.70
	District	4.98	0.71	3.90	0.65
	University	6.90	0.79	4.88	0.82
Factor I	College	4.18	0.96	2.38	0.90
	District	5.42	0.76	3.88	0.63
	University	6.56	0.50	5.02	0.62
Factor L	College	4.10	1.02	2.10	0.74
	District	4.96	0.99	3.64	0.75
	University	6.22	1.04	4.16	0.93
Factor M	College	3.62	0.64	2.22	0.71
	District	5.50	0.58	3.72	0.70
	University	7.00	0.78	5.10	0.71
Factor N	College	3.78	0.74	2.16	0.65
	District	4.84	0.96	3.60	0.95
	University	6.92	0.72	4.80	0.67
Factor O	College	3.50	0.51	2.44	0.70
	District	5.24	0.69	4.06	1.11
	University	6.84	0.87	5.48	0.61
Factor Q1	College	4.30	0.79	1.96	0.73
	District	5.38	0.75	3.64	0.63

	University	7.06	0.91	4.82	0.66
Factor Q2	College	3.76	0.66	1.90	0.68
	District	5.10	0.84	3.74	0.88
	University	7.08	0.70	5.26	0.72
Factor Q3	College	4.34	0.63	1.78	0.58
	District	5.42	0.88	3.82	0.90
	University	6.94	0.74	5.20	0.64
Factor Q4	College	4.24	0.69	2.72	1.07
	District	5.44	0.64	4.10	0.99
	University	7.34	0.89	5.34	0.63

Conclusion:

There was significant difference among college, district and university Kabaddi players on personality traits (Personality Trait Factors-A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4).

There was significant difference among college, district and university Kho kho players on personality traits (Personality Trait Factors-A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4)

University Kabaddi and Kho kho players scored higher than the district and college Kabaddi and Kho kho players on Personality Trait Factors-A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4

District Kabaddi and Kho kho players scored higher than the college Kabaddi and Kho kho players on Personality Trait Factors-A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4.

Kabaddi players were scored higher than Kho kho players on the following personality traits such as warmth, abstracted, emotionally stable, dominant, lively, rule-conscious, socially bold, sensitive, vigilant, practical, private, anxious, open to change, self-reliant, perfection and tense at university, district and college level.

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SWIMMING: WHERE TRADITION MEETS TECHNOLOGY

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Abstract
The research paper highlights the art and science of swimming. Where tradition meets technology. As we know water is one of the powerful elements of nature & is basic necessity of life. Probably the reason that the human habitation started and expanded around the water bodies to ensure availability of water. Over the years civilization developed being surrounded by water which forced the mankind to learn swimming for, "Health, Pleasure and Safety" purposes.
Now-a-days, swimming is a popular water sports activity which attracts the attention of masses through-out the world. The swimming as a sport has gained popularity with the passage of time, because the quest for speed gave new dimension to swimming and has brought about revolutionary changes in the swimming style in the past two- and one-half centuries and it's on the path of further advancements. The improvement in swimming is brought about mainly by the refinement of technique.
The paper brings to light the evolution; refinement & the importance of art and science of swimming that contributed in a big way.
Key words: Swimming, Techniques, Tradition & Technology

EFFECT OF YOGIC PRACTICE ON THORACIC SCOLIOSIS

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Abstract

A defective connection between the various components of the body can cause postural deformity or poor posture, resulting in higher strain on the supporting structures and less effective balance of the body over its base of support. A deformity is a physical component, body part, or joint deformation, such as Knock-knees, Bowlegs, Flatfoot, Scoliosis, Lordosis, and Kyphosis. Body abnormalities arise as a result of poor body posture. Degenerative alterations in muscles, ligaments, and bone tissue will occur if specific remedial actions are not implemented promptly. Scoliosis is a condition in which the spine bends to the side abnormally, either right or left. It is an abnormal curvature of the spine in the coronal (lateral) plane. Scoliosis of between 10° and 20° is called mild. A postural variation is less than 10 °. In most cases, the changes in shape are unknown; however, in other patients, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and spinal bifida are factors contributing to the development of scoliosis. Exercise is an effective way to strengthen and improve physical posture, as well as prevent curvature on one side. For the present study, scholars selected 29 subjects with thoracic scoliosis from Manipur University, whose ages ranged from 21 to 25 years. A pre-test and post–test were applied before and after 50 days of Yogi-related training. **Test-retest correlations for Postural Deformities were conducted, and it was found that t**he Arbitrary Standard for acceptable reliability is 0.80. These test items were found to be sufficient for measuring postural deformities. The Paired Samples Test was applied and found to be significant, as the t-statistic value of 8.601 is greater than the tabulated value of 2.048 ($p < 0.001$) at a 0.05 level of significance. The result also indicated that the correlation between the pre-test and post-test scores for Thoracic Scoliosis was effectively high and positive ($r = 0.895$, $p < 0.001$). It was highly recommended that yoga-related exercises be used to address postural deformities.

Keywords: Posture, Deformity, Scoliosis, Yogic Exercise, Thoracic, Asana.

Introduction: The part of an individual's body while standing, sitting, walking, or sleeping is referred to as posture. "Posture refers to the position in which a person holds their body when standing or sitting" (Oliveira, V.et al., 2018). Posture is described as the position taken by the body with support during muscular activity or as a consequence of a coordinated movement by a set of muscles working together to preserve stability. In other words, the relative arrangement of body parts such as the head, trunk, pelvis, and lower limbs is known as posture. Mastering effective static and dynamic posture requires the proper application of body mechanics (Fait, Hollis F., 1975), which

helps individuals maintain optimal body balance with the least amount of energy expenditure and strain (Hansson & K. G., 1945, pp. 947-953). A defective connection between the various components of the body can cause postural deformity or poor posture, resulting in higher strain on the supporting structures and less effective balance of the body over its base of support, with the least amount of energy expenditure and strain.

Everything that violates appropriate bodily posture in any situation is called a distortion or deformity in posture. A deformity is a physical component, body part, or joint deformation. Knock-knees, Bowlegs, Flatfoot, **Scoliosis**, Lordosis, and Kyphosis are examples of postural deformities.

Scoliosis: Scoliosis is a condition in which the spine bends to the side abnormally, either right or left. It is an abnormal curvature of the spine in the coronal (lateral) plane. Scoliosis of between 10° and 20° is called mild. A postural variation is less than 10 °.

The researcher, understanding the harmful and troublesome effects of deformity, conducted a study of the problem, 'Effect of Yogic Practice on Thoracic Scoliosis'**.**

Methodology: The student studied at Manipur University, specifically, hostellers who were called to the Yoga lab, Department of Physical Education and Sports Science, through a notification. A comprehensive investigation was conducted based on body deformities, including kyphosis, Lordosis, Scoliosis, and knock-knee. Students, aged 21 to 25 years. After measuring their deformities, scholars collected data on 92 students, comprising 25 males and females with Kyphosis, 15 males and females with Lordosis, 41 males and females with Scoliosis, and 11 males and females with knock-kneed. After investigation, scholars were divided into five groups: Kyphosis (N = 25), Lordosis (N = 15), Lumbar Scoliosis (N = 12), Thoracic Scoliosis (N = 29), and Knock Knees (N = 11) for specific Yoga Training**.** All five groups were given 50 days of Yogic exercise, with each group having a separate schedule, and a post-test was administered.

The reliability of data was ensured by establishing instrument reliability and the tester's competency during the test administration. For this purpose, 92 subjects who possessed similar deformities as the larger group of the main study were chosen conveniently for testing the reliability of the instruments and the tester's competency. The subjects were tested for their postural deformities, such as Kyphosis, Lordosis, Lumbar Scoliosis, Thoracic Scoliosis, and knock-kneed knees, on two separate occasions within a short time frame. The correlations between the two tests are given in Table 1

Tables 1: Test-Retest Correlations for Postural Deformities

Sl. No.	Name of Test Items	'r'
1	Kyphosis	0.997*
2	Lordosis	0.988*
3	Lumbar Scoliosis	0.900*
4	Thoracic Scoliosis	0. 987*
5	Knock knee	0 999*

The Arbitrary Standard for acceptable reliability is 0.80. Cortina, J.M. (1993), pp. 98-104. The above 5 (five) test items were found to be sufficient for the measurement of the postural deformities test.

Due to a vast study, scholars discussed only Thoracic Scoliosis

Table No.2

Schedule of training program on Thoracic Scoliosis deformity for 50 days

Days	Training per day	Intensity per day	Repetition of therapeutic exercise
15	GWU, Conditioning, STE: Seated forward bend, Hero pose, upper right hand grab, Bend to right leg with rotation, Left twist with left leg bent, Parivrtta Janu Sirsasana II, Paschimottasana, Dandasana, artha Chandra asana, Knee press, both legs, Rotation pose, legs to the right, Apanasana, Revolved Abdomen Pose (Jathara Parivartanasana), Anantāsana, Sasangasana	60 mins	2
15	GWU, Conditioning, STE: Parivrtta Janu Sirsasana IV, Gomukhasana, Bhujangasana, Half side plank pose on right hand, Revolved triangle pose, left Arm behind right foot, Urdhva Dhanurasana, Parivata Hasta Padangusta asana, left foot right knee, Vasisthasana, Bar Hang	60 mins	2
20	GWU, Conditioning, STE: Bend to right leg with rotation, Parivrtta Janu Sirsasana II, Suptapawanmukta asana, Rotation pose, legs to the right Parivrtta Janu Sirsasana IV, Gomukhasana, Bhujangasana, Parivata Hasta Padangusta asana; left foot right knee, Bar Hang	60 mins	2

N.B. GWU-General warming up & STE- Specific therapeutic exercise.



Figure 1: Sasankasana

Thoracic Scoliosis

The before and after therapeutic exercise training program test mean values are presented below:

Table 3: Paired Samples Statistics

		Mean	N	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Pair 1	Pre-Test Thoracic Scoliosis	4.59	29	2.18	0.40

	Post-Test Thoracic Scoliosis	2.97	29	1.66	0.31

The before and after therapeutic exercise training program test mean and standard values were graphically presented below:

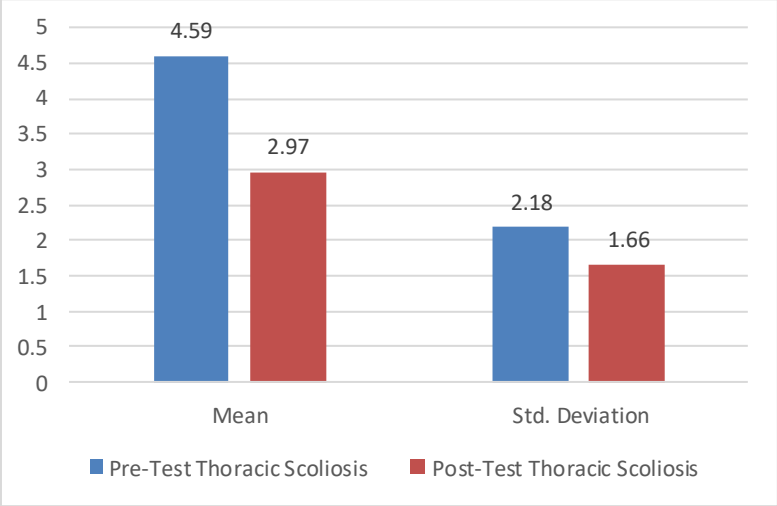


Figure 4.4: Pre-test and Post-test Thoracic Scoliosis

The following interpretation can be drawn from the results presented in Table 3. After 50 days of therapeutic exercise, the mean Thoracic Scoliosis degree is 2.97. It is less than the pre-test mean score of 4.59.

Table 4. Paired Samples Correlations

		N	Correlation	Sig.
Pair 1	Pre-Test Thoracic Scoliosis Post-Test Thoracic Scoliosis	29	0.895	0.00

As shown in Table 4, the correlation between the pre-test and post-test scores for Thoracic Scoliosis was high and positive ($r = 0.895$, $p < 0.001$).

Table 5.Paired Samples Test (Thoracic Scoliosis)

		Paired Differences					t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)
		Mean	Stdev.	Std. Error Mean	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference				
					Lower	Upper			
Pair 1	Pre-Test Thoracic Scoliosis –	1.62	1.01	0.19	1.23	2.01	8.601*	28	0.00

	Post-Test Thoracic Scoliosis								

As shown in Table 5, the value of the t-statistic (8.601*) exceeds the tabulated value (2.048), indicating significance ($p < 0.001$) at the 0.05 level of significance.

Result

Thoracic Scoliosis indicated that after 50 days' therapeutic exercise, the mean Thoracic Scoliosis degree is 2.97. It is less than the pre-test mean, which is a score of 4.59. The result also indicated that the correlation between the pre-test and post-test scores for Thoracic Scoliosis was effectively high and positive ($r = 0.895$, $p < 0.001$). Furthermore, the result indicates that the t-statistic value of 8.601 is greater than the tabulated value of 2.048, which is significant ($p < 0.001$) at a 0.05 level of significance. It can be inferred that therapeutic exercises can help correct postural deformities, such as thoracic scoliosis. Therefore, yoga-related exercises are beneficial for correcting various types of body deformities.

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IMPACT OF SPORTS ON SOCIAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS

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Abstract
Life skills encompass a wide range of psychosocial competencies such as cognition, cooperation, self-control, communication, decision-making, problem-solving, emotional regulation, self-awareness, empathy, critical and creative thinking, assertiveness, risk awareness, and preparation for the world of work. Sport provides a dynamic environment where individuals can express emotions, interact socially, and develop these essential skills. Beyond physical fitness, sports participation plays a significant role in fostering social integration, cohesiveness, and peaceful coexistence within society.
The present study aimed to examine the impact of sports participation on the development of social skills, social integration, and peace among students. A total of **288 valid responses** were analyzed, including **167 students (57.99%)** aged 18–25 years and **121 teachers (42.01%)** aged 25–65 years. Data were collected through a **20-item Likert-scale questionnaire** and analyzed using **descriptive statistics (frequency and percentage)** with Microsoft Excel (2016). The findings indicate that sports participation significantly enhances self-control, discipline, cooperation, coordination, ethical behavior, emotional regulation, and peace-building, while reducing antisocial tendencies. The study highlights sports as an effective tool for holistic social development and peace promotion.

Keywords: Social Integration, Cohesiveness, Peace, Social Behavior, Antisocial Activities

Introduction

Human beings are inherently social, and survival, security, and fulfillment are closely linked to group living. However, harmonious coexistence requires well-developed personal and social skills. Social recognition and acceptance depend on an individual's ability to adapt, communicate, and cooperate effectively within society. Psychological and social skills play a crucial role in facilitating adjustment and promoting peaceful social interactions.

Life skills are essential for young people to manage risks and challenges and to adapt successfully to social demands (UNICEF, 2012; Sørlie et al., 2020). These skills include cooperation, communication, self-control, empathy, decision-making, problem-solving, creativity, and emotional regulation. Such competencies are learned and shaped by both individual characteristics and environmental influences. Sports provide an effective platform for life skills development. Participation in sports encourages leadership, cooperation, discipline, cultural exchange, ethical conduct, and emotional balance (Opstoel et al., 2019). Systematically planned sports activities enhance quality of life, promote social inclusion, counter antisocial behavior, and strengthen community bonds (Malm et al., 2019). Sportscotland (2005) emphasized that sports participation improves health, self-esteem, confidence, and social cohesion. The power of sport as a unifying force was strongly advocated by Nelson Mandela, who viewed sports as a tool for peace, inspiration, and social transformation (Juricic, 2013). Empirical evidence suggests that sports participation among youth promotes prosocial behavior, reduces antisocial activities, enhances belongingness, and lowers social tension (Taylor et al., 2015). Therefore, this study investigates the role of sports in developing social integration, cohesiveness, and peace in society.

Methodology

The study adopted a **descriptive survey research design**. An online questionnaire consisting of **20 Likert-scale items** (Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree) was developed. The instrument included **14 positive statements** and **6 negative statements** related to sports participation and social skill development. A pilot study with 20 participants ensured clarity and reliability.

The survey was distributed to **1,200 students and teachers** of higher and school education after obtaining approval from the Directorate of Research, SHUATS, Prayagraj. Participation was voluntary, and informed consent was obtained. Data were collected between **23 January 2021 and 31 March 2021**. A total of **523 responses** were received, out of which **288 complete responses** were retained for final analysis. Data were analyzed using **frequency and percentage methods** with Microsoft Excel (2016).

Results and Data Analysis

Table 1: Demographic Profile of Respondents

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Students (18–25 years)	167	57.99
Teachers (25–65 years)	121	42.01
Total	**288**	**100**

Interpretation:

The sample included both students and teachers, providing balanced and diverse perspectives on the social impact of sports.

Table 2: Overall Agreement on Positive Impact of Sports

Variable Assessed	Strongly Agree + Agree (%)
Self-discipline & self-control	81%
Reduction in aggression	76%
Cooperation & teamwork	83%
Social integration & cohesiveness	78%
Ethical values (honesty, justice)	79%
Emotional control	82%

Interpretation:

A strong majority of respondents acknowledged the positive role of sports in enhancing key social and emotional skills.

Table 3: Rejection of Negative Statements about Sports

Negative Statement	Disagree + Strongly Disagree (%)
Sports reduce intelligence	78%
Sports reduce leadership	75%
Sports decrease teamwork	72%
Sports reduce kindness & hope	73%

Interpretation:

Most respondents strongly rejected negative perceptions about sports, reinforcing their constructive role in personality and social development.

Discussion

The findings reveal that both students and teachers strongly believe sports participation reduces aggression, improves discipline, and enhances self-control. These findings align with Houcine et al. (2017), who reported that sports effectively channel aggression into positive behavior.

Systematically planned sports activities were also found to reduce antisocial tendencies, consistent with Clark et al. (2015).

Sports participation significantly enhances creativity, cooperation, confidence, coordination, and ethical behavior. The structured and rule-bound nature of sports encourages honesty, fairness, and responsibility. Increased social integration and intercultural solidarity were also observed, supporting the findings of Taylor et al. (2015).

Participants strongly agreed that disciplined sports participation contributes to peace-building by promoting emotional regulation, compromise, teamwork, and respect for human rights. Sports foster a sense of identity, belonging, leadership, and competitive spirit, helping individuals cope effectively with external pressures (Mitchell et al., 2020).

Conclusion

The study concludes that sports participation plays a vital role in the physical, psychological, social, and emotional development of students. Sports significantly enhance self-control, discipline, cooperation, emotional stability, leadership, social integration, and peace. By improving physical fitness, sports positively influence mental well-being and social behavior, thereby fostering harmony within society.

It is strongly recommended that sports be integrated at the **primary and secondary education levels** as a strategic tool for social development and peace-building. Early exposure to sports can shape positive behavior patterns, contributing to a healthy, cohesive, and peaceful society. Future research may explore longitudinal and experimental designs to further validate these findings.

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TRADITIONAL DIETS AND MODERN SPORTS

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Abstract

Nutrition is a fundamental pillar of athletic performance, recovery, and overall health. While modern sports nutrition emphasizes scientifically designed diets, supplements, and ergogenic aids, traditional diets have historically supported physical endurance, strength, and resilience across cultures. This research paper explores the relevance of traditional diets in the context of modern sports and examines their potential integration into contemporary athletic nutrition practices. Traditional diets, rooted in indigenous knowledge systems, emphasize natural, minimally processed foods such as whole grains, legumes, fruits, vegetables, dairy, nuts, seeds, and locally available animal products. In contrast, modern sports nutrition focuses on precise macronutrient ratios, micronutrient optimization, nutrient timing, and supplementation to enhance performance outcomes. This study compares the nutritional composition, health benefits, and performance implications of traditional diets and modern sports diets.

The paper adopts a descriptive and analytical research methodology using secondary data from peer-reviewed journals, sports nutrition guidelines, and historical dietary practices. Findings indicate that many traditional diets are rich in complex carbohydrates, dietary fiber, antioxidants, and bioactive compounds that support sustained energy release, gut health, immunity, and recovery. However, traditional diets may lack precise protein quantification and immediate energy availability required during high-intensity competitive sports. Modern sports nutrition provides targeted solutions for elite athletes but often relies on processed foods and supplements, which may increase long-term health risks if misused. The integration of traditional dietary principles with modern nutritional science offers a sustainable and culturally adaptable approach to sports nutrition. The study concludes that traditional diets, when appropriately modified and scientifically optimized, can effectively meet the nutritional demands of modern athletes. Emphasizing traditional foods alongside evidence-based sports nutrition strategies can enhance performance, reduce dependency on supplements, and promote long-term athlete health.

Keywords: Traditional diets, modern sports, sports nutrition, athletic performance, indigenous food systems

Introduction

Nutrition plays a decisive role in determining athletic performance, recovery, and longevity in sports. From ancient civilizations to modern Olympic athletes, dietary practices have evolved to meet the physical demands of training and competition. Traditional diets have sustained warriors, farmers, and athletes for centuries, while modern sports nutrition has emerged as a specialized scientific discipline aimed at maximizing performance through precise nutritional interventions. Traditional diets are shaped by geography, climate, culture, and local food availability. They emphasize whole, natural foods prepared using traditional cooking methods. In India, for example, traditional diets include cereals like rice and millets, pulses, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, and spices with medicinal properties. Similarly, Mediterranean, African, and East Asian traditional diets have supported physically active populations for generations.

Modern sports nutrition, on the other hand, focuses on macronutrient distribution, micronutrient adequacy, hydration strategies, and supplementation. It relies heavily on scientific research, laboratory analysis, and performance metrics. While this approach has led to remarkable athletic achievements, it has also raised concerns regarding over-reliance on supplements and ultra-processed foods. This research paper examines the intersection of traditional diets and modern sports nutrition, highlighting their strengths, limitations, and potential for integration.

Review of Literature

Traditional Diets and Physical Performance

Studies have shown that traditional diets rich in whole grains, legumes, and vegetables provide sustained energy and essential micronutrients. Research on indigenous populations reveals lower incidence of lifestyle diseases and better metabolic health compared to populations consuming Westernized diets. Millets, for instance, are high in complex carbohydrates, fiber, iron, and calcium, making them ideal for endurance-based activities. Traditional fermented foods improve gut health and nutrient absorption, which is critical for athletes.

Modern Sports Nutrition

Modern sports nutrition emphasizes carbohydrate loading, protein supplementation, electrolyte replacement, and nutrient timing. Scientific guidelines recommend specific intake levels to enhance muscle synthesis, glycogen storage, and recovery. While effective, several studies caution against excessive supplementation, which may lead to metabolic imbalances, gastrointestinal issues, and long-term health risks.

Integrative Approaches

Recent literature supports blending traditional food systems with modern nutritional science. Athletes consuming culturally familiar diets show better adherence, improved digestion, and psychological comfort, which positively influences performance.

Objectives of the Study

1. To analyze the nutritional composition of traditional diets in relation to sports performance
2. To examine principles of modern sports nutrition
3. To compare traditional diets and modern sports diets
4. To evaluate the relevance of traditional diets in contemporary sports
5. To suggest an integrative nutritional framework for athletes

Methodology

The study follows a descriptive and analytical research design based on secondary data sources.

Data Sources

- Peer-reviewed journals on sports nutrition
- Books on traditional food systems
- Reports from sports nutrition organizations
- Government publications on dietary guidelines

Method of Analysis

Comparative analysis was used to evaluate macronutrients, micronutrients, digestion, performance outcomes, and sustainability of traditional and modern diets.

Traditional Diets: Nutritional Characteristics

- Traditional diets typically include:
- Complex carbohydrates: cereals, millets, roots
- Plant-based proteins: pulses, legumes, nuts
- Healthy fats: seeds, ghee, coconut oil
- Micronutrients: fruits, vegetables, herbs

Modern Sports Nutrition: Key Principles

- Modern sports nutrition focuses on:
- Carbohydrate loading for endurance
- High-quality protein for muscle repair
- Hydration and electrolyte balance
- Ergogenic aids and supplements
- Nutrient timing before, during, and after exercise

This approach supports peak performance but may neglect cultural relevance and long-term health considerations.

Comparative Analysis

Aspect	Traditional Diets	Modern Sports Nutrition
Food type	Natural, whole foods	Processed & supplemented
Energy release	Slow & sustained	Rapid & targeted
Cultural relevance	High	Low
Supplement reliance	Minimal	High
Sustainability	Environment-friendly	Resource-intensive

Relevance of Traditional Diets in Modern Sports

Traditional diets can meet most nutritional needs of athletes if properly planned. Foods such as rice, millets, lentils, milk, fruits, and vegetables provide adequate energy, protein, and micronutrients. Traditional recovery foods like curd, buttermilk, and herbal drinks support hydration and gut health. By adjusting portion sizes and timing, traditional diets can align with modern training demands.

Integration of Traditional and Modern Approaches

An integrated sports nutrition model should:

- Use traditional foods as the nutritional foundation
- Apply modern scientific principles to optimize intake
- Minimize unnecessary supplementation
- Respect cultural food preferences
- Promote sustainability and long-term health

Such an approach improves compliance, performance, and athlete well-being.

Challenges

- Lack of scientific documentation of traditional diets
- Limited awareness among athletes and coaches
- Commercial influence of supplement industries
- Standardization difficulties

Conclusion

Traditional diets and modern sports nutrition are not mutually exclusive. Traditional diets provide holistic nourishment, sustainability, and cultural relevance, while modern sports nutrition offers precision and performance optimization. Integrating both approaches can enhance athletic performance while safeguarding long-term health. Future sports nutrition strategies should prioritize culturally grounded, evidence-based dietary practices for athletes.

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TRADITIONAL TRAINING METHODS IN SPORTS

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Abstract

Traditional training methods have served as fundamental pillars in athletic preparation and development for centuries. These methods, grounded in historical practices and empirical experience, have shaped the early foundations of modern sports training. Although contemporary sports science and technology have advanced training practices, traditional methods continue to play a significant role due to their simplicity, proven effectiveness, and adaptability across various sporting disciplines. The aim of this research is to comprehensively explore and evaluate traditional training methods used across sports, understand their underlying principles, assess their effectiveness, and examine their continued relevance in the context of modern sports performance. Drawing upon an extensive review of historical literature, coaching manuals, and empirical studies, this paper synthesizes qualitative and quantitative findings related to traditional strength training, endurance conditioning, plyometrics, flexibility routines, and sport-specific drills. The study also engages coaches, athletes, and sports scientists through structured interviews and surveys to gain insights into perceptions of traditional training's benefits and limitations. Findings reveal that traditional training methods contribute significantly to foundational athletic qualities such as muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, coordination, and sport-specific skills. Many coaches and athletes report that when combined with modern methods—such as periodization models, biomechanical analysis, and technology-supported monitoring—traditional practices can enhance training outcomes. However, limitations are identified, including the lack of individualized progression models and insufficient mechanisms for injury risk monitoring compared to modern approaches. In conclusion, traditional training methods remain relevant, especially at introductory and intermediate levels of athletic development. Their integration with evidence-based modern practices presents a balanced approach that preserves heritage while embracing innovation. Recommendations emphasize coach education, contextual application, and ongoing research to optimize the synergy of traditional and modern training methods in sports.

Keywords: Traditional training, sports performance, conditioning, athletic development, coaching methods

Introduction

Sports' training has evolved over thousands of years, influenced by cultural practices, practical experimentation, and later, scientific inquiry. Traditional training methods refer to time-tested practices that formed the basis of athletic preparation before the advent of modern exercise science. They include generalized strength work, running, calisthenics, basic skill drills, and fundamental flexibility routines. These practices were developed primarily through trial and error, observation, and coach-to-athlete transmission across generations.

Despite the growth of contemporary scientific training strategies, traditional methods remain widely used. Their enduring presence raises important questions: Why do traditional training methods persist in modern sports? What are their strengths and limitations? How can they coexist with scientific training innovations This research addresses these questions through a detailed investigation that includes theoretical exploration, empirical data collection, and applied analysis.

Literature Review

Historical Origins of Traditional Training

Historically, sports' training was influenced by military exercises, indigenous games, and physical culture movements. In ancient civilizations like Greece and China, physical training was integral to education and warfare preparation. Practices such as running, jumping, wrestling, and ball games formed early templates for organized athletic training.

Theoretical Foundations

Traditional training methods are grounded in basic physiological responses: progressive overload, repetition for neuromuscular adaptation, and movement pattern reinforcement. Early coaches emphasized consistency and volume over specificity and scientific monitoring.

Modern Perspectives

With the rise of exercise physiology and sports science in the 20th century, training models began integrating principles like periodization, recovery monitoring, and biomechanical analysis. However, traditional drills and conditioning exercises remained embedded in coaching curricula worldwide, often serving as preparatory phases before advanced technical work.

Research Objectives

1. To identify commonly used traditional training methods in sports.
2. To analyze their physiological and performance effects.
3. To evaluate athletes' and coaches' perceptions of traditional training.
4. To assess the relevance of traditional training in the context of modern sports science.

Methodology

Research Design

A mixed-methods approach was adopted, combining literature review, surveys, interviews, and case studies from multiple sports disciplines (e.g., athletics, football, basketball, gymnastics).

Data Collection

Surveys: Distributed to 400 athletes and 120 coaches across different competitive levels.
Interviews: Conducted with 25 experienced coaches and 15 sports scientists.
Secondary Data: Included training logs, performance records, and historical coaching manuals.

Analysis

Quantitative data were analyzed using statistical methods to identify patterns and correlations. Qualitative responses were coded for thematic insights regarding usage trends, perceived effectiveness, and suggestions for integration with modern practices.

Traditional Training Methods in Practice

Strength and Resistance Training

Traditional strength training includes bodyweight exercises, free weights, and repetitive sets targeting major muscle groups. These methods improve muscle endurance and foundational strength.

Endurance Conditioning

Running, interval drills, and long-distance cardiovascular work are staples of traditional conditioning, designed to enhance aerobic capacity and stamina.

Skill Drills and Repetitions

Sport-specific drills, such as ball handling in football or batting practice in cricket, develop technique through repetition and muscle memory.

Flexibility and Mobility Routines

Static stretching and mobility exercises support range of motion and injury prevention.

Results and Discussion

Adoption Trends

Survey data indicated that 82% of athletes regularly use traditional methods during training cycles, especially during foundational phases.

Perceived Benefits

Coaches and athletes highlighted improved discipline, simplicity, and accessibility as major benefits. Traditional methods often require minimal equipment and can be implemented in diverse environments.

Limitations Identified

Key limitations include the lack of individualized progression plans and inadequate consideration for recovery monitoring. Compared to modern methods, they sometimes lack specificity and scalability for elite performance goals.

Integration with Modern Methods

Respondents emphasized the value of combining traditional and scientific practices. For example, coaches integrate strength drills with periodized load monitoring and recovery tracking technologies.

Practical Implications

To optimize training outcomes:

- Coaches should blend traditional methods with scientific insights
- Training programs need individualized progression plans
- Athlete monitoring technologies should support injury prevention

Conclusion

Traditional training methods continue to hold relevance in today's sports environment. Their fundamental principles contribute to foundational athletic qualities and remain accessible to athletes worldwide. When integrated thoughtfully with modern sports science approaches, traditional methods enrich training paradigms and support comprehensive athlete development.

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EFFECTS OF FREESTYLE AND BREASTSTROKE SWIMMING ON SELECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES AMONG ADULT MEN

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Abstract
The purpose of the present study was to investigate the effects of a six-month freestyle and breaststroke swimming training program on selected physiological variables among middle-aged men. Sixty men aged between 30-55 years underwent a structured swimming intervention consisting of freestyle and breaststroke training, five days per week for six months. The physiological variables assessed were maximal oxygen uptake (VO_2max), heart rate variability (HRV), peak expiratory flow rate (PEFR), body mass index (BMI), and resting metabolic rate (RMR). Pre- and post-test data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, paired *t*-tests, and one-way ANOVA for stroke-wise comparison. The results revealed significant improvements in all selected variables following the training program. Stroke-wise analysis indicated that freestyle swimming produced significantly greater physiological adaptations than breaststroke swimming. The findings suggest that swimming, particularly freestyle, is an effective exercise modality for improving cardiovascular, respiratory, autonomic, and metabolic health in adult men.

Keywords: Swimming, Freestyle, Breaststroke, VO_2max, Heart Rate Variability, Middle-Aged Men

Introduction

Swimming is recognized as a comprehensive aerobic exercise that promotes cardiovascular endurance, respiratory efficiency, muscular strength and metabolic health. Unlike many land-based activities, swimming provides whole body engagement with minimal joint stress, making it particularly suitable for middle-aged populations. Among the various swimming strokes, freestyle and breaststroke are the most commonly practiced due to their accessibility and adaptability across fitness levels. Freestyle swimming is characterized by continuous propulsion, streamlined body position, and rhythmic breathing patterns, resulting in high aerobic demand and sustained cardiovascular loading. In contrast, breaststroke involves a more complex coordination pattern, intermittent propulsion, and greater reliance on lower-limb musculature potentially eliciting different physiological responses (Maglischo, 2003). Adult men often experience a gradual decline in aerobic capacity, autonomic regulation, pulmonary function, and resting metabolic rate due to aging and sedentary lifestyles. Regular aerobic exercise has been shown to attenuate these age-related declines. Maximal oxygen uptake (VO_2max) is a key indicator of cardiorespiratory fitness and is strongly associated with reduced cardiovascular risk (Bassett & Howley, 2000). Heart rate variability (HRV) reflects autonomic nervous system balance with higher values indicating better parasympathetic control and cardiovascular health (Buchheit & Laursen, 2013).

Swimming has also been associated with enhanced pulmonary function due to controlled breathing and increased respiratory muscle engagement. Peak expiratory flow rate (PEFR) is an important marker of ventilatory efficiency and airway function which is often superior in swimmers compared to non-swimmers (Mickleborough et al., 2008). Additionally, swimming contributes to favorable changes in body composition, reflected by reductions in body mass index (BMI) and improvements in resting metabolic rate (RMR) which is critical for long-term weight management and metabolic health (ACSM, 2022).Despite the well-documented benefits of swimming, very limited research has been done to study the stroke wise differences between freestyle and breaststroke swimming in particularly on multiple physiological variables in adult men. Therefore, the present study aimed to evaluate both the overall effects of swimming training and the comparative effects of freestyle and breaststroke swimming on selected physiological variables.

Purpose of the Study

To assess the effects of freestyle and breaststroke among middle-aged men. It major aims to investigate the impact of breaststroke and freestyle swimming on selected physiological variables swimming on VO_2max, HRV, PEFR, BMI, and RMR among adult men with the goal of providing evidence-based recommendations for swimmers and coaches.

Methodology:

Training Program: Participants engaged in a structured swimming training program for six months, five days per week, with each session lasting approximately 60 minutes. The program included both freestyle and breaststroke swimming, with progressive increases in intensity and volume.

Training Phase & Objectives	Session Component	Freestyle	Breaststroke	Training Intensity
Phase I – Adaptation Phase **(Weeks 1–8)** **Training Objective:** Skill adaptation, aerobic base development, breathing control	Warm-up	200 m easy swim	200 m easy swim	60–70% HRmax
	Main Set	6 × 50 m (moderate pace)	4 × 50 m (easy pace)	
	Skill Drills	Kickboard breathing drills	Glide and timing drills	
	Cool-down	100 m easy swim	100 m easy swim	
	Total Distance	~800–1000 m per session		
Phase II – Improvement Phase **(Weeks 9–16)** **Training Objective:** Aerobic endurance enhancement and stroke efficiency	Warm-up	300 m mixed strokes	300 m mixed strokes	70–80% HRmax
	Main Set	8 × 100 m (moderate–hard pace)	6 × 50 m (moderate pace)	
	Skill Drills	Bilateral breathing drills	Pull–kick coordination drills	
	Cool-down	200 m easy swim	200 m easy swim	
	Total Distance	~1200–1500 m per session		

Phase III – Performance Phase **(Weeks 17–24)** **Training Objective:** Cardiovascular conditioning, VO_2max and metabolic enhancement	Warm-up	400 m progressive swim	400 m progressive swim	80–85% HRmax
	Main Set	10 × 100 m (hard pace)	8 × 50 m (moderate–hard pace)	
	Skill Drills	Pace control and sprint drills	Power and timing drills	
	Cool-down	200 m easy swim	200 m easy swim	
	Total Distance	~1600–1800 m per session		

Participants: Sixty adult men recreational swimmer (age range: 30–55 years) volunteered to participate in the study. All participants were medically screened and found to be free from cardiovascular, respiratory, and musculoskeletal disorders.

Research Design: The study employed a pre-test–post-test experimental design. Participants underwent baseline testing prior to the intervention and post-testing after completion of the six-month swimming training program in two groups, i.e. freestyle and breaststroke groups.

Table 1- Weekly Stroke Distribution

Stroke	Percentage of Total Training Volume
Freestyle	60–65%
Breaststroke	35–40%

Table 2- Training Intensity and Monitoring Guidelines

Parameter	Guideline
Moderate Intensity	60–70% HRmax
Moderate–Hard Intensity	70–80% HRmax
Hard Intensity	80–85% HRmax
RPE Range	12–16 (Borg Scale)
Monitoring Tools	Heart rate, perceived exertion

Table 3- Recovery and Safety Measures

Aspect	Description
Recovery Session	One active recovery session per week
Hydration	Emphasized before, during and after

	training
Breathing Control	Continuous monitoring during sessions
Medical Screening	Periodic health monitoring
Injury Prevention	Progressive load increase

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, paired *t*-tests, and one-way ANOVA were used for data analysis. The level of significance was set at $p < 0.05$.

Results

Table 4- Pre- and Post-Test Mean ± SD of Physiological Variables (N = 60)

Variable	Pre-Test Mean ± SD	Post-Test Mean ± SD
VO_2max (ml·kg^{-1}·min^{-1})	36.8 ± 4.2	42.6 ± 4.5
HRV (RMSSD, ms)	28.4 ± 6.1	36.9 ± 6.8
PEFR (L/min)	410.5 ± 45.3	468.2 ± 48.6
BMI (kg/m²)	27.6 ± 2.9	25.9 ± 2.7
RMR (kcal/day)	1585 ± 135	1718 ± 142

Table 5- Paired *t*-Test Results

Variable	Mean Difference	*t* Value	*p* Value	Result
VO_2max	5.8	9.21	<0.001	Significant
HRV	8.5	7.84	<0.001	Significant
PEFR	57.7	8.46	<0.001	Significant
BMI	-1.7	6.12	<0.001	Significant
RMR	133	6.95	<0.001	Significant

Stroke-Wise Post-Test Comparison

Table 6- Stroke-Wise Post-Test Mean ± SD

Variable	Freestyle	Breaststroke
VO_2max	44.8 ± 4.1	40.5 ± 4.3
HRV	39.2 ± 6.5	34.6 ± 6.2
PEFR	480 ± 46	456 ± 44

BMI	25.4 ± 2.5	26.3 ± 2.6
RMR	1755 ± 140	1680 ± 138

Table 4- One-Way ANOVA Summary for Stroke-Wise Comparison (N = 60)

Variable	Source of Variance	SS	df	MS	F-ratio	*p* value	Result
VO_2max	Between Groups	382.4	1	382.4	18.72	< 0.001	Significant
	Within Groups	1187.6	58	20.48			
HRV	Between Groups	412.9	1	412.9	15.36	< 0.001	Significant
	Within Groups	1559.4	58	26.89			
PEFR	Between Groups	18432.6	1	18432.6	9.84	< 0.01	Significant
	Within Groups	108645.8	58	1873.2			
BMI	Between Groups	38.42	1	38.42	6.28	< 0.05	Significant
	Within Groups	355.2	58	6.12			
RMR	Between Groups	169452.5	1	169452.5	8.96	< 0.01	Significant
	Within Groups	1096765.4	58	18909.7			

Interpretation of ANOVA Results

The ANOVA results indicate that significant differences exist between freestyle and breaststroke swimming for all selected physiological variables. The higher F-ratios observed in VO_2max and HRV suggest that cardiorespiratory and autonomic adaptations are more sensitive to stroke type, with freestyle producing superior outcomes.

Conclusion

The findings of the study conclude that a six-month swimming training program significantly improves VO_2max, HRV, PEFR, BMI, and RMR among middle-aged men. Furthermore, freestyle swimming demonstrates superior physiological benefits compared to breaststroke swimming. Swimming, particularly freestyle, may therefore be recommended as an effective and safe exercise modality for promoting overall health and fitness in middle-aged populations.

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A STUDY ON THE SELECTED PHYSICAL & MOTOR FITNESS COMPONENTS OF LAWN TENNIS AND CRICKET PLAYERS OF MARATHWADA REGION

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Abstract:

The present study was undertaken to find out whether the effect of circuit programmed can develop the Performing exercises at a satisfactory level depends on physiological, anthropometric, psychological factors. These factors are found in many of the models which are used to analyze the performance in different exercises. The precondition for any progress is having physical abilities. Knowing the anthropometric and physiological characteristics of players in each type of exercise is the most important and effective factor in their performance. For the purpose of conducting the present investigation the marathwada University sports dept men and women's , selected Further, total male & females 60 subjects as ranged from 17 to 19 years. The circuit training program was useful to improve motor components such as flexibility, power, muscular endurance, agility, speed, cardio-vascular endurance and strength of female lawn Tennis & cricket players.

Keywords: circuit training, Motor Fitness, physical training, lawn tennis & cricket.

Introduction:

Sports play an important role in the development of human personality. Tennis originally was knows as Lawn tennis, and formally still is in Britain, because it was played on grass courts by England boys and girls player. the creation of the games can be traced to a 12th -13th decade France handball games called jeu de paume ("game of the palm") from which was derived a complex indoor racket –and –ball game. Expanding professional tournament circuits and the rise of some notable players and rivalries broadened players and rivalries broadened the appeals of the game. A number of major innovations in fashion and equipment fueled and fed the boom. The serves as a means of self-protection, giving one the assurance of being able to do so if the need arises. Our program is styled to keep the body conditioned, and the mind clear. It provides confidence and self-control. Circuit training is a training method that brings strength training and aerobic training together into one great routine. This is especially good for clients who aren't big on doing "cardio" at the gym.

Circuit training is just what it sounds like: training in a circuit. In fact, it's an exercise technique we use in our core classes here at Total Therapy! You select anywhere between 6-8 exercises (for our core classes, we use 6 exercises), and perform each exercise for either a pre-determined time period or number of repetitions. Some of these exercises may use the same muscle groups, but exercises that use the same muscle group (i.e. bench press and pushups) should not be done back-to-back***"Utility of Circuit Training Programmed on motor fitness Components of female lawn tennis player cricket."***

The objectives of this research study considered for investigation were as follows: motor fitness components related to male & female lawn tennis players.

The aim of this study was to compare data obtained from the variables of anthropometry, leg power, flexibility and reaction time in lawn tennis cadet athletes, in order to observe if there are

differences between the values of athletes at different competition levels of success; and whether these variables are determinant for competitive success because of sport characteristics and according to the data for junior and senior athletes.

The null hypothesis sought to be tested were:

Ho 1 : There is no significant difference in strength , Agility, Flexibility, Power ,Speed Muscular Endurance, Cardin-Vascular Endurance of experimental and control group.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

To achieve the objectives of the study, compare data obtained from the variables of anthropometry, leg power, flexibility and reaction time in lawns tennis cadet athletes, in order to observe if there are differences between the values of athletes at different competition levels of success; and whether these variables are determinant for competitive success because of sport characteristics and according to the data for junior and senior athletes. The researcher has applied t test to compare the means.

Research design:

The experimental design consists of two groups of subjects: an experimental group and a control group. The experimental group undergoes the treatment, program or intervention of interest. Researchers then measure the differences between the two groups on a particular outcome.

Procedure:

The modern game of tennis is played by millions in clubs and on public courts. The subjects were evaluated in a single session using the battery of tests and protocols described. The evaluation session lasted approximately one hour, and a 10-minute rest period separated one test from the next. All participants were active competitors in combat (Olympic) modality, and were also in their first months as junior athletes. They had thus recently finished their career in the cadet category and their full success could be analyzed. The participants had to have had four years' competition experience in order to guarantee they had fought in official championships as their first year in the cadet category. The training programmed was divided as follows:

A. warm up and stretching 15 min.s
B. Circuit exercises 35 min.s
C. Limbering down 10 min.s
Total 60 min.

A. Warm up and stretching : The subjects were made to run at slow pace, strides, static and dynamic stretches for 15 min.
B. Circuit exercises: The subjects were made to run the circuit training programmed. The repetition and the intensity of the training have been presented below :

- 2 sets of circuit 1 training (10-5-10)
- After each station 30 second rests.
- 10 stations in one set.
- After completion of set 5 min. rest

C. Limbering down: The subjects performed the sloe jog and some stretching exercises for 10 min.

DATA ANALYSIS : The data on pre-test and post-test of all the subjects have been analyzed by using 't' test to compare the means of experimental and control groups. The statistical package for social sciences (SPSS) software was used.

Dependent variables:

The following measures were used dependent variable of the present study:

i. sit and reach test to measure Flexibility
ii. Standing broad jump to measure leg power.
iii. 50 yard dash to assess speed.
iv. 4*10 shuttle run to evaluate Agility.
v. Vertical Jump to measure Leg Strength.
vi. Bent keen sit ups to assess muscular endurance.
vii. 9 min run and walk to measure Cardin vascular Endurance.

Independent variables:

The following circuit training programmed was considered as independent variables of the present study.

1. High knee action, 2. Dumbbells curl, 3.Skipping, 4.Crunches, 5.Hop kicks, 6.Good morning, 7. Jumping jacks, 8. Touch toes, 9. Side Ward running, 10. Half squat.

Data analysis:

The data was analyzed by using paired sample t test and independent t tests. Within group comparison was done by paired sample t test while between groups comparison was done by independent t test

Conclusion:

The investigator, within certain limitations concludes the study as follows: the Circuit training is a versatile training modality that allows the possibility of a large number of people taking part in the same exercise session, requiring less time than other modalities. it is a great strategy to improve body composition, muscle strength and consequently, cardiovascular functions and, to maintain functional capacity during aging. In addition, patients with several diseases may improve their quality of life; thus, resistance circuit training may be included in their treatment and professional tournament.

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POST-COVID RESPIRATORY CHANGES IN INDIA: AN ANALYSIS OF PEAK EXPIRATORY FLOW AND VITAL CAPACITY

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Abstract:
The COVID-19 pandemic has left a long-lasting impact on lung health worldwide, and India has faced greater challenges due to its large population and limited healthcare facilities. This paper studies the effect of COVID-19 on two key lung function measures – Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) and Vital Capacity (VC). Evidence from Indian and global research shows that many patients continue to have low PEF and VC even weeks or months after recovery. People with asthma, COPD, or smoking habits suffer more severe and prolonged breathing problems, while those with better lung fitness, such as athletes and non-smokers, recover faster. The findings highlight the need for regular lung function testing, proper rehabilitation programs, and awareness about respiratory health in India. Strengthening baseline lung fitness through exercise and healthy lifestyle can reduce the long-term impact of COVID-19 and prepare the population for future respiratory challenges.

Key Words: Vital Capacity, Peak Expiratory Flow(PEF) , Covid 19, Lung Functions.

Introduction:

The COVID-19 outbreak was caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. It has had a huge impact on economies and health systems all over the world. The most damage has been done to the breathing system. Because COVID-19 mostly affects the lungs, many people still have trouble breathing even after they have fully healed. Indian has been hit by several waves of the disease, including a very bad second wave brought on by the Delta type. A lot of people are having lung problems after COVID. This is now a big public health issue. Changes in lung function markers like Vital Capacity (VC) and Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) are very worrying. To find out how healthy your lungs are, these measures are very important. They can help find problems with airflow, loss of lung volume, and recovery from a respiratory disease in general. A lot of research has shown that COVID-19 has a negative effect on these factors, leading to long-lasting symptoms like shortness of breath, poor exercise tolerance, and chronic fatigue syndrome in many people (Mo et al., 2020; Hameed et al., 2021).

More than one study has shown that after COVID-19, lung performance goes down a lot. In Wuhan, Mo et al. (2020) did a prospective study and found that more than half of the COVID-19 patients who were sent home had abnormal spirometry values, especially lower VC and FVC. India has seen the same kinds of trends. Chowdhury et al. (2022) looked at 120 people in West Bengal who had COVID-19. They found that 61.6% of them had moderate to serious lung function impairment, and their PEF and VC were much lower than those in control groups. In New Delhi, Gupta et al. (2021) did another study and found that six weeks after their symptoms went away, over 45% of the 300 people who had COVID-19 still had PEF scores below 80% of what was normal. This information shows that a lot of COVID-19 survivors in India may have breathing problems that won't go away. This could make their lives less fun and useful. These problems happen because of the way SARS-CoV-2 affects lung cells in a very bad way. The virus causes a lot of swelling, redness, and in the worst cases, scarring of the lungs. Blood clots in small blood vessels and damage to alveolar cells make the lungs less bendable and make it harder for gases to move between them. In turn, this changes VC and other factors. LESS PEF numbers also show that it's harder to breathe out because of swelling in the small airways (Guler et al., 2021). It's worse for people who already have lung

problems like asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or who aren't very good at breathing in general. They found that people who already had lung problems before getting COVID-19 had worse symptoms, had to stay in the hospital longer, and took longer to get their lungs back to normal. On the other hand, people whose lungs were stronger before they got sick seem to be less affected and get better more quickly. It was discovered by Hameed et al. (2021) that people who were in better respiratory shape, like those who worked out daily or never smoked, got better from PEF and VC faster after getting sick. Raj et al. (2021) also found that after four weeks, 80% of Indian sportsmen who had COVID-19 were able to breathe normally again. People who were not busy, on the other hand, took longer and had more problems with their abilities. These results show how important it is to take care of your lungs so that you don't get other respiratory viruses

Effect of COVID-19 on Lung Function: To find and keep an eye on breathing problems, lung function tests are very important. Vital Capacity (VC) and Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) are two of the most important ways to tell if your lungs are healthy. After taking a deep breath, PEF is the fastest rate at which a person can breathe out. This is a simple way to check how much resistance there is in the airways, and it works very well for finding obstructive diseases like asthma and chronic bronchitis (Miller et al., 2005). On the other hand, VC is the most air a person can let out after taking a full breath. It is an important part of the lungs' overall capacity, and both restrictive and obstructive pulmonary diseases can make it less (Quanjer et al., 2012). It means the lungs aren't working right if either of these numbers goes down. There may be swelling in the lungs, less flexibility in the alveoli, or weak muscles to blame.

People often use both of these tests to see how badly someone is breathing, to track their recovery from sickness, and to plan rehabilitation programs, especially after severe infections like Covid-19. As part of care after COVID, these tests help find out how bad the lung damage is and how well treatments like breathing exercises, rehab, and medicine are working. Studies from India and around the world show that PEF and VC have changed. After COVID A lot of research has shown that COVID-19 causes losses in lung function that can be seen. For instance, people who got better had big drops in both PEF and VC. Another important study by Mo et al. (2020) found that about 47% of COVID-19 patients who were sent home from a hospital in China had lower VC readings and 25% had lower PEF readings. The lungs were still having trouble 30 days after they were sent home, so the problems went on for a long time. Indian people have had the same kinds of effects. A cross-sectional study by Chowdhury et al. (2022) in eastern India found that people with COVID had 15–20% lower mean VC values than people without it. The same group also had a big drop in PEF, which means their airflow was restricted. This was likely because their airways were still inflamed. Another study by Gupta et al. (2021) in New Delhi found that about 45% of people who had COVID-19 did not hit 80% of the expected PEF values six weeks after they got better. It was important to keep in mind that people with moderate to severe COVID-19 disease had worse spirometry readings. Another study from 2021 by Guler et al. in Switzerland discovered that people with moderate to serious disease still have problems with their VC up to four months after they got better. They also said that PEF was worse in people who had other breathing problems, which shows how important it is to keep an eye on people and help them get better over time. In 2021, Hameed et al. did a study on rehabilitation and found that hospitalised patients who were getting organised breathing therapy had better PEF and VC. However, it could take longer than eight weeks for some patients to fully recover.

Effect on People with Poor Lung Function (Asthma, COPD, Smokers): When it comes to people who already have breathing problems, like those with asthma, COPD, or smoking, COVID-19 can make them worse and cause long-term lung problems. People with asthma and COPD already have trouble breathing and opening their airways. Getting COVID-19 makes it more likely for them to hurt their lungs. Jain and Iyengar (2021) said that people with asthma and COPD were more likely to have post-

COVID dyspnoea and their PEF and VC dropped for longer periods of time. Inflammation and too much mucus production in these people make it even harder for air to flow. This is on top of the damage that SARS-CoV-2 did to the lungs and bronchi. Tobacco use is another major risk factor. Because their bronchial tubes are always narrowed and swollen, people who smoke a lot tend to have lower average PEF. In India in 2021, Bansal et al. did a multicentric study that found smokers were three times more likely to need air during COVID-19 and had much lower PEF and VC when they were brought home. In general, it took them two to three weeks longer to get better than people who didn't smoke. These findings show that having weak lung function at the start, either because of a disease or the way you live your life, can make you more likely to get sick and make it take longer to get better after having breathing problems.

Patterns of severity of disease and delayed recovery :

How bad COVID-19 is is directly related to how much lung function is lost. People who had to stay in the hospital, get help from the intensive care unit, or use a respirator had bigger drops in lung function after they were sent home (Mo et al., 2020; Gupta et al., 2021). Even after 12 weeks, many of these people still have trouble breathing, can't work out as much, and need a lot of pulmonary rehabilitation. It's hard to get to rehabilitation services in India, especially in rural areas. As a result, people usually take longer to get better and their quality of life stays low. Studies by Chowdhury et al. (2022) and Gupta et al. (2021) also show that people who already had lung problems needed up to 8–12 weeks longer to get back to 80% of their original PEF and VC values.

Effect on People with Better Lung Function : Findings from a new study show that people who had good lung function before getting COVID-19 tend to have lower symptoms and get better faster. Among these people are athletes, people who like to be busy, people who don't smoke, and people who don't have long-term breathing problems. When PEF and VC are high at the start, there is more breathing room, and this may help protect against the worst effects of viral lung inflammation. If you look at how Indian athletes healed from COVID, Raj et al. (2021) found that more than 80% of them got back to normal PEF and VC levels within four weeks with very few symptoms. Getting in shape seems to lower the risk of long-term lung damage by making it easier for air to reach the lungs, strengthening the muscles that help the lungs breathe, and making the immune system stronger. Also, a study in New York City by Hameed et al. (2021) found that patients with better lung function when they went to the hospital stayed there shorter and were able to stop needing oxygen support more quickly. India also saw this trend. After COVID, people who were physically active or had done breathing exercises like yoga before COVID had better spirometry readings (Jain & Iyengar, 2021).

Conclusion :

It's clear that the COVID-19 virus has had a big effect on people's lung health all over the world. More people live in India, so not everyone has easy access to health care, and a lot of people already have breathing problems. This has made the effects much worse. Two important lung function tests, Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) and Vital Capacity (VC), got worse when people were infected with SARS-CoV-2. Research from India and other places around the world shows that PEF and VC often stay low for weeks or even months after getting better. So, this proves that even low to moderate lung problems can last for a long time. The data show that people who had lung problems in the past, like those with asthma, COPD, or a history of smoking, were more likely to have worse breathing problems and needed more time to repair their lungs. People who had better lung health before COVID-19, on the other hand, had a cushion that kept them safe. Often, their symptoms were lighter, their hospital stays were shorter, and they got better from breathing problems faster. It's clear from these results that lung health and breathing reserve are very important for COVID-19 results. Looking ahead, it's clear how this will affect public health and the way professionals do their jobs. India needs full pulmonary therapy programs right away after COVID, especially for people with

lung problems who are at a high risk. People who have recovered can have their PEF and VC monitored for a long time. This can help find chronic dysfunction early and plan treatments. A future study needs to look at long-term changes in lung function measures after COVID, taking into account things like socioeconomic background, vaccination status, and different types of viruses. Spirometry and peak flow monitoring should also be a part of the basic care plans for people who have already recovered. India could better prepare its people for future lung problems by stressing how important lung health is and using tried-and-true ways to heal and avoid problems.

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EFFECT OF 12 WEEKS OF CIRCUIT TRAINING ON REACTION TIME AMONG JUDO PLAYERS

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Abstract: The present study examined the effect of a 12-week circuit training programme on reaction time among judo players. Twenty male cadet judo players, aged 15 to 18 years, from Mayai Lambi Sports Academy, Mayang Imphal, Manipur, were selected as subjects and randomly divided into an experimental group and a control group, with ten players in each group. The study was limited to the reaction time of the players. Both groups were assessed at baseline and after the completion of the 12-week training period. The experimental group underwent circuit training for 12 weeks, with training sessions conducted three times per week for 90 minutes, including warm-up and cool-down exercises, while the control group followed their regular routine. Reaction Time was measured using the Ruler Drop Test. Statistical analysis was carried out using the independent t-test with the help of SPSS software, and the level of significance was set at 0.05. The results of the within-group comparison revealed a significant improvement in reaction time among the players in the circuit training group, whereas no significant change was observed in the control group. The findings of the study indicate that a 12-week circuit training programme is effective in enhancing reaction time among judo players. Future research may involve a larger and more diverse sample of judo players and examine additional variables such as health-related physical fitness, motor fitness components, and sport-specific performance indicators. This would provide a more comprehensive understanding of the long-term effects of circuit training on overall athletic development and competitive performance in judo players

Keywords: Judo, Circuit Training, Reaction Time, Ruler Drop Test

Introduction:

Judo is a dynamic combat sport that demands a high level of physical fitness, neuromuscular coordination, and rapid decision-making ability. Among the various motor abilities required for success in judo, reaction time plays a crucial role, as athletes must respond instantly to opponents' attacks, grips, and changes in body position during competition (Franchini, Takito, & Bertuzzi, 2005). Faster reaction time enables judo players to execute techniques more effectively and gain a tactical advantage during bouts.

Reaction time is defined as the interval between the presentation of a stimulus and the initiation of a motor response and is considered an important indicator of neuromuscular efficiency and perceptual-motor coordination (Magill & Anderson, 2017). In combat sports, where movements are unpredictable and time-sensitive, enhanced reaction time is closely associated with improved performance and reduced risk of injury (Gabbett, 2016).

Circuit training is a widely used conditioning method that combines strength, endurance, speed, and agility exercises performed in a sequential manner with minimal rest intervals. This training method has been shown to produce significant improvements in both physical fitness and motor abilities by

simultaneously stimulating multiple physiological systems (Bompa & Buzzichelli, 2019). Previous studies have reported that circuit training positively influences motor fitness components such as agility, coordination, and reaction time in young athletes (Singh & Kaur, 2018).

Despite the recognized importance of reaction time in judo performance, limited research has focused on the effect of circuit training on reaction time specifically among cadet judo players. Therefore, the present study was undertaken to examine the effect of a 12-week circuit training programme on reaction time among male cadet judo players.

Objective of the study

To find out the effect of 12 weeks of circuit training on reaction time among judo players.

Materials and Methods

The study was conducted on twenty male judo players who were randomly divided into an experimental group and a control group, with ten subjects in each group. The participants were players of Mayai Lambi Sports Academy, Mayang Imphal, Manipur, and their ages ranged from 15 to 18 years. The study was confined to the assessment of reaction time only. Both the experimental and control groups were evaluated at baseline and after the completion of a 12-week training period. The experimental group participated in a circuit training programme for 12 weeks, with training sessions conducted three times per week for 90 minutes per session, including warm-up and cool-down activities. Reaction time was measured using the Ruler Drop Test. The collected data were statistically analysed using the 't'-test with the aid of SPSS software, and the level of significance was set at 0.05.

Findings and Discussions

The comparison of the pre-test and post-test for the control group on coordination is represented in Table 1.

Table-1

Comparison of Paired 't'-test scores of Pre-Test and Post-Test for the Control Group on Reaction Time

Variable	Group	N	Mean	SD	SEM	MD	t-value	Sig
Reaction Time	**Pre-test**	10	.149	.021	.006	.001	.514	.619
	Post-test	10	.147	.017	.005			

***Significance at .05 level**

$t'_{0.05}$ (18) = 2.10

Table 1 presents the comparison of pre-test and post-test mean (M) values and standard deviations (SD) of reaction time for the control group. The mean reaction time recorded during the pre-test was 0.149 seconds, while the post-test mean was 0.147 seconds. The corresponding standard deviations were 0.021 and 0.017, respectively. The standard error of the mean was 0.006 for the pre-test and 0.005 for the post-test. The paired 't'-test analysis indicated that the difference between the pre-test and post-test reaction time scores of the control group was not statistically significant. The calculated 't'-value (0.514) was lower than the tabulated 't'-value (2.10) at the 0.05 level of significance with 18 degrees of freedom, suggesting that no significant improvement in reaction time occurred in the control group during the study period.

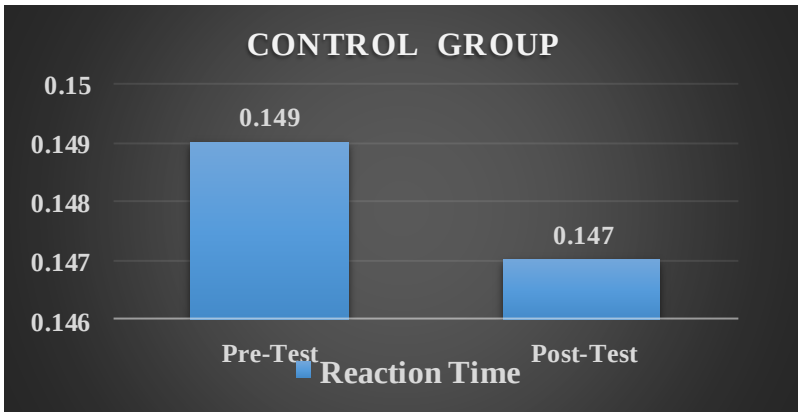


Figure 1: The Graphical Representation of Mean Scores of Pre-Test and Post-Test of Control Group on Reaction Time

The comparison of the pre-test and post-test for the experimental group on Reaction Time is represented in Table 2.

Table-2

Comparison of Paired 't'-test scores of Pre-Test and Post-Test for Experimental Group on Reaction Time

Variable	Group	N	Mean	SD	SEM	MD	t-value	Sig
Reaction Time	**Pre-test**	10	.155	.022	.007	.009	**3.35***	.008
	Post-test	10	.145	.020	.006			

***Significance at .05 level**

$'t'_{0.05}$ (18) = 2.10

Table 2 presents the comparison of pre-test and post-test mean (M) values and standard deviations (SD) of reaction time for the experimental group. The mean reaction time during the pre-test was 0.155 seconds, which improved to 0.145 seconds in the post-test. The corresponding standard deviations were 0.022 and 0.020, respectively, while the standard error of the mean was 0.007 for the pre-test and 0.006 for the post-test. The paired 't'-test analysis revealed a statistically significant difference between the pre-test and post-test reaction time scores of the experimental group. The calculated 't'-value (3.35) exceeded the tabulated 't'-value (2.10) at the 0.05 level of significance with 18 degrees of freedom, indicating a significant improvement in reaction time following the circuit training programme.

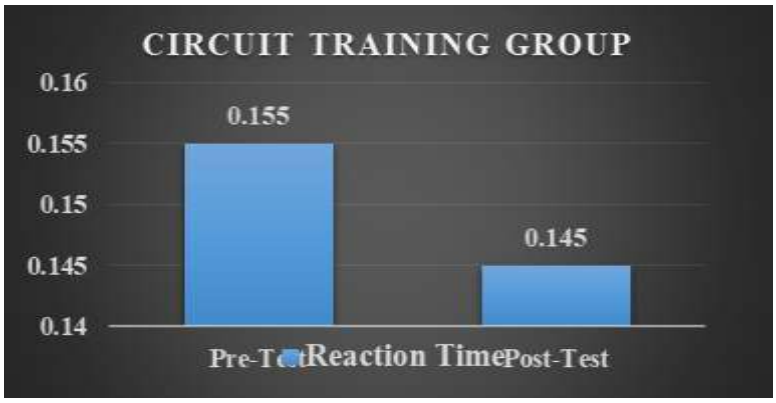


Figure 2: The Graphical Representation of Mean Scores of Pre-Test and Post-test of Circuit Training group on Reaction Time

DISCUSSIONS

The findings of the present study revealed a significant improvement in reaction time among judo players following the 12-week circuit training programme. This improvement may be attributed to the repetitive high-intensity and multi-directional nature of circuit training, which enhances neuromuscular coordination and speeds up stimulus-response mechanisms (Sheppard & Young, 2006). Circuit training places continuous demands on the central nervous system, leading to improved motor unit recruitment and faster neural transmission, thereby reducing reaction time (Bompa & Buzzichelli, 2019). Improved reaction time is particularly important in judo, where athletes must respond rapidly to opponents' movements and tactical actions during competition (Franchini et al., 2011). Thus, the results of the present study support circuit training as an effective method for enhancing reaction time and overall performance in judo players.

Conclusions

In light of the findings and limitations of the present study, the following conclusions were drawn:

- In the case of the control group, no significant difference was observed in reaction time between the pre-test and post-test.
- A significant difference was observed in reaction time between the pre-test and post-test of the circuit training group. Twelve weeks of circuit training was found to be effective in improving reaction time among judo players.

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EFFECTS OF YOGA AND SPORTS ON STRESS REDUCTION

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Abstract:

This review summarizes current research on the effectiveness of yoga and sports as stress-reduction interventions, focusing on physiological and psychological outcomes. Systematic reviews, randomized controlled trials, and meta-analyses were examined to assess the impact of yoga and sports on cortisol regulation, heart rate variability, anxiety, and mood improvements. The results demonstrate that yoga and sports significantly improve emotional well-being in various populations and reduce stress markers. Key mechanisms include yoga nidra, meditation, and pranayama. The review highlights yoga's potential as an accessible and effective tool for stress management and mental health enhancement in clinical and workplace settings, emphasizing optimal practice frequencies, durations, and the importance of tailoring programs to individual needs. Sports, on the other hand, reduce stress by releasing endorphins, lowering stress hormones, providing a positive distraction, and improving sleep quality. Regular physical activity also lowers blood pressure, boosts mood, and increases feelings of confidence and mastery, enhancing the body's resilience to stress. Yoga, as a comprehensive discipline combining breath control, mindfulness, and physical movement, offers both physiological and psychological benefits, leading to improved mental focus, stress management, reduced anxiety, greater emotional stability, better concentration under pressure, and enhanced decision-making. The review suggests that stress relief and reduced anxiety are strong predictors of improved psychological flexibility, while enhanced mindfulness and better sleep patterns may indicate improvements in psychological rigidity and experience.

WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS

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Abstract

The participation of women and girls in sports, physical fitness and exercise, has been recorded to have existed throughout history. However, participation rates and activities vary in accordance with nation, era, geography, and stage of economic development. While initially occurring informally, the modern era of organized sports did not begin to emerge either for men or women until the late industrial age. The increasing rates of female athletes' participation in sports events help counter gender biases. By participating in athletic events, women, achieve so much more: They boost their involvement in society and accelerate the progress towards gender equality while tearing down long-standing gender stereotypes. Furthermore, it has been observed that women that do sports and participate in athletic events are, besides improving their physical health, more likely to overcome biases, feel empowered and develop leadership skills. That been said, achievements and distinctions from famous female athletes also work as role models leading more young girls into sports, while ensuring the continuation of the road towards gender equality.

Key Words: Participation, Geography, Development, Involvement, Empowered etc.

1. Introduction

Women in sport can shape women's capabilities as leaders especially in traditional male areas. Women's participation in sport can create a substantial contribution to social life and overall development. Sports for women represent a fast growing area in India and it can be used as tool to empower women. Recent trends show that the knowledge and awareness among female towards sport participation is increasing. But as compare to other country and per ration of male and female, there is need to increase participation of female in sport and physical activities. Females of all ages generally have lower physical activity participation rates than males. Increasing physical activity levels for females is important for health and mental wellbeing.

In India a country where there is general lethargic attitude towards sports, lack of encouragement toward sports-oriented mindset up from family because of traditional way of living and despite the limited support from the government both in infrastructure and morale boost up, we observe the role of women in sports has been quite appreciable and we celebrate it as well. They have combated all odds and conquered challenges to play for the nation. There are women who have taken firmed pathways, struggled hard and stood for the country internationally. Some got noticed and well recognized like P.T. Usha, Saina Nehwal, Mary Kom, Sania Mirza. But few are less known but their accomplishments no less than the distinguished counterparts. Ishita Malviya, 1st Indian woman surfer, Mira Erda, the first Indian female formula racer, Archana Sardana, India's 1st, woman BASE (Building Aerial Span Earth) jumper, Koneru Humpy , the World Women Chess Champion, are a few , who are chasing their dreams with vigor and passion and hooked on to their

quest of achieving excellence. Sports for many women are not a leisure pursuit but a way of livelihood. Professional sporting performance sometimes is not a public significance but acquires an individualistic approach when taken as professional sporting career.

2. Objectives of the study

1. To study the women sports in India.
2. To study the challenges faced by women in Sports.

3. Methodology of the Study

The present study has been descriptive; the data for this study were obtained from secondary data sources. The secondary data has been collected from various references which already existed in published form; part of the paper is based on literature review the method comprising of collecting all the available papers relating to the theme and selecting relevant papers/books for the review purpose. Selection of the paper is done on the basis of their relevance and contribution to the body of knowledge. The author has made an attempt to do primary reading of the selected papers which will constitute the core of this review study.

4. Women Sports in India

In almost every nation sport is an integral part of the culture. Sports always use to promote gender equity and empower girls and women. It is overlooked because sport is not across the world professed as a suitable or desirable recreation for girls and women. Women in Sport have been a topic almost ignored by most of nations that's why female sport participation was very less in recent past. It has been a relatively undeveloped area of research also. Sex role, stereotyping, male research partiality and the reward formation of the world have contributed to this neglect.

Sport is universal in nature. It does not differentiate with colour, caste or sex. Participating in sports not only helps to develop health but also the overall development. If we see the history, men used to participate in most of the sports and games, women were not allowed to take part in sports and games. They face many restrictions such as physical, mental, social, and religious. Later they also started taking active part in all sports events.

At present, sport for women is a fast growing factor in every developing country. However, despite of the promotional campaigns participation rates remain low in some countries. Several social and environmental factors affect participation. Gender, age, level of education, financial status is some of the variables identified that influence participation in sports. In some areas of India women are still seen as a burden. Women do not have any right to speak they tempt to do according to the wish of their parents and husbands. Women's participation in sport can create a substantial contribution to the development of the society. Women of India have a potential to do miracles in every field. Now days, women are questioning the rules set down for her by the society.

From team to solo sports, Indian women excel in different sports. But there are certain sports over others that attract Indian women – to name a few, cricket, badminton, tennis, athletics, chess, volleyball, basketball, and football. The reasons behind this inclination are varied. The availability of infrastructure, funds, media coverage although not exactly favourable to sportswomen in India and success stories of famous female sports players in India happen to be the reasons behind the tendencies. But now, more and more women are excelling in other games and winning

Olympic medals for the country, such as weight-lifting, archery to name a few. We need to encourage as many women as possible to look beyond the obvious and break the glass ceiling.

Many sportswomen in India have achieved unparalleled success. For instance, Saina Nehwal is India's first badminton player to clinch a medal at the Olympics. She is not only the first female but also the only second Indian to have been ranked first in the world championship. Equally successful, Mary Kom completely changed the Indian perception of women in boxing. Fighting off stereotypes, she became a five-time World Amateur Boxing champion. She is the only female boxer to have won a medal in all these world championships. She was conferred with the prestigious Padma Bhushan, one of India's highest civilian honours by the government of India after she won the gold medal at the Asian Games in Incheon in 2014.

Sports can be considered a career option for Indian women. Other than active sports, there are other options too, one being an Athletic Trainer who provides emergency care, rehabilitation, and clinical diagnoses to athletes. Another option is becoming varsity coaches. It requires an undergraduate degree and teaching certification. For those with ample experience, the prestigious position of College Athletics Director is a good option. The incumbent needs a graduate degree with extensive administrative and business knowledge in sports to supervise the performances of coaches and staff hired for athletic events. Other employment options include Sportswriter, Broadcast Journalist and Sports Executive.

5. Challenges Faced by Women in Sports

i. Lack of time and lack of childcare

Women's leisure tends to be reactive to the needs of their families. They often have less leisure time than men, as they take on the greater burden of responsibility for housework and care for children and elderly relatives.

ii. Lack of money

Women tend to earn less than men. Low income families may not be able to afford to invest in club membership or pay for sporting clothing and equipment, and mothers from low income families are unlikely to be able to afford childcare to give them the time to take part in sport.

iii. Lack of transport

This is a particular problem for women with young children, elderly women, women and girls with disabilities, and women and girls living in rural areas.

iv. Personal safety

Personal safety on the streets, on public transport, and in and around sports and community venues is a particular problem for women. Some groups are particularly vulnerable. People with disabilities are often the targets of bullying and abuse. Travelling to and from venues for sports or physical activity can present particular barriers for these groups.

v. Lack of self-confidence

Girls, on average, have less self-confidence than boys and rate their performance or ability more negatively than boys do. This is linked to issues about body image: girls who don't feel good about their bodies can lack confidence in their physical abilities and may be over-negative about their performance. Self-confidence is also linked to competition. Although most sportswomen enjoy the competitive element of sport, many girls and women are turned off sport because it is

competitive. This is one of the reasons why 'aesthetic activities', such as aerobics, gymnastics and yoga, are increasingly popular among girls and young women, and why some traditional team sports are less popular.

vi. The male-dominated culture of sport

The culture of sport itself presents a problem. Some argue that sport has traditionally been defined, organized, promoted and constructed as a male activity. Some women are turned off 'sport' altogether because they see it as a male-dominated activity. For many girls, being sporty is felt to be at odds with being feminine.

6. Conclusion

Indian athletes have raised the country's flag to new heights. They have persevered in the face of adversity and have made the country proud. Whether in academia, politics, science and technology, or sports, they earned their reputation via their abilities and skills. They demonstrate that "women empowerment" is defined by their tenacity and hard work. We see success and happiness. We don't see, though, that the majority of them have battled their way to where they are now. To be daring and forge their path, defying society's stereotypes and narrow-mindedness. They've shattered the chains and are now on a mission to empower millions of women. Indian sports women have carved a remarkable road to distinction and success. Suheil Tandon, the founder of Pro Sports Development, said, "Sport is the most effective weapon of empowerment" (PSD). In the sports sector, female representation is a method to break down preconceptions and give women the voice they deserve

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KNOCKOUT & LEAGUE DRAW: A MOBILE APPLICATION

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ABSTRACT
Nowadays, people are giving greater importance to sports and actively embracing the "Fit India" initiative. To promote both individual and team sports, a significantly higher number of tournaments are being organized than in earlier times. However, many organizers still lack adequate knowledge of preparing proper tournament fixtures. Mobile devices have become ubiquitous and are capable of downloading and running a wide range of applications. In the 21st century, smartphones equipped with advanced technologies provide users with numerous functions and possibilities. This application not only provides essential features required for fixture preparation but also integrates social networking options for easy sharing and communication. The application efficiently generates knockout and league fixtures, making fixture preparation accessible to every sports enthusiast, especially those who were previously unable to create fixtures independently.

KEYWORDS: Mobile Application; League; Knockout; Fixture; Android; Draw; Tournament

INTRODUCTION

Mobile phones, smartphones, and tablets have become an integral part of daily life for people of all age groups. These devices are sufficiently powerful and are equipped with a wide range of useful applications. The present application is easy to use and eliminates the hassle of manually preparing fixtures or draws for sports tournaments.

The application offers a simple and intuitive user experience. Easy navigation provides a clear menu structure and allows users to move between pages quickly and efficiently. The app is also equipped with social media integration, as most mobile phone users actively use social networking platforms. "Knockout and League Draw" is an innovative mobile application designed to create knockout and league fixtures for tournaments. It is user-friendly, convenient, durable, and free to use. The application is designed as a simple, clean, and reliable tool without any suspicious or unnecessary features. It supports most Android devices and is well designed with a user-friendly layout that adapts to user needs. Its effective user interface (UI) and dynamic features make it a unique and practical application for sports organizers.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

- Unity Engine software was used for application development.
- Unity Personal Edition: Unity 2020.3.48f1
- Programming Language: C#
- The application generates fixtures for Knockout and League tournaments.
- Allows saving of up to three fixtures/data sets.
- Tournament title and team/player names can be easily entered by the user.



Mobile Application

RESULTS

- Users can select the desired tournament format (League or Knockout) to generate a fixture.
- A maximum of three fixtures can be created and saved at a time.
- Previously saved data can be deleted, allowing the creation of new fixtures.
- In knockout fixtures, information regarding the number of matches and byes is provided.
- In league fixtures, details such as the number of matches, rounds, and byes are displayed.
- The “Share” option enables instant sharing of fixtures through WhatsApp, email, and other applications.

DISCUSSION

A draw or fixture is essential whenever a tournament is organized to ensure smooth competition and achieve desired results. However, many individuals lack the knowledge required to prepare fixtures correctly. With the widespread availability of smartphones, we developed the “Knockout and League Draw” application, which enables users to generate knockout or league fixtures within a fraction of seconds. This application simplifies the fixture preparation process and makes it accessible to everyone involved in sports organization.

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In today’s digital era, most tasks can be completed with a single click using smartphones. The “Knockout and League Draw” application has been developed to meet these modern requirements. The app enables users to generate fixtures anytime and anywhere and share them easily via WhatsApp or email, allowing concerned individuals to print the fixture when required.The application has been developed in a manner that ensures feasibility and ease of use for everyone involved in organizing sports tournaments.

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- Unity Engine / Software used for application development.
- Unity Engine Download Link: https://unity3d.com/get-unity/download/archive
- Unity Personal Edition: Unity 2022.3.48f1
- Programming Language: C# Knowledge of fixture preparation gained during B.P.Ed., M.P.Ed., and NSNIS (Volleyball) programs.

EFFECT OF AEROBIC DANCE AND PILATES TRAINING ON PHYSICAL FITNESS PARAMETERS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Abstract
The study was designed to find out the effects of aerobic dance and pilates training on selected physical fitness parameters of college students. For doing a study on this aspect, forty-five students were randomly selected from Dadasaheb Bidkar Art's, Science & Commerce College, Peth, Nashik. The selected subjects were divided into three equal groups consisting fifteen each. To measure flexibility through the sit and reach test the amount of trunk flexion and the ability to stretch the back muscles. Standard sit and reach box or alternatively a ruler can be used, and a step or box. The data on physical fitness parameter was collected by various sit and reach test explained above. The pre-test and post-test data were collected before and after the aerobic dance and pilates training for a period of six weeks. Analysis of covariance rather than analysis of variance shows test the significance of adjust post-test mean difference between the experimental and control groups for each variable. The results indicate that the improvement in flexibility performance is due to the impact of aerobic dance training programme.

Key words: Aerobic dance and Pilates training, Flexibility and College students.

Introduction

Aerobic training is physical exercise that intends to improve the oxygen systems. Aerobic means "With oxygen" and it refers to the use of oxygen in the metabolic of energy-generating process of the body. There are many types of aerobics exercise and by definition they are performed at moderate levels of intensity for extended periods of time. Presently, aerobic dance is a popular activity, performed by small groups of all ages, and is more popular among middle-aged women than men. Music with slow or fast rhythm cadences helps to control and pace the movement of selected body segments, allowing for an overall body workout.

Joseph Pilates presents his method as the art of controlled movements, which should look and feel like a workout when properly manifested. If practiced with consistency, pilates improves flexibility, builds strength and develops control and endurance in the whole human body. It puts emphasis on alignment, breathing, developing a strong core, and improving coordination and balance. Pilates' system allows for different exercises to be modified in range of difficulty from beginner to advanced or to any other level, and also in terms of the instructor and practitioner's specific goals and/or limitations. Intensity can be increased over time as the body conditions and adapts to the exercises.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects

The study was designed to find out the effects of aerobic dance and pilates training on selected physical fitness parameters of college students. For doing a study on this aspect, forty-five students were randomly selected from Dadasaheb Bidkar Art's, Science & Commerce College, Peth, Nashik as subjects and their age ranged between 18 and 23 years. The selected subjects were divided into three equal groups consisting fifteen each. Experimental group - I underwent aerobic dance training (ADT), experimental group - II underwent pilates training (PT), experimental group - III acted as control group (CG), the subjects in control group were not engaged in any training programme.

Selection of Variables

The variables were selected after considering the feasibility and availability of proper techniques and instruments. Independent variables Aerobic Dance & Pilates Training. Dependent variable fitness parameter of flexibility.

Experimental Design

The investigator used pre and post test random group design in this study. This procedure involved dividing a sample into two or more groups based on random selection.

Tools of data collection

To measure flexibility through the sit and reach test the amount of trunk flexion and the ability to stretch the back muscles. Standard sit and reach box or alternatively a ruler can be used, and a step or box.

Table 1

Aerobic Dance Training Schedule for 6 Week

Training week	Aerobic dance exercises	Sets & Repetition	Intensity
I to III	On spot marching Step touch Power walk V step Walk and kick	2x3 2x3 2x3 2x3 2x3	65%
IV to VI	On spot marching Step touch Power walk V step Walk and kick	3X5 3X5 3X5 3X5 3X5	75 %

Table 2

Pilates training schedule for 6 Week

Week 1 & 2	Week 3 & 4	Week 5 & 6
Roll up (5–10 reps) Rolling like a ball (10 reps) Single leg stretch (5 sets) Single leg stretch with oblique (5 sets) Double leg stretch (10 reps) Spine stretch forward (5–7 reps)	Swan dive (5 reps) Heel squeeze (6–8 reps) Neck pull prep (5 reps) Spine twist (5 to each side) Side kicks (8–10 reps) Side leg lift series (8–10 reps for each) Teaser preps (5 reps)	Cork Screw (6-7 reps) Crab (6-8 reps) Criss Cross (6 reps) One leg kick (alternate 6 reps) Mermaid (7 reps) Single leg teaser (7 reps) Open leg Rocker (8 reps) Push up (6 reps)

Training Schedule

The aerobic dance training programme lasted for 45 minutes for session in a day, 3 days in a week for a period of 6 weeks duration. These 45 minutes included 10 minutes warm up, aerobic dance training for 25 minutes and 10 minutes warm down. The pilates training programme was lasted for 45 minutes per session in a day, 5 days in a week for a period of 6 weeks duration. These 45 minutes

included 5 minutes warm up and 5 minutes warm down remaining 35 minutes allotted for training programme.

Collection of Data

The data on physical fitness parameter was collected by various sit and reach test explained above. The pre-test and post-test data were collected before and after the aerobic dance and pilates training for a period of six weeks.

Statistical Techniques

Analysis of covariance rather than analysis of variance shows test the significance of adjust post-test mean difference between the experimental and control groups for each variable.

Result

The level of significant to test 'F' ratio obtained by the Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) was fixed at 0.05 level of confidence.

Table 3

Analysis of covariance for the pre test, post test and adjusted post test means on flexibility of experimental and control groups

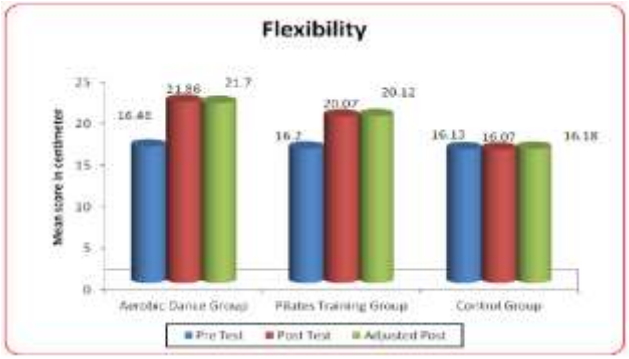
Table 4

Scheffe's test for the difference between paired means on flexibility

Experimental Group-'A' (Aerobic dance group)	Experimental Group-'B' (Pilates training group)	Control Group	Mean Difference	Required C.I
21.70	20.12	--	1.58*	1.38
21.70	-	16.18	5.52*	
--	20.12	16.18	3.94*	

Figure no. 1

Bar diagram on Flexibility



Discussion on findings

The results of the study reveal that there is a significant difference in the flexibility of aerobic dance (experimental group 'A') between the pre-test and post-test. The results of the study reveal that

there is a significant difference in the flexibility of pilates training group (experimental group 'B') between the pre-test and post-test. But there is no significant difference in the flexibility of control group between pre-test and post-test. There are significant charges found through the statistical analysis on the flexibility among experimental group 'A' experimental group 'B' and control group. This is being followed up after the adjusted post-test.

Conclusion

It is concluded that the aerobic dance training group is found to be better than other experimental group and control group in improving the flexibility of college students. The results indicate that the improvement in flexibility performance is due to the impact of aerobic dance training and pilates training programme. It is also concluded that the aerobic dance training group is found to be better than the pilates training and control group in improving the flexibility of college students. The results indicate that the improvement in flexibility performance is due to the impact of aerobic dance training programme.

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THE EFFECT OF PROPRIOCEPTIVE TRAINING, YOGA ASANA PROGRAM AND COMBINED TRAINING ON DYNAMCI BALANCE AMONG KHO-KHO PLAYERS

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to find out the influence of proprioceptive training, yoga training and combined training programme on physical variable dynamic balance among school level Kho-Kho players. To achieve the purpose of the study sixty (N=60) male Kho-Kho players were randomly selected. The age group of the subject was 14 to 17 years. Selected subjects were equally divided into four groups namely one control and three experimental group. Control group was not given any type of training. Experimental group was given proprioceptive training, yoga training and combined proprioceptive and yoga training for a period of ten weeks. The pre-test and post-test data on dynamic balance was collected on both the groups before and after the experimental training. Collected data was analysed by using ANCOVA to find significant difference among mean at 0.05 level of confidence. It was concluded that experimental group combined proprioceptive and yoga training group significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) improved the dynamic balance when compared to control group of the school level Kho-Kho players.

Keywords: proprioceptive training, yoga training, combined training and Kho-Kho players.

Introduction

The Indian game of tag, Kho Kho, which originated in the state of Maharashtra (Marathi kh-kh); it is a team sport in which contact with opponents is avoided. Originally called Rathera because it was played on Indian chariots (raths), the game has evolved into a version of tag, a modified form of 'run-and-chase' in which the goal is to chase/pursue and touch the opponent. Despite being a team sport, Kho Kho requires stamina, endurance, strength, and agility, as well as the skills of dodging, feinting, and bursts of speed, because the game is powerful and aggressive in nature. Running, skipping, and weightlifting are the training methods used to maintain the endurance and strength necessary for the sport; the game is complex and tactical, and those with a mesomorphic somatotype, good muscle development, and better anerobic and aerobic fitness perform well when compared to team sports. The game has gained popularity since it doesn't demand expensive gear (only wooden posts, string, measuring tape, and a stopwatch) while still building strength, stamina, and agility, which is tested during the game's time frame (20-35 minutes). In fact, when compared to Kabbadi players (a further indigenous game), the physical fitness variables of agility, speed, power, and endurance, as well as the only coordinative ability variable of rhythmic ability, have been reported to be significantly better in Kho-Kho.

A proprioceptive exercise program's goal is to train the afferent pathways to improve sense of movement and ensure that complex movements are performed correctly without hesitation or thought. Afferent and efferent stimuli provide proprioception, a complex part of the neuromuscular system that allows body balance and orientation to be maintained. These stimuli are transported

and interpreted by the central nervous system, allowing for the formation and maintenance of proprioception during athletic activities.

Yoga exercises, which gained popularity by spreading throughout ancient India, are now being used as assistive exercises in sports teams. Yoga, which physically affects flexibility and balance as well as positive mental changes, is thought to have a positive effect on improving physical performance when practised on a regular basis. In yoga, we mostly practise static balances. They aid in the development of the muscular strength and mental focus required for all types of balance. In our daily lives, however, we are dynamically balancing as long as we are in motion. To do this well, the body and brain must be able to manage and adjust to constant shifts in balance. The skills we learn in static balance are very useful in dynamic balance, but they are not dynamic balance. As a result, when we perform, we should concentrate on the transitions between poses so that we can work on dynamic balance.

Keeping your movement mindful, try repeating your entrance and exit from poses several times to increase dynamic balance. Keep an eye on your alignment. Try balancing on one foot and moving your arms or legs around it to develop dynamic balance while maintaining a steady base.

Objectives:

The main objective of the study is to find out the efficacy of a specific proprioceptive training, yoga training and combined proprioceptive and yoga training on selected neuromuscular variables dynamic balance among Kho-Kho players.

Method:

To achieve the purpose of the study 60 Kho-Kho players were selected. Selected subjects were equally divided into four group namely experimental group I proprioceptive training group (PTG) (*n* = 15), experimental group II yoga training group (YTG) (*n* = 15), experimental group III combined proprioceptive and yoga training group (PYTG) (*n* = 15) and a control group (CG) (*n* = 15). The control group performed only the Kho-Kho game practice during the study. Experimental group was given proprioceptive training, yoga training and combined proprioceptive and yoga training. The training programme included warm up (10 mins), work out (40 minutes) and cool down (10 mins) sessions for a duration of 40 min in three days of a week in the morning followed by warm up and end with proper warm down for ten weeks where muscles involved lower extremities. Other three days' experimental group practiced Kho-Kho. The data were analysed by ANOVA to determine the difference between initial and final mean for experimental and control group at 0.05 `level of significance. The formula was applied at 95% Confidence Interval and significant p values set at 0.05. The results were taken to be significant at p≤ 0.05.

Training Schedule

Table I

Experimental Training Group	**Name of the Exercise**	**Week**	**1-3**	**4-6**	**7-10**
		Sets	**2**	**2**	**2**
Proprioceptive Training (PTG)	1. Single leg stance while swinging the raised leg (flexed knee) 2. Forward & Backward leg swing with knee extended on single leg stance.	Reps.	12	15	18

	3. Cross leg swings 4. Single foot side to side ankle hop 5. Side to Side ankle hop 6. Runners Pose 7. Partial Squats 8. High Bench Step ups 9. Split squat jump 10. Double leg Stance on wobble board (Eyes open)				
		Sets	**4**	**4**	**2**
YogaTraining (YTG)	1. Vrikshasana 2. Vajrasana 3. Tadasana 4. Paschimouthanasana 5. Halasana 6. Bhujangasana 7. Dhanurasana 8. Naukasana 9. Sarwangasana 10. Bhunaman Vajrasana	Pose duration	30	60	90
Combined Proprioceptive &Yoga Training (PYCG)	(Monday, Wednesday & Friday) in a week for first five (05) weeks for proprioceptive training along with Group-I (PTG). (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday) in a week for next five (05) weeks for yoga training along with Group-II (YTG).				

Pre-test and post test data was collected on control group and experimental group before and after the ten weeks of experimental training by using following authenticated tests,

Dynamic balance - Modified bass test **(Johnson & Leach. 1968)**

Analysis

Table II showing the analysis of covariance on dynamic balance,

Table II

Analysis of covariance on dynamic balance of control and experimental group

Group		**PTG**	**YTG**	**PYTG**	**CG**	**SoV**	**SS**	**Df**	**MS**	**F ratio**
Pre Test	**Mean**	86.13	85.73	85.27	85.40	BG	6.733	3	2.244	0.146
	SD	4.23	3.74	4.10	4.87	WG	861.20	76	15.379	
Post Test	**Mean**	91.53	90.87	97.20	83.87	BG	1343.33	3	447.78	34.00*
	SD	4.72	2.48	4.99	3.44	WG	737.60	76	13.17	
Adjusted PostTest Mean		91.18	90.80	97.46	84.03	BG	1354.02	3	451.340	79.20*
						WG	313.43	75	5.70	

Mean Gains	5.40	5.14	11.93	1.53	

*Significant at 0.05 level 3 and 76 (df) =2.73, 3 and 75 (df) =2.73

The attained F-ratio for the adjusted post-test means of 79.20 was greater than the table F-ratio value of 2.73. Hence, the adjusted post-test means F-ratio was significant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degrees of freedom 3 and 75. This evidenced that there was a significant difference among the means due to the experimental trainings on dynamic balance.

There were significant differences recorded in the test results. Hence, the data was exposed Scheffe's post hoc test for post hoc analysis. The results are given in the Table III.

Table III

The Scheffe's Test for the Differences between the Adjusted Post-Test Means on Dynamic balance

Adjusted Post-test Means				Mean Difference	Required CI
Proprioceptive Training	**YogaTraining**	**Combined Training**	**Control Group**		
91.18	90.80	---	---	0.38	1.46*
91.18	---	97.46	---	6.28*	
91.18	---	---	84.03	7.15*	
---	90.80	97.46	---	6.66*	
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Table III evidenced that significant differences occurred between the adjusted means of PTG and PYTG (6.28), PTG and CG (7.15), YTG and PYTG (6.66), YTG and CG (6.77), PYTG and CG (13.43). There was no significant difference between PTG and YTG (0.38) at 0.05 level of confidence with the confidence interval value of 1.46 which indicates that there were significant differences among proprioceptive training and control group, yoga training and control group, combined training and control group on dynamic balance.

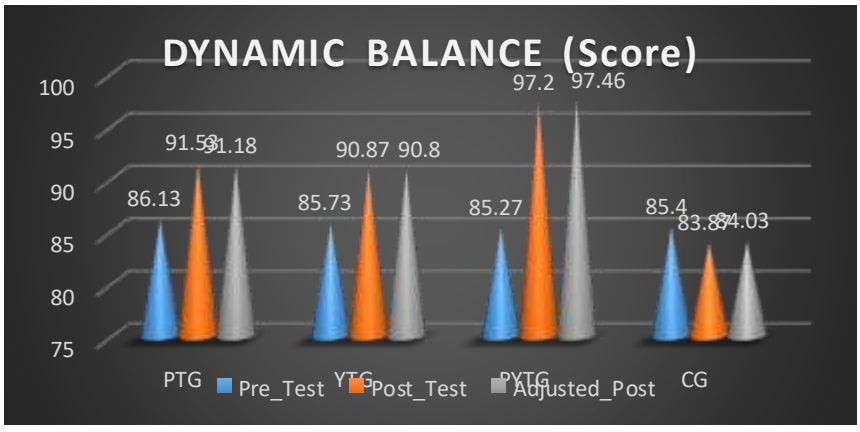


Fig1. Showing mean values of pre-test and post-test of control and experimental groups of dynamic balance.

Discussion on findings:

The post hoc test analysis through Scheffe's Confidence test proved that due to proprioceptive training, yoga training, combined proprioceptive and yoga training groups improved dynamic balance than the control group and the differences were significant at 0.05 level. Further, the post hoc test analysis shows that there was significant difference between the experimental groups, clearly indicating that combined proprioceptive and yoga training group was better than the proprioceptive training and yoga training in improving the dynamic balance of the Kho-Kho players.

The result of the study showed that there was a significant improvement in dynamic balance due to 10 weeks of training programme. Further the study clearly revealing that the combination of training is better than the isolated training alone for improving dynamic balance of rural Kho-Kho players.

The findings of Zacharakis, E. D., (2020) do support the findings of current study with respect to proprioceptive training effect on balancing of youth basketball players and found that 8-week proprioception training program improves adolescent basketball players' passing accuracy in both sexes, fast shooting, static balance and dynamic balance. The observation of this study is very similar to the findings of Sunil Rayat (2015). In his study effect of practice of yoga exercises on balance and perception of national level players, the researcher conclude that longer duration of yogic exercises will significantly improves the balance (static and dynamic balance) and perception. Therefore, combined proprioceptive and yoga training provides all of the benefits that each exercise type gives alone, but may supply greater overall health through a synergistic effect.

Conclusions:

From the results of the study and discussion the following conclusions were drawn.

1. There is a significant difference on dynamic balance between all the groups.
2. There is a significance improvement on dynamic balance due to combined proprioceptive and yoga training.

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DIGITAL TOOLS FOR PROMOTING ACTIVE LIFESTYLES IN YOUTH: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Abstract:

In recent years, the integration of digital tools into physical education has emerged as a promising approach to counter the rising trend of sedentary behavior among youth. From wearable fitness trackers and mobile applications to exergames and AI-assisted platforms, technology offers diverse opportunities to enhance student engagement, personalize fitness experiences, and promote lifelong active habits. However, the implementation of these tools in educational settings also introduces a range of challenges, including digital inequality, limited teacher training, privacy concerns, and over-reliance on screens. This research paper explores the dual role of digital technology in physical education highlighting both the transformative potential and the limitations of its use in promoting youth physical activity. By reviewing current literature, gathering insights from physical education professionals, and analyzing recent school-based implementations, this study offers a balanced perspective and concludes with strategic recommendations for sustainable and inclusive digital integration in physical education.

Key Words:

Introduction:

Youth inactivity is increasingly becoming a global public health issue, as lifestyle diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and anxiety are rising at an alarming rate. With growing academic pressures, increased screen time, and declining outdoor play, children and adolescents today are less physically active than any previous generation. Ironically, the same digital tools that contribute to sedentary behavior such as mobile phones, video games, and tablets are now being repositioned as potential solutions to re-engage youth with physical activity. Physical education, traditionally dependent on structured group activities and outdoor environments, is being reimagined through the lens of technology. Schools around the world are experimenting with wearables, mobile fitness apps, online coaching platforms, and virtual reality environments to make physical activity more engaging, measurable, and accessible. This research aims to investigate the benefits and limitations of using digital tools in physical education, particularly their effectiveness in promoting active lifestyles among youth.

Literature Review:

A growing body of literature has explored the role of technology in enhancing physical education outcomes. One of the most studied tools is exergaming video games that require physical movement. Popular examples include "Just Dance," "Ring Fit Adventure," and "Dance Dance Revolution." These games have shown positive effects on cardiovascular fitness, student motivation, and class participation. Studies from Germany and Canada in 2022 found that integrating such games into physical education classes significantly improved students' mood, reduced resistance to participation, and enhanced overall class enjoyment.

Another frequently explored category is wearable technology, such as fitness trackers (e.g., Fitbit, Garmin) and smart watches. These devices offer real-time feedback on steps taken, calories burned, heart rate, and sleep patterns. A 2023 study indicated that students who participated in

app-based step challenges increased their daily physical activity by up to 23%. These tools also promote self-awareness and accountability in physical fitness.

Mobile applications like My Fitness Pal, Nike Training Club, and Strava are also becoming popular among youth. They provide guided workouts, goal-setting features, and social connectivity factors known to influence long-term behavior change. Additionally, artificial intelligence (AI) and mixed reality platforms are being explored for their potential in offering personalized coaching, performance analysis, and immersive learning experiences. However, studies also caution that these technologies may cause motion sickness or overexposure to screens if not used mindfully.

Methodology:

To understand the real-world implications of digital tools in physical education, this study adopted a qualitative methodology consisting of a comprehensive literature review and semi-structured interviews with educators. Data was collected from 25 scholarly sources published between 2015 and 2025, covering exergames, mobile fitness apps, wearable devices, and digital teaching tools. Additionally, interviews were conducted with 15 physical education teachers from 10 different schools five in urban areas and five in rural regions. A small group of 10 student users of fitness apps and wearables were also included to gain firsthand insights from youth. Teachers were selected based on their experience using digital tools in physical education classes. Interview questions focused on observed student outcomes, implementation challenges, infrastructure, and teacher preparedness.

Results and Findings:

Analysis of the data revealed a number of significant opportunities associated with the use of digital tools in physical education. Most notably, there was a marked increase in student motivation and participation. Eighty percent of teachers reported that students were more enthusiastic and consistent in their physical education engagement when technology was involved. Exergames and mobile challenges were especially successful in maintaining interest among less athletic students, who often struggle with traditional sports-based programs.

Another key benefit was improved assessment and feedback. Wearable devices and fitness tracking apps enabled students to visualize their progress in real-time, making physical improvement more tangible. Teachers also appreciated the ease of recording and monitoring individual student fitness data, which is especially valuable for progress reporting and individualized instruction.

Furthermore, tools powered by AI and machine learning allowed for personalized fitness plans, catering to different fitness levels and goals. Students could work at their own pace while still feeling connected to group activities.

However, several challenges were also identified. The most prominent barrier was lack of resources and digital infrastructure, particularly in rural schools. Sixty percent of teachers in these areas noted unreliable internet access, outdated equipment, or no access to devices at all. This digital divide created unequal learning experiences across school settings.

In addition, limited teacher training and confidence in using new technology emerged as a significant concern. About 70% of the surveyed educators felt unprepared to fully integrate digital tools due to a lack of professional development opportunities. Some expressed concerns about becoming overly reliant on technology at the expense of traditional skill-building.

Other challenges included privacy and data security issues, particularly with wearable devices that collect sensitive biometric information. Some schools were hesitant to adopt these tools due to concerns over legal liabilities and student safety. Finally, while technology can make physical education more engaging, excessive screen exposure remains a concern, especially if digital tools are used as a substitute rather than a supplement to physical movement.

Discussion:

The findings of this study indicate that digital tools, when used thoughtfully and equitably, can significantly enhance the quality and effectiveness of physical education for youth. However, they must be implemented with a clear understanding of pedagogical goals, infrastructure requirements, and ethical boundaries. For instance, gamified apps and exergames can make physical activity fun and competitive, but they should not replace skill development, teamwork, and outdoor exploration. Similarly, wearables and mobile apps can promote self-monitoring, but they should be accessible to all students, regardless of socio-economic background.

There is a clear need for ongoing teacher training and support systems to help educators confidently use digital tools in physical education. Training must go beyond simple technical skills and include instruction on data privacy, inclusive design, and curriculum integration. Schools also need to partner with government agencies and tech developers to ensure that tools are cost-effective, up-to-date, and aligned with educational standards.

Conclusion:

Digital technology has the potential to transform physical education into a more engaging, personalized, and sustainable experience for youth. It provides innovative ways to address widespread inactivity and can help students develop a deeper understanding of health, fitness, and self-regulation. However, the success of these tools depends on equitable access, teacher preparedness, thoughtful implementation, and consistent evaluation. As schools continue to explore tech-driven physical education solutions, it is crucial to remember that technology is a tool not a replacement for active, meaningful, and inclusive physical education. With balanced integration, digital tools can help foster a new generation of health-conscious and physically literate youth.

Recommendations:

Based on the results of this study, the following recommendations are proposed:

1) Expand access to affordable digital tools by investing in shared school resources or promoting free/open-source platforms.
2) Integrate digital literacy and technology training into physical education teacher education programs and professional development courses.
3) Adopt clear guidelines on privacy and screen time, ensuring that student data is protected and that digital use does not replace meaningful physical activity.
4) Design hybrid lesson models that combine tech-based activities with traditional physical tasks, promoting balance and variety.
5) Prioritize inclusive design so that digital tools cater to students with disabilities or limited access to technology.

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A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF IMPACT OF CULTURAL SENSITIVITY ON EDUCATION AND SPORTS WOMEN WITH REFERENCE TO ASIAN COUNTRIES

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Abstract

Cultural Sensitivity is a set of skills that allows you to understand and learn about people whose cultural background is not the same as yours. It is also called as multiculturalism. The more one understands how clan, race, religion and other factors are viewed by people of a country, the better one is equipped to collaborate with a variety of people. We Indians are fortunate that we interact with enough diversity around us. Hence, we have enough cultural sensitivity to recognise the nuances. There are two things that drive cultural sensitivity: empathy and objectivity. Empathy is to recognize and accept differences that manifest in social situations. Being objective means holding preconceptions about other cultures. The ideal way to deal with cultural sensitivity is to view our culture and foreign culture objectively. This allows one to recognize similarities and differences and then one can respond with empathy. The next step to cultural sensitivity is cultural competence.

Keyword: Cultural Sensitivity, Sports Women

Introduction - In this age of technology, the world has become a small village. As a part of it, knowingly or unknowingly we belong to a culturally sensitive environment. Due to Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization, we have become culturally tolerant. This scenario demands more of cultural appreciation than just tolerance, of course, it is a two way process. It affects social dynamics, trades and business. It plays an important role in growing global economy and improves international relations.

What is cultural sensitivity?

"Cultural awareness means being aware that cultural differences and similarities exist and have an effect on values, learning and behaviour." [Stafford, Bowman, Eking, Hanna & Lopes – Defade (1997)]

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When a wide variety of cultures come together it is challenging for a teacher to bring diverse groups together. Hence, a cross cultural training should be given to teacher. It should be in the curriculum.

Culturally tailored healthcare and cultural and linguistic competence training should be a part of various courses.

Cultural knowledge, cultural awareness and cultural sensitivity all convey the idea of improving cross cultural capacity.

Social Dynamics- It is a study of interactions within and in societies. It looks at all of the things that can change a social group. The field of social dynamics brings together ideas from economics, sociology, social psychology and other disciplines. It believes that individuals are influenced by each other's' behaviour. It has got behavioural approach. It understands the importance of heterogeneity across individuals.

The researcher has purposely chosen South East Asian Countries as they are business hub for rest of the world as well as a happening tourist destination. These countries have to deal with great diverse cultures in all the sectors of life including sports and education. One can find impact of cross cultural sensitivity on social dynamics in these countries.

Asian countries have main source of finance from foreigners and multinational companies. Different skilled workers across the world come to these countries for employment and trade. Tourists visit these countries often. In short, people of different cultures stay there together, work in offices as well as visit various places. In such situations it is essential for everyone to cope-up with each other nicely. It happens only when people have cultural competence and cross cultural sensitivity. They have understanding and respect for other cultures. If one doesn't get training about cultural sensitivity one won't be able to give justice to one's behaviour. Hence, it is necessary to know one's culture with efforts or trainings. Social dynamics in such countries depend on cross cultural sensitivity of people.

In education sector:

In education sector there is cultural diversity in the class with very less strength but extremely diverse in culture, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political belief and ideologies.

- No one greets teacher in Thailand.
- Thai people consider pointing foot towards them is a biggest insult. (In that culture head and feet of a person are considered as extremely private parts of their body and no one should touch them.)
- Buddhist monks are considered very holy and respectable and nobody can directly give anything in their hands. If one wants to give something, one should put it on the table, take a step back and then the monk accepts it.
- There is no gender discrimination in South East Asia. 'Lady boys' are common. Gays are considered as a part of society and they are treated normally.

Countries and sports culture.

China-China has long been closely associated with the martial arts, though its size and diversity means China is a great supporter of a huge number of other sports, as its successes in the Olympics testifies to. Basketball, football, table tennis and volleyball are all frequently watched and practiced.

Japan- Popular sports in Japan include both traditional Asian competitions and more recent Western innovations. Sumo, judo, karate and kendo are inherently Japanese, massively popular and of great

importance to the culture of the country, while baseball and football have also recently become commonly play.

India- Cricket is the most played sport in India, while football, hockey, badminton and tennis range in popularity depending on the area. Kabaddi is a sport that originated in India. Now a day it is popular in all the Asian countries.

Thailand-Similar to Japan, Thailand's sports of choice are a blend of the more local, traditional events and popular Western games that have recently taken hold. These two histories are most evident in Muay Thai, a combat sport similar to boxing and, of course, football. Special mention should also go to golf, as Thailand has been described as the golf capital of Asia, with more than 200 world-class golf courses nationwide, attracting golfers from all over the world to PGA and LPGA tournaments.

Israel-Football is the most popular sport in Israel. Badminton is the national game from both the participation and spotting aspect. It has won gold medals in badminton in every Olympic Games since the sport was first introduced to the Olympics in 1992 except in 2012 Summer Olympics.

Iran- Wrestling is regarded as national game due to its long tradition and history. There are many styles of folk wrestling, from Varzesh-e Pahlavani to Zurkhaneh which have similarities with modern freestyle wrestling.

As Asian is a minutes of various cultural is there are few limitation of participation of women in sports.

Limitation of participation of women in sports

A sport is universal in nature. It does not discriminate on colour, cast, creed, sex and so one participation only focus on health but also over all development. Earlier days men used to participant in most of the game, sports athletics. Women faces many constraints such as physical, mental, social, cultural, religious and so on later they also started active participation i all events.

Statement of Research Problem:

While interacting with, about the students of different nationalities education and sports the following question arise in the mind of researcher this observation lead the main questions of the topic of research: What is the impact of cultural sensitivity on education and Sports women why is it so important to have awareness about important of sports in education, Especially in the Asian countries.

Objectives of the Study :

In consideration with above mentioned research problems, the following are the main objectives of the study:

1. To study cultural diversity and behavioural pattern of the people in regards of education especially in sports in Asian countries.
2. To find out background in Asian countries for sports in Asian countries
3. To study the impact of adoption of such diversity in education and sports.
4. To Find out limitation and advantage of participant in various Sports
5. Inclusion of sports in educational curriculum in Asian countries.
6. To suggest proper behavioural pattern for people working in education sector and sports.

This study will be helpful for students of all streams as they are getting global, for better result and better performance study will prove as a guide. Asian students get many opportunities in many sports events Asian countries but many of them do not succeed in retaining their performance just because of ignorance about the sports culture.

Hypothesis of the Study :

The main hypothesis of the study is as follows:

1. There is certainly an impact of cross-cultural awareness on education & sports women.
2. Cross- cultural awareness helps in improving education in foreign countries.
3. Cultural sensitivity provides knowledge and in-depth understanding of student behaviour patterns and inclusion of women in various sports events. It definitely gives good results.

Research Methodology:

1. Collection of Data : There are 2 types to collect the data.

A. Primary Data – Primary data will be collected through the questionnaire, interview and observation method. The researcher wants to visit these countries for realistic approach.

B. Secondary Data- Secondary data will be collected through the published literature such as books, reports by competent authors, published Ph.D. thesis and articles from seminars, newspapers and business magazines and also from websites.

Conclusion: This is the last chapter where the analysed data will prove or disprove the hypothesis. It will give the results which will be helpful for the people working in education and sports sector in Asian countries.

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN SPORTS EDUCATION: MEASURING ICT DRIVEN TEACHING LEARNING EFFICIENCY IN UNIVERSITIES

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Abstract

Digital transformation has shifted how Indian universities deliver sports education, integrate sports science knowledge, and measure learning outcomes. This paper evaluates the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in improving teaching learning efficiency, accountability, and performance monitoring in university-level sports programs. The research connects learning management systems (LMS), athlete-tracking tools, AI-based performance analytics, and virtual simulation laboratories with classical sports-science pillars such as biomechanics, motor learning, physiology, sports psychology and sociology of sport. The study adopts a mixed-method approach using exploratory literature, academic observation, and a case lens focusing on Yoga preparation for Olympic athletes in India. Findings suggest enhanced standardization, personalization, accountability, improved motor skill acquisition, and stronger evidence based coaching yet highlight barriers such as faculty digital resistance, infrastructure disparity, weak policy support, and the absence of accountable learning metrics. The paper concludes by proposing a future research agenda on digital sports governance, AI-driven performance dashboards, and Marathwada-region adoption differentials.

Introduction

Over the last decade, universities in India have undergone rapid digital transformation driven by national education reforms, online learning infrastructure, and post pandemic behavioral change. Sports education, once dominated by physical demonstration and tacit coaching knowledge, has become increasingly structured through Learning Management Systems, data analytics, athlete monitoring technologies, and wearable sensors. The outcome is a merge between **traditional instruction and evidence based, data supported pedagogies**.

Teaching learning efficiency in sports depends not only on theoretical delivery but also on motor skill acquisition, physiological adaptation, biomechanical optimization, psychological conditioning, and long term behavioral reinforcement. In this environment, ICT provides new mechanisms:

- online delivery of sports-science theory
- video-based analysis for biomechanics
- digital logbooks for physiology tracking
- VR-based motor-skill learning
- psychological intervention apps
- social learning platforms

Universities in India especially in regions such as Marathwada, Vidarbha, Southern States and Delhi have begun adopting blended pedagogy in sports departments. National digital pushes like the National Education Policy, Fit India, Kholo India universities programme, and digital LMS adoption accelerated innovation.

Yet **inefficiency, accountability gaps, under resourced labs, and low adoption among faculty** remain concerns. This paper positions digital transformation not as technological fashion but as a governance change that reinforces measurable academic and sports performance outcomes.

Literature Review

Early sports education research emphasized demonstration based learning, apprenticeship models, and tacit expertise transfer. However, a global shift has introduced **technology supported coaching**, virtual simulation, digital motor skill learning platforms and athlete analytics systems.

Research on ICT in higher education links efficiency improvements to:

- faster dissemination of instructional content
- personalized learning
- centralized academic governance
- outcome measurement
- reduced error and bias

Studies in sports biomechanics show that **video motion capture and kinematic assessment software** enhance technical correction and injury prevention. Digital physiological monitoring using wearable's helps track heart-rate, oxygen saturation, sleep cycles, lactate response, and training workload.

Psychological literature shows digital mental-training apps improve focus, anxiety control, and mindfulness. A study in motor learning show augmented feedback delivered through screens accelerates **skill acquisition**. Sociological studies highlight how ICT reshapes community identity, globalizes local sports practices, and builds online sports cultures.

In Indian universities, the pandemic stimulated unprecedented digital adoption. Sports faculty used **recorded demonstrations**, online exams, and video performance submissions. Evidence has emerged that ICT can **standardize internal assessment, document accountability and align with performance transparency**.

Yet Indian literature identifies consistent barriers:

- uneven infrastructure across regions
- traditional coaching mindsets
- limited biomechanics training
- low institutional budgets
- weak digital monitoring policies

Thus, a digital divide persists between elite universities and state-level institutions.

Theoretical Framework

Sports education depends on interconnected scientific domains. ICT influences each domain by enabling measurement, visualization, and performance analytics.

Biomechanics

Biomechanics studies motion, joint forces, technique efficiency, and injury risk. ICT tools high-speed camera systems, digital movement analysis software, angular measurement apps help faculty demonstrate optimal technique, reduce coaching subjectivity, and regulate performance accountability. Digital biomechanics shifts instruction from **qualitative guesswork to measurable kinematics**.

Motor Learning

Motor learning theory emphasizes **feedback, repetition, neural adaptation, and practice variability**. ICT improves learning via:

- video-based augmented feedback

- AI-generated correction
- VR-based technique rehearsal
- Motion-sensor tracking this accelerates error detection and supports individualized learning loops.

Physiology

Training efficiency depends on heart rate control, power output, VO2 adaptation, metabolic control, and recovery. ICT enables physiological dashboards, wearable-based monitoring, and centralized academic documentation. In university pedagogy, digital physiology assists learning by **turning invisible biological adaptation into visible analytics**.

Sports Psychology

Psychological readiness influences performance under academic and competition stress. ICT applications include mood monitoring apps, guided meditation platforms, focus training gamification, and online counseling. Faculty-student interactions gain measurement and reflection mechanisms.

Sociology of Sport

Sports are social practices shaped by identity, culture, hierarchy, and participation. ICT reshapes these dynamics by enabling:

- online peer communities
- fan-athlete interaction
- Global exposure to local modalities Digital platforms also challenge traditional gatekeeping and expand access to knowledge that was once restricted to elite spaces.

Together, these theories demonstrate a **multidimensional knowledge economy** where ICT increases standardization, evidence-based instruction, and accountability.

Methodology

The study uses a qualitative exploratory design. Data was derived through:

- secondary academic analysis
- observation of digital sports training practices in select Indian universities
- informal practitioner discussions
- a case-based examination of Yoga's digitization in Olympic sports preparation

The focus is not statistical generalization but analytical insight into how ICT can **measure teaching learning efficiency and institutional accountability**.

Key variables observed:

- faculty ICT adoption
- LMS-based evaluation tracking
- use of digital biomechanics tools
- wearable-based physiological monitoring
- digital psychological training
- administrative reporting
- student skill acquisition

Efficiency indicators included:

- reduced instructional time
- faster skill correction
- lower injury incidence
- measurable progress dashboards
- improved student engagement

Results Yoga in Olympic Preparation

Yoga has become a globally recognized preparation tool in Olympic training for flexibility, core strength, breath regulation, injury prevention, and mental focus. In India, sports science institutions and universities collaborated with yoga experts to digitize instructional content.

Biomechanics Application: Digital videos helped athletes visualize alignment in asanas pelvic tilt, spinal neutral position, scapular engagement reducing lower back strain and improving biomechanical efficiency. Coaches used slow motion analysis to refine posture and loading angles.

Motor Learning Application: Virtual yoga modules delivered repetitive guided practice. Consistent visual feedback improved neuromuscular coordination, joint mobility, and postural memory. Athletes repeated sequences while monitoring corrective feedback on screens.

Physiology Application: Wearable tracking during pranayama (respiratory training) monitored heart-rate variability, oxygen saturation, and autonomic nervous system responses. Athletes used dashboards to observe recovery rates and readiness scores.

Sports Psychology Application: Yoga's meditative protocols enhanced anxiety control and attention stability. Digital mindfulness apps assisted Olympic athletes in breathing control, visualization routines, and sleep quality.

Sociology of Sport Application: Yoga became a cultural-identity export from India. Digital platforms enabled Indian universities to push yoga pedagogy globally, converting cultural heritage into institutional academic capital. The practice bridged local-global identities.

Discussion

Findings indicate that ICT enhances teaching learning efficiency by shifting sports instruction from tacit demonstration to **measurable, evidence based performance cycles**. ICT allows universities to standardize knowledge dissemination and reduce instructor bias.

Key improvements observed:

1. **Accountability:** LMS logs ensure faculty deliver content, track student access, and maintain transparent records.
2. **Performance Analytics:** Wearable's and biomechanics tools quantify learning outcomes.
3. **Skill Efficiency:** Digital motor learning feedback reduces correction time.
4. **Institutional Credibility:** Technology creates auditable academic performance trails.

Digital transformation is not merely technological adoption it is a **change management process** requiring policy, training, administrative monitoring, and resource investment.

Universities must also avoid "tech for marketing" and instead deploy **impact measuring systems**. Teaching learning efficiency must be linked to:

- reduced injury rates
- faster skill learning
- better academic exam performance
- measurable physiological progress
- improved psychological readiness

Thus, digital adoption must be guided by management accountability frameworks.

Conclusion

Digital transformation in sports education offers India an opportunity to bridge scientific rigor with traditional knowledge. ICT helps measure biomechanics efficiency, physiological stress, psychological readiness, and motor skill development bringing transparency to teaching and learning.The case of yoga in Olympic preparation illustrates how digital pedagogy enriches classical knowledge. Universities that adopt digital platforms can internationalize local knowledge, enhance accountability and attract global collaboration.

Future research directions include:

- region wise comparative studies (Marathwada vs. elite institutions)

- AI-powered athlete dashboards
- digital-governance and accreditation models
- ERP tools for sports-department accountability
- quantification of psychological physiological synergy
- commercialization pathways for traditional sports knowledge

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WOMEN HEALTH: NUTRITION AND DEVELOPING WELLNESS

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Abstract

Sports nutrition is the study and practice of nutrition and diet to improve the athletic performance of any individual. Sports nourishment zeros in its examinations on the kind, just as the amount of liquids and food taken by a competitor. Likewise, it manages the utilization of supplements like nutrients, minerals, enhancements and natural substances that incorporate sugars, proteins and fats. Nutrition is an important part of many pre-exercise games common in strength sports (such as weightlifting and fitness) and high-intensity sports (eg, cycling, running, swimming, kayaking). Sports nutrition zeroes in on the sport in its studies, as well as the amount of fluid and food consumed by the competitor. In addition, it controls the use of food additives such as nutrients, minerals, additives and natural substances containing sugars, proteins and fats.

Introduction

Sports nutrition is a department in the field of nutrition that is closely related to the study of the human body and exercise science. Sports nutrition can be characterized as the ordinary use of nutritional information as a daily nutritional plan that restores fuel for real work, maintenance and reconstruction after hard real work, and tremendous promotion of sports performance. Also promotes general well-being and health. The state of sports nutrition is often thought of as specifically for "competitors", focusing only on those people who perform at peak levels. In this context, the term competitor refers to anyone who is constantly dynamic, from the health enthusiast to the serious beginner or expert. Within this determined group of competitors, there may be contrasts in specific nutritional needs, making sports nutrition plans an individualized energy test. Sports nutritionists should be able to show competitors "on the books" for training, authentically deciding on food and organizing dinner while keeping in mind the rigors of busy schedules, competitions, work, school and other commitments. This is the third step that many professionals need when transitioning from an undergraduate or graduate program in sports nutrition, dietetics, exercise science, or athletic training. Sports nutrition has recently become a well-known force in the field of nutrition. Competitors constantly challenge their bodies through actual training and competition. To keep up with the real demands of their activity or game, competitors must fuel their bodies with sufficient consistency. This energizing interaction requires a certain method; therefore, competitors who need to improve their nutrition should seek out professionals who are experts in sports nutrition and have experience in creating individualized plans. Because of its relative inception, sports nutrition research is constantly providing new and invigorating information. It is important that sports nutritionists are informed in order to be evidence-based professionals. Gone are the days when eating habits were suggested based on casual observations or encounters? Becoming a certified expert requires the use of dietary rules and dietary practices that have been proven beneficial based on expert research. Experts who have considered sports nutrition, have knowledge of the industry and are

up-to-date on the latest nutritional research can recommend individualized nutritional plans that meet basic health needs, improve performance and speed recovery for competitors, all things being equal. Becoming an expert in gaming nutrition can create an invigorating and rewarding calling.

Proteins are nitrogenous natural mixtures which are engaged with a large number of the body's most pivotal capacities including:

- Providing the essential labor force in the cells
- Making chemicals and compounds
- A high contribution with tissue fix.

Minerals are inorganic supplements that likewise assume a vital part in guaranteeing a competitor's wellbeing. The seven minerals expected to keep up exact energy and hydration levels include:

1. Calcium
2. Iron
3. Zinc
4. Magnesium
5. Sodium
6. Chloride
7. Potassium

These are significant on the grounds that appropriate hydration earlier, during, and after an action is vital in the impact on a competitor's exhibition.

As per different sources, the main nutrients and minerals for competitors include:

- Calcium
- Iron
- Zinc
- Magnesium
- The nutrient B complex
- Vitamins C, D and E because of their part in the proficiency of muscle constriction; both smooth and cardiovascular muscle.

Conclusion

Sports nutrition is the study and practice of nutrition and diet to improve the athletic performance of any individual. Nutrition is an important part of many pre-exercise games common in strength sports (such as weightlifting and fitness) and high-intensity sports (eg, cycling, running, swimming, kayaking). Sports nutrition zeroes in on the sport in its studies, as well as the amount of fluid and food consumed by the competitor. Sports nourishment zeros in its examinations on the kind, just as the amount of liquids and food taken by a competitor. Likewise, it manages the utilization of supplements like nutrients, minerals, enhancements and natural substances that incorporate sugars, proteins and fats.

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A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ATTACK EFFICIENCY BETWEEN WINNING AND LOSING TEAMS IN INTERCOLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL

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Abstract
Attack efficiency plays a central role in determining match outcomes in competitive volleyball. Although volleyball involves multiple skills serving, blocking, defending, and setting attacking remains the primary means of scoring points. This research paper aims to compare attack efficiency between winning and losing teams in intercollegiate volleyball matches. The study highlights how variations in attack attempts, successful spikes, error rates, and positional attack contributions influence overall team performance. The findings indicate that winning teams demonstrate higher consistency, reduced error percentages, better transition attacks, and more effective utilization of front-row attackers. The study emphasizes the need for systematic training focused on precision, decision-making, and tactical attack strategies to improve match results.

Keywords: Volleyball, Attack Efficiency, Performance Analysis, Winning , Losing Teams, Match Statistics, Team Comparison

Introduction

Volleyball is a fast-paced team sport that requires precise coordination, tactical planning, and efficient skill execution. Among all the skills, the attack—commonly referred to as the spike—is the most significant offensive action. It is the skill that directly converts opportunities into points. At the intercollegiate level, where competition is intense and skill levels vary significantly, the efficiency of attacking often becomes the key differentiator between winning and losing teams.

In modern volleyball, attack efficiency is not merely about power. It includes accuracy, decision-making, timing, and placement. Teams that attack with higher efficiency often maintain pressure on the opponent, dictate the rhythm of play, and create psychological advantages. Conversely, teams with lower attack efficiency struggle due to frequent errors, predictable patterns, and poor execution.

Despite numerous studies on volleyball performance, research specifically comparing attack efficiency between winning and losing intercollegiate teams is limited, especially in the Indian context. Hence, this study explores the critical differences in attack efficiency between successful and unsuccessful teams, providing valuable insights for coaches, players, and sports analysts.

Review of Literature

Several researchers have examined the importance of offensive skills in volleyball. Previous studies indicate that spike success rate strongly correlates with match outcomes. Marcelino et al. (2010) emphasized that attack efficiency is one of the best indicators for predicting victory in elite volleyball. Similarly, Eom and Schutz (1992) found that winning teams execute more effective attacks during both transition and counter-attack phases.

Research conducted by Palao et al. (2004) showed that attack performance varies based on the quality of the set, the position of the attacker, and the opponent's defensive system. Meanwhile, Hughes and Daniel (2003) pointed out that attack errors are equally influential because unnecessary errors offer free points to opponents.

In the Indian intercollegiate context, studies highlight the growing importance of systematic training and tactical planning. Yet, detailed comparative studies specifically focused on attack efficiency between winning and losing teams remain insufficient. This gap provides a strong rationale for conducting the present research.

Statement of the Problem

The present study seeks to determine how attack efficiency differs between winning and losing teams in intercollegiate volleyball. By analyzing successful spikes, attempted spikes, attack errors, and position-specific contributions, the research identifies the key factors influencing match outcomes.

Objectives of the Study

1. To analyze the attack efficiency of winning teams in intercollegiate volleyball matches.
2. To examine the attack efficiency of losing teams in the same matches.
3. To compare attack attempts, successful attacks, and error ratios between winning and losing teams.
4. To identify positional differences in attack performance (Left, Middle, Right hitters).
5. To provide suggestions for improving attack efficiency in intercollegiate volleyball.

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant difference in attack efficiency between winning and losing teams.
2. Winning teams will have a higher attack success rate and lower error percentage compared to losing teams.

Methodology

Research Design

The study employs a descriptive comparative research design. Match observation and notational analysis techniques were used to analyze attack-related data.

Sample

Six intercollegiate volleyball matches from a university-level tournament were selected. Data from 12 teams (six winners and six losers) were analyzed. Each match consisted of three to five sets.

Tools and Instruments

- Match observation sheet
- Notational analysis format
- Video recordings of selected matches
- Calculator for efficiency calculation

Variables Studied

- Total attack attempts
- Successful attacks (kills)
- Attack errors
- Blocked attacks
- Attack efficiency percentage
- Positional attack contributions (L1, L2, Middle Blocker, Opposite)

Formula for Attack Efficiency

$$\text{Attack Efficiency (\%)} = \frac{\text{Kills} - \text{Errors}}{\text{Total Attempts}} \times 100$$

Results and Discussion

1. Total Attack Attempts

Winning teams recorded higher attack attempts (average 115 per match) compared to losing teams (average 94). Greater attempts reflect better ball control, superior setting, and more opportunities created through defensive organization.

2. Successful Attacks

Winning teams showed 52–56% successful attack rate, while losing teams averaged 32–36%. This considerable gap highlights the importance of finishing ability in determining match outcomes.

3. Attack Errors

Errors include hitting the ball out of bounds, touching the net, or hitting into the block. Losing teams committed significantly more attack errors (average 22 per match) than winning teams (average 12). This indicates poor decision-making, improper timing, or inadequate technical skills.

4. Attack Efficiency

Winning teams had an average attack efficiency of 38–42%, while losing teams had only 12–17%. A difference of more than 20% clearly demonstrates how vital efficiency is when converting attack opportunities.

5. Positional Attack Performance

Left-side hitters (L1 and L2) contributed the most attacks for both categories. However, winning teams' left hitters showed better accuracy and fewer errors.

Middle blockers in winning teams were more effective, scoring through quick attacks, slides, and first-tempo balls. Their efficiency was nearly double that of middle blockers from losing teams.

Opposite hitters in winning teams provided stability when the team was out of system. Losing teams' opposites struggled due to poor set quality and predictable patterns.

6. Tactical Observations

- Winning teams utilized combination attacks more frequently.
- Transition attacks (after defense) were significantly better in winning teams.
- Losing teams relied heavily on predictable high-ball attacks, making them easier to block.
- Winning teams executed attacks with greater placement variety—line shots, cross-court hits, and tips.

7. Quality of Setting

Although the focus was on attacking, setting quality directly influenced attack efficiency. Winning teams' setters provided faster, more accurate, and more creative sets, enabling attackers to exploit gaps in the opponent's defense.

Discussion

The results clearly indicate that successful teams are distinguished by their superior attack efficiency. The significantly higher number of successful attacks and lower error rates demonstrates that winning teams have better technical skills, tactical awareness, and psychological composure.

Factors Contributing to Higher Attack Efficiency

1. **Technical proficiency:** Winning teams display better spike approach, jump timing, arm swing mechanics, and contact point control.
2. **Quality of set distribution:** Balanced set distribution reduces predictability and increases scoring chances.
3. **Lower error rate :** Avoiding unnecessary mistakes reduces pressure and increases confidence.
4. **Tactical variety:** Quick attacks, combination plays, and well-timed tips keep the opponent off balance.
5. **Transition efficiency:** Winning teams convert defensive opportunities into attack points more effectively.

Why Losing Teams Show Lower Efficiency

- Poor passing resulted in fewer attack opportunities.
- Inaccurate sets forced attackers into uncomfortable positions.
- Attacks became predictable, making it easier for opponents to block.

- Higher anxiety and lack of composure increased error rates.

Thus, the study strongly supports the hypothesis that attack efficiency plays a major role in determining volleyball match outcomes.

Conclusion

The comparative analysis concludes that attack efficiency is a decisive factor distinguishing winning from losing teams in intercollegiate volleyball. Winning teams demonstrate higher spike accuracy, fewer errors, better tactical execution, and greater positional efficiency compared to losing teams. Attack efficiency emerges as a key predictor of match success.

Strengthening the technical skills of attackers, improving set quality, and reducing avoidable errors are essential steps toward improving team performance. Coaches should design training programs that emphasize precision, tactical creativity, and decision-making during attacks.

Recommendations

1. **Technical Skill Development:** More focused training on arm swing mechanics, jump timing, and hitting angles.
2. **Improve Setting Quality:** Setters must train on accuracy, speed, and tactical variety.
3. **Error Reduction Drills:** Real-match simulation drills should be used to minimize attack errors.
4. **Strength and Conditioning:** Plyometric and core training should be included to enhance attacking power.
5. **Video Analysis:** Teams should regularly analyze match videos to identify weaknesses.
6. **Tactical Awareness:** Introduce more combination attacks and quick plays to increase unpredictability.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM (PST) FOR MANAGING COMPETITIVE ANXIETY OF SPORTSPERSON

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Abstract:-

The process of how exactly anxiety affects our thinking process was very important. Stimulus like academic examinations and sport competitions play vital role in causing anxiety. Understanding different facets of concept of anxiety. Relation between-State and Trait Anxiety, Cognitive and Somatic Anxiety. It helped researcher to decide scope of the study. Reducing trait anxiety is a time consuming task. So, researcher decided to work on State anxiety with Cognitive and Somatic type of anxiety. Knowledge of different theories of anxiety was an insightful learning. It helped researcher to understand the developmental part of the anxiety theories.

Introduction:-

Some psychologists have adopted broad perspective while treating anxiety related problems. They have introduced Psychological Skills Training program which has multi-objectives. Psychological Skills Training refers to systematic and consistent practice of mental or psychological skills for the purpose of enhancing performance, achieving greater sport and physical activity self-satisfaction. The methods and techniques that are standard elements of PST originally came from a wide range of sources, mostly within mainstream psychology. These areas include behavior modification, cognitive theory and therapy, rational emotive therapy, goal setting, attentional control and progressive muscle relaxation. Coaches and athletes all know that physical skills need to be regularly practiced and refined through literally thousands of repetitions. Similar to physical skills, psychological skills such as maintaining and focusing concentration, regulating arousal levels, enhancing confidence, and maintaining motivation also need to be systematically practiced. PST programs can sometimes be comprehensive and involve a variety of skills or they might focus on just one or two skills. Applied sport psychologists have begun to understand that to be effective, psychological intervention must be carried out in an individualized and systematic manner, often using variety of psychological techniques to form integrated program.

Need of Psychological Skills Training

- Athlete walks off a playing field in disgust after losing a game where athlete believed that he should have won.
- Athlete gets choked at a critical point in a competition.
- Athlete feels depressed because he is not recovering quickly enough from an injury.
- Athlete is lacking motivation for exercise.
- Athlete's mind is wandering during competition
- Athlete becomes angry and frustrated with his own performance and puts himself down.

There are chances where competitive athlete has had at least one of the experiences on the above list. Conversely, most sport performers also know what it feels like to be 'in the zone', where everything seems to come together effortlessly and performance is exceptional. Mental and

emotional components often overshadow the purely physical and technical aspects of performance. The importance of mental skills is seen in the highly valued attribute of mental toughness. For example, in a study of elite athletes, Scully and Hume (1995) found that mental toughness was perceived to be the most important determinant of success in sport. In addition, Olympic gold medalists perceived mental toughness as a crucial prerequisite of athletic success (Gould et al 2002). Although mental toughness is defined in different ways, it usually has to do with an athlete's ability to focus, ability to rebound from failure, ability to cope with pressure, determination to persist in the face of adversity and mental resilience (Bull, Shambrook et al 2005; Jones, Hanton 2002; Thelwell et al 2005). Because mental toughness is perceived to be critical for athletic success and Mental Skills Training targets building and developing these mental skills, the importance of Mental Skills Training is obvious.

Three phases of PST program –

Although PST programs take many forms to match participant's needs, they generally follow a set of three distinct phases: education, acquisition, and practice.

(a) Education Phase: Because many sport participants are unfamiliar with how mental skills can enhance performance, the first phase of any PST program is educational. The following topics are discussed in this phase:

- Importance of PST program for athletes
- Explaining various concepts involved in the PST with proper examples
- Increasing awareness of the role of mental skills in athlete's competitive performance

(b) Acquisition Phase: This phase focuses on strategies and techniques for learning the various psychological skills.

(c) Practice Phase: The practice phase has three primary objectives:

a. to automate the skills through over learning

b. to teach athletes to systematically integrate psychological skills into their performance situations.

c. To simulate skills athletes will want to apply in actual competition.

When to implement PST program-

It is best to initiate a PST program during the off-season or preseason. When there is more time to learn new skills and athletes are not pressured about winning. Mental training is an ongoing process that needs to be integrated with physical practice over time. It is recommended not to start PST program in the middle of the season. Sometimes coaches are desperate to find solution, but mental training in such situation is rarely effective. Athletes cannot expect to learn new psychological skill overnight.

Brief description of psychological skills-

Goal Setting: Goal setting is commonly used for enhancing motivation and for focusing attention upon the aspects of performance that are most in need of improvement. The establishment of a goal setting program often includes several common components, including identifying target dates for attaining goals, identifying goal achievement strategies, and providing regular goal evaluation**.**

The most commonly accepted definition of a goal was proposed by Locke, Shaw et al (1981) who characterized a goal as attaining a specific level of proficiency in a task, usually within a

specified time limit. (Weinberg Robert- Goal Setting Practices for Coaches and Athletes -Tony Morris editor)

Positive Self-talk: Self-talk is what you say or think to yourself. Self-talk patterns are related to how people feel and act. Changing self-talk is commonly used for 1) prompting a specific behavior, 2) improving selfconfidence, 3) attention control, 4) motivation, and 5) arousal control. Common components include the identification of negative or irrelevant thoughts, challenging these thoughts, the creation of positive thoughts, and the substitution of positive thoughts for the negative thoughts.

Concentration: According to **Moran** (2003) concentration refers to a person's ability to exert deliberate mental effort on what is most important in any given situation. It is a conscious experience of orienting mental effort when perceiving information selectively.

Imagery- Imagery in the context of sport, may be considered as the creation or re-creation of an experience generated from memory, which may occur in the absence of the real stimulus antecedents normally associated with the actual experience.

Emotional Management- The ability to be open to feelings and to modulate those emotions in oneself and others so as to promote personal understanding and growth.

Relaxation a pleasant activity that makes you calm and less worried.

Conclusion: - The process of how exactly anxiety affects our thinking process was very
Important. Stimulus like academic examinations and sport competitions play
Vital role in causing anxiety. PST, Relaxation and Asana are benefits in sports psychology intervention is a critical step in the mental training process. It can overcome to anxiety, stress and neurosis in sportsmen. Intervention that aim to enhance confidence, focus, composure, trust and mental preparation.

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INNOVATION AND EMERGING TRENDS IN TAEKWONDO SPORTS

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Abstract
Taekwondo, a globally recognised Olympic combat sport, is undergoing rapid transformation due to advancements in sports science, technology, and training methodologies. The discipline has shifted from a primary emphasis on technique to adopting scientific, data-driven, and athlete-centred approaches. The implementation of wearable devices and electronic scoring systems has increased transparency, precision, and fairness in competitions. Sensors embedded in protective gear deliver real-time data on impact, speed, and accuracy, enabling coaches and athletes to assess performance and develop more effective tactical strategies objectively.

Keywords: *Taekwondo, sports innovation, emerging trends, wearable technology, performance analysis, training methods*

Introduction

Taekwondo is a globally recognised Olympic combat sport that integrates physical strength, speed, flexibility, coordination, and psychological discipline. Originating from traditional Korean martial practices, taekwondo was systematised in the mid-twentieth century and subsequently institutionalised as an international competitive sport with standardised rules and weight categories (Choi, 1999; World Taekwondo, 2023). Currently, taekwondo is practised in over 200 countries under the governance of World Taekwondo, underscoring its broad cultural, educational, and sporting significance. Innovation has also facilitated the inclusive expansion of taekwondo. The increased participation of women, youth, and para-athletes reflects the impact of progressive policy frameworks, adaptive training methodologies, and equitable competitive structures (International Paralympic Committee, 2023; World Taekwondo, 2023). This inclusive growth highlights taekwondo's evolution into a sport that balances high-performance excellence with social responsibility. Against this backdrop, the present paper examines the role of innovation and emerging trends in shaping modern taekwondo. It explores how technological advancements, scientific training methods, and interdisciplinary approaches enhance performance, reduce injury risk, improve fairness in competition, and support inclusive participation. By critically analysing these developments, the study aims to contribute to a deeper understanding of taekwondo as a contemporary, evidence-driven Olympic sport.

Technological Innovations and Performance Analysis

Electronic Scoring Systems

One of the most extensively studied innovations in taekwondo is the electronic scoring system (ESS). Falcó et al. (2012) demonstrated that sensor-based scoring significantly improved objectivity and transparency by reducing referee bias and inconsistent judgment. Tornello et al. (2014) reported, through time-motion analysis, that the introduction of ESS altered tactical behaviour, encouraging faster, more precise kicks rather than force-dominant techniques.

Subsequent research indicated that electronic scoring systems have influenced training priorities, compelling athletes to refine accuracy, timing, and foot placement to activate sensors effectively (Estevan et al., 2013). While these systems have enhanced fairness, some scholars have raised

concerns about over-adaptation of techniques solely for sensor activation, potentially compromising traditional biomechanical efficiency (Hausen et al., 2017).

Wearable Technology and Data Analytics

Wearable technology has emerged as a transformative tool in modern taekwondo. Accelerometers, gyroscopes, heart rate monitors, and inertial sensors enable real-time monitoring of physiological load and movement dynamics. Hausen et al. (2017) reported that wearable monitoring allows coaches to optimise training load and prevent overtraining by analysing fatigue trends and recovery patterns.

Studies by Santos et al. (2018) emphasised that wearable data support individualised conditioning programmes, enhancing performance while reducing injury risk. However, literature also cautions against excessive reliance on technology without contextual interpretation, highlighting the importance of coach expertise in data-driven decision-making.

Biomechanics and Technique Optimisation

Biomechanical research has played a critical role in understanding taekwondo kicking performance. Marković et al. (2005) established that explosive leg power and neuromuscular coordination are key determinants of kick velocity. Estevan et al. (2013) further analysed the influence of stance position and distance on roundhouse kick efficiency, concluding that optimal biomechanical alignment improves speed and accuracy while minimising joint stress.

Recent studies integrate motion capture systems and high-speed video analysis to assess joint angles, centre-of-mass displacement, and kinetic chains involved in kicking. These approaches allow precise technique correction and contribute to long-term athlete development by preventing biomechanical inefficiencies that may lead to injury (Bridge et al., 2014).

Strength, Conditioning, and Injury Prevention

Strength and conditioning literature in taekwondo highlights a shift from general fitness training to sport-specific conditioning. Plyometric exercises, core stability training, and functional strength programmes have been shown to improve kicking power, balance, and agility significantly (Santos et al., 2018).

Injury epidemiology studies reveal that lower-limb injuries, particularly to the knee and ankle, are prevalent in taekwondo due to repetitive kicking and rapid directional changes (Lystad et al., 2013). As a result, injury prevention strategies have become an integral component of innovative training models. Load management, neuromuscular control exercises, and recovery technologies such as cryotherapy and compression garments are increasingly supported by empirical evidence.

Psychological and Cognitive Innovations

While early taekwondo research largely neglected psychological factors, recent literature recognises mental preparedness as a critical determinant of performance. Slimani et al. (2016) demonstrated that psychological skills such as emotional regulation, concentration, and stress management significantly influence competitive success in combat sports.

Cognitive training, including reaction-time drills and perceptual decision-making exercises, has gained prominence given the fast-paced nature of modern taekwondo. Research suggests that elite athletes exhibit superior anticipatory skills and tactical awareness compared to novices, underscoring the importance of cognitive innovation in training design (Bridge et al., 2014).

Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Training Environments

Emerging literature explores the application of artificial intelligence (AI) and virtual reality (VR) in combat sports. AI-driven analytics systems can process large datasets to identify performance patterns, predict injury risk, and assist in opponent analysis. Although empirical studies specific to taekwondo remain limited, preliminary findings indicate strong potential for AI-assisted coaching models.

VR-based simulations allow athletes to rehearse tactical scenarios without physical contact, reducing injury risk while enhancing decision-making speed. Scholars argue that such immersive technologies represent the next phase of innovation in taekwondo training, though ethical and accessibility concerns remain (Hausen et al., 2017).

Inclusivity and Developmental Trends

The literature also highlights innovation-driven inclusivity in taekwondo. Women's participation has increased significantly due to policy reforms, improved training infrastructure, and gender-specific conditioning research. Studies indicate that tailored training approaches enhance performance outcomes while addressing physiological differences (Kazemi et al., 2006).

Youth development literature emphasises long-term athlete development models, advocating age-appropriate training loads and skill progression to prevent burnout and early specialisation injuries. Furthermore, research on para-taekwondo demonstrates that adaptive training methods and classification systems have expanded competitive opportunities for athletes with disabilities, reinforcing the sport's inclusive evolution (International Paralympic Committee, 2023).

Research Gaps Identified

Despite extensive literature on individual innovations, several gaps remain. First, limited longitudinal studies examine the combined impact of technological, biomechanical, and psychological innovations on long-term athlete performance. Second, empirical research on AI and VR applications in taekwondo is still in its infancy. Third, disparities in access to advanced technologies between developed and developing nations raise concerns about competitive equity.

Addressing these gaps is essential to developing holistic, sustainable innovation frameworks in taekwondo.

Technological Innovations in Taekwondo

Electronic Scoring Systems

The introduction of Electronic Scoring Systems (ESS) represents one of the most transformative technological innovations in modern taekwondo. ESS utilises sensor-embedded protective equipment, including body protectors and headgear, to objectively assess valid scoring techniques against predefined thresholds for impact force, accuracy, and timing. This innovation was primarily introduced to address long-standing issues of subjective judging, referee bias, and scoring inconsistencies prevalent in traditional taekwondo competitions (Falcó et al., 2012).

Empirical studies indicate that ESS has significantly enhanced fairness and transparency in competitions by minimising human error and increasing scoring reliability (Tornello et al., 2014). The objective nature of sensor-based scoring ensures that points are awarded strictly on the basis of measurable performance parameters, thereby increasing athletes' confidence in the integrity of match outcomes. Furthermore, ESS has improved spectator trust and global acceptance of taekwondo as a technologically advanced Olympic sport.

However, some scholars caution that excessive adaptation to sensor activation may alter traditional biomechanical patterns and reduce the aesthetic quality of techniques (Hausen et al., 2017). Despite these concerns, the consensus within the literature acknowledges ESS as a critical innovation that has modernised taekwondo, improved officiating accuracy, and reshaped competitive strategies.

Wearable Technology

Wearable technology has emerged as a powerful tool in enhancing performance monitoring and training optimisation in taekwondo. Devices such as accelerometers, gyroscopes, heart rate monitors, and inertial measurement units (IMUs) provide real-time physiological and biomechanical data during training and competition. These technologies enable objective assessment of training load, movement intensity, fatigue levels, and recovery status (Hausen et al., 2017).

Video and Motion Analysis

Video and motion analysis technologies have become integral components of modern taekwondo coaching and performance evaluation. High-speed cameras, two-dimensional and three-dimensional motion capture systems, and specialised analysis software enable detailed examination of kicking mechanics, balance control, coordination, and timing. These tools allow coaches to objectively assess movement efficiency beyond what is visible to the naked eye (Estevan et al., 2013).

Scientific Training and Conditioning Innovations

Scientific training and conditioning innovations have fundamentally reshaped modern taekwondo preparation by replacing generalised fitness models with evidence-based, sport-specific frameworks. Contemporary taekwondo competition requires rapid acceleration, explosive kicking power, agility, balance, and high anaerobic capacity, demanding highly specialised conditioning programmes (Bridge et al., 2014).

Scientific training and conditioning innovations promote sustainable performance enhancement by aligning physical preparation with the biomechanical and physiological demands of taekwondo.

Psychological and Cognitive Innovations

Psychological and cognitive innovations have gained increasing recognition as decisive factors in elite taekwondo performance. Given the high-speed, decision-intensive nature of modern competition, physical ability alone is insufficient to ensure success. Psychological resilience, attentional control, emotional regulation, and tactical cognition are now considered essential determinants of performance (Slimani et al., 2016).

Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, and Future Technologies

Artificial intelligence (AI) and virtual reality (VR) represent emerging frontiers in taekwondo innovation, offering transformative possibilities for training, performance analysis, and coaching efficiency. AI-based systems can process large volumes of performance data to identify patterns, predict injury risk, and provide personalised training recommendations.

AI-driven performance analytics integrate biomechanical, physiological, and tactical data, enabling predictive modelling of athlete performance and opponent behaviour. Although taekwondo-specific empirical research remains limited, preliminary applications in combat sports demonstrate improved decision support for coaches and enhanced athlete monitoring (Hausen et al., 2017).

Conclusion

Innovation and emerging trends have profoundly transformed taekwondo from a traditional martial art into a modern, multidisciplinary sport. Technological advancements, scientific training approaches, and psychological conditioning have enhanced performance, fairness, and athlete well-being. At the same time, inclusive development initiatives have expanded participation across gender, age, and ability groups.

While innovation presents challenges, its thoughtful integration ensures that taekwondo continues to evolve while preserving its core values. The sport's future depends on harmonising tradition with science, ensuring ethical practice, and promoting holistic athlete development. Taekwondo today stands as a model of how innovation can enrich sport without compromising its identity.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE PHYSICAL & MENTAL ABILITY CHANGES OF SELECTED YOGIC PRACTICES & TRADITIONAL EXERCISES ON TAEKWONDO ATHLETES

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Taekwondo has evolved into a modern-day Olympic combat sport. The physical and physiological demands of modern-day taekwondo competition require athletes to be competent in several aspects of fitness. When envisioning training in Taekwondo or any of the martial arts, you probably assume that you need to work on your strength, flexibility and self-discipline in order to succeed. This is true and there are many ways in which you can improve on your skills. Yoga help your Taekwondo training Practicing Yoga while training in Taekwondo will help you increase your flexibility, strength and stamina. It will also give you better control of your breathing and help you clear your mind in order to better concentrate when practicing both sparring and forms**.** Yoga is definitely useful in Taekwondo training but many people consider it to be non-essential. There are many forms of Yoga and poses that are considered to be more useful and practical at improving your taekwondo training then others. Yoga gets calm mind if improves the performance of sports person. Yogic practices provide a competitive edge and keep an athlete's high performance body in perfect physical condition.

Keywords: Traditional exercises, Yogic practice.

Introducation

Sport is a very important part of human life. Sport has been closely associated with human life since childhood. Sport is the key to keeping a person happy and fit. Sport improves physical movement and makes the Various aspects of personality are developed such as psychologist H. J. Eysenck says, the qualities of ability, resilience, determination, restraint, strength to digest victories and defeats, cooperation, competition, goodwill, unity, team spirit, self-confidence, etc. are developed the personality becomes self-sufficient way. At the same time yoga training improves the performance of players. The person becomes healthy through play and also yoga practices. The body becomes toned. Sport influences a person's behavior, speech, gait and appearance and gives an effective personality. As physical fitness develops through sports, so does mental development. According to, personality is the holistic development of human beings and sports play an important role in enhancing holistic development. Yoga is excellent tool which helps player's efficiency by stretching, increasing mental concentration, improving body flexibility. Yoga is a very old technique or exercise which is helpful to every person, every sports person. Yoga practices are very useful for stress management. Stress management is very important means of wining ability for players. After stress management self-confidence increase in these Taekwondo athletes. The game can be classified into two types, individual and team. Individual sports include badminton, tennis, weightlifting, javelin throwing, shot put, running, high jump, long jump, etc. Team sports include cricket, hockey, football, volleyball, Kabaddi, kho-kho etc. Self- confidence grows no matter what the game is. However, if

there are team games, then the qualities of team spirit, brotherhood, coordination, trust in each other, etc., increase, which makes the personality of the individual effective. Individual sports develop qualities like confidence, determination, toughness etc. In the same way, sports develops personality traits such as praising one's peers, acquiring proper communication skills, coping with difficulties, controlling one's life, how to control one's situation and how to deal with stress. For this stress management yoga training is very good tool. The player also becomes a successful citizen. Through play, personality and self-confidence increase as the habit of introspection develops, positive attitude grows.

The ways Yoga helps Taekwondo Training

What many people do not realize is that yoga can actually be a very beneficial way to become a better martial artist, as the two are closely related. Being able to control your breath, clear your mind, and practice repetition are some of the necessary requirements that come along with the practice of yoga. All of these things can make you a better martial artist and an overall well-rounded person. With the strength and flexibility that you will gain during yoga, you can apply these skills to your Taekwondo classes. Yoga normally involves a sequence of practice intended at slow and gradual transcendence from gross physical domain to deeper divine plane (realm) that gradually takes the practitioner to a peaceful, tranquil, and contemplative state.

Yoga Styles for Taekwondo

Much like martial arts, there are many different styles of yoga that can suit your needs. There is gentle yoga, the most low-impact style. Most of the poses that you will learn in this style are modified in order to be suitable for beginners and those who want to take a more therapeutic approach. There are also classes that take place in hot rooms in order to burn more calories and build up your muscle mass. Depending on what you'd like to improve on in your Taekwondo practice, you can find a yoga class that is going to align with these needs.

It can be a great idea to try many different styles of yoga until you find the one that you like best. Because there is no such thing as right or wrong, the choice is yours to make.

Yoga Breathing For Taekwondo

You need breathe if you want to sustain life. The practice of yoga focuses heavily on the way you are breathing, regardless of what style you decide on. It is thought that you are able to actually work on more complex poses and hold other poses for longer by simply regulating your breath. When you do this, you are going to be less focused on doing the actual pose and better able to concentrate.

A lot of your physical downfalls come from when you convince yourself that you can no longer do something. It all stems from a mental disconnect. The way that you are taught to breathe in yoga will teach you that you do not have to give up. Instead, you can breathe through any impatience or discomfort and reach a point where you are so focused that you are able to complete each repetition. After some time, this is going to build your strength. Breathing is also very important to any meditation that you do. When you are meditating, usually at the end of your yoga class, your breathing is meant to calm you down. Any of the poses that you held and the muscles that you worked are encouraged to relax now. As you breathe in and out, you are supposed to push all of those busy thoughts out of your head in an effort to clear your mind. By focusing on the way that you are breathing, it becomes easier to get rid of any distractions that have formed. A lot of people

find benefits to yoga classes that are solely focused on meditation for this reason. There can be a lot of distractions and stressors encountered on a daily basis, so it can be nice to have somewhere to go that allows you to just be. Yoga promotes that inner-peace that so many of us crave.

Conclusion

yoga is becoming popular in all over the world due to its multirole advantages yoga is gaining the status of an effective cross training tool in the field of sports also the integrated approach of yoga to harmonized and calm down all the disturbances of body and mind though its different components has a great application in Taekwondo.

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MORPHOLOGICAL DETERMINANTS OF SPORTS PERFORMANCE: A SOMATOTYPE-BASED COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS ACROSS DISCIPLINES

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Abstract
The relationship between body composition and athletic performance has been a subject of scientific inquiry for over seven decades. This thematic research paper examines the morphological determinants of sports performance through the lens of somatotype theory, providing a comprehensive comparative analysis across various athletic disciplines. Somatotyping, which categorizes human physique into endomorphic, mesomorphic, and ectomorphic components, serves as a fundamental framework for understanding sport-specific bodily adaptations and their functional implications. Through systematic review of contemporary literature, this paper explores how distinct somatotype profiles characterize athletes in different sports, ranging from endurance events to power-based activities, and examines the biomechanical and physiological mechanisms linking morphology to performance outcomes. The analysis reveals consistent patterns of somatotype distribution across disciplines, with endurance athletes typically exhibiting ecto-mesomorphic profiles, strength athletes demonstrating meso-endomorphic characteristics, and skill-based athletes showing varied morphological patterns. Furthermore, this paper evaluates the practical applications of morphological assessment in talent identification, athlete profiling, and sports orientation programs. The findings underscore the significance of morphological compatibility between athlete physique and sport demands, while acknowledging the complex interplay between genetic predisposition, training adaptation, and environmental factors. This comprehensive analysis contributes to evidence-based approaches in sports science, offering insights for coaches, sports scientists, and talent development programs seeking to optimize athlete-sport matching and performance enhancement strategies.

Keywords: *Somatotype, Morphology, Sports Performance, Anthropometry, Talent Identification, Athlete Profiling, Sport-Specific Adaptation*

Introduction

The quest to understand the determinants of superior athletic performance has captivated sports scientists, coaches, and practitioners for generations. Among the multifaceted factors contributing to sports excellence, morphological characteristics have emerged as fundamental predictors of athletic success across diverse disciplines. The human body, with its remarkable plasticity and genetic variability, presents an intricate canvas upon which athletic potential is inscribed through the interplay of heredity, training, nutrition, and environmental influences. Morphological determinants encompass a broad spectrum of measurable physical attributes including body composition, anthropometric dimensions, skeletal structure, muscle architecture, and overall physique configuration, all of which collectively influence an athlete's capacity to generate force, sustain movement, and execute sport-specific skills with proficiency (Nevill et al., 2019).

Conceptual and Theoretical Framework

Concept of Morphological Determinants

Morphological determinants refer to the structural and compositional characteristics of the human body that influence functional capacity and performance potential in athletic contexts. This concept encompasses multiple dimensions of physical form, including anthropometric measurements such as height, limb lengths, and body segment proportions; body composition parameters including fat mass, lean mass, and bone mineral density; and qualitative aspects of physique captured through somatotype classification. The theoretical significance of morphological determinants rests on the fundamental premise that physical structure constrains and enables function, a principle evident across biological systems from cellular architecture to organismal biomechanics (Norton & Olds, 2001).

Somatotype Theory

Somatotype theory provides a systematic framework for quantifying and classifying human physique based on three fundamental components that represent different aspects of body form and composition. The endomorphic component reflects the relative predominance of soft roundness and adiposity, characterized by central fat distribution and rounded body contours. The mesomorphic component represents musculoskeletal robustness, indicating muscular development, bone thickness, and overall physical strength. The ectomorphic component captures relative linearity and fragility, characterized by slender build, low body fat, and limited muscular development (Carter & Heath, 1990).

Morphology–Performance Interaction

The relationship between morphology and athletic performance involves complex, multidirectional interactions mediated by biomechanical, physiological, and psychological factors. At the biomechanical level, body dimensions and mass distribution fundamentally determine the kinetics and kinematics of human movement. Anthropometric characteristics influence mechanical parameters including moment of inertia, center of mass location, segment velocities, and ground reaction forces, all of which affect movement efficiency and force production capacity. Sport-specific performance often depends on optimizing these mechanical parameters, creating selection pressure toward particular morphological profiles (Ackland et al., 2012).

Somatotype Profiles across Sports Disciplines

The systematic comparison of somatotype profiles across athletic disciplines reveals distinct morphological patterns that align with the specific biomechanical, physiological, and skill demands of different sports. This section presents a comprehensive analysis of characteristic somatotypes across major sport categories, highlighting both commonalities within disciplines and contrasts between sports with divergent performance requirements.

Endurance Sports

Athletes competing in endurance disciplines consistently demonstrate somatotype profiles characterized by low endomorphy, moderate mesomorphy, and elevated ectomorphy, typically described as ecto-mesomorphic or balanced ectomorphic physiques. Elite marathon runners exemplify this pattern, with numerous studies reporting mean somatotypes approximating 1.5-2.0-4.0, indicating minimal adiposity, moderate musculoskeletal development, and pronounced linearity (Legaz-Arrese et al., 2005). This morphological configuration serves multiple functional purposes in endurance performance, including minimization of metabolic cost during prolonged weight-bearing activity, facilitation of heat dissipation through high surface-area-to-mass ratios, and optimization of oxygen transport capacity relative to active tissue demands (Vaeyens et al., 2008).

Power and Strength Sports

Athletes in power and strength disciplines consistently present meso-endomorphic or mesomorphic-endomorphic somatotypes characterized by substantial mesomorphy, elevated endomorphy relative

to endurance athletes, and low ectomorphy. Weightlifters exemplify this morphological pattern, with elite performers typically showing somatotypes around 3.0-6.5-1.5, reflecting the massive muscular development required for maximal force production. The substantial mesomorphy component indicates extreme musculoskeletal robustness, while moderate endomorphy accommodates the body mass necessary for generating large absolute forces. Systematic variation occurs across weight categories, with lighter weightlifters showing lower endomorphy and super-heavyweight competitors demonstrating endomorphy values exceeding 5.0 (Keogh et al., 2007).

Team Sports

Team sports athletes demonstrate considerable within-sport morphological diversity reflecting positional specialization and varied performance demands. However, certain general patterns emerge across major team sports. Athletes in invasion games such as soccer, basketball, and hockey typically present balanced mesomorphic or meso-ectomorphic somatotypes, with moderate endomorphy, elevated mesomorphy, and variable ectomorphy depending on position and playing style. Elite soccer players commonly show somatotypes around 2.5-4.5-2.5, balancing endurance capacity for sustained running with muscular power for sprinting, jumping, and physical contests. Systematic positional variation exists, with defenders generally showing higher mesomorphy and endomorphy compared to midfielders and forwards (Reilly et al., 2000).

Conclusion

This thematic analysis demonstrates that morphological determinants of sports performance exhibit consistent yet complex relationships across athletic disciplines when examined through a somatotype-based framework. Elite athletes tend to display sport-specific somatotype profiles aligned with biomechanical and physiological demands, with endurance sports favoring ecto-mesomorphic physiques that enhance metabolic efficiency and thermoregulation, and strength–power sports favoring meso-endomorphic profiles supporting maximal force production. Team, combat, and aesthetic sports reveal distinct morphological patterns reflecting their unique performance constraints. These associations operate through integrated biomechanical mechanisms affecting leverage and movement efficiency, alongside physiological influences on metabolic and cardiovascular function. Importantly, morphology establishes probabilistic boundaries rather than deterministic outcomes, as training adaptations and technical proficiency can offset structural limitations. Somatotype assessment offers value for talent identification and sports orientation when applied within multidimensional evaluation frameworks that include technical, psychological, and contextual factors. Future research should emphasize longitudinal and mechanistic approaches to refine evidence-based athlete development strategies.

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A REVIEW OF YOGIC INTERVENTIONS ON SPASTICITY, COGNITIVE FUNCTION, MOOD, AND FATIGUE IN PATIENTS WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

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Abstract
The chronic neurological disease known as multiple sclerosis (MS) is characterised by symptoms that significantly lower quality of life, including fatigue, mood swings, stiffness, and cognitive decline. Yoga is now acknowledged as an additional, non-pharmacological treatment for MS patients' physical and psychological problems. The purpose of this review is to compile and assess the body of research on the benefits of yoga therapies for multiple sclerosis patients' fatigue, mood, spasticity, and cognitive function. Relevant research on yoga-based therapies in MS populations was examined, including published clinical trials, randomised controlled trials, and review articles. According to the reviewed research, practicing yoga may improve cognitive functioning and psychological well-being, especially in mood management and stress reduction, while also reducing fatigue and stiffness. However, conclusive findings are limited by inconsistent study designs, intervention regimens, and outcome measurements. Overall, the results point to yoga as a potentially helpful and safe adjunct therapy for multiple sclerosis patients undergoing rehabilitation; nevertheless, more high-caliber research is required to solidify the body of evidence.

Keywords: Multiple Sclerosis, Yoga, Spasticity, Cognitive Function, Mood, Fatigue.

Introduction

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, immune-mediated neurological disorder of the central nervous system characterized by inflammation, demyelination, and neurodegeneration. It commonly affects young and middle-aged adults and leads to a wide range of physical, cognitive, and psychological impairments (Compston & Coles, n.d.) Among the most frequently reported symptoms in patients with MS are spasticity, cognitive dysfunction, mood disturbances such as depression and anxiety, and persistent fatigue, all of which significantly reduce functional independence and quality of life(Feinstein et al., 2014) Spasticity is one of the major motor complications in MS, often resulting in muscle stiffness, pain, and restricted movement. In addition to physical symptoms, cognitive impairment particularly in attention, memory, and information processing speed is commonly observed. Psychological symptoms, including mood disorders and fatigue, further contribute to disability and social participation limitations(Kesselring & Beer, 2005). Long-term drug use is frequently linked to adverse consequences and poor efficacy in addressing holistic well-being, even if pharmacological therapy is still the major treatment strategy.

Methodology

The present study employed a narrative review design to examine and synthesize existing scientific literature on the effects of yoga interventions on spasticity, cognitive function, mood, and fatigue in patients with multiple sclerosis. This methodological approach was selected to provide a comprehensive and descriptive overview of available evidence related to both physical and psychological outcomes of yoga-based interventions in MS rehabilitation. Electronic databases such as PubMed, Google Scholar, Scopus, and Research Gate were used to do a thorough literature

search. A variety of keywords and Boolean operators, including "multiple sclerosis," "yoga intervention," "spasticity," "cognitive function," "mood disorders," "fatigue," and "neurological rehabilitation," were used to find pertinent research. The reference lists of the chosen publications were additionally carefully searched for further pertinent studies to guarantee completeness.

Results

The current narrative review's conclusions are derived from a synthesis of previously published clinical trials, randomised controlled trials, and review articles that look at yoga therapies in MS patients. The main outcome variables spasticity, cognitive function, mood, and fatigue are used to organise the results.

Effects of Yoga on Spasticity

Several studies reviewed reported a **reduction in spasticity levels** among MS patients following regular yoga practice. Yoga interventions emphasizing stretching postures, controlled movements, and relaxation techniques were associated with decreased muscle stiffness and improved range of motion. Improvements in neuromuscular relaxation and postural control were frequently noted, suggesting that yoga may help alleviate spastic symptoms and enhance functional mobility.

Effects of Yoga on Cognitive Function

Evidence from the reviewed literature indicates that yoga may have **a positive influence on cognitive functioning,** particularly in domains such as attention, concentration, and mental clarity. Studies incorporating breathing techniques and meditative practices demonstrated improvements in cognitive performance, which were attributed to reduced stress levels and enhanced self-regulation. Although not all studies reported significant cognitive gains, the overall trend suggests potential cognitive benefits of yoga in individuals with MS.

Effects of Yoga on Mood

The reviewed studies consistently highlighted the **beneficial effects of yoga on mood-related outcomes**. Reductions in symptoms of depression, anxiety, and psychological distress were commonly reported following yoga interventions. Improved emotional stability and stress management were observed, indicating that yoga may contribute to better psychological well-being and enhanced quality of life among MS patients.

Effects of Yoga on Fatigue

Fatigue emerged as one of the most frequently studied outcomes in the reviewed literature. Most studies reported a **significant reduction in fatigue severity** following yoga practice. Breathing exercises, relaxation techniques, and gentle physical activity were found to improve energy conservation and reduce perceived exhaustion. These findings suggest that yoga may be particularly effective in managing fatigue, one of the most disabling symptoms of multiple sclerosis.

Overall Findings

Overall, the results of the reviewed studies suggest that yoga interventions are associated with **favorable outcomes across both physical and psychological domains** in patients with multiple sclerosis. However, variability in intervention duration, yoga styles, sample sizes, and assessment tools was evident across studies, which limits the strength of conclusions. Despite these variations, the general pattern of findings supports the potential role of yoga as a complementary therapeutic approach in MS rehabilitation.

Discussion

This review suggests that yoga may serve as a beneficial complementary intervention for managing both physical and psychological symptoms in individuals with multiple sclerosis. Yoga practices involving stretching, controlled movement, breathing, and relaxation show potential in reducing spasticity and improving neuromuscular control, although findings are not entirely consistent across studies. Yoga-based breathing and meditation may also support cognitive functions such as

attention and concentration by reducing stress levels. The most consistent benefits were observed in mood and fatigue management, with several studies reporting reductions in depression, anxiety, and perceived fatigue key symptoms that significantly affect quality of life in MS patients. However, the generalisability of these results is limited by differences in yoga practices, study methodologies, and evaluation instruments. While emphasising the need for further well planned, standardised studies, the evidence generally supports yoga as a safe and helpful supplement to traditional MS treatments.

Conclusion

Based on the findings of this review, yoga appears to be a safe and effective complementary intervention for individuals with multiple sclerosis. Yoga practices show potential benefits in reducing spasticity, improving mood, and managing fatigue, thereby enhancing psychological well-being and overall quality of life in MS patients. Although evidence related to cognitive and motor outcomes remains inconsistent, yoga can be integrated alongside conventional medical and rehabilitation treatments. Future research using standardized yoga protocols, larger sample sizes, and long-term follow-up is needed to establish stronger evidence for the role of yoga in the comprehensive management of multiple sclerosis.

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EDUCATION AND SPORTS TO EMPOWER WOMEN

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ABSTRACT

A women is full of circle, within her is the power to create, nurture and transform. Education is important for everyone, but it is especially significant for girls and women. This is true not only because education is an entry point to other opportunities, but also because the educational achievements of women can have ripple effects within the family and across generations. Investing in girls' education is one of the most effective ways to reduce poverty. Investments in secondary school education for girls yield especially high dividends. Girls who have been educated are likely to marry later and to have smaller and healthier families. Education helps girls and women to know their rights and to gain confidence to claim them. Women education in India has also been a major preoccupation of both the government and civil society as educated women can play a very important role in the development of the country. Education is milestone of women empowerment because it enables them to responds to the challenges, to confront their traditional role and change their life. India is poised to becoming superpower, a developed country by 2020. The growth of women's education in rural areas is very slow. This obviously means that still large womenfolk of our country are illiterate, the weak, backward and exploited.‖ Education of women in the education of women is the most powerful tool of change of position in society. Education also brings a reduction in inequalities and functions as a means of improving their status within the family. According to National Policy of the Empowerment of Women (2001) section 6.2,

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INTRODUCTION:

"If you educate a man you educate an individual, however, if you educate a woman you educate a whole family. Women empowered means mother India empowered". PT. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU Women constitute almost half of the population in the world. But the hegemonic masculine ideology made them suffer a lot as they were denied equal opportunities in different parts of the world. The rise of feminist ideas has, however, led to the tremendous improvement of women's condition throughout the world in recent times. Access to education has been one of the most pressing demands of theses women's rights movements. Women education in India has also been a major preoccupation of both the government and civil society as educated women can play a very important role in the development of the country.

HISTORY OF WOMEN EDUCATION IN INDIA:

Although in the Vedic period women had access to education in India, they had gradually lost this right. However, in the British period there was revival of interest in women's education in India. During this period, various socio religious movements led by eminent persons like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar emphasized on women's education in India. Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Periyar and Baba Saheb Ambedkar were leaders of the lower castes in India who took various

initiatives to make education available to the women of India. However women's education got a fillip after the country got independence in 1947 and the government has taken various measures to provide education to all Indian women. As a result women's literacy rate has grown over the three decades and the growth of female literacy has in fact been higher than that of male literacy rate. While in 1971 only 22% of Indian women were literate, by the end of 2001 54.16% female were literate. The growth of female literacy rate is 14.87% as compared to 11.72 % of that of male literacy rate.

IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN EDUCATION IN INDIA:

Women education in India plays a very important role in the overall development of the country. It not only helps in the development of half of the human resources, but in improving the quality of life at home and outside. Educated women not only tend to promote education of their girl children, but also can provide better guidance to all their children. Moreover educated women can also help in the reduction of infant mortality rate and growth of the population.

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION:

The concept of women empowerment was introduced at the international women conference at NAROIBI in 1985. Education is milestone of women empowerment because it enables them to responds to the challenges, to confront their traditional role and change their life. So that we can't neglect the importance of education in reference to women empowerment India is poised to becoming superpower, a developed country by 2020. The year 2020 is fast approaching; it is just 6 year away. This can became reality only when the women of this nation became empowerment. India presently account for the largest number no of illiterates in the world. Literacy rate in India have risen sharply from 18.3% in 1951 to 64.8% in 2001 in which enrolment of women in education have also risen sharply 7% to 54.16%. Despite the importance of women education unfortunately only 39% of women are literate among 64% of the man. Within the framework of a democratic polity, our laws, development policies, plan and programmes have aimed at women's advancement in difference spheres. From the fifth five year plan (1974 – 78) onwards has been a marked shift in the approach to women's issues from welfare to development. In recent years, the empowerment of women has been recognized as the central issue in determining the status of women. The National Commission of Women was set up by an Act of Parliament in 1990 to safeguard the right and legal entitlements of women. The 73rd and 74th Amendments (1993) to the constitution of India have provided for reservation of seats in the local bodies of Panchayats and Municipalities for women, laying a strong foundation for their participation in decision making at the local level.

WOMEN'S EDUCATION SCENARIO:

In spite of the forceful intervention by a bastion of female privilege, feminist critics, constitutional guarantees, protecting laws and sincere efforts by the state governments and central government through various schemes and Programmes over the last 62 years and above all, the United Nation's enormous pressure with regard to the uplift of the plight of women in terms education is still in the state of an enigma in India for several reasons. The 2001 Census report indicates that literacy among women as only 54 percent it is virtually disheartening to observe that the literacy rate of women India is even much lower to national average i.e. 65.38 .The growth of women's education in rural areas is very slow. This obviously means that still large womenfolk of our country are illiterate, the

weak, backward and exploited. Moreover education is also not available to all equally. Gender inequality is reinforced in education which is proved by the fact that the literacy rate for the women is only 54% against 76% of men as per 2001 Census.

SPORT AS a TOOL TO EMPOWER GIRLS AND WOMEN:

Sport is an integral part of the culture of almost every nation. However, its use to promote gender equity and empower girls and women is often overlooked because sport is not universally perceived as a suitable or desirable pursuit for girls and women. Existing social constructs of masculinity and femininity or socially accepted ways of expressing what it means to be a man or woman in a particular socio-cultural context play a key role in determining access, levels of participation, and benefits from sport. It is true in all countries that girls and women are less likely than boys and men to participate in sport, and sport continues to be dominated by males. It is a mistake, however, to assume that this is because girls and women do not wish to participate. Poverty, heavy domestic demands, safety concerns, lack of accessible transportation, inadequate sport and recreation facilities, and few opportunities for physical education and skill development frequently prevent women's participation in physical activity and sport. As well, socio-cultural norms and constraints preventing girls and women from being physically active, leaving home unaccompanied, or being seen by men outside their family, are additional barriers preventing girls and women from becoming involved in sport and physical activity. For example, even in the matrilineal society of Palau where women are already active in communities and families, sport is still seen as a male domain. At the same time, many international frameworks support women's participation in sport, with some national laws requiring equal access and opportunities for females. A small but growing body of evidence has also begun to establish sport as a viable tool for addressing gender equity on a broader scale.

CONCLUSION:

According to the Country Report of the Government of India, Empowerment means moving from a weak position to execute a power. Education of women the most powerful tool of change of position in society. Education brings a reduction in inequalities and functions as a means of improving their status within the family. To encourage the education of women at all levels and for dilution of gender bias in providing knowledge and education, established schools, colleges and universities even exclusively for women in the state. To bring more girls, especially from marginalized families of BPL, in mainstream education, the government is providing a package of concessions in the form of providing free books, uniform, boarding and lodging, clothing for the hostilities midday meals, scholarships, free circles and so on. Education including physical activities (sports) should be inculcated in schools as a compulsory aspect of curriculum so as to providing diversified opportunities in various fields of employment.

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AN ANALYSIS OF STRESS LEVEL (PRESSURE) AMONG HANDBALL AND NON-HANDBALL PLAYERS OF JUNIOR COLLEGE IN THANE DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT
The purpose of the present study was to analyze and compare the stress levels among handball players and non-handball players studying at the junior college level in the Thane district. Participation in sports is considered an effective means of reducing psychological stress among adolescents. The study was conducted on a total sample of 60 junior college students, comprising 30 handball players and 30 non-handball players, selected from SIA College, Dombivli. The age of the subjects ranged from 16 to 19 years. A standardized stress questionnaire was administered to assess stress levels. Descriptive statistical techniques such as mean and standard deviation were used for data analysis. The results revealed that handball players had lower mean stress scores compared to non-handball players, indicating that participation in handball helps in reducing stress and pressure among junior college students.

Keywords: Stress, Handball players, Non-handball players, Junior college students, Psychological pressure

INTRODUCTION:

Stress has become a common psychological issue among adolescents due to academic pressure, competition, social responsibilities, and career-related concerns. Junior college students face a transitional phase in life, which often results in increased stress levels affecting their mental health and performance. Sports participation is widely recognized as a beneficial activity for reducing stress and enhancing psychological well-being. Team sports such as handball demand physical exertion, coordination, teamwork, discipline, and emotional control. These factors help players manage stress more effectively. In contrast, students who do not participate in sports may lack such coping mechanisms, leading to higher stress levels. The present study aims to compare the stress levels of handball players and non-handball players at the junior college level in the Thane district.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM: The researcher considered it to be appropriate to do a study on the specified topic that was entitled as – "An Analysis of Stress Level (Pressure) among Handball and Non-Handball Players of Junior College in Thane District"

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

To assess the stress (Pressure) level of handball players of junior college.
To assess the stress (Pressure) level of non-handball players of junior college.
To compare the stress (Pressure) levels of handball and non-handball players.

HYPOTHESIS

There will be a significant difference in stress levels between handball players and non-handball players of junior college students.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

Research Design

The study adopted a descriptive comparative research design.

Population and Sample

The population of the study consisted of junior college students studying at SIA College, Dombivli. A total sample of **60 students** was selected using purposive sampling technique.

Group	Number of Subjects
Handball Players	30
Non-Handball Players	30
Total	60

AGE GROUP

The age of the subjects ranged from **16 to 19 years and below**.

VARIABLES

Independent Variable: Participation in handball

Dependent Variable: Stress level (pressure)

TOOL USED

A standardized stress questionnaire was used to measure the stress levels of the subjects.

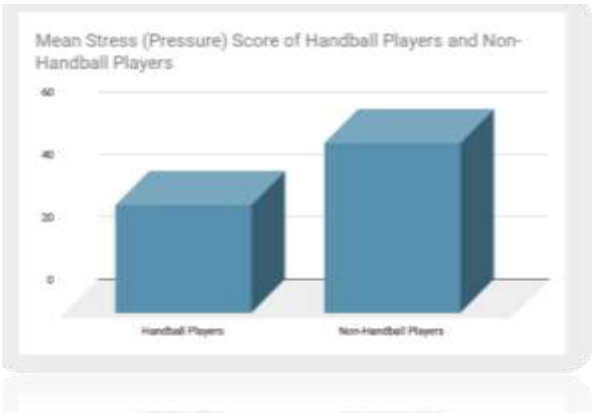
STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES

Mean and Standard Deviation (SD) were used for statistical analysis.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

Table 1: Mean and Standard Deviation of Stress Levels of Handball and Non-Handball Players

Group	N	Mean Stress (Pressure) Score	Standard Deviation (SD)
Handball Players	30	34.80	4.95
Non-Handball Players	30	56.60	6.10



INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

The mean stress score of handball players (Mean = 34.80, SD = 4.95) was significantly lower than that of non-handball players (Mean = 54.60, SD = 6.10). This indicates that handball players experience less stress and psychological pressure compared to non-handball players.

The relatively lower standard deviation among handball players suggests better consistency in stress management, which may be attributed to regular physical activity, competitive exposure, and teamwork.

DISCUSSION

The findings of the study clearly demonstrate the positive impact of sports participation on stress management among junior college students. Handball players are regularly involved in physical training and competitive situations, which help them develop emotional stability and coping skills.

Physical activity also contributes to stress reduction by improving mood and psychological resilience. Non-handball players, however, may face greater academic and personal stress due to the absence of structured physical engagement. These findings align with previous research emphasizing the role of sports in promoting mental health.

CONCLUSION

The study concludes that **handball players exhibit significantly lower stress levels than non-handball players** at the junior college level. Participation in handball plays a crucial role in reducing stress and improving psychological well-being. Educational institutions should encourage sports participation as an integral part of student development.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

The study was limited to one junior college only.
The sample size was restricted to 60 students.
Only handball players were considered under the sports category.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Junior colleges should promote active participation in sports.
Similar studies may be conducted on different sports and larger samples.
Stress management programs should be integrated with physical education.

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STORY OF OBSTACLES, PERSEVERANCE, AND EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN IN SPORTS

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ABSTRACT:

The age-old and culturally rooted stereotypical notion about a woman being weak and a mere shadow of a man has been an impediment to realize her potential and worth. She has been chained by prejudice and repeatedly reminded that her actual place is in the home. The politics of keeping the 'other' in control has often played a crucial role in controlling her life and putting her in a subordinate role by curbing her power to take decisions. In such a context, sports can prove to be a very important means for self-actualization, for breaking the shackles of gender stereotypes, for defying age-old traditions and giving her wings to realize her dreams. In the words of Lakshmi Puri, the Assistant Secretary-General for Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships at the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, "Sport has huge potential to empower women and girls."

KEYWORDS: Sportswomen achievements, Discrimination, Hyper-androgenism.

INTRODUCTION:

In the male-female dichotomy, a woman is often in the marginalized position. It is no more different when it comes to sports. A woman's role revolves around her home and family, leaving a slim chance for her to pursue her dream. Thus in the process of socializing girls, they are often discouraged on the grounds that they are weak and sports is after all, a man's domain. Hence, we see few women in sports like wrestling, weight-lifting, boxing etc. while those who do pursue a career in sports have to encounter numerous challenges and roadblocks. This paper aims at highlighting the various kinds of discrimination that women face in the field of sports and the fact that sports can play a strong role to bring about gender equality in its true sense. Girl children are often not encouraged to take up sports as a career. The reasons are many. They include cultural pressure regarding the attire required for Sports i.e. short and/or tight clothes, which in the Indian context is difficult to accept and the uncertainty that is involved in taking up sports as a profession.

Besides this, due to the rigorous training and occasional steroids/ hormonal treatment, which are administered with the aim of ensuring success, could result in various physical changes making the sportswoman appear more masculine. They, being in a male-dominated space are vulnerable. Her integrity and character are called into question since she travels to different parts of the country and even the world in mixed gender groups. Parents also feel concerned about such a girl's chances of getting a suitable match. Even if she does get married the fact that she would not be able to devote all her attention, time and energy will prick her conscience and make her feel guilty that she is not there for her family as much as she would like. While some families make it difficult for a

sportsperson by complaining of her non-availability, others are fortunate in having caring spouses who offer unconditional love and support, e.g. Mary Kom.

Conclusions

The Olympics of the modern era started as an all-male event, but since 1991, any new sport seeking to join the Olympic programme must have women's competitions. It is a happy sign that women are far more visible in sports today than at any previous point in history. These days an attempt is made through meaningful cinemas to celebrate the inner and physical stamina of those sportswomen who had an extraordinary journey. Movies like Dangal, Mary Kom, Chak De etc impacted the attitudes and perceptions of the viewers and made a conscious effort to bring about a Positive change. In spite of this women in sports face challenges. What is needed is a change in attitude, a little sensitivity and encouragement -- these would help them to combat gender stereotypes and prove to be the wind beneath their wings on their journey towards empowerment.

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TRADITIONAL YOGIC KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND MODERN SPORTS TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract:
Today's world needs wellness, peace, respect and social development. Because of the busy lifestyle, stress, tension, insecurity in social life has completely spoiled the living spirit in young generation. For happiness, joy and peace in life, we need to develop some stress releasing traditional knowledge, skill and techniques to be incorporated sports in regular practice will help to develop physical health, mental peace and social life in our generation. A plateauing of athletic performance, improvements and aureate results will need to be driven by revolution in technology or technique. The traditional knowledge skill, and technology is useful for official, players and coaches to evaluate the athletes performance. Performance has indeed plateaued and to present techniques, derived from models of human growth, for assessing the impact of traditional knowledge skill, technological and technical innovation over time. The events involve well-documented changes in technology or technique, while the other two do not. In the case of sports where evolutionary improvements and innovation were concurrent, preventing their separate identification in the model. In all, it is argued that further general growth in performance will indeed need to rely predominantly on traditional knowledge skills, technological or technical innovations.

Keywords: Yoga, modern technologies, Sports and physical education, skills and innovations.

Introduction:

Traditional knowledge and Skills: Yoga and Meditation

Yoga is one of the ancient technique which helps in building physical & mental health of a person. As Yoga is useful science of life. Many peoples are using it in various fields including in that of sports oriented physical education. In India and other several countries, yoga is included in the curriculum of Physical Education, because it is recognized as a system which promotes an integrated development of body and mind. The performance gain in Sports is the outcome of the well co-ordinated and resultant functions of Psycho-neuro-Psychological variables. Yoga can help in developing various qualities which are-pre-requisites for sport persons, eg. Physical fitness, leadership, Motivation, winning nature, patience, decision making and also help in prevention of Sports injuries and rehabilitation of athlete.

Sports technology and Innovations:

The world of sport is continually changing over the years, and the use of technology is just one of those areas that has made an impact on many sports in the modern day. Sports performance is determined by a number of factors. Some originate from the human element of the sport, such as the physiological and psychological state of the competitor, while others originate from the equipment used by the athlete, which includes the design and materials used in the production of the item. The growth of technology in sports sector as a whole is in accordance with increased participation in sporting activity and this has significant financial implication for society.

Objective:

- Assess the traditional Yogic knowledge and Skills.
- To know the modern Sport technologies

Review of Literature:

Harding (2008) reported that in Pole Vault, poles were originally made from solid sections of wood, but rapidly developed through the use of long lengths of bamboo. In the 1950s, aluminum poles were introduced, but they were followed rapidly in the 1960s by glass fiber composites. The first record in the 100 m form men (athletics) was recognized by the International Association of Athletics Federations, in 1912. Jim Hines October 1968 Olympic gold medal run was the fastest recorded fully electronic 100 meter race to that time, at 9.95. *Quadri and Bhakt (2019) reviewed that the use of "HATHA" yog (a static body posutres) are most beneficial for improving practicing mental skills, like concentration, relaxation and imagery for mind and body control.*

Research Methodology:

Yogic knowledge, skills, practices and prominent modern sports techniques, technologies and innovations.

Results:

Major benefits of Yoga:

Yoga and meditation play a vital role in solving the problems created by modern lifestyle. An ancient glory of India proved the requirement of yoga to improve concentration, creativity, strength and stamina and healthy psychology in social and modern life. Yoga is a science that regulates the physical and physiological behavior of an individual regular practice of yoga will develop physical fitness and keeps the ailments away and also it gives the mental power.

Major benefits of Meditation:

1. Purifications-when a person mindfulness, he can purify his being from all difficulties.
2. Mindfulness – It is over coming of sorrows and worry. Our will not be sorry about anything if we had Practice this mindfulness meditation.
3. Cessation of physical sufferings.
4. Cessation of Mental sufferings.
5. The attainment of enlightment. The path & friction when we devotee enough time and effort to our mindfullness meditation, we will attain at least the first path.
6. Attain deliverance, emancipation through mindfulness meditation.
7. Overcoming Lamentation – Although our parents, children of relatives dies, we will not have any lamentation for them. Because we have fully realized that mental & physical processes continue. So-called child or parents in this was Lamentation can be overcome by mindfulness meditation.

Modern Sports Technologies:

Photo Finish:

A photo finish occurs in a sporting race, when two (or more) competitors cross the finishing line at near the same time. As the naked eye may not be able to discriminate between which of the competitors crossed the line first, a strip photo, a series of rapidly triggered photographs, or a video taken at the finish line may be used for a more accurate check. Nowadays, the photographs may be digital. A digital photo finish camera uses a 1-D array sensor to take sequential images of the finish line. Since only a single line of the CCD is read out at a time, the frame rates can be very high (up to 10,000 frames per second). Unlike a film based photo finish, there is no delay from developing the film, and the photo finish is available immediately. They may be triggered by a laser or photovoltaic means.

Historically, a hand cranked strip photograph was taken at the finishing line. Today, finish-line photos are still used in nearly every modern racing sport. Although some sports use electronic equipment to track the racers during a race, a photo is considered the most important evidence in selecting the winner. However, they may be examined only when a race is close or when a record

has been broken, however are often used to give official times for events. An alternative is the use of manual touch pads to register a time by the athletes themselves, such as in competitive swimming.

Electronic Timing:

Speed training timer is a great tool for obtaining accurate and consistent times for common football drills like the 40 yard dash, short shuttle and the three-cone drill. It is also useful for timing speed drills for baseball, hockey, track and other sporting events. The electronic timer eliminates the human error and bias that so often result in times that don't accurately reflect the athlete's actual ability or progress.

No cabling or power connections required. Hands free timing eliminates human error and bias. The timer can start when the start line beam is broken (runner starts behind the beam), or when the start line beam is restored (runner starts in the beam). With additional electric eyes, up to two split times (e.g., 10 yard and 20 yard) can be timed. The timer also supports manual start with an electric eye finish and vice-versa. When hand starting the timer, the unused start-line electric eye can be used as a split time eye. The optional wireless hands witch can be used to manually start or stop the timer, or to control arming of the timer to give the coach more control over timer activity in crowded situations. Events like the short shuttle and three cone drills are automatically timed-including the process of ignoring intermediate beam breaks. Set up and tear down in just minutes. All equipment shown, including tripods, fits inside a custom made carrying case. Spectator displays and a computer interface cable are available separately

Benefits:

- From a club's point of view, electronic timing systems reduce the burden of producing fast and accurate race results to the riders. It also makes it easier to write race reports and has the capability to automate rider registration before the race.
- Riders get access a host of new race information to benchmark our self and to compare against our mates.
- Finish line placings are accurate down to 0.001 second.
- Members can access information from anywhere on the intemet and brag on social networking sites.
- The extra data can create new dimensions to the competition (fastest lap times for example).
- Clubs can offer a consistent and fair grading/ranking system.

High speed video & motion analysis:

Motion Capture Technologies (MCT) is the Digital High Speed Video cameras and systems. In addition to camera, high speed imaging enables the user to per-form detailed visual and/or computerized motion analysis of machinery, projectiles, wildlife and human motions. These cameras have been applied in a wide variety of areas including the military, industrial, research, education and broadcasting markets. MCT can also provide hardware and on-site services for infrared imaging and high speed film applications.

Conclusion:

Yoga plays a vital role determining the individual’s physical and mental fitness. Regular practice of Yoga prevent occurrence of many diseases of modernized lifestyle. Yoga as one of the preventive and social medicines of westernized society. Simultaneously, to achieve performance, to compete equally with the other international athletes in future, we should adopt all the recent technologies, and train people with the advanced equipment’s from grass hood level.

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STUDY OF HAEMOGLOBIN LEVEL OF MORNING WALKER AND YOGA PRACTITIONER WOMEN OF SOEGAON

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to compare the haemoglobin level of morning walker and yoga practitioner women of Soegaon. For this purposes the data were collected from 20 morning walker women and 20 yoga practitioner women who regular do exercise and yoga in morning. Subjects were sleeted by simple random sampling method. There was no age limit of the subjects. Haemoglobin level was tested with the help of Sahli's Haemoglobin meter. The collected data were statistically analyzed with t-test. The level of significance was significant at 0.05 levels. Result shows that on the basis of mean different there was different between mean of morning walker and yoga practitioner. To see this different is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between morning walker and yoga practitioner as the calculated 't' value 3.847 is greater than the tabulated 't' value 2.021. Under the conditions of the study and within the limitations imposed by the type of subjects and the variable selected for this study, it may be concluded that there is significance differences is found in haemoglobin level. Yoga practitioner women found more haemoglobin level as compared to simple morning walker. It may be attributed that practicing yoga regularly increases the capacity of physiological factors of individual faster than simply doing physical activities.

Keyword: Haemoglobin Level, Morning Walker and Yoga Practitioner

Introduction

Physical fitness is the positive state of well-being allowing you enough strength and energy to participate in a full, active life-style of your choice. Physical fitness is the general capacity to adapt favourably to physical effort. Individuals are physically fit when they are able to meet both the usual and unusual demands of daily life, safely and effectively with undue stress or exhaustion. Physical fitness is the capacity to carry out the various forms of physical activities without being unduly tired and includes qualities important to the individual's health and well-being. The fit person is one who is free of limiting and debilitating ailwoments, who has the stamina and skill to do the day's work and who has sufficient reserve of energy not only to meet emergencies but also to participate in leisure time activities. Physical fitness is one phase of total fitness, and it may be used inter-changeably with motor fitness. Other phases of total fitness include social fitness, emotional fitness, womental fitness etc.

Haemoglobin is a complex compound found in Red Blood Cells that contain iron (haemo) and protein (globin) and is capable of combining with oxygen. Haemoglobin is basically organic material with a very interested organic structure known as haeme. The interesting thing about this structure is that it contains iron and this iron is capable of combining with oxygen to form oxy-haemoglobin

in red blood cell by means of this oxygen is carried to the tissues from the lungs. The determination of blood constituents are of great importance in relation to health and disease in human beings. Physically fit consumes more oxygen; in fact the Haemoglobin is responsible for the transport of oxygen wherever the concentration of Haemoglobin increases which helps in the required supply of oxygen. The normal average Red Blood Cells count in adult male is taken as 5.5 million per cubic millimeter and female 4.8 million per cubic millimeter. Status of an individual, it is necessary to evaluate the Haemoglobin percentage. Haemoglobin is one of the aspect which counts in the physical fitness of an individual. It is one of the vital composite factors of blood which is found in Red Blood Cells, which gives R.B.C's their red colour. The normal average R.B.C. Count in adult male is taken as 5.5 million per cubic millimeter and female 4.8 million per cubic millimeter. As will readily be understood that these patient's present symptoms of deficient oxygen such as breathlessness, often one of the first indications of iron deficiency anemia. That means the vital capacity, exhale capacity are also affected by the deficiency of Hemoglobin. Through regular exercise or practicing yoga regularly we can keep ourselves fit. Weather exercise or yoga which activity increases the level of hemoglobin of the individual, to know this researcher has taken the study "Study of Hemoglobin Level of Morning Walker and Yoga Practitioner Women of Soegaon"

Methodology

The purpose of the study was to compare the haemoglobin level of morning walker and yoga practitioner women of Soegaon. For this purpose the data were collected from 20 morning walker women and 20 yoga practitioner women who regular do exercise and yoga in morning. Subjects were sleeted by simple random sampling method. There was no age limit of the subjects. Haemoglobin level was tested with the help of Sahli's Haemoglobin meter.

Statistical Analysis

The collected data were statistically analyzed with t-test. The level of significance was significant at 0.05 levels.

Table

Comparison of Morning Walker and Yoga Practitioner Women

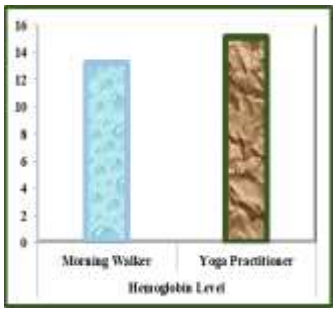
Variables	Subject	Mean	SD	SE	M.D.	t – Test
Haemoglobin Level	Morning Walker	13.23	1.82	0.491	1.89	3.847*
	Yoga Practitioner	15.12	1.23			

*Significant at 0.05 $_{(38df)}$ tabulated t = 2.021

Above table shows that on the basis of mean different there was different between mean of morning walker and yoga practitioner. To see this different is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between morning walker and yoga practitioner as the calculated 't' value 3.847 is greater than the tabulated 't' value 2.021.

Graph

Mean comparison of Morning Walker and Yoga Practitioner Women



Conclusion

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF LEVEL OF ADJUSTMENT OF WOMEN PLAYERS AND NON-PLAYERS OF PAITHAN TAHASIL

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to compare level of adjustment of players and non players. The researcher has taken forty (40) subjects for the collection of data which include twenty (20) players of any game and twenty (20) non players from Paithan Tahasil. The subjects were selected by using simple random sampling method. The age was ranged between 18 to 25 years. The data was collected by standard questionnaire of constructed by Dr. D. N. Srivastava and Govind Tiwari respectively. The standard questionnaire was distributed among the players and non players and the data were collected and analyzed. Statistical analysis was done on the basis of 't' test to compare the adjustment level between players and non players and the significant level was kept at 0.05 level. Result shows that there is difference between means of adjustment level between players and non players of Paithan Tahasil, as the mean of players is 48.4, greater than non players 41.8, and their mean difference is 6.6. To check the difference is significant or not the 't' test was applied. After applying 't' test it was found that there is significant difference in adjustment level between players and non players as the calculated 't' value 3.486 is greater than tabulated 't' value 2.021 at 0.05 level of significance, which indicates or shows that there is a significant difference in adjustment level between players and non players of Paithan Tahasil. Concluding we can say that the difference between the players and non players of Paithan Tahasil in reference to adjustment level shows significant difference and players shows high level of adjustment as compared to non players it may attributed that players who practice regularly were always punctual in their work as compared to non players, players practice under the guidance of coaches learn how to behave with others, players develop many qualities under the guidance of his coaches and adjustment is one them which develop through sports as compared to non players.

Keyword: Level of Adjustment, Players, Non Players, etc.

Introduction

Physical and sports activities have been organized in such manner that every players has an opportunity to develop their group cohesion, group consciousness and a sense of belongingness. No activity in physical education is done in isolation. Sport is a good source of rich social experience for the participants as well as the spectators. During practice and during competition, individuals belonging to various teams come into contact with each others: they interact with each other. They learn and act in the same strain under the same situations. In the process of "give" and "take", modification of behavior takes place automatically. Play not only reflects the direction of personality development, but also it acts as an agent in bringing about social adjustment.

The adaptability to environmental hazards goes on increasing as we proceed on the photogenic scale from the lower extreme to the higher. If we examine the various activities of the

individual life, we will find that most of them involve adjustment of the individual to his vocational, social and economical problems. The process of adjustment takes a place right from the birth of the child and continues till his death. Adjustment is the parameter which is very useful for the sports activities. In high level competition it is very essential need of motivations, conflict and emotions which differ from individual to individual and causes adjust mental problems. Adjustment attempts to satisfy individual need by overcoming both inner as well as outer abstract and by adapting to circumstances learning about Adjustment can be classified in two circumstances; internal make-up and internal personal or social behavior. Adjustment is dynamic process by which players meet their needs in sports. Hence the researcher has taken the study of Adjustment Level of Players and Non Players of Paithan Tahasil.

Methodology

The researcher has taken forty (40) subjects for the collection of data which include twenty (20) players of any game and twenty (20) non players from Paithan Tahasil. The subjects were selected by using simple random sampling method. The age was ranged between 18 to 25 years. The data was collected by standard questionnaire of constructed by Dr. D. N. Srivastava and Govind Tiwari respectively. The standard questionnaire was distributed among the players and non players and the data were collected and analyzed.

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was done on the basis of 't' test to compare the adjustment level between players and non players and the significant level was kept at 0.05 level.

Table

Adjustment level between players and non players

Group	Mean	S.D.	M.D.	D.F.	O.T.	T.T.
Women Players	48.4	6.35	6.6	38	**3.486***	2.021
Non- Players	41.8	5.6				

*Significant at 0.05 $_{(38)}$ tabulated 't' = 2.021

Above table reveals that there is difference between means of adjustment level between players and non players of Paithan Tahasil, as the mean of players is 48.4, greater than non players 41.8, and their mean difference is 6.6. To check the difference is significant or not the 't' test was applied. After applying 't' test it was found that there is significant difference in adjustment level between players and non players as the calculated 't' value 3.486 is greater than tabulated 't' value 2.021 at 0.05 level of significance, which indicates or shows that there is a significant difference in adjustment level between players and non players of Paithan Tahasil.

Graph

Mean comparison of adjustment level between players and non players



Conclusion

Concluding we can say that the difference between the players and non players of Paithan Tahasil in reference to adjustment level shows significant difference and players shows high level of adjustment as compared to non players it may attributed that players who practice regularly were always punctual in their work as compared to non players, players practice under the guidance of coaches learn how to behave with others, players develop many qualities under the guidance of his coaches and adjustment is one them which develop through sports as compared to non players.

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EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY PERSPECTIVES ON INJURY PREVENTION IN MALE KHO-KHO PLAYERS

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Abstract:
Kho-Kho is a high-intensity indigenous sport that requires fast pace, sharp directional changes, constant agility, and occasional running. Players are prone to injuries such as muscle strains, ligament sprains, fractures, and overuse conditions. From an exercise science perspective, a systematic approach to injury prevention and rehabilitation in Kho-Kho is essential.

Keywords: Injury, Physiotherapy, Prevention, Knee, Ankle, Finger, Surface, Taping techniques.

Introduction:
Exercise physiology helps athletes identify faulty movement patterns that can lead to injuries, allowing coaches and physiotherapists to design corrective exercise interventions. Rehabilitation in exercise science helps restore function in a timely manner after an injury. Modern rehabilitation strategies include physiotherapy techniques, therapeutic exercises, and sport-specific drills to ensure a safe return to competition. Thus, the combination of preventive conditioning and scientifically guided rehabilitation creates a holistic framework that enhances performance and protects the long-term health of Kho Kho players.

Statement of Problem:
The researcher has observed that despite the growing popularity of Kho-Kho and its physically demanding nature, limited research is available on injuries among young players. There is a need to study the types, frequency, prevalence, and causes of injuries among male Kho-Kho players in Maharashtra. A systematic epidemiological study can help in documenting the nature of injuries and identifying contributing factors such as poor playing surfaces, inadequate warm-up, and intense physical contact. These findings will provide a scientific basis for preventive measures methods, and training modifications to improve player safety and performance. The significant impact that injuries can have on players' careers further reinforces the motivation for this research. Therefore, the present study titled " Exercise Physiology Perspectives on Injury Prevention in Male Kho-Kho Players".

Scope of the Study
The current study focuses on examining the epidemiological patterns of injuries among male Kho-Kho players in Maharashtra, with an emphasis on identifying the types, causes, and frequency of injuries sustained during competitive play. This includes players representing their respective colleges in intercollegiate competitions. The study is limited to lower extremity injuries, specifically muscle strains, knee, ankle, foot, and toe injuries, which are most prevalent due to the fast-paced and explosive movements involved in this sport. The findings aim to provide a scientific basis for developing injury prevention strategies and enhancing safety in Kho-Kho.

Significance of the Study
The current study focuses on examining the epidemiological patterns of injuries among male Kho-Kho players in Maharashtra, with an emphasis on identifying the types, causes, and frequency of

injuries sustained during competitive play. This study is limited to lower extremity injuries, specifically muscle strains, and injuries to the knee, ankle, foot, and toes, which are most prevalent due to the fast-paced and explosive movements involved in this sport. The findings aim to provide a scientific basis for developing injury prevention strategies and enhancing safety in Kho-Kho.

Objectives of the Study

1. To study the various types of injuries among male Kho-Kho players and determine the incidence of sports injuries.
2. To analyse the risk factors associated with injuries in Kho-Kho, such as intense physical contact, rapid changes in direction/movement, lack of proper warm-up, and the playing field.
3. To evaluate the frequency and patterns of injuries based on body parts (muscle strain, knee, ankle, sole, and finger).
4. Based on the findings, to suggest preventive strategies and recommendations to reduce the risk of injuries and improve safety in Kho-Kho.

Research Hypothesis

$H1_1$: Male Kho Kho players experience various types of injuries that can be systematically identified and classified.

$H1_2$: Specific risk factors such as intense physical contact, rapid directional changes, lack of warm-up, and playing surface contribute to the occurrence of injuries among male Kho Kho players.

Null Hypothesis

$H0_1$: There are no identifiable or classifiable differences in the types of injuries experienced by male Kho Kho players.

$H0_2$: Intense physical contact, rapid directional changes, lack of warm-up, and playing surface do not contribute to the occurrence of injuries among male Kho Kho players.

Assumptions

1. The subjects will give unbiased, accurate and correct information.
2. The Questionnaire developed to identify the injuries will be sufficient to identify all the different types of injuries in Kho Kho players and their causes.

Delimitation

1. This study will be delimited to Kho-Kho players from the state of Maharashtra only.
2. This study will be delimited to players who have played Kho-Kho for at least two to three years.
3. The data for the study is delimited to information collected from players and physiotherapists.
4. The data collection tool in this study is delimited to the questionnaire prepared by the researcher.
5. This study will include only the types of leg injuries sustained by Kho-Kho players.

Limitations

1. The limitations of the study will be related to the observations and experiences in the context of present study.
2. The observations and experiences of sport physiotherapist and Kho Kho male player are accounted as first-hand information of data to meet the designed purpose on which researcher has no control.

Research Method:

In this study, a structured questionnaire developed by the researcher was used as the data collection tool to gather information on injuries sustained by male Kho-Kho players aged 17 to 25 years in Maharashtra. This questionnaire was validated and refined by collecting feedback from players and physiotherapists.

Statistical analysis and Interpretation:

An analysis of injuries among male Kho-Kho players revealed that the highest number of injuries occurred across all Kho-Kho competitions. A total of 87 injuries were recorded in these competitions. Of these, 27 (31.03%) were knee injuries. Toe injuries were the most frequently recorded. 24 (27.58%) injuries were to the toes. Toe injuries refer to injuries sustained by the players' toes. In all these competitions, injuries to the soles of the feet were also recorded alongside toe injuries. 23 (26.43%) injuries were to the soles of the feet. Muscle strain was observed to varying degrees in all

competitions. The number of muscle strains sustained by the players was recorded as 9 (10.34%). Ankle injuries accounted for 4 (4.59%) of the total number of injuries. No bone fractures were recorded in any of the competitions.

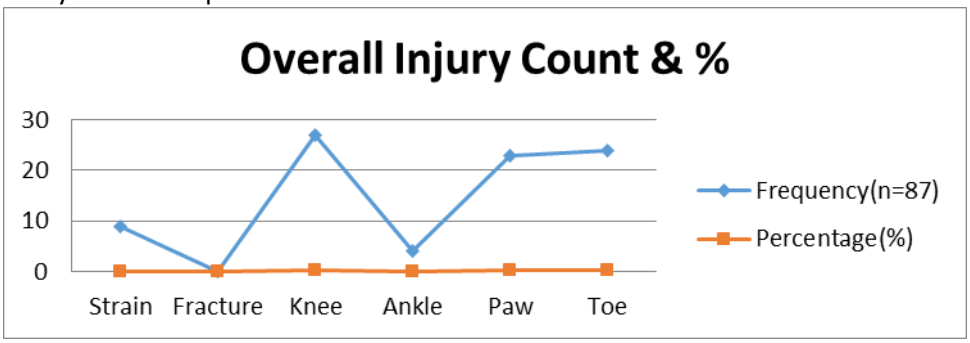


Figure: 4.5.1. Overall Frequency and Percentage Distribution of Injuries.

Preventive Measures in Kho-Kho Injury Management

One of the primary preventive measures is strengthening the lower extremities. Exercises such as squats, lunges, step-ups, dynamic stretching, skipping drills, and short sprints help develop strength and flexibility in the knee ligaments. These methods help athletes withstand sudden impact forces during changes of direction, running, and contact situations. Along with strength training, proper field preparation plays a crucial role in safety. A soft, well-maintained surface reduces slips and impacts, minimizing the risk of knee injuries. Players should also utilize proper movement techniques while diving, dodging, and chasing to reduce excessive stress on the joints. In case of injuries, medical assistance and physiotherapy are crucial. Local medications, painkillers, and proper dressing can immediately control bleeding. Taping techniques also help stabilize the joints. Rigid or non-elastic taping restricts excessive movement in weakened ligaments, while elastic taping or knee pads provide supportive cushioning to enable pain-free performance.

Physiotherapy protocols include cold therapy, soft tissue massage, and ultrasound treatment to control swelling. Protective taping reduces direct pressure, while using or developing appropriate footwear can significantly reduce the risk of injury.

Preventive measures focus on structured warm-ups and ankle strengthening through heel raises, circular mobility, and peroneal muscle training. Stiffness can be managed using rigid taping for stabilization, and a medical evaluation ensures appropriate treatment. Proper hydration using electrolyte solutions prevents heat-related muscle cramps. In case of a strain, non-elastic taping, RICE treatment, range-of-motion activities, isometric exercises, and myofascial therapy aid recovery and prevent stiffness.

Conclusion:

In the competitive sport of Kho Kho, injuries to the lower body were observed. These injuries particularly affected the knees, ankles, and toes. To address this, researchers Prof. Rushikesh Chandrakant Kumbhar and Dr. Santosh Wangujare have developed a removable, paw-shaped foot guard with Velcro fastening for the toes and big toe, which is especially useful for outdoor sports like Kho Kho and Kabaddi. This invention directly addresses the problems identified in this research. Specifically, it controls foot injuries that occur during high-intensity sports due to fast running, sudden changes in direction, and contact with the ground.

This product, named "Paw cap for injury prevention," has been registered under design law on 09/06/2025, with illustrative front, back, top, bottom, and three-dimensional views included in the design application. Complete detailed information explaining its technical construction and novelty has been formally submitted under Form 2 of the Patents Act, 1970.

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GIRLS HEALTH THROUGH WEIGHTLIG AWARENESS IN SCHOOL PROGRAMME

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Abstract

Youth constitute the most creative segment of any society. About 34% of the total population of India are youth. The need and importance of physical education for health and fitness with a view to increasing individual productivity, and value of sports as a means of recreation and with a potential for promoting social harmony and discipline are well recognized. To fulfill this, view the ministry of youth affairs and sports was setup as department of sports in 1982 at the time of organization of ninth Asian games in New Delhi. It became a separate ministry on 27"? May 2000. Their vision is to provide opportunities for developing the personality of youth so that they may achieve their full potential and involving them in various nation building activity on the one side, and broad basing of sports and achieving excellence at national and international levels.

Keyword: Weight Lifting, Health Awareness

Introducation

There is a growing awareness and demand that girls; during their high school years be given opportunities to acquire useful and positive information about health. If the health education programme is successfully implementated in the school, students develop good health habits. Lacking scientific information, any adolescent with an inadequate background of experience is unable to safely adjust his living habits in various situation unless and until he knows how the various parts and organs of the body operate. But the usual high school course in biology or general science or in physiology do not fulfill the needs of practical situation because the emphasis is more on academic learning and not upon the practical aspect. A programme of health training instruction should be intimately linked with others school activities, which have health contents, and health relations because activities in sports and games are the means of achieving fitness. Youth constitute the most creative segment of any society. About 34% of the total population of India are youth. The need and importance of physical education for health and fitness with a view to increasing individual productivity, and value of sports as a means of recreation and with a potential for promoting social harmony and discipline are well recognized. To fulfill this, view the ministry of youth affairs and sports was setup as department of sports in 1982 at the time of organization of ninth Asian games in New Delhi. It became a separate ministry on 27"? May 2000. Their vision is to provide opportunities for developing the personality of youth so that they may achieve their full potential and involving them in various nation building activity on the one side, and broad basing of sports and achieving excellence at national and international levels.

Various Schemes Run by Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry.

1. Grants for creation of sports infrastructure
2. Grants to rural schools for sports equipments and play grounds.
3. Grants for installation of synthetic playing surfaces.
4. Grants for promotion of sports in universities and colleges.

5. Assistance to national sports federations.
6. Sports scholarship scheme.
7. Awards and other incentives.
8. National welfare fund for sports persons.
9. Promotion of sports and games in schools.
10. Sports funds and pension to merit riots sports persons.

PROMOTION OF SPORTS AND GAMES IN SCHOOLS.

Promotion of sports and games in schools is one of the schemes of youth affairs and sports ministry which also includes health and fitness awareness among students. Primary education has been made compulsory throughout the country and it is hoped that about 95% of children under the eligible age bracket goes to school. It is seen that students coming out of school have very poor knowledge of human physiology, diet, nutrition, exercise and regulated life style. PN-sea -tosse s one richest possession, it :-a- -tar re purchased but it has to be s= -BC frrugn a daily routine of physical ex-e-^se, ^/sical fitness is a necessity for — =r respective of the type of society of c~ ~>e she is a member. iVe rave now to the age of computerization, mechanization, automation and push button technology but contrary to the popular opinion, physical fitness is still more important than before. The present-day life has put so many different kinds of stresses on the individual, and to overcome them he needs to be physically fit. It is establish fact that active, healthy children tend to do well academically, have adequate energy and attention, show emotional stability, -and have few behavioral problems statement by nationally respected and influential individuals and groups have all encouraged and supported physical education programme that includes physical fitness and regular physical activity as priorities, Health physical education and sports classes for every child every day are not mentioned in general timetable of the school.

IS SCHOOL A BEST PLACE TO IMPART HEALTH AND FITNESS AWARENESS?

" Yes", Education is best imparted while one is young and the schools are best suited for this purpose. Our syllabus may be altered to include greater study of human physiology, nutrition, diet, health habits, exercise, rest etc. Previously school health programme was on papers in the form of medical examination of children in the beginning of the century after independence couple of comities recommended about the need and importance of this programme. After 1960 the work started in the selected schools and now government had planned a big way the health and physical education activities at all levels of school education programme. Health is more important than anything else. It is not the sole or primary responsibility of the school or college but the general welfare of society demands that it be given a place which will attract attention, assure interest and command respect. Buccher also believe that health and physical educations programme are related to academic achievements in following ways-

a) Through emphasis on the development of motor skill.

b) By promoting physical fitness.

c) By imparting knowledge and modifying behaviour regarding good health practices.

d) By aiding the process of social and emotional development which leads to more positive

Self-Concepts

Education for keeping, maintaining good health and avoiding harmful agents may be understood as health awareness in school. For school children health education should be a systematic programme of developing healthy habits, proper attitude and correct knowledge which will contribute to physical, mental, and social health. However, strongly one may feel about the responsibility of the home for physical fitness, the educational institution must support and strengthen what is done on the out side. It is a well known fact that if the general curriculum does not include a programme of physical development and the essentials of good health, these "will be neglected by the students and will not be adequately supplied by the home or the other agencies. For the awareness of health and fitness among citizens mass media needs to be energized to make health a pivotal issue. Newspapers and periodicals carry lot of material only to cater base urges. There is hardly any coverage for health information. Such wastages must be plugged and health awareness must be promoted to make the people strong and healthy. As a healthy population can certainly bring about a better economic and national strength.

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EFFECT OF INTERVAL TRAINING ON IMPROVING ACCELERATION ABILITY IN SPRINTERS

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Abstract
The purpose of the present study was to examine the effect of interval training on acceleration ability in sprinters. Acceleration is a crucial component of sprint performance, especially during the initial phase of a race. Twenty competitive sprinters aged 18–25 years (male) were selected as subjects from chhatrapati sambhajinagar. and randomly divided into an experimental group and a control group. The experimental group underwent a structured interval training program for six weeks, while the control group followed their regular training routine. Acceleration ability was measured over 0–10 m, 0–20 m, and 0–30 m sprint distances before and after the training period. The results revealed a significant improvement in acceleration ability of the experimental group as compared to the control group. The findings indicate that interval training is an effective method for improving acceleration performance in sprinters.

Keywords: Interval Training, Acceleration Ability, Sprinters, Speed Development, Anaerobic Training

Introduction

Sprint performance depends largely on an athlete's ability to accelerate rapidly from a stationary or near-stationary position. Acceleration ability refers to the capacity to increase velocity in the shortest possible time and distance. This ability is influenced by factors such as explosive strength, neuromuscular coordination, technique, and energy system efficiency.

Interval training is a widely used training method in sports conditioning, involving repeated bouts of high-intensity exercise alternated with periods of recovery. This training method enhances anaerobic capacity, muscular power, and neuromuscular efficiency, all of which are essential for sprint acceleration. Therefore, the present study attempts to investigate the effect of interval training on improving acceleration ability in sprinters.

I. Objectives

1. To study the effect of interval training on acceleration ability in sprinters.
2. To compare pre-test and post-test acceleration performance of the experimental group.
3. To compare the acceleration ability of experimental and control groups after the training period.

II. Hypothesis

1. There will be a significant improvement in acceleration ability of sprinters due to interval training.
2. The experimental group will show greater improvement in acceleration ability than the control group.

III. Procedure and Methodology

Population

The population of the study consisted of competitive male sprinters aged 18–25 years of chhatrapati sambhajinagar participating at district or state level competitions.

Sample

A total of 20 sprinters were selected using random sampling technique and divided into:

- Experimental Group – 10 subjects

- Control Group – 10 subjects

Training Programme

The experimental group underwent a six-week interval training programme, four days per week. The control group continued with their regular sprint training without interval training intervention.

Test Requirements

- 30-meter sprint track
- Measuring tape
- Stopwatches / electronic timing gates
- Cones and marking flags
- Whistle

Test Procedure

Each subject was instructed to start from a standing position behind the starting line. After a proper warm-up, the subject sprinted maximally over distances of 0–10 m, 0–20 m, and 0–30 m. Two trials were given, and the best performance was recorded. Adequate rest was provided between trials to avoid fatigue.

Scoring Criteria

- Time was recorded in seconds.
- Lower time indicated better acceleration ability.
- The best time of two trials was considered for statistical analysis.

6-Week Interval Training Program for Sprinters (0–30 m Acceleration Focus)

Week	Warm-Up (15–20 min)	Main Interval Training (20–30 min)
1–2	Light jogging 5 min; Dynamic stretches 5–7 min; Sprint drills 5–8 min (A-skips, B-skips, bounding)	20 m sprint × 4×2 (90–95%); 30 m sprint × 3×2 (85–90%); Optional: 15 m resisted sprints × 2×2
3–4	Light jogging 5 min; Dynamic stretches 5–7 min; Sprint drills 5–8 min	30 m sprint × 5×2 (95%); 40 m sprint × 3×2 (85–90%); Plyometrics: bounding, box jumps, jump squats 3×10
5–6	Light jogging 5 min; Dynamic stretches 5–7 min; Sprint drills 5–8 min	20 m sprint × 4×3 (95–100%); 40 m sprint × 4×2 (90%); Optional: 20 m resisted sprints × 3×2; Flying sprints 30 m × 3×2

Weekly Activity plan

Day	Activity
Monday	Sprint interval session + warm-up & cool-down
Tuesday	Recovery / light jogging or mobility work
Wednesday	Sprint interval session + plyometric exercises
Thursday	Recovery / flexibility & core exercises
Friday	Sprint interval session
Saturday	Sprint interval session + optional resisted/flying sprints
Sunday	Rest

V. Result and Discussion

The results of the study revealed a significant improvement in acceleration ability of the experimental group after six weeks of interval training. The experimental group showed greater reduction in sprint time over all distances (0–10 m, 0–20 m, and 0–30 m) compared to the control group.

The improvement may be attributed to enhanced neuromuscular coordination, increased explosive strength, and improved anaerobic power developed through interval training. The control group showed minimal improvement, which may be due to routine training without specific interval-based stimulus. The findings of the study support the hypothesis that interval training has a positive effect on improving acceleration ability in sprinters.

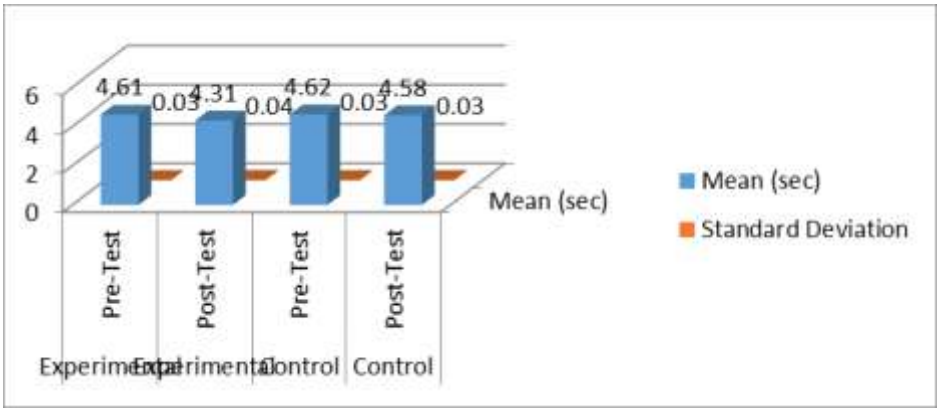
Table no .1 Descriptive Statistics of Acceleration Ability (0–30 m)

Group	Test	Mean (sec)	Standard Deviation
Experimental	Pre-Test	4.61	0.03
Experimental	Post-Test	4.31	0.04
Control	Pre-Test	4.62	0.03
Control	Post-Test	4.58	0.03

Table 2: Paired t-Test Results

Group	Mean Difference	t-Value	df	p-Value	Result
Experimental	0.30	100.62	9	< 0.05	Significant
Control	0.04	18.97	9	> 0.05	Not Significant

Graph: Mean Acceleration Performance (0–30 m)



The results of the study revealed a **significant improvement** in acceleration ability of sprinters who underwent interval training. The experimental group showed a considerable reduction in sprint time over 0–30 meters, whereas the control group showed only marginal improvement.

The calculated t-value for the experimental group was greater than the tabulated value at 0.05 level of significance, indicating that interval training had a positive and significant effect on acceleration ability. The improvement can be attributed to enhanced explosive strength, neuromuscular coordination, and anaerobic power developed through high-intensity interval work.

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INDIGENOUS SPORTS OF INDIA AND THE INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM: PRESERVING TRADITION AND PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM

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Abstract
India possesses a rich legacy of indigenous sports that are deeply embedded in its cultural, philosophical, and martial traditions. Games such as Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Kalarippayattu, Mallakhamb, and Kushti represent more than physical activities; they are expressions of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS), which integrates traditional wisdom related to physical education, health, discipline, and holistic well-being. Ancient texts including the Vedas, Dhanurveda, Agamas, and Natyashastra outline systematic approaches to physical training, strength development, agility, and mental focus—principles that closely align with modern sports science. However, colonial influence and the dominance of Western sports led to the marginalization of many indigenous games. In recent years, the emergence of professional leagues such as the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) and the Ultimate Kho-Kho League (UKK) has revitalized these traditional sports by introducing structured competition, financial investment, scientific training, and mass media visibility. This paper examines the relationship between indigenous sports and the Indian Knowledge System, evaluates the role of professionalism in their revival, and proposes strategies for their sustained national and global integration. By harmonizing ancient knowledge with modern professional frameworks, indigenous sports can be preserved as cultural heritage while evolving into globally competitive disciplines.

Keywords: Indian Knowledge System, indigenous sports, traditional games, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Kalarippayattu, Mallakhamb, Kushti, sports professionalization, Ayurveda and sports, yoga and athletics, cultural heritage

Introduction

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) represents a comprehensive body of traditional wisdom encompassing philosophy, education, health sciences, ethics, and physical culture. Indigenous sports form an essential component of this system, as they emphasize holistic development through physical fitness, mental discipline, moral values, and social harmony. Ancient Indian texts such as the *Dhanurveda* (science of warfare), *Agamas*, and *Natyashastra* stress the importance of physical training, agility, balance, and self-defense, laying the foundation for traditional sports including Kalarippayattu, Kushti, and Mallakhamb (Majumdar & Mehta, 1993). Historically, indigenous sports were integral to daily life and survival. Kalarippayattu functioned as a comprehensive martial training system for warriors in Kerala, while Kushti flourished within the *gurukul* and *akhara* systems, emphasizing discipline, ethical conduct, and Ayurvedic nutrition. Mallakhamb, rooted in yogic practices, enhanced strength, flexibility, coordination, and concentration. These sports exemplify the IKS philosophy of mind–body harmony and sustainable physical culture (Khan, 2012).

Despite their historical and cultural significance, indigenous sports experienced decline during the colonial period, as British policies promoted Western sports such as cricket and football (Dutt, 2021). In the contemporary era, however, professionalization and commercialization have contributed significantly to their revival. Leagues such as the Pro Kabaddi League (2014) and the Ultimate Kho-Kho League (2022), along with international events like the Kho-Kho World Cup (January 2025), reflect renewed interest and global recognition of India's traditional games (Sportstar, 2025).

This paper explores the influence of the Indian Knowledge System on indigenous sports, assesses the impact of professionalism on their revival, and identifies strategies to ensure their long-term sustainability and global integration.

Major Indigenous Sports of India

Kabaddi

Kabaddi is an ancient Indian sport requiring strength, agility, endurance, and tactical intelligence. Its inclusion in the Asian Games and the establishment of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) in 2014 transformed the sport through franchise-based competition, scientific training, financial security for players, and extensive media coverage. PKL has significantly enhanced Kabaddi's popularity and international presence.

Kho-Kho

Kho-Kho is a traditional tag game emphasizing speed, reflexes, teamwork, and strategic coordination. The launch of the Ultimate Kho-Kho League (UKK) in 2022 marked a major step toward its professionalization. The inaugural Kho-Kho World Cup held in January 2025 in New Delhi further strengthened the sport's global profile by attracting international teams and audiences.

Mallakhamb

Mallakhamb combines acrobatics, gymnastics, wrestling techniques, and yogic principles. Traditionally used for physical conditioning of warriors, it is now being promoted as a competitive sport through structured events such as the Mallakhamb Premier League, which integrates traditional techniques with modern training methods.

Kushti (Indian Wrestling)

Kushti, also known as Pehlwani, is practiced in *akharas* and emphasizes discipline, strength, endurance, and ethical living. Although modern freestyle wrestling has gained prominence, Kushti continues to hold cultural significance and has benefited from organized tournaments and sponsorship initiatives, particularly through platforms like the Indian Wrestling League.

Kalarippayattu

Kalarippayattu, often regarded as one of the world's oldest martial arts, originated in Kerala over 3,000 years ago. It integrates combat techniques, weapon training, physical conditioning, and healing practices rooted in Ayurveda. While not yet fully commercialized, Kalarippayattu has gained international recognition through cultural festivals, cinema, and global martial arts communities. Organizations such as the Kerala Kalarippayattu Association play a key role in standardizing training and organizing competitions.

Other martial traditions such as Gatka (Punjab), Thang-Ta (Manipur), and Silambam (Tamil Nadu) continue to be preserved through cultural performances and competitive events.

Role of Professionalism in Reviving Indigenous Sports

Professionalism in sports involves structured training systems, financial stability, sponsorship, media exposure, and defined career pathways for athletes. The introduction of professional leagues has had a transformative effect on indigenous sports in India.

Impact of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL)

Since its launch in 2014, PKL has revolutionized Kabaddi through:

- Massive growth in popularity and television viewership
- Increased sponsorship and commercial investment
- Scientific coaching, fitness conditioning, and performance analysis
- Talent identification from rural and grassroots levels
- International expansion, inspiring leagues in countries such as Iran and South Korea

Kho-Kho World Cup: A Global Milestone

The inaugural Kho-Kho World Cup (January 2025) marked a historic step in globalizing indigenous sports. With participation from 24 countries, the event enhanced international recognition, attracted government and corporate investment, and created professional growth opportunities for athletes.

Professional Leagues in Other Indigenous Sports

Following the PKL model, leagues such as the Ultimate Kho-Kho League, Indian Wrestling League, and Mallakhamb Premier League have integrated traditional sports with modern sports management. Annual Kalarippayattu National Championships further contribute to the preservation and promotion of martial traditions. Discussions are also underway regarding the professionalization of traditional games such as Lagori and Gilli-Danda.

Challenges in Professionalizing Indigenous Sports

Despite recent successes, several challenges remain:

- Inadequate infrastructure and training facilities
- Limited global recognition for lesser-known traditional sports
- Insufficient player welfare measures, including contracts and insurance
- Uneven sponsorship and media coverage

Strategies for Sustainable Promotion

Government initiatives such as the Khelo India program play a vital role in supporting indigenous sports through funding, infrastructure development, and policy support. Integrating traditional games into school and university curricula, promoting inter-institutional competitions, and offering scholarships can strengthen grassroots development. Corporate partnerships, international collaborations, digital promotion, and inclusion in multi-sport events such as the Asian and Commonwealth Games can further enhance global visibility.

Conclusion

Indigenous sports are a vital expression of India's cultural heritage and the Indian Knowledge System, emphasizing holistic development, discipline, and physical excellence. Although these sports declined during the colonial period, recent professionalization through leagues such as PKL and UKK and events like the Kho-Kho World Cup has revived interest and participation. Addressing challenges related to infrastructure, global outreach, and athlete welfare through coordinated government, corporate, and institutional efforts is essential for sustained growth. By blending ancient wisdom with modern professionalism, India can ensure that its indigenous sports not only survive but thrive on the global stage while preserving their cultural essence.

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INFLUENCE OF SPECIFIC TRAINING PROGRAMME ON PHYSIOLOGICAL COMPONENT OF HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL FEMALE KHO-KHO PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to find out the effect of specific training programme on selected Physiological variables of high school level Female kho-kho players. Randomly 30 Female students were selected from Arts, Commerce, Science, Dharangaon from Maharashtra, India. Were selected as subjects and their ages were ranged from 13 to 15 years. They were divided into two equal groups and each group consisted of 15 subjects. Group-I was performed specific training programme, and group-II was acted as a control group. The selected criterion variables are Resting pulse rate and Breath hold time were selected and measured by manual pulse test and breathing capacity for this study. The data was analyzed by the use of paired 't' test. The obtained 't' ratio was tested for significance at 0.05 level of confidence. The analysis of the data revealed that there was a significant improvement on Resting pulse rate and Breath hold time by the application of specific training programme.

Key words: Resting pulse rates, Breath hold time and Specific training.

INTRODUCTION

Kho-Kho is purely and simply an Indian game, which has been played in this country from ancient times. The game is very fascinating and exciting in nature both for players as well as audience. It is a very fast game. It is simple in its form and at the same time it improves physical fitness, agility, strength and stamina. Kho-Kho is based on natural principles of psychophysical development. It is vigorous and fosters a healthy combative spirit among youths. It is not merely running with speed but its 'chase', a natural instinct to overtake; to pursue to catch 'a kill.' No doubt speed is the heat and to stand to a relentless pursuit of nine minutes at a stretch heart stoutness, stamina. In turn a physically fit youth enjoys it, controlled sprinting, dodging, diving are a few skills exhibited during the game. Coming to some common kinesiological need and biomechanics of Kho-Kho game it is generally noticed that the defender (Runner / Dodger) in a stopping positing followed by sudden action e.g., swift running, turning, dodging, stopping, twisting abrupt stopping etc. Producing great psycho-Neuro-muscular strain especially there is loading over abdominal locomotive and spinal region. In the modern fast tempo of games perceptual motor skills need thorough assessment and application in the field. The game also needs more of the skillful execution such as sitting and getting up, giving "Kho", fast running, sudden stopping, freighting, covering, pole turning, diving, positioning, faking, intermittent sudden burst of speed all these activities are essential for attackers (Chasers).**(**Madhuri T. Waghchoure 2007)

PHYSIOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

Like any other physical activity, during the participation and physical exertion in Kho-Kho the endorphins are released. Endorphins tone up the entire health system. Even today no laboratory with so much of scientific advancement can manufacture endorphins, where as they can be developed only through game exertion. The best way for exertion is participation in Kho-Kho game activities. They give recreation as well as relaxation and at the same time also help Physiological systems enrichment and thus mental efficiency. Ajmir Singh et al 2008).

SPECIFIC TRAINING

Specificity is the principle of training that states that sports training should be relevant and appropriate to the sports for which the individual is training in order to produce a training effect. The specificity principle simply states that training must go from highly general training to highly specific training. The principle of specificity also implies that to become better at a particular exercise or skill, you must perform that exercise or skill. To be a good cyclist, you must cycle the point to take away is that a runner should train by running and a swimmer should train by swimming. (Blair,1993).

METHODOLOGY

For this study, thirty (N=30) Female kho-kho players from Arts, Commerce, Science, Dharangaon from Maharashtra. Were selected as subjects and their ages were ranged from 13 to 15 years. They were divided into two equal groups and each group consisted of 15 subjects. Experimental Group was given 8 weeks (Duration – 8 weeks, Session – 3 day/week, Duration of one session – One hour) of specific training programme and control group was not participated any specific training. Experimental Group-I (specific Training) were given to the experimental group. The subjects were tested in the selected criterion variables Resting pulse rate and Breath hold time were selected and measured manual pulse test in minute and breathing capacity in seconds for this study. Before and after the training period the data were collected. The collected data was treated by using paired t-test. The level of confidence was fixed at 0.05 level.

RESULTS OF THE STUDY

TABLE-I
Table showing the Mean Difference, Standard Deviation and 't' Value of Experimental and Control Group in Resting pulse rate

Group	Mean	Md	Std. deviation	Std. error of the mean	't'	Table value
Experimental pre-test	74.60	2.54	7.17	1.85	5.20	2.14
Experimental post test	72.06		5.76	1.48		
Control pre test	77.53	1.33	6.75	1.74	1.97	2.14
Control post test	76.20		6.50	1.67		

*significance at 0.05 level of confidence

From the table to find out difference between experimental and control group of resting pulse rate. Difference in two groups 't' ratio was employed and the level of confidence was set at 0.05. Experimental group pre test and post test means were 74.60 and 72.06 respectively. In control group pre and post tests mean values were 77.53 and 76.20 respectively. In experimental group the obtained 't' ratio 5.20 was greater than the table value of 2.14 so it was found to be significant. In control group the obtained 't' ratio 1.97 was lesser than the table value of 2.14 so it was found to be insignificant.

FIGURE-I

Bar Diagram showing the pre and post test mean value of Experimental group and control group of Resting pulse rate

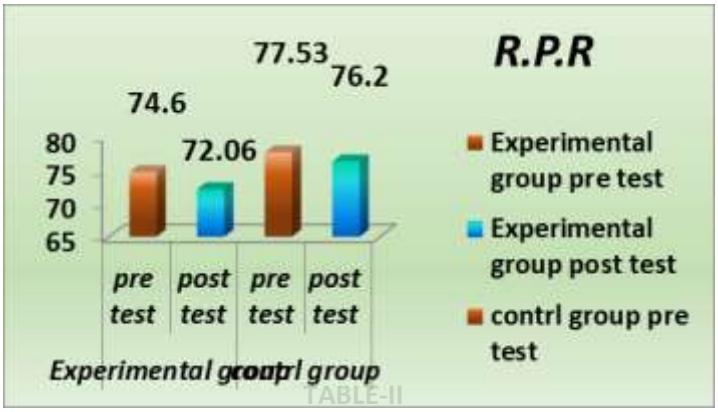


Table showing the Mean Difference, Standard Deviation and't' Value of Experimental and Control Group in Breath hold time.

Group	Mean	Md	Std. deviation	Std. error of the mean	't'	Table value
Experimental pre-test	27.13	3.93	3.29	0.85	8.50	2.14
Experimental post test	31.06		3.21	0.83		
Control pre test	26.86	3.47	4.17	1.07	1.69	2.14
Control post test	30.33		7.48	1.93		

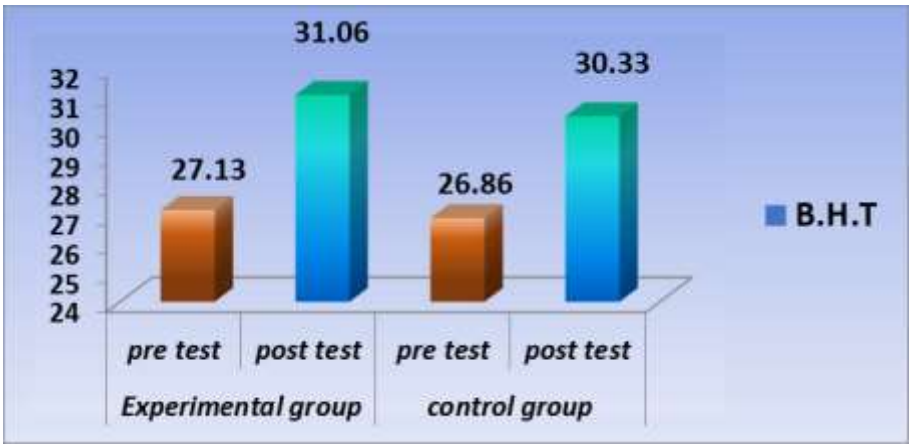
***significance at 0.05 level of confidence**

From the table to find out difference between experimental and control group of breath hold time. Difference in two groups't' ratio was employed and the level of confidence was set at 0.05. Experimental group pre test and post test means were 27.13and 31.06 respectively. In control group pre and post tests means values were 26.86 and 30.33 respectively. In experimental group the obtained't' ratio 8.50 was greater than the table value of 2.14 so it was found to be significant. In control group the obtained't' ratio 1.69 was lesser than the table value of 2.14 so it was found to be insignificant.

FIGURE-II

Bar Diagram showing the pre and post test mean value of Experimental group and

Control group of Breath hold time.



DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS

The result of the study reveals that the eight weeks of specific training programme on selected dependent variables. There was a significant improvement on resting pulse rate through specific training. In experimental group the obtained't' ratio 5.20 was greater than the table value of 2.14 so it was found to be significant. In control group the obtained't' ratio 1.97 was lesser than the table value of 2.14 so it was found to be insignificant. Hence the result indicates that the significant improvement on resting pulse rate was due to the specific training alone. The result of the study reveals that the eight weeks of specific training programme on selected dependent variables. There was a significant improvement on breath hold time through specific training. In experimental group the obtained't' ratio 8.50 was greater than the table value of 2.14 so it was found to be significant. In control group the obtained't' ratio 1.69 was lesser than the table value of 2.14 so it was found to be insignificant. Hence the result indicates that the significant improvement on breath hold time was due to the specific training alone.

CONCLUSION

It was concluded that there was a significant improvement on resting pulse rate by the application of specific training programme.

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THE STUDY OF SOMATO-TYPE OF ROWERS OF NASHIK CITY

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Abstract

The present study investigates the somatotype characteristics of male rowers in Nashik city, utilizing the Heath-Carter anthropometric somatotyping method. A sample of 30 male rowing athletes aged 18 to 26 years was analyzed for somatotype distribution based on physical parameters such as height, weight, skinfolds, girths, and breadths. The study revealed that the predominant somatotype among these rowers was mesomorphic ectomorph, indicating a lean but muscular build. This body type is well-suited to the physical requirements of competitive rowing. The findings highlight the relevance of somatotyping in athlete selection and training strategies. Further comparative and longitudinal studies are recommended for broader generalizations.

Keywords

Somatotype, Rowing, Heath-Carter Method, Mesomorph, Ectomorph, Anthropometry

Introduction

Rowing is a full-body endurance sport that demands a high degree of aerobic and anaerobic fitness, muscular strength, and cardiovascular endurance. The biomechanical efficiency in rowing is often influenced by the physical structure or somatotype of the athlete. Somatotyping provides a valuable classification of body physique, as established by William Sheldon and later refined through the Heath-Carter method. In India, the scientific profiling of athletes is gaining momentum, but detailed somatotype-based research remains limited. This study aims to bridge that gap by evaluating the somatotype profiles of rowers from Nashik, a city known for its emerging rowing talent.

Review of Literature

Previous studies indicate that specific somatotypes are more prevalent in elite performers of different sports. Mesomorphs typically dominate strength and power sports, while ectomorphs excel in endurance disciplines. Carter and Heath (1990) confirmed that elite rowers generally possess mesomorphic or balanced mesomorphic-ectomorphic somatotypes. In Indian contexts, limited research has addressed somatotype analysis in rowing, though studies in wrestling, gymnastics, and athletics provide supporting evidence of sport-specific somatotype trends. Understanding the somatotype patterns in regional rowing athletes can provide deeper insight into their physical preparedness and potential for advancement.

Objectives of the Study

1. To determine the somatotype of male rowing athletes in Nashik city.
2. To assess the dominant somatotype category using the Heath-Carter method.
3. To evaluate how these somatotypes relate to the physical demands of rowing.

Methodology

This study adopted a descriptive and analytical research design. A purposive sampling technique was used to select 30 male rowing athletes aged between 18 to 26 years from local rowing clubs in Nashik city. The following anthropometric parameters were measured: height (cm), weight (kg), skinfold thickness at triceps, subscapular, and suprailiac sites (mm), humerus and femur breadths (cm), and limb girths. All measurements were taken using standard equipment and techniques outlined by the International Society for the Advancement of Kinanthropometry (ISAK).

The Heath-Carter anthropometric method was used to determine the somatotype scores for each athlete. This method produces a three-number rating representing endomorphy (fat content), mesomorphy (muscle development), and ectomorphy (linearity).

Results and Analysis

After calculating somatotype scores for all 30 participants, the majority of rowers were classified as mesomorphic ectomorphs. This indicates a combination of muscular build and a linear physique, which is well-suited for rowing due to the endurance and strength required. A summary of the somatotype distribution is shown below:

- Mesomorphic Ectomorph – 16 athletes
- Balanced Mesomorph – 7 athletes
- Ectomorphic Mesomorph – 4 athletes
- Endomorphic Mesomorph – 3 athletes

This distribution confirms previous literature findings that successful rowers usually exhibit mesomorphic traits. The presence of ectomorphic features also aligns with the need for limb length and low body fat in efficient rowing mechanics.

Conclusion

The somatotype assessment of rowers in Nashik city revealed a predominance of mesomorphic ectomorphs, suggesting that local rowing athletes possess physical characteristics that support rowing performance. This study highlights the practical relevance of somatotype profiling in sports sciences, especially for identifying and developing athletes.

Recommendations

1. Sports coaches should utilize somatotype profiling during the athlete selection process.
2. Training regimens should be tailored to an athlete's somatotype for optimal performance.
3. Sports academies should maintain a database of somatotype profiles for long-term development.
4. Future research should include female athletes and explore longitudinal changes in somatotype due to training.

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YOGA AS A THERAPY

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Abstract:

Modern man has a hectic, chaotic life style. He sleeps late, watching late movies on the TV, he also carries work home. He eats a heavy dinner, that he can-not digest and it sits like a lump of cement in his stomach. He gets up late. Rushes to work in crowded trains or on jammed highways. In the office it is likely that he lives a stressed life. With the onset of info-tech revolution one is glued to one's computer and eats and drinks (too much tea or coffee, which creates toxicity in his blood and brain) this chaotic life style makes him prone to disease both somatic and psychic such as acidity, asthma, headache, hypertension, common cold, diabetes, postural defects, stress etc., which are not directly amenable to conventional (allopathic medicine).

Now these days yoga therapy has been mostly used for the treatment of both somatic and psychic diseases. Yoga is one of the ancient Indian principles which rules over one's body and mind, by participating, it enable a person to attain peaceful and healthy life. The great saint Pantanjaly enumerated RAJAYOGA, which lays down an eight-fold path called EIGHT LIMBS OF YOGA, the third anga is called ASANA, Asana is defined as static posture. Thus yoga, a specific system of postures, will not only help to keep a person normal but also practiced to prevent and treat certain diseases.

Prologue :

Yoga is becoming more popular in different parts of the word then even before. Now peoples are coming to India to learn and practice yoga from abroad and joining the
Asharamas of different 'Yogacharayas'. For the restless mind Yoga gives solace, for the sick, it is a boon. For a common man it is the fashion of the day to keep him fit by doing some yogic exercise. Now a days yoga appearance to make a vital contribution to the modern medical system. Various ailment are being treated with the help of yogic practices. Most of the psychetrists are using yoga for the treatment of psyclogically-distributed persons. They have their own yoga therapy centers established in their hospitals.

Understanding Yoga:

Before practicing yoga it is very essential to understand in intensively. Moreover, it should be practiced as a therapeutic means only by the persons having perfect knowledge of the same, otherwise it may spoil the life of some one under treatment. The term yoga has its root as 'Yug' in Sanskrit. Yug means joining of two things. In the form of saloka in Sanskrit it is described as 'Yujyate anena iti yogah' hence, yoga, is that which joins. What are the entities that are joined? In the traditional terminology it is the joining of 'Atma' with 'Parmatama' i.e. joining of the human soul with that of the divine soul. According to Patanjali who wrote 'y°9ª sutras¹ nearly 4000 years ago described yoga as a conscious process of gaining mastery over the mind i.e. yoga Vriti Nirbdhah. But the definitions given in 'Bhagavadagita, mainly three are as under

(1) 'Yoga karmashu koushalam'.

(2) Dukh samyoga wiyga yoga.

(3) Samatawam yogamuchayate.

Thus in action, yoga is a special skill which makes the mind reach its subtle state. It helps in maintaining relaxation and awareness in action. Efficiency in action is an outcome. So it is a technique to reach the ultimate state of perfection.

'Gita' further portrays yoga as the power of creation: Krishna through his power of yoga shows Arjuna the 'Viswarupa Darsana' the vision of the universal being, by giving him divine sight. In Indian culture and traditions Yoga' has different meanings just as in medical science it is the combination of different types of medicines, in astrology, it is the position of different planets and stars, and perfection in the act in moral preaching.

Yoga as Therapy:

What is therapy? Should we use this term in Yoga? Are yoga practioners therapists? This is a very typical question. Actually it appears that among medical men there are two schools of thoughts on the interpretation of the word therapy. One believes that the doctor himself is the only therapist. The other believe that every thing that happens to the patient while he is in the hospital is therapy. Personnel directing patient activities are therapists. Mostly we hear this word in connection with hospital activities. Now-a-days concept of health care is changing. Today we are witnessing a revisioning of attitudes towards health care that is taking us back in times to a more personalized form of health care and ahead towards new ways of viewing health and hearjng.The term that describe this new health is 'holistic'from the 'Greek Holes' meaning 'Whole'.

Aras and bhagandar:

These are very painful disease of the lower extremities. Bhagandar is so painful that it cannot be tolerated while sitting. It is likes a cave which many times join the anus and latterene start coming out of it. Generally medicine does not affect it.

Treatment:

Maharishi Patanjali has suggested Abhyasa- Vairagya yoga for stress elimination, Kriyas Yoga for stress management and Ashtanga Yoga for Stress Prevention. When stress is aroused, people must manage it, and further it must prevented and then complete elimination is possible. Thus, yoga practice are to be practiced with patience and perseverance to keep one's back healthy. Yoga therapy has been mostly used for the treatment of diseases, which are now a days regarded to be psychosomatic or stress related and some psychiatric disorders. Hence yoga is beneficial to individual in following ways:

1) Yoga is the best relaxation technique.

2) Development of awareness.

3) Yoga philosophy positive attitude towards life.

4) Yoga provides emotional stability.

Conclusion:

A lot of work has been done in the field of research in yoga therapy and the deeper investigations are on way. Doctors are also accepting it as a holistic solution as drugs and proving more and more useless in several ailments.They are felling helpless in curing many diseases and turning towards yoga practice, homeopathy, natur-opathy and so on. But it may be remembered

that the disorders cased by infection can be treated better medicines, which kills the germs. Yoga therapy is better suited for functional and psychosomatic disorders and also for some chronic ailments. It should also be remembered that the preventive aspect of yoga is of greater value than the curative aspect.

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EFFECT OF POWER YOGA PRACTICE ON BIO- CHEMICAL CHANGES IN CONCENTRATION AND FEMALE BODY

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Abstract

More and more of us are looking for fitness programmers that address not just the body but the concentration, too. We are turning to holistic forms of exercise that aim to develop the whole person. Power Yoga and Pilates are the two leading forms of concentration on body fitness. Practiced regularly, they can benefit every aspect of our lives, from our posture to our moods, and our physical well-being to our sense of happiness and peace. Power Yoga and Pilates continue to be refined as people seek new ways of maintaining their well-being despite busy life styles. Power Yoga Pilates is the latest incarnation of concentration on body exercise, a practice that draws on both systems to create a dynamic and fully integrated workout.

Keyboard: Power Yoga, Pilates

Introduction

Yoga is a science that has been practiced for thousands of years. It is involves ancient principles, observation and philosophies about the concentration and body connection which is now being proven by modern medicine. The most essential benefit of yoga is physical and mental healing. Power Yoga therapy is effective because of the well-adjusted created in the nervous and endocrine systems which directly influence all the other systems and organs of the body. Power Yoga acts both as a curative and preventive therapy. The very essence of yoga lies in attaining emotional peace, improved concentration powers, a relaxed state of living and harmony in relationship. The ultimate goal of yoga is to make it possible to fuse together the unrefined material (annamaya), physical (pranayama) and mental (manomaya), intellectual (vijnanmaya) and spiritual (anandamaya) levels within your belong. Universal health, which includes prevention of disease by improving the thought pattern, regulating the energy flow in the body and realizing the divine within, is an important for children as much as it is for adults.

Power Yoga is the best possible exercise there is for improving supplements. However, Power Yoga postures are more than physical poses, they work on the mind (concentration) and spirit (life force), and promote increased awareness, vitality and inner peace. There are many forms of Power Yoga, astanga for example is flowing and dynamic, while Shivananda is very gental. I lyengar yoga, is the most precise method. It was developed in the 1960s by an advanced practitioner B.K.S. Iyengar, who wanted to integrate modern thinking about the body with the ancient system he had studied for many years. Iyengar emphasizes the importance of correct alignment at all times. All the poses can be modified, depending on the student's abilities and flexibility. Equipment, such as blocks and straps, is used to help practitioner get into postures without straining joints or overstretching muscles. This attention to details makes Iyengar yoga very safe, provided that it is practiced with care and with respect to the body's limitations.

About Pilates?

Pilates is a much focused form of exercise that helps to strengthen the body without adding muscle bulk. Over time, it helps to develop a sculpted, toned physique. Pilates is based on the idea that bad habits or injuries lead to imbalance and weakness in the body. Controlled, repetitive activities are used to realign and rehabilitate the body. Mental focus and breathing techniques are used to encourage graceful movement and improved awareness. The Pilates system was created by Joseph Pilates in the early 20th century. Pilates developed an interest in fitness during a sickly childhood in Germany. He studied many forms of exercise, including Power Yoga, gymnastics and body building, in order to improve his health. Eventually Pilates used his knowledge and understanding of how the body works to create his own method, which he said could rehabilitate an injured body or strength a healthy one. Pilates exercise have been modified over the years, but teachers hold true to the fundamental ideas of Joseph Pilates. They emphasize the importance of 'core strength' a stable center as well as good alignment and posture. Concentrating and controlled breathing help to make Pilates an effective method of relaxation s well as physical fitness.

Objective of the study

To know the role of Power Yoga Pilates in holistic fitness of exercising oncentration and female body.

Review of literature

Moustag and Vallimurugan (2012) revealed that the yogic exercise group showed a decreased level of cognitive anxiety and somatic anxiety than the control group owing to the effects of yogic practices. Similarly, the yogic exercise group showed an increased level of self-confidence than the control group owing to the effects of yogic practices. **James (2014)** opined that in Power Yoga, great attention to detail is needed to perfect your alignment, practicing Pilates may help to bring added strength to your practice, and enable you to target specific areas of weakness practicing Pilates at home means that you can adapt your session depending on how you feel on the day. Sometimes you may need a quiet, restful practice at others you may want to extend yourself further.

Yoga Pilates : an integrated system

Combine yoga and Pilates to create a fitness programme tailored to individual needs. Yoga and Pilates naturally share many feathers for example some, Pilates exercise are based on yoga poses, and both practices emphasize the importance of good breathing, awareness, and of working within your own abilities. Yoga Pilates aims to take the best from both methods, coming the core strength that is the fundamental idea of Pilates with the flexibility and versatility of yoga. In a sense, use Pilates to form a firm foundation on which to build with yoga. In practice, this means warming up with Pilates, then moving on to a series of Power Yoga postures in one session. Practicing Pilates may bring extra strength and stability to your Power Yoga pose, while incorporating Power Yoga into your Pilates workout can help with relaxation and breathing.

Conclusion:

There are many paybacks of working on yoga and Pilates; as the body begins to function as its peak, stamina rises and strength improves and body confidence hits an all-time high. Pilates

aligns the muscles in the back and abdominals, to create a vital support for the torso and internal organs, with a revolutionary impact on posture. Power Yoga Pilates fuses the stretching and balance of Power Yoga with the muscle tone of Pilates the objective is to promote enjoyment of life through the body, creating balance between the muscles, lengthening the spine, and freeing the back and chest, learn to lift the body during exercise and see all movements become fluid and light.

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SPORTING PERFORMANCE AND FOOD

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Abstract:

A well-planned, nutritious diet should meet most of an athlete's vitamin and mineral needs, and provide enough protein to promote muscle growth and repair. Foods rich in unrefined carbohydrates, like wholegrain breads and cereals, should form the basis of the diet. The ethical use of sports supplements is a personal choice by athletes, and it remains controversial. It's important to remember that if you take supplements, you are responsible for the ingestion of these and any subsequent health, legal or safety consequences that may occur. If taking supplements, you are also at risk of committing an anti-doping rule violation no matter what level of sport you play.

Keywords: Nutrition, Exercise, Sporting Performance

Introduction:

Good nutrition can enhance sporting performance. A well-planned, nutritious diet should meet most of an athlete's vitamin and mineral needs, and provide enough protein to promote muscle growth and repair. Foods rich in unrefined carbohydrates, like wholegrain breads and cereals, should form the basis of the diet. Sports nutrition plans should be tailored to the individual athlete, and consider their specific sport, goals, food preferences and practical challenges. The link between good health and good nutrition is well established. Interest in nutrition and its impact on sporting performance is now a science in itself.

Whether you are a competing athlete, a weekend sports player or a dedicated daily exerciser, the foundation to improved performance is a nutritionally adequate diet.

Daily training diet requirements

The basic training diet should be sufficient to:

- provide enough energy and nutrients to meet the demands of training and exercise
- Enhance adaptation and recovery between training sessions
- include a wide variety of foods like wholegrain breads and cereals, vegetables (particularly leafy green varieties), fruit, lean meat and low-fat dairy products to enhance long term nutrition habits and behaviors
- Enable the athlete to achieve optimal body weight and body fat levels for performance
- Provide adequate fluids to ensure maximum hydration before, during and after exercise
- Promote the short and long-term health of athletes.

The athlete's diet

An athlete's diet should be similar to that recommended for the general public, with energy intake divided into:

- 45 to 65% from carbohydrates
- 15 to 25% from protein
- 20 to 35% from fat.

Athletes who exercise strenuously for more than 60 to 90 minutes every day may need to increase the amount of energy they consume, particularly from carbohydrate sources.

The current recommendations for fat intake are for most athletes to follow similar recommendations to those given for the general community, with the preference for fats coming from olive oils, avocado, nuts and seeds.

Athletes should also aim to minimize intake of high-fat foods such as biscuits, cakes, pastries, chips and fried foods.

Carbohydrates and exercise

During digestion, all carbohydrates are broken down into sugars (primarily glucose), which are the body's primary energy source.

After absorption, glucose can be converted into glycogen and stored in the liver and muscle tissue. It can then be used as a key energy source during exercise to fuel exercising muscle tissue and other body systems.

Athletes can increase their stores of glycogen by regularly eating high-carbohydrate foods.

If carbohydrate in the diet is restricted, a person's ability to exercise may be compromised because there is not enough glycogen kept in storage to fuel the body.

If dietary protein intake is insufficient, this can result in a loss of protein (muscle) tissue, because the body will start to break down muscle tissue to meet its energy needs, and may increase the risk of infections and illness.

Carbohydrates are essential for fuel and recovery

Current recommendations for carbohydrate requirements vary depending on the duration, frequency and intensity of exercise.

Foods rich in unrefined carbohydrates, like wholegrain breads and cereals, should form the basis of the athlete's diet. More refined carbohydrate foods (such as white bread, jams and lollies) are useful to boost the total intake of carbohydrate, particularly for very active people.

Athletes are advised to adjust the amount of carbohydrate they consume for fuelling and recovery to suit their exercise level. For example:

- Light intensity exercise (30 mins/day): 3 to 5 g/kg/day
- Moderate intensity exercise (60 mins/day): 5 to 7 g/kg/day
- Endurance exercise (1 to 3 hrs/day): 6 to 10 g/kg/day
- Extreme endurance exercise (more than 4 hrs/day): 8 to 12 g/kg/day.

Training with low carbohydrate availability

There may be some situations in an athlete's training program that warrants a period of restricted carbohydrate intake. A more recent strategy adopted by some athletes is to train with low body carbohydrate levels and intakes (train low).

There is accumulating evidence that carefully planned periods of training with low carbohydrate availability may enhance some of the adaptations in muscle to the training program. However, currently the benefits of this approach to athletic performance are unclear.

Sporting performance and glycaemic index

The glycemic index (GI) ranks food and fluids by how 'carbohydrate-rich' they are and how quickly they affect the body's blood sugar levels. The GI has become of increasing interest to athletes in the area of sports nutrition.

Evidence does not generally support a significant impact of manipulation of GI in the diet on exercise performance, assuming total carbohydrate and energy intake are sufficient in an athlete's diet. However, the particular timing of ingestion of carbohydrate foods with different GIs around exercise might be important. There is a suggestion that low GI foods may be useful before exercise to provide a more sustained energy release, although evidence is not convincing in terms of any resulting performance benefit.

Moderate to high GI foods and fluids may be the most beneficial during exercise and in the early recovery period. However, it is important to remember the type and timing of food eaten should be tailored to personal preferences and to maximize the performance of the particular sport in which the person is involved.

Pre-event meal

The pre-event meal is an important part of the athlete's pre-exercise preparation.

A high-carbohydrate meal 3 to 4 hours before exercise is thought to have a positive effect on performance. A small snack one to 2 hours before exercise may also benefit performance.

It is important to ensure good hydration prior to an event. Consuming approximately 500 ml of fluid in the 2 to 4 hours prior to an event may be a good general strategy to take.

For athletes involved in events lasting less than 60 minutes in duration, a mouth rinse with a carbohydrate beverage may be sufficient to help improve performance. Benefits of this strategy appear to relate to effects on the brain and central nervous system.

Eating during exercise

During exercise lasting more than 60 minutes, an intake of carbohydrate is required to top up blood glucose levels and delay fatigue.

Current recommendations suggest 30 to 60 g of carbohydrate is sufficient, and can be in the form of lollies, sports gels, sports drinks, low-fat muesli and sports bars or sandwiches with white bread.

It is important to start your intake early in exercise and to consume regular amounts throughout the exercise period.

It is also important to consume regular fluid during prolonged exercise to avoid dehydration. Sports drinks, diluted fruit juice and water are suitable choices. For people exercising for more than 4 hours, up to 90 grams of carbohydrate per hour is recommended.

Eating after exercise

Rapid replacement of glycogen is important following exercise.

Carbohydrate foods and fluids should be consumed after exercise, particularly in the first one to 2 hours after exercise.

While consuming sufficient total carbohydrate post-exercise is important, the type of carbohydrate source might also be important, particularly if a second training session or event will occur less than 8 hours later. In these situations, athletes should choose carbohydrate sources with a high GI (for example white bread, white rice, white potatoes) in the first half hour or so after exercise. This should be continued until the normal meal pattern resumes.

Protein and sporting performance

Protein is an important part of a training diet and plays a key role in supporting exercise adaptations and in post-exercise recovery and repair. Protein needs are generally met (and often exceeded) by most athletes who consume sufficient energy in their diet.

The amount of protein recommended for sporting people is only slightly higher than that recommended for the general public. For example:

General public and active people – the daily recommended amount of protein is 0.8 to 1.0 g/kg of body weight (a 60 kg person should eat around 45 to 60 g of protein daily).

Sports people involved in non-endurance events – people who exercise daily for 45 to 60 minutes should consume between 1.0 to 1.2 g/kg of body weight per day.

Sports people involved in endurance events and strength events – people who exercise for longer periods (more than one hour) or who are involved in strength exercise, such as weight lifting, should consume between 1.2 to 2.0 g protein/kg of body weight per day.

Athletes trying to lose weight on a reduced energy diet – increased protein intakes up to 2.0 g/kg of body weight per day can be beneficial in reducing loss of muscle mass.

High-quality dietary proteins including lean meats, milk, and eggs, can aid in the maintenance, repair, and synthesis of proteins in muscle. For athletes interested in increasing lean mass or muscle protein synthesis, consumption of a high-quality protein source such as whey

protein or milk containing around 20 to 25 g protein in close proximity to exercise (for example, within the period immediately to 2 hours after exercise) may be beneficial.

As a general approach to achieving optimal protein intakes, it is suggested to space out protein intake fairly evenly over the course of a day, for instance around 25 to 30 g protein every 3 to 5 hours, including as part of regular meals.

There is currently a lack of evidence to show that protein supplements directly improve athletic performance. Therefore, for most athletes, additional protein supplements are unlikely to improve sport performance.

While more research is required, other concerns associated with very high-protein diets include:

- Increased cost
- Potential negative impacts on bones and kidney function
- Increased body weight if protein choices are also high in fat
- Increased cancer risk (particularly with high red or processed meat intakes)
- Displacement of other nutritious foods in the diet, such as bread, cereal, fruit and vegetables.

Using nutritional supplements to improve sporting performance

A well-planned diet will meet your vitamin and mineral needs. Vitamin and mineral supplements will only be of any benefit if your diet is inadequate or you have a diagnosed deficiency, such as an iron or vitamin D deficiency. There is no evidence that extra doses of vitamins improve sporting performance.

Nutritional supplements can be found in pill, tablet, capsule, powder or liquid form, and cover a broad range of products including:

- Vitamins
- Minerals
- Herbs
- Meal supplements
- Sports nutrition products
- Natural food supplements.

Relatively few supplements that claim performance benefits are supported by sound scientific evidence. Use of supplements is also potentially dangerous. Supplements should not be taken without the advice and guidance of a medical practitioner or Accredited Sports Dietician.

Water, alcohol and sporting performance

Dehydration can impair athletic performance and, in extreme cases, may lead to collapse and even death. Drinking plenty of non-alcoholic fluids before, during and after exercise is very important. Don’t wait until you are thirsty. Fluid intake is particularly important for events lasting more than 60 minutes, of high intensity or in warm conditions. Water is a suitable drink, but sports drinks may be required, especially in endurance events or warm climates. Sports drinks contain some sodium, which helps absorption. A sodium content of 30 mmol/L (millimoles per litre) appears suitable in sports nutrition. Consuming fluids at a level of 400 to 800 ml per hour of exercise might be a suitable starting point to avoid dehydration and hypernatremia, although intake should ideally be customized to individual athletes, considering variable factors such as climate, sweat rates and tolerance. While alcohol can be a part of a well-organized diet and in social occasions, excessive consumption can interfere with athletic performance and in the recovery from exercise. It is also energy dense and nutrient poor and can have adverse effects on health. Athletes should

therefore consider the Alcohol Guidelines and minimise or avoid consumption, particularly during the post-exercise period when optimal recovery and repair are very important.

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RELEVANCE OF NUTRITIONAL AWARENESS IN WOMEN OF SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION

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Abstract: Nutrition education should be practical and should be easily adaptable to the socio-economic status, food habits and the available local food resources generally needed for the purpose of demonstration and feeding of the locally available audience. Nutrition education programme should become a part of the community. The infusion of Home Economics in Senior Secondary institutions will contribute to global stability, economic, political, social development. As individuals transition from home to college life, nutritional knowledge becomes more important because food options change and dietary challenges arise. Traditional on campus students use college dining facilities to eat meals. Students have the liberty of choosing a variety of healthy and unhealthy food options.

Introduction-

The development in students of the attributes of productivity, creativity, entrepreneurship and lifelong learning is recognized as a common goal of education systems. The field of Home Economics is no exception to this as it is highly relevant to individual, family and societal development. However, academic stress among Home Economics students could threaten their achievement of the aforementioned goals. On the 21st of March 2014, World Home Economics Day 2014 was celebrated all over the world with the theme —Empowering Individuals, Families and Communities – through Home Economics. This theme reinforced the continuous status of Home Economics as a subject that has become very essential not only for the well-being of the individual but also for the society as a whole. This theme is in line with the definitions of Home Economics given over the years. Home economics has been seen as: that body of subject matter which has to do with the application of the natural and social sciences and arts to the problems of the home and the problems growing out of homes and their interrelationships. 'It is the field of knowledge and service primarily concerned with strengthening family life through educating the individual for family living; improving the services and goods used by families; conducting research to discover the changing needs of individuals and families and the means of satisfying these needs; furthering community, national, and world conditions favorable to family living'1 The definition is concordant with the views that the concepts of home and family are closely intertwined with Home Economics and they have an impact on the execution of the curricula at all levels of the education system. However, in recent times, the definition of home economics has been extended to reflect the demands of changing times. Hence, Home Economics is described as 'the study of laws, conditions, principles and ideals concerned with peoples immediate physical environment and their nature as a social being, and specially the relation between those two factors.'2 It is also seen as subject that provides practical insight into the society, 'encompassing (1) living skills; (2) exploratory home economics; (3)

consumer homemaking I; (4) child care; (5) clothing and textiles; (6) consumer education; (7) family living and parenting; (8) family/individual health; (9) foods and nutrition.'3 The science of Home Economics focuses on promoting human good and mastering family life. It also tends to create tools and procedures for professionals and families who are working for a better society.

The aims of Home Economics today, in terms of students' learning experience, tend to emphasize the development of the subject and improve technological capabilities. Home Economics has thus become that field of study that prepares individual family members to maximize their society's productivity and help people adjust to change and change their future. It equips man with knowledge of how to adapt to his own environment by effectively making use of human and material resources. It is mostly concerned with using and managing human and material resources for the benefit of individuals, families and society. 'Home economics offers multidisciplinary content and environment for students to apply and practice skills and knowledge from a variety of areas, in situations related to everyday life.'4 Although it is multi-disciplinary, 'it does not teach a skill for the sake of that skill, it teaches for application, it teaches for informed decision-making in endless scenarios, it teaches evaluative and critical thinking skills; it empowers individuals no matter what the context.'5

The infusion of Home Economics in Senior Secondary institutions will contribute to global stability, economic, political, social development, and in fact, the world order as all these depends to a large extent on how the smallest units of individual families are morally equipped with the wherewithal to deal with challenges in an effort to make the world a better place to live in. Home Economics education programmes offered in Colleges of Education, are therefore expected to equip the student-teacher with skills in originality in thinking, seeing things differently, creatively solving difficult problems, introducing new approaches and strategies, and catching attention and interest in firm career commitments such as setting up businesses, marketing services, or being productive employees of organizations.

Relevance of Nutritional Education-

Nutrition education promotes healthy-eating and exercise behaviors. The work of nutrition educators takes place in colleges, universities and schools, government agencies, cooperative extension, communications and public relations firms, the food industry, voluntary and service organizations and with other reliable places of nutrition and health education information. 'Nutrition education is an essential component of a successful wellness program; numerous studies have shown improvements in nutrition and weight loss outcomes in children and adolescents after receiving nutrition education.'6 Nutrition education is 'especially vital for children and adolescents; 80% of children who are obese by the time they reach the eighth grade will remain obese into adulthood.'7 It has been argued that health is an important factor for academic achievement at school and in Senior Secondary education. Consequently, in the context of universities or colleges, promoting the health and well-being of all members means promoting effective learning. The potential for health to improve cognitive function, learning and academic achievement in children has received attention by researchers and policy makers. As individuals' transition from home to college life, nutritional knowledge becomes more important because food options change and dietary challenges arise. Traditional on campus students use college dining facilities to eat meals.

Students have the liberty of choosing a variety of healthy and unhealthy food options. O. Brown noted '…those attending college can expect to gain 4-9 pounds in the first 2 years of college. If college students are unaware of the nutritional requirements to maintain a healthy body weight, they can make poor nutritional decisions, which can cause poor weight management and health problems. College students are at risk for making poor dietary choices that can cause significant health problems.

Conclusion-

Good nutrition prolongs independence by maintaining physical strength, mobility, endurance, hearing, vision, and cognitive abilities. It is inevitable that college students face a new environment for meal preparation, planning, and eating as they transition to their college life. Even though many college-aged students are aware of the importance of meeting nutritional values, their knowledge and attitude might hinder them from changing their behavior. Many other factors come in to play in their decision-making, however, the college students' knowledge on nutrition does not always lead to healthy food choices.

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E-LEARNING PLATFORM FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

The major purpose of this paper is to develop a Web-based E-learning Platform for physical education. The Platform provides sports related courseware which includes physical motions, exercise rules and first-aid treatment. The courseware is represented using digital multimedia materials which include video, 2D animation and 3D virtual reality. Courseware within digital multimedia materials not only can increase the learning efficient but also inspires students' strong interest in learning, especially in the area of Physical Education. The design concept of our project is based on ADDIE model with the five basic phases of analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation. Via the usage of this Web-based E-learning platform, user can learn the relative knowledge about sports at any time and in everyplace. We hope to let players perform efficient self-learning for sports skills, indirectly foster mutual help, cooperation, nice norms of law-abiding via the learning of exercise rules, and become skilled at accurate recreation knowledge and first-aid expertise. Moreover, coaches can use the system as a teaching facility to mitigate loading on teaching.

INTRODUCTION

The invention and quickly development of internet, the accumulated knowledge and information has violent development. And people have more varied methods to learn everything in everywhere at any time. E-Learning is a trend of education, it can assistant teacher and reduces the loading of teaching. Students can develop the relative knowledge or skills through experience in virtual laboratories and simulated environments0. However, the most existent E-Learning systems focus on general subjects such as linguistics, mathematics, management, or science. The E-learning should try to lay more stress on physical education since sports activities are placed importance on our daily lives progressively and can strengthen someone's mind and body. In our work, we aim to develop an E-learning platform for physical education which integrates the different courseware within multimedia factors such as 2D/3D animation, and digital video. Since Physical education has the distinguishing characteristics to other areas such as philology, management, business, and etc.., the applications of computer multimedia are suitable for E-learning on physical education fairly. One of our issues is to focus on the training of basic kinematical movements, via the usage of the videos which represent the basic kinematical movements user can learn the sports skill. Since the implementation of the sports morality of is based on cognition, the player should know and understand the rules of exercise. In order to increase the understanding of exercise rule and the cognition of sports morality, we fabricate the courseware of exercise rule with the form of 2D animation. Therefore, another import issue of our works is to learn the rules of different sports to

form sports morality of players and avoid the foul trouble in competition. No one can promise nothing to happen when a player is in a competition game or in practicing, so our platform also supply the courseware of first-aid which can be represented by 3D VRML.

RELATIVE WORKS

Using instructional media such as video, picture or animation is better than only the text. In the area of physical education, video is a good media to supply the instructional activities. The video has the capability to display or replay the sports action or key motion loo and loop. Teacher or coach can explain the action to the students directly through the media repeating the key motion or difficulty slowly. Student can learn the course by himself via voice guidance and sample action demoing within the video scene. When students learn the sports skill, to view the action skill repeatedly and supply the diversiform learning method are very important. Due to the specific features of media, courseware which is created based on computer multimedia can satisfy the demands of teaching and learning. Therefore, a learning application which integrates multimedia elements to apply to sports can supply the sense effect and increase learners' learning motivation and desire. Multimedia courseware also plays an assistant role to help teacher and give the diversiform instructional policies to students when students get out of class. As the description in instructional actives under the environment of multimedia technology can stimulate students' interest and mobilize their enthusiasm in learning. Students are faced to computer that is a magic world with text, sound, pictures, animation, and video, even or virtual reality. It is the new form within the vivid graphics and a lot of resources of digital media factors which cause students' interesting in it. It not only activates the classroom atmosphere, inspires students' strong interest in learning, but also mobilizes the students to participate actively.

DESIGN OF PLATFORM AND COURSEWARE

The procedure of platform development and courseware construction is based on the concept of ADDIE model as figure 1 illustrates. Basically, ADDIE model includes five phases which may reference mutually and depend on each other in some phases. It includes several works as the following:

Analysis: In this phase, we should consider two major tasks as the following:

Demand Analysis:

The task carries out the analysis of demand to specific subject of sports teaching and learning. Learner, learning environment, resource, the goal, and system framework need to be analyzed. Our goal is to let the players can get the sports skill, understand the exercise rule which may establish their morality with nice norms of law-abiding directly, know the processing of first-aid via a web learning platform which supplies the serial courseware of physical education. Coach also can use the platform as a teaching facility to mitigate loading on teaching. For our demand in this project, we need the specialists of digital contend, art designer, programmer, professors of physical education. The achievements and literatures are also needed to investigate and study in order to improve the demand and create the new ideals.

Content Analysis:

In this task, the work focuses on the kernel of courseware, correction and the suitability of course content. Besides to carry out the content analysis of network data, scientific or technical literature, and teaching media, it also needs to invite the specialists of sports to analyze the contents, and

institutes the teaching framework and learning policy. The delivery options which will be included in the Sports E-learning platform also should be considered. The platform must display teaching contents with professional, interesting and funny way to attach players and coaches to use.

Design:

To represent the logicality of courseware clearly and systematically, it is necessary to draw the script with matching up the Human-Computer Interface. The tasks would be considered as following:

1. The design of platform architecture and the production of courseware will be carried out in this phase.
2. The framework of the courseware and the represented way of course should be designed.
3. The mechanism of interaction and feedback evaluation of the application should be designed.
4. Considering the media factors such as video, image, voice, text, animation and effect that will be used and integrated for courseware and platform.

Evaluation:

During the period of testing and modifying for system, learners and coaches start to use the system, and make the evaluation for system. They may propose their suggestions that will be the reference to modify the system and the courseware. Then, the task carries out the testing and evaluation by specialists whose research areas are in Human-Computer Interface, educational technology, and physical education. It tries to find the problems, and makes modification by carrying out the entire evaluation to system. In the next, the correction of courses needs to certify. The formative and summative evolution would be implemented and finished in this phase. Finally, the correct course will apply to the activities of instructions.

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we developed an E-learning platform for sports which is based on the concept of ADDIE model and fabricated the courseware. They are represented matching up with the different multimedia digital contents and factors such as video, voice, animation and 3D VRML model. Users can view the one sports action clip that can be watched with the different orientation views. Users can only control the one buttons of any media player via the user interface, and any media player will display the synchronic action as the other media players. For students, all the courseware that our system supplies is not only used to learn or to improve the sports skill but also help them to establish the cognition of sports morality. And they can get the skill and knowledge of first-aid treatment that may help themselves or other ones to salve their life when some accidentals occur.

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EMERGING TRENDS IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY IN SPORTS

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Introduction:

Education in India is the biggest issue. From Vedic Period up to 19th century Education is only for Brahmins. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar freed education for all. He believed that Education is the milk of lioness one who drinks must roar. Up to 19th century our education system is traditional or religious. Arrival of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar brought new trends in our Educational Technology. From Gurukul to Smart class room, from Guru to Teacher and from blackboard to digital board. Now we are using modern educational technology in our schools and colleges. In 21st century science and technology changed everything. In education its impact is unbelievable. We are now using latest educational technology in schools and colleges. As a result, we reach on moon and Marsh and looking at Sun. The Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) defines educational technology as "the study and ethical practice of facilitating learning and improving performance by creating, using and managing appropriate technological processes and resources."

Gaming technology

Gaming technology is more useful for deep learning. Youngster's love of gaming technology makes it the ideal tool for immersive learning, enabling students to learn by doing in a safe, virtual environment. Its ability to provide multi-sensory experiences allows learners to work independently or in collaboration, applying newly acquired knowledge and making critical decisions without any real-world risk. One example of where this is being used is as an online resource for forensic students. Here, learners use gaming to simulate carrying out the forensic assessments needed after a crime has been committed. The gaming environment provides realistic simulations that give students appropriately challenging opportunities to use classroom-taught skills in virtual-world practice.

Digital learning resources and assessments

The days of learning by reading books and testing by writing papers are coming to an end. Developments in digital technology are enabling educators to provide a range of different learning opportunities. In particular, online environments are helping institutions to offer personalized learning, new ways to collaborate, and more innovative teaching methods.

Today's students not only need to access digital content, they also need to be able to create it. Increasingly, teachers are seeing the benefits of letting students use digital media in their assignments as it enables the student to demonstrate their abilities and express their understanding through data visualization and dynamic storytelling.

Mobile technology

Mobile technology is changing the face of the modern university as it enables students to learn in different ways, in different places and even at different times. And with the use of ICT, universities

can track the use of mobile tech to analyze how learners use it and its impact on attainment. This allows its use as a learning tool to be improved in the future.

One of the benefits of mobile technology is that it enables learning to take place outside of the classroom. Students can work in areas that are better suited to their own needs, such as in a library or even at home. This can make it much easier to recruit students and staff who live further away, perhaps even abroad.

It also gives increased opportunity to collaborate. Collaborative projects can be stored centrally on the university's system and accessed over the internet by the contributors. Any changes made are synchronized so that everyone has the latest updates and students can communicate with each other via a mobile app.

Developing hi-tech learning spaces

The influx of new technologies mentioned above is having an impact on the ways in which students learn and this change in behavior is leading to new learning space design. Libraries, for example, are no longer just repositories for books, they are 21st Century learning centers that also provide digitized books, videos, presentations, podcasts, and have features such as writable surfaces, video editing software, and portable furniture. With so much digital content available, there's less need for students to access the library in person. This means students and teachers increasingly want to connect the library's facilities to classrooms and student accommodation.

Automated attendance monitoring

If students can access learning from anywhere on campus and don't need to be physically in a specific classroom to undertake their work, traditional ways of registering them will be difficult to maintain. This also poses a problem from a safeguarding perspective as it's important to know who is on campus and where, in the event of an emergency. The solution many institutions are turning to is smart card access control technology. Giving students RFID enabled smart cards, such as those supplied by Universal Smart Cards, enables students to be automatically registered as soon as they enter a building. All they need to do is tap or swipe their card on a reader placed near the entrance. This technology is much useful for Senior Secondary education. With readers linked to the university's IT system, a student's attendance and punctuality can be tracked and monitored and, should an emergency, such as a fire, take place, it is possible to tell whereabouts on the campus they are.

Artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence is set to have an enormous impact on education. It has the potential to replace teachers for the delivery of some lessons and, if used to automate the marking of work, could dramatically cut down on workload. Unlike teachers, an AI system can also give unlimited students simultaneous one to one attention, helping deliver the ideal personalized education. If this seems a little like sci-fi, you might be surprised that some of this technology is already in operation. The Virtual Learning Assistant, for example, uses AI, machine learning and natural language processing to provide one to one tutoring. When teaching a student about a concept, it is capable of conversing with them, asking and answering open questions, and giving instant feedback. It even evaluates the student's work, providing accurate assessment data.

Steam: One of the newest educational technologies, STEAM is an integrated approach to learning. This educational model makes use of science, education, arts, and mathematics to instill critical thinking among the students. The educational technology experts consider STEAM to be a major improvement over the STEM programs.

Smart Learning Environment: SLEs are one of the best ways in which the hybrid learning approach can be put into action. This IoT based learning solution encourages personalized education system, driving better engagement and skill enhancement. Seen as one of the best by-products of IoT in education, SLEs have encouraged industry stakeholders to revamp their investment strategies and launch better detach products.

Conclusion:

Modern technology has seeped into the classrooms and redefined the entire teaching and learning process. Industry experts view this marriage between education and technology to be a positive step towards better student engagement, resource management, and financial planning of institutions. The seamless peer to peer collaboration will eventually lead to a redefinition of culture as an amalgamation of better social learning experiences. It will further investments in cloud technology, biometrics, and open source learning methods.

All these modern educational Technology are very much useful for the students and Teachers. This is a big change in teaching & learning process. But the situation in rural area is quite different, where this modern technology must be provided.

Then we can say Modern Technology is useful or not

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FLEXIBILITY AS AN ASPECT OF PHYSICAL FITNESS AMONG THE WOMEN

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Abstract
Flexibility is defined by Gummerson as "the absolute range of movement in a joint or series of joints that is attainable in a momentary effort with the help of a partner or a piece of equipment." This definition tells us that flexibility is not something general but is specific to a particular joint or set of joints. In other words, it is a myth that some people are innately flexible throughout their entire body. Being flexible in one particular area or joint does not necessarily imply being flexible in another. Being "loose" in the upper body does not mean we will have a "loose" lower body. Furthermore, according to SynerStretch, flexibility in a joint is also "specific to the action performed at the joint (the ability to do front splits doesn't imply the ability to do side splits even though both actions occur at the hip)." Flexibility it is possible for the muscles of a joint to become too flexible. According to Syner Stretch, there is a tradeoff between flexibility and stability. As we get "looser" or more limber in a particular joint, less support is given to the joint by its surrounding muscles. Excessive flexibility can be just as bad as not enough because both increase our risk of injury.

Keyword: Flexibility, Fitness

Introduction

Muscle has reached its absolute maximum length, attempting to stretch the muscle further only serves to stretch the ligaments and put undue stress upon the tendons (two things that we do not want to stretch). Ligaments will tear when stretched more than 6% of their normal length. Tendons are not even supposed to be able to lengthen. Even when stretched ligaments and tendons do not tear, loose joints and/or a decrease in the joint's stability can occur (thus vastly increasing our risk of injury). Once we have achieved the desired level of flexibility for a muscle or set of muscles and have maintained that level for a solid week, we should discontinue any isometric or PNF stretching of that muscle until some of its flexibility is lost.

Flexibility

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Flexibility

Many people are unaware of the fact that there are different types of flexibility. These different types of flexibility are grouped according to the various types of activities involved in athletic training. The ones which involve motion are calleddynamic and the ones which do not are called static. The different types of flexibility (according to Kurz) are:

Dynamic flexibility

Dynamic flexibility (also called kinetic flexibility) is the ability to perform dynamic (or kinetic) movements of the muscles to bring a limb through its full range of motion in the joints.

Static-active flexibility

Static-active flexibility (also called active flexibility) is the ability to assume and maintain extended positions using only the tension of the agonists and synergists while the antagonists are being stretched. For example, lifting the leg and keeping it high without any external support (other than from our own leg muscles).

Static-passive flexibility

Static-passive flexibility (also called passive flexibility) is the ability to assume extended positions and then maintain them using only our weight, the support of our limbs, or some other apparatus (such as a chair or a barre). Note that the ability to maintain the position does not come solely from our muscles, as it does with static-active flexibility. Being able to perform the splits is an example of static-passive flexibility.

Research has shown that active flexibility is more closely related to the level of sports achievement than is passive flexibility. Active flexibility is harder to develop than passive flexibility (which is what most people think of as "flexibility"); not only does active flexibility require passive flexibility in order to assume an initial extended position, it also requires muscle strength to be able to hold and maintain that position.

Factors Limiting Flexibility

Strength and Flexibility:
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According to Gummerson, flexibility (he uses the term mobility) is affected by the following factors:

Internal influences

The type of joint (some joints simply aren't meant to be flexible)
The internal resistance within a joint
Bony structures which limit moveme

The elasticity of muscle tissue (muscle tissue that is scarred due to a previous injury is not very elastic). The elasticity of tendons and ligaments (ligaments do not stretch much and tendons should not stretch at all). The elasticity of skin (skin actually has some degree of elasticity, but not much). The ability of a muscle is to relax and contract to achieve the greatest range of movement. The

temperature of the joint and associated tissues (joints and muscles offer better flexibility at body temperatures that are 1 to 2 degrees higher than normal)

External influences

The temperature of the place where one is training (a warmer temperature is more conducive to increased flexibility). The time flexibility range is of day (most people are more flexible in the afternoon than in the morning, peaking from about 2:30pm-4pm). The stage in the recovery process of a joint (or muscle) after injury (injured joints and muscles will usually offer a lesser degree of flexibility than healthy ones) Age (pre-adolescents are generally more flexible than adults). Gender (feFemales are generally more flexible than Females). One's ability to perform a particular exercise (practice makes perfect). One's commitment is to achieving flexibility. The flexibility has no restrictions of any clothing or equipment. Some sources also suggest that water is an important dietary element with regard to flexibility. Increased water intake is believed to contribute to increased mobility, as well as increased total body relaxation. Rather than discuss each of these factors in significant detail as Gummerson does, I will attempt to focus on some of the more common factors which limit one's flexibility. According to SynerStretch, the most common factors are: bone structure, muscle mass, excess fatty tissue, and connective tissue (and, of course, physical injury or disability). Depending on the type of joint involved and its present condition (is it healthy?), the bone structure of a particular joint places very noticeable limits on flexibility. This is a common way in which age can be a factor limiting flexibility since older joints tend not to be as healthy as younger ones. Muscle mass can be a factor when the muscle is so heavily developed that it interferes with the ability to take the adjacent joints through their complete range of motion (for example, large hamstrings limit the ability to fully bend the knees). Excess fatty tissue imposes a similar restriction.

Loss of suppleness is due to the replacement of muscle fibers with fatty, collagenous fibers. This does not mean that we should give up trying to achieve flexibility if we are old or inflexible. It just means that we need to work harder, and more carefully, for a longer period of time when attempting to increase flexibility. Increases in the ability of muscle tissues and connective tissues to elongate (stretch) can be achieved at any age.

Strength and Flexibility

One of the best times to stretch is right after a strength workout such as weightlifting. Static stretching of fatigued muscles performed immediately following the exercise(s) that caused the fatigue, helps not only to increase flexibility, but also enhances the promotion of muscular development (muscle growth), and will actually help decrease the level of post-exercise soreness. Here's why:

Strength and Flexibility

We should be "tempering" (or balancing) our flexibility training with strength training (and vice versa). Do not perform stretching exercises for a given muscle group without also performing strength exercises for that same group of muscles. Judy Alter, in her book Stretch and Strengthen, recommends stretching muscles after performing strength exercises, and performing strength exercises for every muscle we stretch. In other words: "Strengthen what we stretch and stretch after we strengthen!"

If we are working on increasing (or maintaining) flexibility then it is very important that our strength exercises force our muscles to take the joints through their full range of motion. According to Kurz, Repeating movements that do not employ a full range of motion in the joints (like cycling, certain weightlifting techniques, and pushups) can cause of shortening of the muscles surrounding the joints. This is because the nervous control of length and tension in the muscles are set at what is repeated most strongly and/or most frequently.

Conclusion

Once we have achieved the desired level of women flexibility for a muscle or set of muscles and have maintained that level for a solid week, we should discontinue any isometric or PNF stretching of that muscle until some of its flexibility is lost.

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SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY: ENHANCING PERFORMANCE AND WELL-BEING IN ATHLETIC CONTEXTS

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Abstract

Sports psychology is an interdisciplinary area of study that investigates the underlying psychological determinants of physical performance, physical activity engagement, and, more broadly, the mental well-being of athletes and individuals involved in sports. This paper presents the comprehensive history of sports psychology, from the earlier experimental approaches to contemporary practice. Significantly, theoretical approaches, particularly arousal and anxiety theories, motivational theories, goal-setting, mental imagery, and others that have been validated by empirical studies conducted via meta-analyses and recent experiments are discussed below. Based on the special issue of the journal entitled "The Psychological Complexities of Sports" (Galily et al., 2024), the importance of sports psychology in coping with mental health problems of athletes is commented on, including the frequent mental complaints of athletes, such as anxiety, depression, and burnout, influencing factors of physical injuries, and the effects of external crises, including pandemics and geopolitic conflicts. Various intervention strategies, including the use of psychological skills training (PST), mindfulness, cognitive-behavioural approaches, and ecological strategies, are reviewed and assessed, particularly for enhancing physical performance and mental health outcomes. Up-to-date recent trends since the end of 2025, including the application of technology (neurofeedback, and more, including VR), the rising field of esports, the destigmatizing of mental health consultations, and new methodologies, including Creative Nonfiction, are reviewed. Lastly, the paper stresses the importance of conducting more rigorous intervention studies, transference approaches, conducting inclusive research, and science-practice translation. As systematic reviews, meta-analysis, and recent research phenomena clearly demonstrate, there is strong confirmatory evidence of moderate and significant, positively averaged effects of mental health intervention strategies and approaches conducted and researched by sports psychologists successfully (with Hedges' g values of g = approximately 0.51 and g ≈ .57, and better).

Keywords: -Psychology, Sport Exercise, Performance, Resilience Mental Health, Arousal Motivation, Imagery Burnout

Introduction

Sports psychology, also referred to as sport and exercise psychology, is the scientific study of psychological factors associated with participation and performance in sport, exercise, and physical activity. It draws from disciplines such as psychology, physiology, biomechanics, and kinesiology in order to understand how mental processes influence physical performance and how engagement in sport affects psychological health and well-being.

The field addresses the following critical questions: how does anxiety and arousal influence performance; what drives athletes to continue working out in hard conditions, and how can mental skills training optimize results in high-pressure competitions? Beyond performance enhancement, sports psychology increasingly focuses on mental health, recognizing that athletes experience psychological challenges at rates comparable to or higher than the general population due to unique stressors like intense scrutiny, injury risks, career transitions, and external crises such as pandemics or geopolitical conflicts (Samuel et al., 2024; Gupta & McCarthy, 2022).

It is a complex activity, influenced not only by physical aptitude but also by psychological stamina and adaptability in order to perform well under demanding environments. Competing at the

elite level requires more than just talent; instead, it requires athletes to successfully navigate these psychological aspects, which include sustaining focus, managing stress, and responding to misfortune. Current research has placed greater emphasis on sport psychology as an important determinant of performance and wellness, as more and more athletes seek guidance from sports psychologists, coaches, and mental performance experts in developing their mental skills, coping with pressure, and maintaining emotional balance.

The paper is a synthesis of historical foundations, major theories, performance and mental health applications, and empirical evidence related to some landmark studies and the recent special issue by Galily et al. (2024), and the emerging trends up until late 2025. It is intended to be one of the densest resources available in understanding the many contributions of sport psychology to athletic excellence and athlete welfare itself through the implications of a diverse body of research on resilience, external influences, and innovative methodologies.

History of Sport Psychology:

The roots of sports psychology extend to ancient times, with Greek philosophers noting the interplay between mind and body in athletic pursuits. However, modern scientific inquiry began in the late 19th century.

The seminal study is generally attributed to Norman Triplett in 1898, who showed social facilitation: cyclists performed faster when racing against others than by themselves. When this experiment was published in the psychological journals, it was the first empirical research on psychological factors in athletic performance.

Major Theories in Sport Psychology

Arousal and Anxiety Theories

Performance is influenced by physiological and psychological activation or arousal. Key models include:

Drive Theory:

This views that performance increases linearly with arousal-higher drives produce better dominant responses. There is limited empirical support for this, however, as excessive arousal frequently impairs complex tasks.

Inverted-U Hypothesis:

The hypothesis, as suggested by Yerkes and Dodson (1908), expresses performance as optimal in conditions of moderate arousal, when pressures from either extreme-low, resulting in boredom, or high, causing anxiety-are not felt. It explains “choking” under pressure-a relevant aspect for comebacks within sports as discussed by Mauldin et al., referenced in Galily et al., 2024.

Catastrophe Theory:

An extension of the Inverted-U; when cognitive anxiety is high, too much physiological arousal leads to a sudden drop in performance rather than a gradual one.

IZOF:

Hanin's model postulates that every athlete has an optimal zone of functioning; individually matched levels of arousal would elicit peak performances.

Multidimensional Anxiety Theory differentiates between cognitive and somatic anxiety, the former being generally debilitating, as exhibited in cognitive anxiety research regarding external crises like COVID-19 (Shinnick & Filho, as cited in Galily et al., 2024).

Motivational Theories:

Motivation explains why athletes initiate, sustain, and direct effort.

- Achievement Goal Theory: Means that either a task-oriented approach-where an individual focuses on personal improvement-or an ego-oriented one to outperform

others is adopted by athletes. Task goals encourage adaptive outcomes of persistence and enjoyment.

Mental Imagery and Other Techniques:

Imagery is the intense mental simulation of experience. A meta-analysis by Driskell et al. concluded that mental practice improves performance (d ≈ 0.48), especially for cognitive tasks.

Other constructs include self-confidence, Bandura's self-efficacy; attentional focus, for which there is evidence that an external focus is superior in the development of motor skills; flow states, which indicate an optimal experience described as total immersion. Resilience models, one such model being the sporting resilience model, center on adversity-related experiences.

Mental Health in Sportspeople:

Athletes are subjected to different kinds of demands, such as pressure on performance, injury, public scrutiny, transitions related to retirement, and also crises of an extraneous nature. The prevalence of mental disorder diagnoses among athletes meets or even surpasses that found within the general population (Samuel et al., 2024).

Common problems:

• Anxiety and depression triggered by pandemics.

Burnout and overtraining: both associated with grit if it is not appropriately curtailed. Barcza-Renner et al. as cited in Galily et al., 2024

Exercise-Related Problems

• Eating disorders (greater in aesthetic/weight-class sports).

• Psychological distress during the post-injury period.

• Geopolitical influences such as wars that could disrupt careers

Injury affects not only physiological rehabilitation processes but also further deteriorates mental health, as they create bidirectional links. The socio-cultural pressures, such as on mother runners, create psycho-social tensions.

Interventions:

• Cognitive-behavioural therapies for anxiety/depression

• Mindfulness-based programs are linked to a reduction of burnout. These interventions consolidate conceptual elements of SDT (Gutman et al., as cited in Galily et al., 2024).

• Early Identification and Referral Systems - IOC and NCAA Recommended Systems

Stigma reduction is underway, with athletes like Simone Biles and Michael Phelps advocating openly, and research on athletic identity during crises emphasizing resilience Shinnick & Filho (as cited in Galily et al., 2024).

Empirical Evidence, Famous Studies

Landmark studies:

• Triplett (1898): Social facilitation

• Griffith's Lab Work (1920s-1930s)

• Feltz & Landers (1983): Mental practice meta-analysis.

Recent meta-analyses confirm such moderate effects by synthesizing hundreds of studies. For example, Lochbaum et al. (2022); Tod et al. (2023)

A special issue provides the following, state-of-the-art evidence: Galily et al. 2024

- Mauldin et al.: NBA comebacks and team resilience.
- Krumer et al.: Crowd size effects on home advantage in Chinese Super League.
- Schinke et al.: Ecological approaches for real-world insights.

The following are the sources that will be used:

- Samuel et al.: Effect of the war in Israel 2023-2024 on athletes
- Shinnick & Filho: Athletic identity, anxiety and resilience during COVID-19.

- McGannon & McMahon: Psycho-social tensions within mother runners via creative non-fiction.
- Samuel & Galily: Psychological toll of breaking records; for instance, about LeBron James.
- Jara-Pazmino et al.: Coach onboarding scale for psychological impact.
- Gutman et al. present a view on mindfulness and SDT in coaching.
- Barcza-Renner et al.: Relationship of burnout-grit in college athletes.

These studies underscore resilience, adaptation, and goal-setting.

As of late 2025:

- Technology Integration: Neurofeedback interventions, VR for simulation purposes, AI-based coaching assistance, ecological approach development (Schinke et al., as cited in Galily et al., 2024).
- Esports Psychology: Experiencing a rapid growth rate, while incorporating new challenges, including the impact of sedentary

Future Directions:

- Increased number of RCTs on intervention studies for mental disorders among athletes, based on meta-models of adaptation (Samuel et al., 2024).
- Career transition research involving longitudinal study and external crisis events (Samuel et al., 2020).
- Integration with neuroscience and technology for customized training.
- Worldwide, inclusive research on barriers to gender and different settings (Betzer-Tayar et al., 2017).
- Bridge between science and practice using ecological and reflective narratives. (Schinke et al., as cited in Galily et al., 2024; Wadsworth et al., 2024)

Focus on innovative methodologies, such as creative non-fiction to humanize experience, McGannon & McMahon, as cited in Galily et al. (2024).

Conclusion:

Sport psychology connects the mind and body to provide peak performance and health. The evidence that exists regarding sporting landscapes, theories, and current special editions (Galily et al., 2024) demonstrates the importance of sport psychology, with the future shining bright for even greater contributions to the success and well-being of sport performers.

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ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT
The use of Social media in physical education is changing the nature of the relationships of learners and teachers. Social media provides a unique stage for interaction amongst students and teachers and amongst students themselves. Some colleges and universities also use social media as a tool for recruiting students. Nowadays, social networks incessantly influence the lives of young people. Apart from entertainment and informational purposes, social networks have penetrated many fields of educational practices and processes. This review tries to highlight the use of social networks in higher education, as well as points out some factors involved. Moreover, through a literature review of related articles, we aim at providing insights into social network influences with regard to the learning processes (support, educational processes, communication and collaboration enhancement, academic performance) from the side of students and educators; the users' personality profile and learning style; the social networks as online learning platforms (LMS—learning management system); and their use in higher education. The conclusions reveal positive impacts in all of the above dimensions, thus indicating that the wider future use of online social networks higher education is quite promising. However, teachers and higher education institutions have not yet been highly activated towards faster online social networks' exploitation in their activities.

Keyword: Social Media, Physical Education

INTRODUCTION

Within the last decade, online social networks and their applications have penetrated our daily life. It has managed to transform young people's way of living while becoming one of the most important means of communication and entertainment. Meanwhile, the educational community raises concerns that are continuously decreasing students' interest for the educational processes, which is a problem that not only affects their performance, but sometimes also leads to dropouts. The conventional education system seems to not respond effectively to the continuous decreasing of student interest, despite the several solutions that have been proposed so far. In order to increase the awareness of students in the educational processes, blended entertainment and informational behavioral patterns have been proposed. Social networks undoubtedly support such behavioral patterns and this seems to be an enjoyable and universally accepted medium in students' way of living. Research efforts have been increased during the last decade so that successful aspects of social network use for educational activities could emerge. This review does not aim at answering specific research questions, nor is it a systematic effort to critically appraise or synthesize research studies. The impact of using technology within classrooms can have a negative effect as well. A study shows that students who used laptops in class for nonacademic reasons had poorer class performance overall. These students spent most of their time on social media websites, online shopping, and other personal usage.

Popular Social Networks and Higher Education Social media like Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, Google+, LinkedIn, Instagram, and so on are used daily by millions of people worldwide, especially young people. According to, in a sample consisting of 3000 students in USA, 90% of them use Facebook, while 37% use Twitter as a communication tool. Another study in this country shows that about 71% of higher education students are Facebook users. Facebook is possibly the most popular among the social networks for personal and educational purposes. Moreover, students use online social network (platforms daily from 10 to 60 min on average, even when studying. Furthermore, academic institutions make use of social networks for internal management of educational issues. In our study, we review studies that revealed the positive impact of social networks on education processes, and mainly on higher education. We collected 77 articles that have been published from 2010 onwards, and we noticed that Facebook and Twitter are the basic platforms for educational purposes. More specifically, in 55 articles (71.43%), Facebook was either the only OSN involved or the basic one along with others; in 9 articles (11.699%), Twitter appeared as the main educational tool; and a further 9 articles (11.69%) involved other social networks like Myspace, Google+, LinkedIn, and others. The remaining 4 articles (5.19%) involved all social networks with no exception. All articles have been further classified into four distinct fields that aim to group the positive influence and involvement of social networks in the learning processes (support, educational processes enhancing, communication and collaboration, academic performance) from the students' and instructors' viewpoint; user's personality and learning style (ways or methods to acquire knowledge, academic culture, effectiveness); the social networks such as online learning platforms (LMS—learning management system); and their institutional use These four fields are presented in more detail in the following paragraphs.

Social Networks and Learning Processes

During this decade, new ways to seek knowledge have emerged using social networks in both formal and informal learning. Formal learning is defined as a hierarchically structured educational system organized in sequential time periods, from nursery, primary, and high school to university, including academic studies, specialized training, as well as vocational and technical learning programs for all ages. According to the same authors , informal learning is considered as the learning process by which each person learns and acquires attitudes, values, knowledge, and skills directly from his/her daily experience and social environment. This is also called learning based on interaction or lifelong learning. Many studies show that students use OSNs mostly for socialization purposes, for exchanging views or ideas, and for entertainment purposes ., from 160 researchers in philosophy and social studies at the University of Delhi, 71.25% stated that they were using Facebook during their research into collaborative learning processes . As far as Twitter is concerned, an experimental study conducted in the Pharmacology Department of Boston University revealed that more than 60% of the participating students use Twitter for increasing their professional awareness and academic profile.

Social Networks, Personality, and Learning Style

Online social networks seem to affect and be affected by individual temperament and behavior. Several aspects have been noted about the ways in which they affect young people, as mentioned earlier. It is interesting, however, to observe students' behaviors that are positively or

negatively related. According to Skues et al., "open" personalities use Facebook more and have more friends, mostly to share their various interests with others. Also, young people who feel lonely have several friends on Facebook, attempting to fight this feeling. In the same study, however, it was found that self-esteem, narcissism, and neuroticism did not seem to be sufficiently related to Facebook. In another study, however, it was mentioned that there is a robust association between increasing self-esteem and frequent use of Facebook. Also, 52.5% of the students who participated in the study conducted by the University of Delhi in India said that one of the benefits of using Facebook in their research is the increase of self-esteem and feelings of satisfaction.Social media has gained credibility over the years as a trusted source of information and platform where organisations can interact with audiences. We are seeing education institutions adapting these developments into their systems and relying on group resources and mechanisms to improve the student life. The use of social media in education provides students with the ability to get more useful information, to connect with learning groups and other educational systems that make education convenient. Social network tools afford students and institutions with multiple opportunities to improve learning methods. Through these networks, you can incorporate social media plugins that enable sharing and interaction. Students can benefit from online tutorials and resources that are shared through social networks and LMS's. There is valuable knowledge to be gained through social media such as analytics and insights on various topics or issues for study purposes. Social media is also a medium where students can establish beneficial connections for their careers. As an educational institution, it is crucial to be active in many social platforms possible, this helps create better student training strategies and shapes student culture.

Connecting with experts on topics via social media

The great thing about using social media is that you soon learn who the experts are in particular fields and subjects. When you start following these experts you learn more and gain useful content from them, this empowers you to produce great results.

Social media has the ability to broaden your perspective on various subjects and gives illuminating, instant content that is new. You have the opportunity of engaging experts to get answers on topics that you may need help in.

Institutions communicate with students via YouTube and Facebook

Learning colleges have the ability to connect with students through social media networks such as Facebook, Google Plus groups, and YouTube. These channels can be used to communicate campus news, make announcements and provide students with useful information. This builds engagement between the College and students which help tackle many student issues through the group interactions. Distance learning models have an edge over campus-based counterparts. They are the future of university education and keep pace with new technologies. These models improve communication with students and also boost the learning experience. A study of the MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) shows that the student participation improved when the social media platforms were integrated with learning programs. Also, it had helped reduce the student drop-out rates. Distance education courses are growing as more students are opting for them. 150 percent more students enrolled in them in the USA from 1998 to 2008. MOOC like Coursera serves around 1.3 million Indian students. 70% of students in India use smart phones, who form a huge target group for the MOOCs.

Conclusions and Discussion

The first thing to notice is the great interest in the scientific and academic community for social networks' educational use. Also, even if a few years ago this particular scientific field was considered poor, we realized that this seems to be changing. This research revealed that Facebook dominates in social networks, as well as some exploitation trends of social networking in educational events. Firstly, these trends are about learning with all kinds of contributions (e.g., support, upgrading of educational processes, co-operation, and performance). Secondly, they are mostly dealing with users' learning style and personality, and less with organizational issues. There was almost complete agreement on their positive contribution to the communication and cooperation of students for educational purposes. It seemed that most researchers accepted as a helpful educational tool. While research efforts (or we could say anticipation) are demonstrated, it has also been noticed that researchers are facing many difficulties in achieving detached empirical data on possible enhanced academic performance. A few studies unveiled, at least so far, social networks' relationships with online learning systems (CMS, LMS, MOOC) also for presenting the maches in various channels. This is probably because these relationships are—in a sense—new in the related literature. However, the first results of their joint combination appear quite encouraging. It is reasonable, therefore, to expect more studies in the near future. Also, the administrative and teaching staff appear to be quite hesitant about the contribution of social networks to internal institutional and educational processes. Furthermore, despite the positive opinions of students about exploitation of social networks—both institutionally and educationally—some studies do not seem to share this point of view. This may be because of teachers' restraint until all positive results are confirmed and recorded. Either way, it deprives research of enrichment with empirical evidence. On one hand, our research seems to confirm the expectation for revealing empirical data that would record the connection of social networks with successful academic outcomes.

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MUSCLE INVOLVEMENT, FLEXIBILITY WITH CENTER OF PRESSURE DURING THE SQUAT EXERCISE

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Abstract
The squat works out is an elementary activity in the athletic preparation. This is the remedy for leg fitness and flexibility. In this study, a measurement of muscle activities in a normal squat posture (Normal Squat Postion) and a squat posture with the center of foot pressure (Center of Foot Pressure) intentionally shifted forward as far as possible forward squat position (Forward Squat Postion). Twenty-five healthy men athletes were selected for double-limb squats, adopting the Normal Squat Postion and Forward Squat Postion, with three knee flexion angles (30, 60, and 90 degrees). The muscle activities of the vastus medialis (VM), semitendinosus (ST), tibialis anterior (TA), and gastrocnemius muscle lateral head (GL) were measured using surface electromyography, and activity patterns were analyzed.

Keywords: Muscle, Flexibility, Squat Exercise

Introduction

This is purely a survey study. A study was carried out to check the effect of changing the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE in the squat posture on muscle activity patterns. A comparison of target muscle activities in the normal squat posture (NORMAL SQUAT POSTION) to those in a squat posture designed to move the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE forward as far as possible (forward-shifted posture: FORWARD SQUAT POSTION) at three flexion angles of the knee joint (30, 60, and 90 degrees). Subjects carried out a squat position and flexion angles of the knee joint were controlled by a goniometer. Researcher set acceptable range of plus/minus 5 degrees. Twenty five men athletes without history of knee injury, knee pain, or surgery participated in this study (All had squat experience. The content of the experiment was sufficiently explained to the subjects, and only those who voluntarily agreed to participate in the experiment were enrolled. All subjects provided informed consent for the study procedures. Participation was voluntary and in agreement. No subjects had difficulty to hold the squat position for 5 seconds.

Procedures

The location of the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE was measured using a stabilometer at a sampling frequency of 100 Hz. The participants could visually check the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE during the squats. In the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION condition, the shoulder joint was abducted as an external rotation and the middle finger was placed on the temple, and the squat posture was adopted with the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE located just between feet. In the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION condition, the squat posture was adopted with palms faced downward and the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE shifted forward as far as possible. The foot width in the squat posture was 45 cm, between the left and right fifth metatarsal bone bottoms. The participants were told that the long

axis of the femur was on the long axis of the third metatarsal bone of the foot. In addition, the participants were directed to look frontward.

Measurement of the Center of Foot Pressure

The measurement of the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE was performed barefoot, using a stabilometer. The ratio of the distance from the heel to the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE and the foot length were then calculated. The center of the subject's foot length was adjusted to the center of the stabilometer plate. Waveforms of the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE in the longitudinal direction were extracted from the total CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE and a stable average value of the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE per second was calculated. Electromyography (IEMG), the obtained EMG waveform was full-wave rectified and integrated. The EMG signals were measured for 5 seconds in a stable posture. The first and last two seconds of data were discarded, and the one second in the middle were used in the analyses. To normalize the muscle activity, EMG at the maximum voluntary isometric contraction (MVIC) was measured for each muscle according to the manual exercise testing method of Daniels and Worthingham's Muscle Testing (Hislop and Montgomery,2007). The signal was integrated for one second as well. Only the GL was measured in prone position. The IEMG at MVIC was measured after sufficient preparatory exercise and muscle activity was normalized using the IEMG at MVIC of each muscle as 100%.

Statistical analyses

Statistical analyses were at value <0.05 was considered statistically significant. The paired t-test was used to confirm that the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE was shifted forward in the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION compared to that in the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION, after confirming the equal variance and normality of the data. The Wilcoxon signed-rank sum test was used to evaluate differences in the EMG data between the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION and FORWARD SQUAT POSTION at each of the evaluated knee joint angles, because the EMG data were non parametric. Sample size determination was performed using prior to the data collection (power=0.8). After the data collection, we confirmed the power for all variables in with group parameters (mean, SD, and correlation). Researcher performed a post-hoc analysis using Wilcoxon signed-rank tests. Researcher calculated determined effect size from the group parameters. Changing the posture from NORMAL SQUAT POSTION to FORWARD SQUAT POSTION successfully shifted the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE location shows the differences in the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE location (expressed as the percentage of the distance from the heel (%CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE)) between the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION and FORWARD SQUAT POSTION at the three evaluated knee flexion angles. At a knee flexion angle of 30 degrees the %CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE was 41.8 ± 6.0% (mean ± SD) in the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION, but was increased to 75.5 ± 8.2% when participants switched to the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION, which confirms that the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE location was shifted forward significantly. Likewise, when the participants switched from the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION to the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION at knee flexion angles of 60 and 90 degrees, the %CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE increased from 46.0 ± 8.3% to 79.9 ± 4.6% and from 44.8 ± 12.1% to 76.4 ± 7.5%, respectively. Thus, changing the posture from the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION to the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION successfully shifted the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE in every participant at all knee flexion angles. Muscle activity patterns show the EMG muscle activity in the lower

extremities for the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION and FORWARD SQUAT POSTION. VM muscle activity was significantly decreased in the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION compared to that in the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION at knee flexion angles of 30, 60, and 90 degrees. The greatest reduction in VM activity was found at a knee flexion angle of 60 degrees, decreasing from 52.07 ± 10.05% to 33.24 ± 10.55% when the participants switched from the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION to the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION. In contrast, ST muscle activity was significantly increased in the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION compared to that in the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION at knee flexion angles of 30 and 60 degrees. The greatest increment in ST activity was found at a knee flexion angle of 30 degrees, increasing from 9.54 ± 5.45% to 42.45 ± 17.30% when the participants switched from the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION to the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION. Uniquely, TA activity was significantly decreased in the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION compared to that in the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION at only a knee flexion angle of 90 degrees, decreasing from 55.23 ± 33.43% to 16.13 ± 14.14% when the participants switched from the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION to the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION. GL activity was increased significantly in the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION compared to that in the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION at 30, 60, and 90 degrees of knee flexion. The greatest increment in GL activity was observed at a knee flexion angle of 30 degrees, increasing from 4.34 ± 2.99% to 34.11 ± 10.57% when the participants switched from the NORMAL SQUAT POSTION to the FORWARD SQUAT POSTION.

Conclusion

The present study confirmed that the muscle activities of the lower limbs vary according to the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE location and knee flexion angle. The forward shift CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE resulted in higher loads for “posterior muscles”. In this study, researcher focused on the muscle activity pattern in the CKC exercise. In various clinical situations where the CKC exercise should be used, the active control of the squat posture in terms of the CENTER OF FOOT PRESSURE position can be a new and effective approach for targeting specific muscle groups in athletic training and rehabilitation.

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IMPACT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS IN PROMOTING SOCIAL VALUES TOWARDS FEMALE PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT
The purpose of this study is to investigate the impact of physical education and sports in promoting social values among female players. Physical education and sports plays a vital role in educating the youth regarding the importance of social values in their life. Reviewed literature investigated that the importance of association in educating both minds and body. Further, it also encourages the social values among female players that allow them to develop the social relations with their community. Moreover, the benefits of physical education and sports can influence both academic learning and physical activity of the female players.

Keywords: Physical Education, Sports, Social Values, Female players, Academic Learning

Introducation

In present era, physical education and sports is an essential part of education. It contributes directly to development of physical competence and fitness. It also helps the female players to be aware of the worth of leading a physically active lifestyle. The healthy and physically active female players is more likely to be academically motivated, attentive, and promising. In other words, we can say that physical education and sports is exclusive to the school core curriculum. It is the only programme that provides the opportunities to female players to learn motor skills, progress mental and physical fitness. The benefits of physical gained from physical activity such as disease prevention, safety and injury avoidance, decreased morbidity and premature mortality, and increased mental health. This involves discard conventional methods of physical education teaching and focusing more on the individuals' needs and abilities, as an alternative of the enjoyment of physical activity. As time for physical education is generally limited within the school time schedule and curriculum, its content must be valuable and resourceful (Fox and Harris, 2003). Further Gonzalez et al. (2010) believed that curricular physical education within any sport, not only talent development scheme but a high development in social values among female players. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to investigate the role of physical education in promoting social values among female players.

Physical Education Programme

Physical education curriculum can offer female players with the appropriate knowledge, skills, behaviours, and confidence to be physically active for life. Moreover, physical education is the basis of a school's physical activity programme. In the same vein, participation in physical activity is correlated with academic advantages like improved concentration, memory, and classroom behaviour. According to World Health Organization (2001), it includes development of physical abilities and physical conditioning; motivating the students to continue sports and physical activity; and providing recreation activities.

Development of Physical Abilities and Physical Conditioning

Physical education facilitates to build up and practise physical fitness entails basic motor skills (Barton et al. 1999) and gets hold of the competency to perform various physical activities and exercises. Physical fitness builds mentally sharper, physically comfortable and also able to deal with the day-to-day demands (Jackson, 1985). Further, endurance, flexibility, strength and coordination are the key components of physical fitness. Moreover, to execute the physical exercises and sport, female players must be developed basic motor skills.

Motivating the Students to Continue Sports and Physical Activity

Teachers always motivate the female players to contribute in sports and physical activities as well as academic education programmes. Further, they always direct and instruct them, sports and physical activity are vital part of academic education. They have also guided the female players; we cannot think wholesome development of human personality without sports and physical education. Moreover, they have also to manage a meeting in which discusses their parents about the importance of sports and physical activity as well as academic education. Further, teachers must engage parent or family members in physical activity, for example, by giving female players physical activity 'homework' which could be performed together with the parent's viz., family walks after supper or playing in the park (WHO,

Promoting the Social Values among Female players

Physical education and sports play a vital role in promoting the social values among the female players. Moreover, physical education is considered as a school subject, which facilitate to prepare the female players for a healthy lifestyle and focuses on their overall physical and mental development, as well as imparting important social values among the female players such as fairness, self-discipline, solidarity, team spirit, tolerance and fair play (Bailey, 2005).

CONCLUSION

The present study focuses on physical education and sports helps to promote the social values among female players. Physical education and sports are considered as an essential part of education and culture. It build up the abilities, will-power, moral values and self-discipline of every human being as an entirely integrated member of society. The contribution of physical activity and the practice of sports must be certify that the throughout life by means of a global, lifelong and democratized education. It contributes to the preservation and enhancement of mental and physical health, gives a nourishing leisure-time activity and also helps to an individual to overcome the drawbacks of present stressful living. At the community level, they build up social qualities, social relations and also fair play, which is vital not only to sport itself but also to life in society. Education system must allocate the required position and applicable to physical education and sport in order to create a balance and strengthen between physical activities and other components of education. Physical education and sport course must be intended to suit the requisites and personal attributes of those follow them, as well as the institutional, cultural, socio-economic and climatic conditions of each country. In the process of education in general, physical education and sport programmes must, by virtue of their content and their timetables, help to create habits and behaviour patterns beneficial to full development of the human personality. Further, voluntary people, given appropriate training and supervision, can make an invaluable contribution to the inclusive expansion

of sport and promote the participation of the inhabitants in the training and association of physical and sport activities. In addition, it also focuses on adequate and sufficient facilities and equipment which meet the needs of exhaustive and safe participation in both in-school and out-of-school programmes regarding physical education and sport. Physical education as a generic term is linked with socio-cultural, educational and social values, psycho-social qualities, socialization, inclusion, moral codes of behaviour, cognitive and physical development, well-being, healthy diet and other benefits to be derived from engagement in regular physical activity (Bailey, 2005). To conclude, education in general, and physical education in particular, should respond to the needs of optimally developing individuals' capabilities and provide opportunities for personal fulfillment and social interactions, fundamental in human co-existence.

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IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS IN THE MODERN ERA

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Abstract:
In today's world physical education is essential. Man can live healthy and better life only by doing physical exercise. Today new and new diseases are emerging and have made big harm to man's body. Man's life has become dependent on medicines. For example digest medicine, medicine for excretion, medicine for sleep, etc. Because of these medicines man has become like a walking robot. In such condition is it fair to waste this body like this? How sad it is that man has time to do the service of technical gadgets like car, freeze, television but he does not have time to take care of his valuable body. Through physical education man can live his day to day life healthily. Physical education plays important role in man's development and proves helpful for better physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual life. Here the author wants to introduce the importance of physical education in our modern life.

Keywords: Physical Education, Modern Era

Introduction

We know that healthy mind lies in healthy body. Now a day's video games and computer games have taken the place of our traditional games. Man does not have time to play indoor or outdoor games in the modern age of technology. Sport is important for man's all round development and for living healthy life. Today very fast changes are seen in the field of physical education. First of all man gets physical education and then gets social education Thus man's social education has the basis of physical education. Today it has become technological education. Thus very deep change is seen in education. The education has become so much dependent on technology that man does not spare enough time to take care of his or her body which is a very valuable gift of nature to man. Man has stopped physical exercises because of technological tools and other facilities. Previously man used to remain healthy by playing various outdoor games and thereby doing physical exercise. Now the games are played on computer so the life has become idle. The body has become the storehouse of various diseases. Physical education makes the immunity of our body stronger and so makes body more beautiful.

- **Importance of Physical Education**
- **Helpful for Natural Development**

Man's body develops very naturally from the prenatal stage to the old age. When this natural development is accompanied with some physical exercises it improves the energy level of the body for youth. Considering this fact even special body exercises are suggested for the pregnant women. In the same way there are different types of exercises for different age stages like infant, adolescent, young, adult and old age. This exercise becomes like a supplement to natural development in scientific way. The balanced emotional development is possible only with good body health and development. It can be considered as a fundamental use of physical education.

- **Body Charm**

Beautiful body is considered as the first step towards success in life. Therefore people do so many efforts for well figured body. The beauty of the body depends on healthy muscles. Body can be well shaped through physical exercise just as an expert sculpture brings out a beautiful idol by carving an ordinary stone structure. The secret of charming body lies in the muscles of the body. From the very ancient time sculptures have been giving the importance and value to the beauty of the body. Keeping that image of beautiful and handsome body in our mind, we can also mould our body by giving enough exercise to the muscles. Thus we can get proper advantage of physical education.

- **Strong and Healthy Body**

We can make our body stronger and healthier through physical education. The significance of strong body lies in the happiness that we get after doing some hard physical or mental work. In other word for a strong person hard work does not remain a matter of tiredness. The reason of physical weakness found in the society is that physically man is not strong and healthy. Man feels weakness and tiredness even after small physical work. Its psychological effect takes place that man does not stand for any physical work. Therefore on the large scale the society has to suffer as a lack of work efficiency and willingness for that. But the truth is that the peace and happiness of fresh life is possible only through hard work. It is physical work and effort through which we can fulfill our all the basic needs. Strong body is always healthy. Strong and healthy body can protect itself from various diseases because its immunity also remains strong. Healthy man can suffer hardness of all the seasons whether it is hot or cold or rainy season. In short, he can enjoy the pleasure of all things in nature.

- **Boosts the Self Confidence**

There is no doubt about the advantages of physical education for strong and healthy body. Therefore the saying is also heard that healthy mind resides in healthy body. A healthy body is the gateway for reaching the Supreme soul. Strong and healthy body can give boost strength and increases the self confidence. And for the man who is full of self confidence even the problems become a game playing. He can pass his life with full happiness and peace of mind. It will become a service to humanity, if this psychological secret of advantage of physical education is spread and attract the people towards it

- **Development of Discipline**

Physical education develops not only self discipline but also supports to maintain external discipline on man. Discipline is as important as the food for life. People with uncontrolled behaviour deny any kind of restriction and control. But they don't know that the real freedom lies in restriction. The pain of restriction itself becomes the pleasure of freedom. Physical education is a never failing key to bring discipline. Self discipline comes in man while concentrating on and following different rules of the games. This self discipline comes into action through different activities and arts and thereby creates interest in life. Well organized life style leads man towards living happy and peaceful life.

- **Character Building in Life**

The presence of the three qualities- energy, character and beauty in life is very important for being a complete man in Indian culture. Energy and beauty are the direct advantage of physical education but indirectly it builds character too. Character can be developed well by physical education. The

process of character building through physical education is so gradual that it can not be seen directly but can be felt. All the weaknesses from man's life fall down like the dry leaves from the tree. The ideal form the culture and the civilization of any nation and society is developed through good character. All the vices like violence, wars, jealousy, unhealthy competitions, hatred, etc. give way to the character.

- **Constructive Use of Time**

It is man's natural desire that he or she wants relaxation from work. In the state of relaxation man neither works too much nor takes complete rest but he combines both the work and the rest. In combining the rest and the work, most of the people waste time in gossiping, playing card games, and other useless activities. Physical education provides new option in place of such useless activities. And this option is always healthy. Today there are entertaining games and skills available for playing. The saying "One way for Two" comes to true when man gets both the physical advantage and the entertainment through physical education. In this way physical education becomes the best means of entertaining activity or time pass during the spare time.

Conclusion:

Physical education is helpful for creating intimacy with society. In physical education team spirit is very important. Team is like a family. It is a miniature form of society. Team is the centre where the person gets opportunity to know the importance of co operation with other people. According to the saying "With One Hand No Clap", the person can not get complete advantage of physical education on his own. This limitation motivates man to co operate with others. Thus man develops faith in the feelings of communality and oneness with others. This faith becomes a part of man's character and connects man with his or her family, society, nation, and the world. Physical education prepares an ideal citizen unknowingly and unintentionally. And such ideal citizen breathes in the air of freedom in the society being free from limited narrow mindedness. He creates happiness not only for himself but also for the society. Thus people devoted to the society,youth, nation and the world can be prepared through physical education.

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PROMOTION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS IN KBC NORTH MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY

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Abstract:
Games and sports are a very necessary part of life. They keep us healthy and refresh our weary minds. Sports and physical education are useful for both for our mind and body. Physically all become healthy and mentally become disciplined. Games give us wisdom and courage, and make us bold and confident. They develop in us a spirit of co-operation. They teach us to fight in a healthy spirit, like a player fighting or playing with his rival in the playground. An ideal player has no ill-will against anyone. In short, games help to make us good citizens. Our education is incomplete without sports. Games are very useful in keeping the students and citizens busy and in developing their personalities. In modern times, there has been increasing recognition of the role of sports in Development. Physical education and sports represent an important element of education and training, the purpose is to form a strong conception in youth regarding the practice of physical exercise and to value the budget of leisure for a sanogenic, educational and recreational purpose. Sports represents a part of culture, being understood, from its beginning as an ideal means to maintain health, to form a body and even a character, its main feature being the competition, which stimulates the desire to be known and implicitly, the obtaining of performances.

Keywords: Physical Education, Promotion, KBCNMU

Introducation:

Indian Scenario for Promotion of Physical Education and Sports from Past to Present

Almost a generation had rolled by before the concept of physical education percolated into India. Even then, when the National Council of YMCAs came up with the idea of imparting physical education with a well defined syllabus to students aspiring to teach sport and physical fitness as a professional science, the move met with predictable scepticism. The programme of Government of India for Promotion of Physical Education and Sports continued to be implemented within the broad framework of the guidelines laid down in the National Policy on Education as adopted by Parliament in 1968.

Development of Sports Infrastructure through Five Year Plans

In India, the integration of physical education and sports with formal education was emphasized in the First Five Year Plan itself. The Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) at Gwalior and National Institute of Sports (NIS), Patiala were establish in the Second Five Year Plan. The National Coaching Scheme and the Rural Sports Programme were started in the Third Five Year Plan and expanded during the Fourth and Fifth Five Year Plan's. Talent spotting and nurturing was emphasized in the Sixth Five Year Plan. The Seventh Five Year Plan focused on the creation of sports infrastructure. The development of Rural Sports through a special Area Game was the thrust of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Ninth Five Year Plan emphasizes the need of modern sports infrastructure.

The Tenth plan sought to promote both the broad-basing of sports and the promotion of excellence in sports.

Society for the National Institutes of Physical Education and Sports:

Education (LNCPE), Gwalior and also to, initiate steps for raising the standards of sports and games in the country through the National Coaching Scheme continued to function under the Chairmanship of Dr. Amrik Singh, Secretary of the Association of Indian Universities. SNIPES also carried out advisory functions at the national level in matters relating to promotion of physical education and yoga. SNIPES was last re-constituted for the 3-year term in June, 1979.During the year it held 4 Meetings and its Standing Committees also met to attend to the assignments given to them by SNIPES.

National Physical Fitness Scheme:

The Scheme, which was introduced by the Central Government in 1959,Programme to popularise the concept of physical fitness among the people and also to arouse their enthusiasm for higher' standards of physical fitness and achievement, continued to be implemented during the year in collaboration with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and other selected agencies. The Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Gwalior, continued to function as the Central agency for implementation of the Scheme.

Physical Education and Promotion of Yoga in KBC North Maharashtra University:

Yoga is based on the complete control of body and mind. The promotion Scheme for Yoga, which is a part of the overall programme of BOS of physical education and sports continued to be implemented during the year as per the existing pattern. BOS KBCNMU are taking help to setup Physical Education and Yoga activites in syllabus with various organization continued to be assisted for its maintenance and developmental expenditure for its research and/or teacher training activities in the field of Yoga. The recommendations made by a Review Committee which was, set up to assess the working of the Samiti and to make recommendations with regard to its projected development during the coming years have since been accepted by the Government also.

The Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports

The Institute has also been rendering technical assistance to the Special Organising Committee of the Asian Games in various matters pertaining to India's preparations for the Games. Consequent upon Government approval to the construction of the new complex of the South Centre of the Institute at Bangalore at a total estimated cost of Rs. 2.5 crores, construction programme of the new complex is being formally started. The Eastern Centre of the Institute at Calcutta is also likely to start functioning shortly.

National Sports Organisation

The Scheme, which is being implemented through the University Grants Commission, Association of Indian Universities and the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, aims at improving sports standards among college and university students and helping the talented sportsmen and women to achieve excellence in their respective sports disciplines.

Grants to National Sports

The National Sports Federations /Associations are autonomous bodies Federations/Associations engaged in the promotion of sports and game' in general and their competitive aspect in particular.

During the past years National Sports Federations/Associations continued to be assisted for various purposes viz.

All India Rural Sports Tournaments

The country-wide programme of Rural Sports Tournaments was launched by the Central Government in 1970-71 with the twin object of involving a major segment of our youth in rural areas into the main stream of the country's sports activities and also to spot and nurture sports talent. The Programme at present involves an annual participation of about 15 lakhs rural youth right from the block level up to, the National level. The programme is being organised, by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, on agency basis, on behalf of the Government.

Some Schemes and Incentives for promotion of sports activities in India

- Cash Awards to Winners of Medals in International Sports Events
- Sports Talent Search Scholarship Scheme
- Scholarships for Training of Specialists and Outstanding Sportspersons
- Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons
- National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons
- Travel Grant to Sports Specialists
- Promotion of Sports and Physical Education among Women
- Rural Sports Programme
- Rural Sports Clubs
- North Eastern Sports Festival
- Dr. B R. Ambedkar Rural Sports Tournaments
- National Sports Festival for Women
- Evaluation of Sports Schemes
- Exchange of Sports and Physical Education Teams/Experts
- SAF Games,

National Sports Policy for India

It will thus be seen that at the time of the formulation of our constitution, "sports" were seen as a form of recreation and little more, on par with "entertainment and amusements". The role of sport's in national development requires to be redefined to accord to sport's that critical role in youth development which is prerequisite of accelerated and inclusive national development. The policy aims at adopting a holistic approach to sports developments taking into account the health benefits, recreation benefits, education benefits, social benefits, economic benefits and source of national pride that it offers. So the need to require a alignment of responsibilities between the Union and State Government and the Indian Olympic Association, the Sports Authority of India, the National Sports Federation and their affiliated bodies at the state and district level, and corporate bodies. All of this in turn might require Constitutional changes and elaboration of a suitable legal framework.

Conclusion:

The Working Group on Youth Affair's and Sports for the Formulation of Eleventh Five Year Plan also emphasized the need to strengthen the institutional frame work for the development of sports in the country. The development of sports and physical education as an essential ingredient of youth development and the promotion of a sports culture in our country. It also look's at other countries

such as Cuba and China, where sport's and youth development, have been integrated in such a manner that they have made great progress in achieving the twin objectives of broad-basing sport's and achieving excellence in individual disciplines.

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SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS FOR WOMEN

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Abstract:
The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Sarbananda Sonowal has said that the details of the existing schemes of the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for the development of sports in the country are as follows: Khelo India, a centrally sponsored scheme introduced in 2014-15 in place of erstwhile Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan, aims at construction of Integrated Sports Complexes in all block panchayats of the country in a phased manner and providing access to organized sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels.

Keywords: Sports Schemes, Women Sports

Introducation:

- **Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme,** introduced in 2010-11**,** envisages development of playfields by the State Governments through Playfield Associations, coach development programme through Central and State Governments, creation of infrastructure including laying of artificial turfs for hockey, football and athletics, and construction of multi-purpose hall. Under the Scheme, State Governments, local civic bodies, schools, colleges, universities and sports control boards are eligible for assistance.
- **Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)** for conduct of National Championships at Senior, Junior, Sub-Junior level for men and women, conduct of international tournaments in India, participation of sportspersons in international sports competitions, organizing coaching camps, engagement of foreign coaches, and procurement of sports equipments.
- **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** for various activities including giving assistance to elite athletes, who are medal prospects for their customized and tailor-made training and competition exposure.
- **Scheme of Human Resource Development in Sports** focusses on developing human resources in sports sciences and sports medicine for the overall development of sports and games in the country. The scheme also provides assistance to coaches and referees / judges to upgrade knowledge / accreditation level and assistance for participation in and conduct of seminars in India, etc.
- **Scheme of Special Cash Awards** for Winners of medals in international sports events and their coaches.
- **Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons** after they retire from active sports career with the objective of providing them financial security and incentivizing sporting achievements.

- **Scheme of National Sports Awards**, viz, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Awards, Dronacharya Awards, Dhyanchand Awards for honouring them for their achievements and contributions as sportspersons and coaches.
- **National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons** for providing lump sum financial assistance to sportspersons now living in indigent conditions for their medical treatment etc.
- **Scheme of Sports & Games for Persons with Disabilities** for broad-basing of sports among differently-abled sportspersons by way of conduct of training for community coaches, conduct of sports competitions and providing assistance to schools/institutes having differently-abled sportspersons on their rolls for procurement of sports equipments and engagement of coaches on contract basis.
- Details of the schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) for development of sports in the country are as under:
- **National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)**: The main objective of the scheme is to identify gifted and talented sportspersons among school children in the age group of 8-14 years.
- **Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC)** is implemented in collaboration with the Army. Children in the age group of 8-16 years are imparted scientific training to achieve excellence at national and international levels. The scheme also provides job opportunities in the Indian Army. Similar arrangements are proposed to be made in Central Para-military forces.
- **Special Area Games (SAG)**: This Scheme follows an area-specific approach to scout and nurture talent for modern competitive games and sports from tribal, rural, coastal and hilly areas of the country. The main objective of the scheme is to train talented and meritorious sportspersons in the age group of 12-18 years.
- **SAI Training Centres (STC)**: Under this scheme, talented youth in the age group of 12-18 years are given the option to join the scheme on residential or non-residential basis.
- **Centres of Excellence (COE)**: The main objective of this scheme is to identify and train outstanding sportspersons who are medal prospects for the country in international competitions.

Concluction:

In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today Shri Sonowal said, allocation of funds to various National Sports Federations towards participation of sportspersons and teams in international sports events, conduct of international tournaments in India, conduct of National Championship, organizing of National Coaching Camps is done in acordance with the Annual Calender of Training and Competition (ACTCs) finalized in consultation with NSFs. Details of grants released to National Sports Federations, sports discipline-wise during last one year are given in Annexure. For other schemes of the Department of Sports, Sports discipline-wise expenditure is not maintained.

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EFFECT OF OFF-SEASON FITNESS TRAINING PROGRAMMES ON GRIP STRENGTH OF SOFTBALL

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Abstract

Total 75 Softball players were selected for the present study. The purpose is to measure the grip strength (Muscular Strength). It could be concluded that it is inferred that the hand grip strength of the selected subjects of Experimental (A) and Control (B) group does not vary significantly. Whereas, Experimental A & Control B (After 90 days) and Experimental A & Experimental B groups subjects shows significant improvement in the hand grip strength. It clearly indicates that ninety days systematic training programme significantly improve the hand grip strength of the subjects. It is also clear that ninety days systematic training programme is more effective that the sixty days training programme.

Keywords: Off-Season Fitness Training

Introducation

Purpose: To measure grip strength (Muscular Strength). Equipments: Handgrip dynamometer. Description: In order to ensure dryness the subject was asked to put some magnesium chalk powder on the concerned hand. The tester sets the pointer of the dynamometer to zero and placed the dynamometer in the subjects hand and asked the subject to squeeze the dynamometer sharply and steadily as much as possible making certain that neither the arm was folded at elbow nor any part of the arm. Subjects were allowed with each hand giving one minute rest between squeezes. Total 75 Softball players were selected for the present study

Scoring: The highest reading out of the three squeezes was recorded in kilograms.

It is evident from the above table that there is no significant difference in between Pre and Post test means of Experimental A and Control C groups in hand grip strength, as the calculated t-values of 1.806, 0.320 and 0.357 respectively are less than the tabulated t-value of 2.064 at 0.05 level of confidence for the 24 degrees of freedom. But Experimental B group shows significant difference with calculated 't' value of 4.023.

Hence it is inferred that the hand grip strength of the selected subjects of Experimental A and Control C groups does not vary significantly. Significant improvement in hand grip strength is observed in Experimental B group only. It clearly indicates that ninety days systematic training programme significantly improve the hand grip strength of the subjects. The mean difference of hand grip strength between the pre and post test means of Experimental A, Experimental B and Control C groups is graphically depicted in Figure-1. The findings of above table show that there is no significant difference in between the Post test means of Experimental A & Control C (After 60 days) group in hand grip strength as the calculated t-value of 1.532 is less than the tabulated t-value of 2.000 at 0.05 level of confidence for the 48 degrees of freedom. It is also observed from the above table that, there is significant difference in between the Post test means of Experimental B & Control and Experimental A & Experimental B groups in hand grip strength, as the calculated t-values of 4.050 and 2.576 respectively are greater than the tabulated t-value at .05 level. From the above

findings it is inferred that the hand grip strength of the selected subjects of Experimental A & Control C group does not vary significantly. Whereas, Experimental B & Control C (After 90 days) and Experimental A & Experimental B groups subjects shows significant improvement in the hand grip strength. It clearly indicates that ninety days systematic training programme significantly improve the hand grip strength of the subjects. It is also clear that ninety days systematic training programme is more effective that the sixty days training programme.

Conclusion

From the above findings it is inferred that the hand grip strength of the selected subjects of Experimental A & Control C group does not vary significantly. Whereas, Experimental B & Control C (After 90 days) and Experimental A & Experimental B groups subjects shows significant improvement in the hand grip strength. It clearly indicates that ninety days systematic training programme significantly improve the hand grip strength of the subjects. It is also clear that ninety days systematic training programme is more effective that the sixty days training programme.

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ROLE OF ADVENTURE SPORTS FOR BUILD THE CONFIDENCE OF WOMEN

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Abstract:
Adventure sports are being taken to by people from all spheres of life including both men and women. Both men and women are being attracted to this sports for several reasons. It gives a hair raising experience. The experience where the adrenaline starts pumping is very sought after by people because their life has become very dull because of the routine life that they are having these days. There is no time to look at the nature and also to have fun. This is particularly true for women. During ancient time, the women were involved in so many laborious activities. But nowadays, most of their job is done by machines. This has made them sort of couch potato. There are so many benefits of adventure sports that that any women can have and make their life more beautiful.

Keywords: Adventure Sports, Achievement, Motivation

Introduction

The person who is part of the adventure sports has a sense of exhilaration. This has to be felt to be understood, and every person who was at one time a part of any adventure sport will be able to tell you of this feeling.

Sense of achievement:

Each and every person who has been a part of adventure sports will have a sense of achievement. This is because adventure sports are dangerous to the extent that some people may even lose their lives. To overcome these problems after being a part of the sports gives the participant a sense of achievement.

Motivation and Confidence:

Motivation to perform better in life is got from the sense of achievement. A person who has not been able to achieve something usually gets discouraged and also demotivated. This is not true about a person who has participated in an adventure sport.

Able to face life better:

The person who is part of the adventure spot is able to face life in a better way. They are motivated and this makes them feel that they will be able to achieve the various goals in their life too. This is one of the best benefits that occur from being a part of the adventure sports.

Health benefits:

There are also a lot of health benefits of being a part of these adventure sports. This is because the people who take part in these sports are out in the nature and this itself gives them a feeling of relaxation. The other health benefit of these adventure camps is that it reduces the stress and also the various risks for stress related diseases. It also helps the people to be better fit and decreases the chances of various diseases from occurring. Many people are turning to these sports for their

betterment. They are able to get their mind and body to be fit and this is the reason for the increased number of people turning to these sports. Every one should be able to be a part of these at one point in their life to feel the benefits of these sports.

Turning Exercise into Adventure

Getting cardiovascular exercise and training with weights or other activity is a great way to manage your fitness. However, taking your workout outside is a terrific way to cross train. Simply running on trails instead of an indoor track develops balance, uses more muscle groups and can take you on a journey in an uncontrolled environment that stimulates your brain with countless variables. Throw in some unpredictable weather and you'll recognize the thrill of beating the storm and making it back home safely.

Out of Your Comfort Zone

Many people may be reluctant to try things like mountain biking or scuba diving, thinking they don't possess the skills or ability to enjoy it. Encouraging people to try new activities may result in them realizing things about themselves they did not know. A great way to build confidence and promote a positive attitude, getting out of your comfort zone is sometimes the only way you'll dig deep enough to break free of negative thinking.

Concluction

True adventure lovers look for the opportunity to challenge themselves and learn from their experiences. The emotional and physical benefits of adventure sports are impressive such as improved problem solving, increased health and a positive thinking. The participants that complete their program of wilderness therapy finish with increased fitness, and a healthy emotional balance.

Thus, the women can make themselves as tough as men, both physically and mentally, by participating in Adventure Sports.

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YOGA AND AYURVEDA: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO HOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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Abstract
Yoga and Ayurveda are two complementary systems of traditional Indian knowledge that emphasize holistic health, prevention of disease, and harmony between body, mind, and spirit. Yoga focuses on physical postures, breathing techniques, and meditation to enhance physical fitness, mental stability, and spiritual growth, while Ayurveda provides a comprehensive framework for maintaining health through diet, lifestyle regulation, detoxification, and herbal therapy based on individual constitution. This paper aims to review the conceptual foundations of Yoga and Ayurveda, examine their combined therapeutic approach, and highlight their role in promoting physical, mental, and emotional well-being. The study is based on a qualitative review of classical texts and contemporary research literature. The findings suggest that the integrated application of Yoga and Ayurveda offers effective, low-cost, and sustainable solutions for managing lifestyle disorders, stress-related conditions, and chronic diseases. The paper concludes that Yoga and Ayurveda together form a powerful health care model relevant to modern society.

Keywords: Yoga, Ayurveda, Holistic Health, Lifestyle Disorders, Indian Knowledge Systems

Introduction

India has a rich heritage of traditional health sciences, among which Yoga and Ayurveda hold a prominent place. Both systems originated thousands of years ago and are deeply rooted in philosophical concepts such as balance, harmony, and self-regulation. In the present era, rapid urbanization, sedentary lifestyles, unhealthy dietary habits, and mental stress have led to a rise in lifestyle-related diseases such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, anxiety, and depression. Modern medicine primarily focuses on symptom management, whereas Yoga and Ayurveda emphasize prevention, root-cause treatment, and long-term well-being.

Yoga, derived from the Sanskrit word *Yuj*, means union or integration. It aims at the integration of body, mind, and consciousness through practices such as Asana, Pranayama, Dhyana, and ethical disciplines. Ayurveda, known as the "Science of Life," explains health and disease based on the balance of three doshas: Vata, Pitta, and Kapha. Together, Yoga and Ayurveda offer a holistic approach that addresses physical health, mental clarity, emotional stability, and spiritual growth.

Methodology

The present study adopts a qualitative review methodology. Data were collected from classical Ayurvedic and Yogic texts, published research articles, review papers, and reports available in peer-reviewed journals. Sources included books on Yoga philosophy, Ayurvedic principles, and recent studies on integrative health practices. The collected literature was analyzed thematically to understand the conceptual framework, therapeutic applications, and health outcomes of Yoga and Ayurveda. No experimental intervention was conducted, as the study is exploratory and descriptive in nature.

Results

The analysis of literature revealed several important findings:

1. **Complementary Nature:** Yoga and Ayurveda complement each other by combining physical practices, mental discipline, and lifestyle regulation.

2. **Disease Prevention:** Regular Yoga practice along with Ayurvedic dietary and lifestyle guidelines helps in preventing lifestyle disorders.
3. **Mental Health Benefits:** Yoga practices such as Pranayama and meditation, supported by Ayurvedic herbs and routines, improve stress management, emotional balance, and sleep quality.
4. **Personalized Health Care:** Ayurveda's concept of individual constitution allows Yoga practices to be customized according to physical and mental needs.
5. **Cost-Effective and Sustainable:** Both systems are affordable and suitable for long-term health maintenance with minimal side effects.

Conclusion

Yoga and Ayurveda together provide a comprehensive and holistic health care system that is highly relevant in the modern world. Their integrated approach focuses not only on curing disease but also on promoting overall well-being and quality of life. By emphasizing prevention, self-discipline, and balance, Yoga and Ayurveda can effectively address the growing burden of lifestyle-related and stress-induced disorders. The study concludes that incorporating Yoga and Ayurvedic principles into daily life can lead to sustainable physical health, mental peace, and emotional stability. Further empirical research is recommended to strengthen scientific evidence and promote wider acceptance of this integrative approach.

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SPORTS COMMUNICATION: IMPORTANCE, NEEDS, AND THE ROLE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

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Abstract

Sports communication plays a vital role in the effective functioning of sports, physical education, and athletic performance. It includes verbal, non-verbal, written, and digital forms of interaction used to convey instructions, motivation, feedback, and values in sports settings. Physical Education teachers act as key communicators between students, athletes, institutions, and society. Effective sports communication improves learning outcomes, performance, discipline, teamwork, and ethical behavior. This paper examines the importance and need for sports communication and highlights the significant role played by Physical Education teachers in promoting positive communication practices. The study adopts a descriptive research approach based on secondary sources. The findings indicate that strong communication skills among Physical Education teachers enhance student engagement, motivation, safety, and overall sports development.

Keywords: Sports Communication, Physical Education Teachers, Motivation, Performance, Sports Education

Introduction

Communication is the foundation of all educational and sporting activities. In sports, communication is essential for instruction, coordination, motivation, leadership, and performance enhancement. Sports communication refers to the systematic exchange of information, ideas, emotions, and feedback among coaches, Physical Education teachers, athletes, students, officials, and spectators.

In school and college settings, Physical Education teachers serve as mentors, instructors, and role models. Their communication skills directly influence students' physical development, psychological well-being, and social behavior. Clear communication ensures safety during physical activities, effective skill learning, discipline, and the promotion of sportsmanship. In the modern era, sports communication has expanded to include digital platforms, media interaction, and technology-based instruction, making it even more significant.

Importance of Sports Communication

Sports communication is important for several reasons:

1. **Skill Learning and Performance:** Clear instructions and demonstrations help students understand techniques and strategies effectively.
2. **Motivation and Confidence:** Positive communication boosts morale, self-esteem, and interest in sports participation.
3. **Teamwork and Coordination:** Effective communication improves cooperation, coordination, and unity among players.
4. **Safety and Injury Prevention:** Proper communication of rules, precautions, and corrective feedback reduces the risk of injuries.

5. **Discipline and Ethics:** Communication helps in instilling values such as fair play, respect, and discipline.
6. **Emotional Support:** Teachers use communication to manage stress, anxiety, and emotional challenges faced by students and athletes.

Need for Sports Communication

The growing complexity of sports and physical education has increased the need for effective communication. Diverse student backgrounds, varying physical abilities, and psychological differences require teachers to adapt their communication styles. Technological advancements, online learning, and media exposure have also made sports communication more dynamic. There is a strong need for Physical Education teachers to develop communication skills such as leadership, empathy, clarity, listening, and feedback delivery to meet modern educational and sporting demands.

Role of Physical Education Teachers in Sports Communication

Physical Education teachers play a central role in sports communication:

- **Instructor:** They communicate rules, techniques, and strategies clearly to students.
- **Motivator:** They inspire students to participate actively and improve performance.
- **Leader:** They guide teams, manage groups, and resolve conflicts.
- **Counselor:** They provide emotional and psychological support through effective interaction.
- **Role Model:** Their communication reflects sports ethics, discipline, and professionalism.
- **Coordinator:** They act as a link between students, coaches, parents, and school administration.

Methodology

The present study adopts a descriptive research methodology. Data were collected from secondary sources such as textbooks, research journals, conference papers, online databases, and educational reports related to sports communication and Physical Education. Relevant literature was reviewed, analyzed, and interpreted to understand the importance, need, and role of Physical Education teachers in sports communication.

Results

The review of literature revealed that effective sports communication significantly enhances teaching efficiency, student motivation, and sports performance. Physical Education teachers with strong communication skills were found to create a positive learning environment, improve student participation, and reduce behavioral and safety issues. The findings also indicate that communication training is often underemphasized in Physical Education programs, despite its critical role.

Conclusion

Sports communication is an essential component of physical education and sports development. It supports skill acquisition, motivation, teamwork, safety, and ethical values. Physical Education teachers play a crucial role as communicators, leaders, and mentors in sports settings. Strengthening communication skills among Physical Education teachers should be given priority in teacher training programs. Effective sports communication not only improves athletic performance but also contributes to the holistic development of students and the promotion of a positive sports culture.

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EFFECT OF SIX WEEK PASSING SKILL TRAINING ON VITAL CAPACITY OF VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to know the effect of Effect of Six Week Passing Skill Training on Vital Capacity of Volleyball Players. To achieve this purpose forty (n = 40) male Volleyball players were randomly selected from Dhule who regularly practice in various clubs and colleges. The criterion variable of vital capacity was measured by using the equipment of Russell Lange Volleyball Skill Test. Pre-Test was taken after that players were divided into two groups: experimental group 20 players and control group 20 players. Only experimental group were underwent 6 weeks passing skill training and the training was planned with the consultation of the experts and the training was conducted for six weeks duration. The experimental group underwent passing training sessions of 20-minute duration on 10-minute recess period, administered in 6 weeks with three days per week, whereas the control group adhered to their normal daily activities during recess time. After six week training Post Test were administered and data were collected, the collected data were analyzed by using 't' test. The level of confidence was fixed at 0.05 levels in all cases.

Keyword: Passing skill training, Vital capacity, Volleyball players, etc.

Introduction

An individual who experiences physical health, perform their work at peak performance, they are free from disease and infirmity. Physical health and wellbeing involves pursuing a healthful lifestyle to decrease the risk of disease. Maintaining one's physical fitness, regular exercise, balanced nutrition, and adequate rest, can protect and develop the endurance of a person's breathing and heart function, muscular strength, flexibility, and body composition and also help to reduce the risk of an injury or health issue.

The training is a process of preparing an individual for any event or an activity or job. Usually in sports we use the term sports training which denote the sense of preparing sportspersons for the highest level of performance. But now- a-days sports training is not just a term but it is very important subject that affects each and every individual who takes up physical activity or sports either for health and fitness or for competition at different level. Hence we can say that sports training are the physical, technical, intellectual, psychological and moral preparation of an athlete or a player by means of physical exercises.

Passing drills are used to improve foot work in maximizing athletic performance. It is the multi-directional training, which helps to improve strength, power, balance, agility, co-ordination, core and joint stability, foot speed, hand eye coordination, reaction time and mobility. It is very much enjoyable to perform the task on passing. The training session with passing drills will helps an individual to achieve various fitness of an individual by performing drills in a rhythm and teaching the body and mind various foot combinations. Passing is made up of 2 nylon straps with plastic rungs

15-18 inches apart depends on the training purpose. It can also be used by simply taping on the floor same like as agility passing. To improve the performance level it is necessary to go from easy to hard drills to develop better footwork and coordination. Different moves according to the game which is necessary and regular in the game can also be added up in the drills. Passing drills will help the player to catch, strike, and to block or tackle the component. Coaches of different sports used passing drills to improve agility of the athlete.

Vital capacity is the total amounts of air that can be forcibly expire after a complete inspiration has been used frequently as a measure of adequacy of the respiratory system. Although it measures the approximately capacity of the lungs, recent information indicates it is of little use in predicting ability to perform tasks of endurance. Obviously other factors are more important. For example, any limitations of the oxygen delivery system to the cells will reduce the effectiveness of the delivery; regardless of vital capacity is the ability to take in more air per unit of time with fewer, but deeper inspiration, thus prolonging the onset of fatigue in the respiratory muscle.

Materials and Methods

The purpose of this study was to see the effect of 6 week passing skill training on vital capacity of Volleyball players of Dhule. To achieve this purpose forty (n = 40) male Volleyball players were randomly selected from Dhule who regularly practice in various colleges. The criterion variable of vital capacity was measured by using the equipment of Peak Flow Meter. At first information were given to players about the procedure of the test. Players were asked to attach the mouthpiece to the peak flow meter and take a deep breath, then place the peak flow meter mouthpiece in their mouth and close their lips tightly around the outside of the mouthpiece and they are advice to exhale out as hard and as fast as possible (using a “huff” rather than a full breath out). Three attempts were given. The highest value of all attempts was recorded. The value recorded is peak expiratory flow (PEF), is in liters per minute. Pre Test was taken after that players were divided into two groups: experimental group 20 players and control group 20 players. Only experimental group were underwent 6 weeks passing skill training and the training was planned with the consultation of the experts and the training was conducted for six weeks duration.

The experimental group underwent passing drills training sessions of 20-minute duration on 10-minute recess period, administered in 6 weeks with three days per week, whereas the control group adhered to their normal daily activities during recess time. Each training session consisted of a standardized 5-minute warm up and 20-minute passing drills training and a 5- minute cool down that include static and dynamic stretches. The training program consisted of 6 exercises in the order of side jump, in and out, hopscotch, left and right leg hop, and icky shuttle, with 30 seconds rest between each set. After six week training program post-test were administered on both control group and experimental group and data were collected.

Statistical Analysis

After six week training Post Test were administered and data were collected, the collected data were analyzed by using ‘t’ test. The level of confidence was fixed at 0.05 levels in all cases.

Table: 2

Comparison of Vital capacity of Volleyball Players

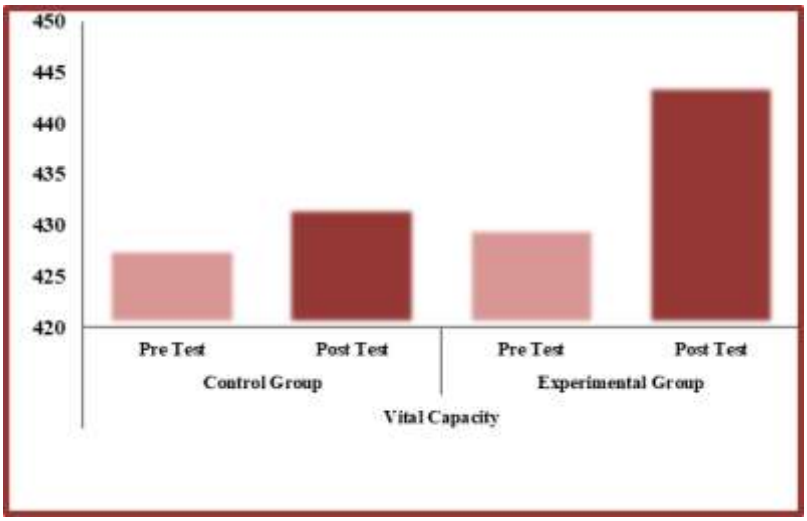
Variables	Group	Test	Mean	S.D	S.E	M.D	D.F	Obt 't'	Tab 't'
Vital Capacity	Controlled	Pre test	428	9.64	3.184	4	38	1.256	1.686
		Post test	432	10.48					
	Experimental	Pre test	430	10.12	3.339	14		4.19*	
		Post test	444	10.98					

*Significant at 0.05 Level

The above table shows that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and post test of control and experimental group of Volleyball Players in reference to vital capacity. To see this difference is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between pre and post test of experimental group of Volleyball Players as the calculated 't' value 4.19 is greater than tabulated 't' value 1.686. But there is insignificant difference found between pre and post test of control group of Volleyball Players, as the calculated 't' value 1.256 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 2.101.

Graph

Mean Comparison of Vital capacity of Volleyball Players



Conclusion

From the above result we found that there is significant difference between pre and post test of experimental group of Volleyball players compared to control group. Which means that passing skill training effect on vital capacity of volleyball players as well as it may affect ones health and fitness also? So it can be conclude that passing skill training is much better as it can be programmed within a small area. It burn calories much faster than normal training. Passing skill training will also boost individual from the deadly "inactive" category. Passing skill training also

develop the core ability and also promotes their participation in a variety of physical activities that involve body movement, and also helps to increase injury prevention

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IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS ACTIVIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN LIFE

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ABSTRACT
Activity involving in physical activity, it keeps you fit physical, mentally, builds your confidence levels and develops all-round personality. It is wrong to believe that sports are a waste of time. Physical activity is an essential element in shaping human personality in maintaining sound body and mind in facilitating peace and brotherhood is a much-accepted argument. Despite the broad acceptance of the utility of sports, little is translated into actual promotion and participation in sports by general public. Sports have a positive spin off on the vibrancy of a nation. It is a powerful media to educate the youth on the right lines in channelling their potentialities. It provides a platform for nurturing a spirit of national integration, crossing boundaries of language, tradition and region of the country. The participation in sports and physical education activities for good health a high degree of physical fitness increases an individual's productivity. It promotes social harmony and discipline. So, for all these aspects, the role of sports and physical education is a nation building in these competitive eras.

Keywords: Physical, mental, social growth, sports, physical education

Introduction:

It is critical that engagement or interest in any sport or physical activity be inculcated from an early age to develop respect and understanding for lifelong engagement in professional or recreational activities. Hence, schools and especially teachers play an important role. These articles intend to raise the awareness levels of school teachers to be able to engage every child in play and make play matter for them.

The Power of Play makes a compelling case for further participation in Sport for all age groups and abilities in India. Entire community efforts are required for successful sport for development programmes. Success will stand or fall on the combined effort of the individual, community participation, government, private sector, non-profit organizations, media and sometimes international agencies.

1. Sport for Educational Development

Sport and physical education have an educational impact. Physical activity is vital to the holistic development of young people, fostering their physical, social and emotional health. The benefits of sport reach beyond the impact on physical well-being and the value of the educational benefits of sport should not be under-estimated.

Changes can be seen in (i) motor skills development and performance and (ii) educational potential. This shows the positive relationship between being involved in physical activities and psychosocial development. Sport provides a forum for young people to learn how to deal with competition and how to cope with both winning and losing. These learning aspects highlight the impact of physical education and sport on a child's social and moral development in addition to physical skills and abilities. Sport and physical education is fundamental to the early development of children and

youth and the skills learned during play. Through participation in sport and physical education, young people learn about the importance of key values such as:

– Honesty
– Teamwork
– Fair play
– Respect for themselves and others
– Adherence to rules

2. Sport for Personal and Life Skills Development

Just as philosophy and the arts help develop the intellectual, spiritual and emotional aspects of ourselves, sports help us develop the physical. We need balance of mind, body and spirit to feel and function at our best. The benefit of sports extends much beyond the physical aspects. It builds character, teaches strategic thinking, analytical thinking, leadership skills, goal setting and risk taking to name a few. And those are just the non-physical aspects. Participating in sports/physical activity develops the five components of fitness, which are: strength, speed, skill, stamina and flexibility. When we are under stress from personal problems, work pressures and anxiety, apart from the fitness benefits, exercise through playing sports helps release pressure and tension in a healthy and controlled way. Benefits of engaging in sports or physical activity:

1. Sports are fun
2. Heighten sense of overall well being
3. Improve sleep patterns and levels of anxiety
4. Clear the mind
5. Develop motor skills and mind/body connection
6. Stave off depression
7. Reduce risk of many diseases

3. Sport for Professional Development

Sport management is an industrious field concerning the business aspects of sports and recreation. It provides an opportunity to gain financial and marketing knowledge as well as business management skills. Specifically, you will be able to perform research analysis and explore international business and marketing strategies. You might also gain expertise in sports event planning and brand building.

4. Sport for Health Development

World Health Organization (WHO) World Health Report indicated that mortality, morbidity and disability are attributed to major non-communicable diseases and accounted for over 60% of all deaths; and unhealthy diet and physical inactivity were among the leading causes of these diseases. Sport and physical activity are crucial for life-long healthy living. Sport and play improve health and well-being, extend life expectancy and reduce the likelihood of several non-communicable diseases including heart disease.

Regular physical activity and play are essential for physical, mental, psychological and social development. Good habits start early. The important role of physical education is demonstrated by the fact that children who exercise are more likely to stay physically active as adults. Sport also plays a major and positive role in one's emotional health, and allows building valuable social connections.

Conclusion

Sports and physical education activities for good health a high degree of physical fitness increases an individual's productivity. It promotes social harmony and discipline. It is the need of every citizen irrespective of age and sex to participate in and enjoy games, sports and recreational activities. It is the duty of central and state governments, therefore, to accord to sports and physical education a very high priority in the process of all round development. They should promote and develop not only traditional and modern games and sports, but also yoga by providing the necessary facilities and infrastructure on a large scale and by inculcating sports consciousness among the masses. By regularly participating in sports and physical education activities the nation is made healthy, fit and strong. A fit nation is an asset and weak nation a liability.

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ROLE OF SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPING REGIONAL SPORTS

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ABSTRACT
Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to unite in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they can understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination. It is often said that sport has an inherent ability to bring people together, in particular the youth, and yet until recently, the tremendous potential of sport for development to achieve youth development objectives has been little utilized. By its very nature, sport encourages participation bridging national, ethnic, social and religious divides. It is precisely for this reason that sport, when used as a tool for development, can serve as an impetus for social transformation and change.

INTRODUCTION:
Sport for development aspires to achieve social impact by using sport, play and physical activity. Alongside its importance in the field of education, sport can also serve as a tool in areas of health promotion, HIV prevention, gender equality, violence prevention, conflict resolution, good governance, inclusion, and environment all of which are prime issues concerning young people today. Sport for development and peace initiatives are an efficient and cost-effective tool. Young people are the innovators, creators, builders, and leaders of the future. But they can transform the future only if they have the necessary skills, health, decision-making opportunities, and real choices about their lives.

Sport and Health
In India, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like obesity, diabetes, stroke, chronic lung diseases, cardiovascular diseases, and cancer, which are attributable to lifestyle disorders, have become an increasingly serious problem among the urban middle-class population, including young people. According to recent WHO estimates, NCDs are responsible for almost 60% of total deaths in India. Holistic sports education program partnering schools and neighbourhood communities has showed how being physically active on a regular basis significantly lowers the risk of NCDs. By equipping school and community leaders and educators with the tools to create an active learning environment, such programs improve the health of children, adolescents, and adults and promote lifelong wellness. Using a traditional education program that is lecture-based and taught by teachers or health educators, the use of games that teach lessons and athletes as messengers allows young people to share their feelings and beliefs, increase knowledge, and develop healthy attitudes and behaviours.
More importantly, The Grass root Project is one of the first organizations in D.C. to be designed, initiated, and managed completely by student athletes, thereby engaging them in the decision-making process, providing leadership opportunities through various youth positions within the organization. In many ways, The Grassroots Project demonstrates how a combination of innovative research and on-the-ground engagement of young people really can changes the way communities understand an issue.

Sport in Education
The benefits of sport reach beyond the impact of physical well being; the value of educational benefits of sport should not be underestimated. Sports-based youth programs that concentrate on

delivering high quality physical education right from an early age have shown the positive relationship between being involved in physical activity and psycho-social development by:

- Boosting academic performance
- Increasing concentration and focus, and
- Improving classroom attendance and behaviour

Furthermore an Illinois underscores the importance of physical activity for children's brain development especially in terms of the particular thinking skills that most affect academic performance.

Sport in Peace Building and Conflict Resolution

Several organizations the world over, such as Generations for Peace, Peace and Sport and Peace Players International, have successfully used sport as a vehicle for conflict resolution efforts at both the grassroots and nation state levels. SDP programs focused on peace building and conflict resolution create an environment in which people can come together to work towards the same goal: show respect for others and share space and equipment. Under a corporate social responsibility (CSR) project and in partnership with the Sports Authority of Gujarat (SAG) in India, I have seen from close quarters the successful use of sport and its values to tap the potential of young people from the marginalized communities of riot-affected Godhra in the state of Gujarat, India. The center, which started off as a community football club, today boasts several young talented players who have represented Gujarat at various levels of competition.

CONCLUSION:

Sports for development programs not only create an awareness of the vulnerability experienced by young people, but also have an empowerment effect. They develop skills and knowledge necessary for young people to have more control of their lives and to function as responsible members of their communities. It is my firm belief that a thoroughly planned, carefully implemented, and rigorously evaluated SDP program cantered on national, regional, or local development and peace priorities is a powerful answer to the various issues which concern youth development.

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ROLE OF SPORTS BASED PROGRAMME IN THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN SPORTS

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Abstract:

Sport is the most popular organized activity in which engage youth. Sports involvement may also contribute to the social and personal development of youth. It has also been proposed that youth sports provides benefits for socio- emotional development, Identity work, character building, and moral development, including the expression of values and sportsmanship behaviors. Many people involved in sport also believe that sport participation offers opportunities for learning and development that can directly transfer into other areas of life such as school and work. Youth being enthusiastic, vibrant, innovative and dynamic in nature is the most important section of the population. Youth shows strong passion, motivation and will power which also make them the most valuable human resource for fostering economic, cultural and political development of nation. A country's ability and potential for growth is determined by the size of its youth population. Youth are defined as those aged 15 to 29 in the National Youth Policy (2014). This age group constitutes 27.5% of India's population.

Keywords: Sports Activities, Development of Youth, Sports Participation

Introduction:

The term "sports-based youth development programs" is coined and defined in the context of the community youth development framework. Sports-based youth development programs are out-of-school-time programs that use a particular sport to facilitate learning and life skill development in youth. Community youth development programs use a community youth development approach to create opportunities for youth to connect to others, develop skills and use those skills to contribute to their communities. This, in turn, increases their ability to succeed. For example, a sports program that provides appropriate structure has delineated clear rules, expectations and responsibilities for youth, parents, coaches, officials, and other organizers.

Social and emotional development:

In terms of the social aspects of child and youth development, there are three main areas that have been under consideration: inclusion and community building; character-building; and delinquency and community safety.

Inclusion and community building:

The role of sport in inclusion has shown to be strongly linked to building social cohesion and social capital among young people and adults in communities. Sport has been as a practical tool to engage young people in their communities through volunteering, resulting in higher levels of leadership, community engagement and altruism among young people.

Positive peer relationships between young people are encouraged through physical activity and coaching is considered a key aspect of how physical activity can contribute to social inclusion among

young people. Social inclusion also relates to offering equal opportunities to sport and education programmes regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability.

Character-building:

The reasoning is that moral behavior is acquired through social interaction that occurs through sport and physical activity conductive in a collective. Whether or not sport has a positive impact on character-building in an individual is highly dependent on the context of the programmed and the values promoted and development. In this respect, physical education teachers, coaches, trainers or community leaders have a determining influence on a young person's sporting experience and on the degree of 'character-building' that can arise. Some research also indicates that 'physical activity outside of competitive sport' may be more effective in promoting mutual understanding and empathy among young people.

Delinquency and community safety:

Research suggests that sport can be used as a means to reduce deviant behavior among children and youth. But participating in physical activity does not directly impact on deviant behavior. Accordingly, programmes should combine sports and physical activities with leadership and job-skills development and training to address risk factors in children and youth.

The majority of programmes that target delinquent youth aim to act as either:

- Diversions for delinquent youth away from other delinquent youth.
- Rehabilitation activities for those previously involved in delinquent behavior.
- Gateways to engage the target group in sport in order to establish relationship with authority figures, social service, educational programmes and marginalized groups.

To increase the success of a sports programme in this area, activities should be:

- Provided through supportive, 'bottom-up' approaches.
- The activity must be purposeful to the individual, tailored to their individual needs; and
- De-emphasize regulation and winning.

Sports programs can encourage behavioral change in young people and skills learnt in sports are transferable to other areas of life.

Sport may also remove young people from negative influences like anti-social peer groups, drugs and alcohol, low-self esteem and boredom.

Transferable skills learnt through sport include:

- Commitment and understanding the consequences of not meeting commitments,
- Communication skills,
- Problem solving,
- Team work,
- Dealing with stress, and;
- Goal setting and future planning.

Participation in sport has additional benefits for youth development including:

- Overall improvements in health and mental health,
- Self-confidence,
- Increased sense of social inclusion and community participation,

- Self-Discipline, and;
- Structured leisure time.

Conclusion:

Women Participation in sport is also enjoyable, providing an alternative to the conventional education system and therefore able to directly encourage engagement with school and education. In addition to this, to effectively participate in sport the participants require a healthy diet and a generally healthy lifestyle. Additionally, our program model builds in opportunities for skills development and career.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ASPIRATION LEVEL OF VARIOUS LEVEL OF FEMALE KABADDI PLAYER

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to compare Aspiration Level various level of female kabaddi player. For this sixty (60) female kabaddi player, 20 from each participated in the Maharashtra State Tournaments (20 State Players), Inter Collegiate Tournaments of SRTM University, Nanded (20 Inter Collegiate Players) and Inter University Tournaments (20 Inter University Players) with the help of purposive sampling method were selected from SRTM University, Nanded. The weight categories of the Kabaddi Players were ranged 18 to 25 years. Subjects did not use any ergogenic aids or supplementations and also, they were all free from any injuries during the collection of data. To see the level of aspiration researcher has selected 'The level of aspiration measure test' which was constructed by Mahesh Bhargava and M. A. Shah were distributed to the players and the same were collected back after having filled by the players. Statistical Analysis was done on the basis of One-Way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). The collected data were statistically analyzed with f-test. The level of significance was significant at 0.05 levels. Result shows that there was significant difference were found in Level of Aspiration among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players as obtained F-ratio was 6.231 which was greater than that of required tabulated 'F' value of 3.158 at .05 level of significance with (2,57) degree of freedom. Hence, Post Hoc test was applied to see the Mean Difference among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players in reference to Level of Aspiration. The significant difference was found only among Inter University kabaddi and Inter Collegiate kabaddi in reference to Level of Aspiration whereas insignificant difference was found among remaining comparison. Concluding the above study we conclude that there was significant difference were found in Level of Aspiration among State, Inter Collegiate and Inter University Kabaddi Players, it may be attributed that Level of Aspiration varies from each other but remains a bit in everybody whether it may be player, student, teacher, businessman etc, we can conclude that in the view of different level of players Inter University Female kabaddi player shows high level of aggression followed by State Level Kabaddi Players and least in Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players.

Keywords: Level of Aspiration, Female kabaddi player, etc.

INTRODUCTION

Today sports are considered as an integral to all-round development of one's personality. Now a day sports has become an essential part of life. Millions of fans and spectators follow different games and sports events bordering on devotion. Many people participate in sports and games for fun, enjoyment, happiness, pleasure, health, fitness, status and also for recreation. Increased participation in games and sports has resulted in competition which has become an important element of modern life.

In last five decades we have seen that sport emerging as a great socio-cultural as well as socio-economic force influencing human behavior in all aspects of life. The impact of this phenomenal change has been equally influence on athletes, spectators, sponsors and administrators. People are associated with sport in different roles - as athletes, as trainers, as doctors, as physiotherapists, as administrators, as tournament officials (judges, referees, umpires, jury), as team management (managers, coaches) and finally as spectators. Where there are human beings, there is behavior; and where there is behavior - whether individual or social - there is bound to be psychology, in some form. The value of sports psychologist as an integral member of the coaching and health care teams is widely accepted everywhere. Sports psychologists can train specific skills to help players to enhance their learning process and motor skills, cope with competitive pressures, and fine-tune the level of awareness needed for optimal performance. Psychological training must be an integral part of a player's holistic training process, carried out in combination with other training elements. This is best skilled by a collaborative effort among the coach, the sport psychologist, and the players; however, a knowledgeable and skilled coach can learn basic psychological skills and impart them to players, especially during actual practice.

Generally people think that kabaddi is not usually seen as a sport requiring high levels of fitness, however player need to attain a certain level in many aspects of fitness to allow them to perform with accuracy and be able to repeat the actions without fatigue. With calm and quite the player can take a punch with greater intensity and frequency during training, and to punch without fatigue during competition. A successful player requires good vision, hand/eye coordination, controlled psychological variables, high level of Aspiration, etc and many such factors which directly or indirectly effect on boxing performance.

Like other psychological phenomena, motivational factors are important in directing individual behavior consciously and make him strive to perform certain type of activity in order to achieve a definite goal. Every one aims at reaching a definite goal or excellence in performance and doing so, he sets a desire for distinction which has an inner structure known as 'Level of Aspiration' (LOA). Hence, researcher wants to know the level of aspiration of different player, he has taken the study entitled "Comparative study of aspiration level of various levels of female kabaddi player."

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Subject

Sixty (60) female kabaddi player, 20 from each participated in the Maharashtra State Tournaments (20 State Players), Inter Collegiate Tournaments of SRTM University, Nanded (20 Inter Collegiate Players) and Inter University Tournaments (20 Inter University Players) with the help of purposive sampling method were selected from SRTM University, Nanded. The weight categories of the Kabaddi Players were ranged between 18 to 25 years. Subjects did not use any ergogenic aids or supplementations and also, they were all free from any injuries during the collection of data.

To see the level of aspiration researcher has selected 'The level of aspiration measure test' which was constructed by Sunil Sharma and M. Kumar were distributed to the players and the same were collected back after having filled by the players.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

To compare the level of aspiration of various levels of female kabaddi player researcher applied One Way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). The collected data were statistically analyzed with f-test. The level of significance was significant at 0.05 levels.

Table-1

Analysis of Variance in Level of Aspiration among various levels of female kabaddi player

Source of Variation	Sum of Square	df	Mean Sum of Square	F-Ratio
between	8.133	2	4.066	**6.231***
error	37.2	57	0.652	

*Significant at 0 .05 level Tabulated 'F' $0.05_{(2, 57)}$ = 3.158

Table-2

Post Hoc Test

Inter University Player	State Player	Inter Collegiate Player	MD	CD
5.1	4.7		**0.4**	**0.806**
5.1		4.2	**0.9***	
	4.7	4.2	**0.5**	

*Significant at 0 .05 level

Above table revealed that there was significant difference were found in Level of Aspiration among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players as obtained F-ratio was 6.231 which was greater than that of required tabulated 'F' value of 3.158 at .05 level of significance with (2,57) degree of freedom. Hence, Post Hoc test was applied to see the Mean Difference among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players in reference to Level of Aspiration. The significant difference was found only among Inter University Player and Inter Collegiate Player in reference to Level of Aspiration whereas insignificant difference was found among remaining comparison.

CONCLUSION

Concluding the above study we conclude that there was significant difference were found in Level of Aspiration among State, Inter Collegiate and Inter University Kabaddi Players, it may be attributed that Level of Aspiration varies from each other but remains a bit in everybody whether it may be player, student, teacher, businessman etc, we can conclude that in the view of different level of players Inter University Female kabaddi player shows high level of aggression followed by State Level Kabaddi Players and least in Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players.

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RELATIONSHIP AMONG SELECED PSYCHOLOGICAL VARIABLES OF INTER-COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract:
The main purpose of study was to determine the significant relationship among selected psychological variables of Inter-collegiate football players. For the purpose of the study 100 (Hundred) male Inter-collegiate level of Football players from Inter-collegiate Competition of different colleges of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University were randomly selected as subject for purpose of this study. The age of the selected subjects was ranging from 18 to 25 years. The psychological variables were restricted to competitive anxiety, stress vulnerability, sports aggression, and depression and will to win. Competitive Anxiety was assessed by using Sport Competitive Anxiety Questionnaire developed by Renier Martins and the Score was recorded in number. Stress Vulnerability was assessed by using Stress Vulnerability Scale Questionnaire developed by Lyle H. Miller and Alma Dell Smith and Score was recorded in number. Sports Aggression was assessed in number by administering Sports Aggression Inventory Questionnaire developed by Anand Kumar and P. S. Shukla and Score was recorded in number. Depression was assessed in number by using Zung Self- Rating Depression Scale (SDS) Questionnaire and Score was recorded in number. Will to win was assessed by employing Will to Win Questionnaire developed by A. Kumar and P. S. Shukla and the Score was recorded in number. To determine the significant relationship among selected psychological variables of Inter-collegiate football players the Pearson's product co-efficient of correlation statistical technique was employed. Level of significance was set at 0.05. The finding of the study revealed that Significant positive correlations in between competitive anxiety and stress vulnerability, competitive anxiety and sports aggression, stress vulnerability and sports aggression, stress vulnerability and depression, sports aggression and depression of Inter-collegiate football players as well as significant negative correlation in between aggression and will to win of Inter-collegiate level football players. No significant correlations were found in between competitive anxiety and depression, competitive anxiety and will to win, stress vulnerability and will to win and depression and will to win of Inter-collegiate level football players.

Key Words: Competitive Anxiety, Stress Vulnerability, Sports Aggression, Depression and will to win.

Introduction:

The sports Psychologists use Psychological assessment techniques and intervention strategies in an effort to help individuals to achieve their optimal performance. Emotional factors like tension, anxiety, stress and motivation play an important part in sports psychology. The various personality factors affect the performance of athletes. Family and economic conditions too plays an important part in sports psychology (Suresh Kutty K., 2004). Sport psychology professionals are interested in how participation in sport, exercise and physical activity may enhance personal development and well-being throughout the life span. Sport psychologists are also involved in

assisting coaches in working with athletes as well as helping improve athletes' motivation (Robert Burton, 2009). Just recently have sport psychologists begun to be recognized for the valuable contributions they make in assisting athletes and their coaches in improving performance during competitive situations, as well as understanding how physical exercise may contribute to the psychological well-being of non-athletes (Robert Burton). The importance of sport psychology in football is becoming increasingly well recognized with many professional clubs epilogists. Sports psychology is sometimes called mental preparation of training, mind games, or mind over matter, the aim is for the team to play Football at peak performance in every match. Mental training or sport psychology is no substitute for skills, and it is vital to emphasize the importance of skills, particularly when coaching young Football players. Since the main aim of psychological training is to attain peak performance (George Beim). Some psychological variables have positive effect on performance as well as some have negative effect on performance so the research scholar was interested to take the study stated as "Relationship among Selected Psychological Variables of Inter-collegiate Football Players".

Significance of the study:

i. The findings of this study would help to know the level of development in psychological variables at the Inter-collegiate level of football players.
ii. The findings of the study would be helpful to the physical education teachers, coaches and players to know the relationship among selected Psychological Variables.
iii. The result of the study would help to the teachers and coaches for the diagnostic purpose.

Hypothesis:

There would be significant co-relation among the selected psychological variables (competitive anxiety, stress vulnerability, aggression, depression and will to win) of inter-collegiate football players.

Material and Method:

100 (Hundred) male Inter-collegiate level of Football players from Inter-collegiate Competition of different colleges of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University were randomly selected as subject for purpose of this study. The age of the selected subjects was ranging from 18 to 25 years. The psychological variables were restricted to competitive anxiety, stress vulnerability, sports aggression, depression and will to win.

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Results and Discussion:

To determine the significant relationship among selected psychological variables of Inter-collegiate football players the Pearson's product co-efficient of correlation statistical technique was employed. Level of significance was set at 0.05 for testing the hypothesis. The results pertaining to these have been presented in the following table.

Table-1

CORRELATION AMONG SELECTED PSYCHOLOGICAL VARIABLES OF INTER-COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Variables Correlated	Coefficient of Correlation	Tabulated r Value
Competitive Anxiety and Stress Vulnerability	0.3643*	0.199
Competitive Anxiety and Sports Aggression	0.4338*	0.199
Competitive Anxiety and Depression	0.1932	0.199
Competitive Anxiety and Will to Win	-0.0657	0.199
Stress Vulnerability and Sports Aggression	0.3447*	0.199
Stress Vulnerability and Depression	0.2174*	0.199
Stress Vulnerability and Will to Win	-0.1616	0.199
Sports Aggression and Depression	0.2376*	0.199
Sports Aggression and Will to Win	-0.2934*	0.199
Depression and Will to Win	-0.1029	0.199

***Significant at 0.05 level** Tabulated $r_{0.05\ (98)} = 0.199$

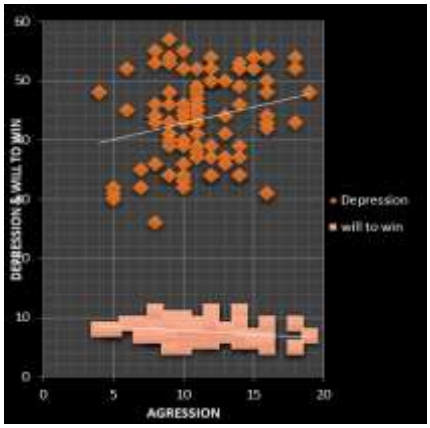


Figure-1 Relationship of Competitive Anxiety with Other Psychological Variables

Figure-3 Relationship of Aggression with Depression and Will to Win

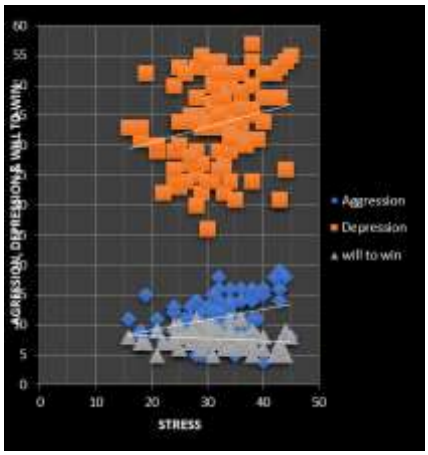


Figure-2 Relationship of Stress Vulnerability with Other Psychological Variables

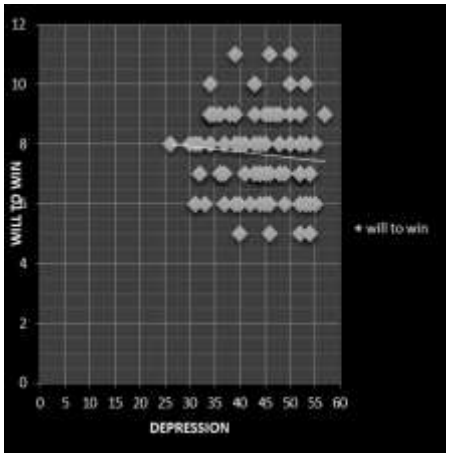


Figure-4 Relationship of Depression with Will to Win

Discussion:

Table-1 revealed that there were significant positive correlation in between competitive anxiety and stress vulnerability, competitive anxiety and aggression, stress vulnerability and aggression, stress vulnerability and depression and aggression and depression of inter-collegiate level football players. It may be attributed to the fact that anxiety, stress vulnerability, aggression and depression are negative feelings which hinder the performance of players, it is also known fact that anxiety comes from fear of failure, feelings of inadequacy, loss of control and guilt etc. Hence muscles do not work properly due to abnormal secretion of epinephrine and Non epinephrine hormones which leads to increase stress. Due to anxiety and stress players face difficulties to achieve success, therefore become frustrated leads of aggressive. Because of high level of anxiety, stress, aggression players become depressed. Therefore anxiety, stress, aggression and depression are interdependent to each other hence they are interrelated.

Findings of tables-1 also indicated significant negative correlation in between aggression and will to win of inter-collegiate football players, it may be because there are fewer scopes to render psychological training at the intercollegiate level, and hence negative relationship is observed in the study.

Conclusions:

- Significant positive correlations in between competitive anxiety and stress vulnerability, competitive anxiety and sports aggression, stress vulnerability and sports aggression, stress vulnerability and depression, sports aggression and depression of Inter-collegiate football players.
- There was significant negative correlation in between aggression and will to win of Inter-collegiate level football players.
- No significant correlations were found in between competitive anxiety and depression, competitive anxiety and will to win, stress vulnerability and will to win and depression and will to win of Inter-collegiate level football players.

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ROLE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS IN DEVELOPMENT OF COLLEGE YOUTH

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Abstract:-

The purpose of this study is to investigate the impact of physical education and sports in promoting social values among youth. Physical education and sport play a vital role in educating the college youth regarding the importance of social value in their life. Reviewed literature investigated that the importance of association in educating both minds and body. Further, it also encourages the social values among youth that allow them to develop the social relations with their community. Moreover, the benefits of physical education and sports can influenceboth academic learning and physical activity of the college youth.

Boosting participation in sport can generate variety of profound and positive impact on socio-economic and health benefits on individual, community and wider society. It focused on the forms of sport Programmes and the benefits of sport participation among college youth.

Introduction:-

In present era, physical education and sports is an essential part of education. It countributs directly too development of physical competence and fitness. It also helps the youth to be aware of the worth of leading a physically active lifestyle. The healthy and physically active youth is more likely to be academically motivated, attentive, and promising. In other words, we can say that physical education and sports is exclusive to the school core curriculum. It is the only programme that provides the opportunities to youth to learn motor skills, progress mental and physical fitness. Physical education is an integral part of the total education of the child and virtually every state, district, and school in the United States requires Physical education for its students. Quality physical education programs are needed to increase are physical competence, health- related fitness, self-esteem, and enjoyment of physical activity for all students so that they can be physically active for a lifetime. Physical education Teaches students how to add the habit of physical activity into their daily lives by aligning instruction with the National standards for physical Education and by providing content and learning experiences that develop the skills and desire to be active for life.

Physical Education Programme:-

Physical education curriculum can offer youth with the appropriate knowledge. Skills, behaviours and confidence to be physically active for life. Moreover, physical education is the basis of a school's physical activity programme.

Development of physical abilities and physical conditioning:-

Physical education facilitates to build up and practice physical fitness entails basic motor skills (Bartion et al. 1999) and gets hold of the competency to perform various physical activities and exercises. Further, endurance, flexibility, strength physical exercises and sport youth must be development basic motor skills.

Motivating the students to continue sports and physical activity :-

Teacher always motivate the youth to contribute in sports and physical activities as well as academic education programmes. Further, they always direct and instruct them, sport and physical activity are vital part of academic education.They have also guided the youth; we cannot think wholesome development of human personality without sports and physical education.

Providing recreation activities:-

Institutions must focuses on implementation of physical activity course whichFacilitate to make enjoyable participation to all youth in physical activity programme which provides the youth with a collection of ideas for active games and activities and the skills and fitness to play them in order to reduce the stress, anxiety,drug abuses and obesity.

Promoting the social values among youth:-

Physical education and sport play a vital role in promoting the social values among the youth. Moreover, physical education is considered as a school, which facilitate to prepare the youth for a healthy lifestyle and focuses on their overall physical and mental development ,as well as imparting social values among the youth such as fairness self—discipline,solidarity, team spirit, tolerance and fair play.

Benefits of Sport Participation among Youth:-

Sport and games are an integral parts of a student life. A student should study hard to be successful in competitive examinations but he should study hard to be successful in competitive examination but he should enjoy the benefit of sport participation. Along with academic activities, a student should spend time on games and sport. There are many people who give importance only to classroom learning without provision for extramural experience through recreational activity in the western countries, education of the youth is no longer confined to the lecture theatres alone. Monotony of lectures has been very much minimized by outdoor and participation in sports and various athletes' feat which generate healthy competitive spirit and interest in life among youth

Conclusion: -

The present study focuses on physical education and sport helps to promote the social values among college youth. Physical education and sports are considered as an essential part of education and culture. It builds up the abilities, will-power, moral values and self- discipline of every human being as an entirely integrated member of society. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to investigate the role of physical education in promoting social value among college youth.

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EFFECT OF FUNCTIONAL STRENGTH TRAINING AND FLOW YOGA ON MUSCULAR FITNESS VARIABLESAMONG MEN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract

Background: Functional Strength training and Yoga are the backbones of professional athletes and teams these days. Further and more people are discovering the countless ways that functional strength training and yoga can be used to improve athletic performance. This study aims to find out the effect of functional strength training and Flow yoga on selected muscular fitness variables among men Volleyball players. Methods: Data were analyzed from 45 men Volleyball players, and were stratified into a functional strength training group (FSTG, n = 15; 21.00 ± 1.73 years), Flow yoga group (FYG, n=15; 20.67 ± 1.39 years) and a control group (CG, n = 15; 20.53 ± 1.40 years). The FSTG and FYG received periodized functional training and Flow yoga for 12 weeks. The leg muscle strength and leg muscle explosive power of all the groups were evaluated before and after the training, and the variables were measured by standardized test items as Leg dynamometer test and vertical jump test. Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) was performed to find out the significant mean differences. In all the cases, the level of significance was set at $p < 0.05$. Results: The results of the study have shown that there was a significant increase in the leg muscle strength and leg muscle explosive power on the FSTG and FYG as compared to the CG. The statistical analysis showed that the FSTG experienced more significant improvement in leg muscle strength and leg muscle explosive power than FYG and CG on the Volleyballplayers. Conclusion: Functional strength training and Flow yoga had a beneficial impact on leg muscle strength and leg muscle explosive power. Collectively, these results suggest that both programs are useful for increasing leg muscle strength and leg muscle explosive power on the Volleyball players.

Keywords: Functional training, Flow yoga, Leg Muscle Strength, Leg Muscle Explosive Power

INTRODUCTION

Volleyball is the most favorite sport in the world. More or less 20 thousand players of all ages and gender, both on amateur and professional level play Volleyball in clubs across the globe. An exceptional level of Volleyball performance needs the successful skillfulness in abilities like the repeated explosive burst, strength, power, passing, setting, spiking, blocking, digging, and serving as yoga's popularity has increased, we see more and more athletic programs using yoga-inspired movements. Volleyball players can benefit from yoga because it is a powerful training tool for preparing the muscles for the strenuous exercise of a volleyball game, which helps stretching, strength building, breathing and balance, prevent muscle strains and joint stress.

Functional Strength Training

According to **Brill (2008),** Functional training is emphasizing multi-planar, and multi-joint activities, combining upper body and lower body movements and utilizing more of the human body muscles in each action. The American Council on Exercise **(ACE)** defines functional strength training as

"performing work against resistance in such a manner that the improvements in strength directly enhance the performance of movements so that an individual's activities of everyday living are easier to perform." Functional fitness exercises train your muscles to work together and prepare them for daily tasks by simulating everyday movements you might do at home, at work or in sports.

Flow Yoga

Flow is a collective term for all type of yoga in which experts follow a sequence of asana connected to one another by flow and proper breathing (**Fraser, 2005**). Flow also termed flow because of the harmonious way that the poses run together, is one of the most famous contemporary styles of yoga. It's a broad classification that incorporates many different types of yoga, including Ashtanga and power yoga. In Flow yoga, each movement is harmonized to a breath. The breath is given supremacy, acting as an anchor as you move from one pose to the next. A cat-cow stretch is an instance of a simple Flow. The spine is bowed on an inhale and rounded on an exhale.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Participants

Twenty-five young adults, aged 18-25 years, were recruited from the affiliated colleges under the SRTM University, Nanded through the verbal message to participate in the study during the summer vacation of 2022. All study participants were familiar with strength training and yoga.

Experimental groups, Variables & Tests

Table I: Training Groups	**Name Group**
Group I - Experimental	Functional Strength Training Group (FSTG)
Group II - Experimental	Flow Yoga Group (FYG)
Group III - Control	Controlled (No Training) (CG)

Table II: Variables

Type	**Variables**
Independent	Functional Strength Training
	Flow Yoga
Dependent	Leg Muscle Strength
	Leg Muscle Explosive power

Table III: Selection of Tests

Variables	**Test**	**Measurement**
Leg Muscle Strength	Leg dynamometer test	Kilograms
Leg Muscle Explosive power	Vertical jump test.	Centimeters

* Significant 0.05 level of significance

(The table values required for significance at 0.05 level with df 2 and 42, 2 and 41 were 3.22 and 3.23 respectively). Able-IV showed that the pre-test means values of leg muscle strength for FSTG, FYG and CG were 84.93 ± 7.95, 85.46 ± 7.69 and 83.60 ± 6.37 respectively. The obtained 'F' ratio value of 0.25 for pre-test scores of FSTG, FYG, and CG on leg muscle strength was less than the required table value of 3.22 for significance with df 2 and 42 at 0.05 level of significance. The post-test means values for leg muscle strength for FSTG, FYG and CG were 91.33 ± 7.94, 89.86 ± 8.01 and 82.93 ± 6.86

respectively. The obtained „F" ratio value of 5.19 for post-test scores of FSTG, FYG, and CG was higher than the required table value of 3.22 for significance with df 2 and 42 at 0.05 level significance.

The adjusted post-test means values of leg muscle strength for FSTG, FYG and CG were 91.06, 89.05 and 84.01 and respectively. The obtained „F" ratio value of 98.01 for adjusted post-test scores of FSTG, FYG and CG were more significant than the required table value of 3.23 for significance with df 2 and 41 at 0.05 level of significance. The results of this study have shown that there was a significant difference between FSTG, FYG, and CG on leg muscle strength. The mean values of FSTG, FYG, and CG on leg muscle strength were graphically represented in Figure-I.

Figure – I
Bar Diagram Showing the Mean Values of FSTG, FYG and CG on Leg Muscle Strength

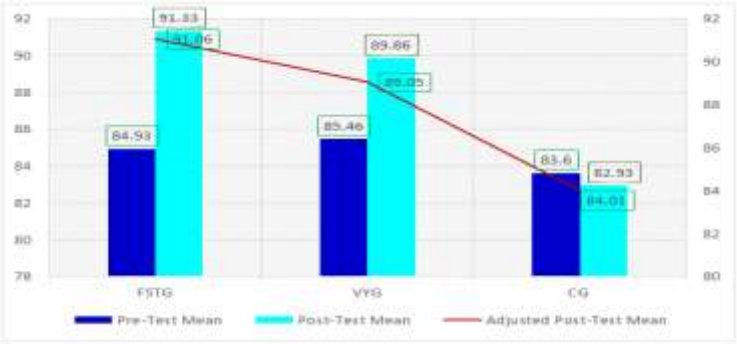


TABLE-V
Analysis of Covariance on Leg Muscle Explosive Power of FSTG, FYG and CG

	FSTG	FYG	CG	Source of Variance	Sum of Square	df	Mean Square	„F" ratio
Pre-test Mean S.D.	41.60 3.85	41.00 3.94	40.07 5.40	Between Within	17.911 834.53	2 42	8.956 19.870	0.45
Post-test Mean S.D.	47.00 3.85	44.67 4.33	39.60 5.39	Between Within	429.37 878.93	2 42	214.68 20.927	10.25*
Adjusted Post-test Mean	46.30	44.55	40.40	Between Within	269.34 74.392	2 41	134.67 1.814	74.22

***** Significant 0.05 level of significance

Table-V showed that the pre-test means values of leg muscle explosive power for FSTG, FYG and CG were 41.60 ± 3.85, 41.00 ± 3.94 and 40.07 ± 5.40 respectively. The obtained „F" ratio value of 0.45 for pre-test scores of FSTG, FYG, and CG on leg muscle explosive power was less than the required table value of 3.22 for significance with df 2 and 42 at 0.05 level of significance. The post-test means values for leg muscle explosive power for FSTG, FYG and CG were 47.00 ± 3.85, 44.67 ± 4.33 and 39.60 ± 5.39 respectively. The obtained „F" ratio value of 10.25 for post-test scores of FSTG,

FYG, and CG was higher than the required table value of 3.22 for significance with df 2 and 42 at 0.05 level significance.

The adjusted post-test means values of leg muscle explosive power for FSTG, FYG and CG were 46.30, 44.55 and 40.40 and respectively. The obtained „F" ratio value of 74.22 for adjusted post-test scores of FSTG, FYG and CG were more significant than the required table value of 3.23 for significance with df 2 and 41 at 0.05 level of significance. The results of this study have shown that there was a significant difference between FSTG, FYG, and CG on leg muscle explosive power. The mean values of FSTG, FYG, and CG on leg muscle explosive power were graphically represented in Figure-I.

4. DISCUSSION

The present study examined the effect of functional strength training and Volleyballyoga on muscular fitness variables among men Volleyball players. The results showed a statistically significant increase ($p < 0.05$) in the value of the leg muscle strength and leg muscle explosive power in the FSTG and FYG as compared to the CG. Rosch et al., (2000) also found that FST improved flexibility, power, speed, endurance and volleyball skills among players. Weiss et al. (2010) also identified similar results in 7-weeks of functional training on muscular fitness outcomes in young adults. Alauddin and Samiran (2012) observed that FST enhanced physical fitness components on college male students. Mario et al., (2011) determined that FST significantly improved the explosive strength and agility variables. Myung et al., (2017) found that Lower body muscle strength was increased considerably in FYG after 8-week Vinyasa yoga training. Henry et al., (2014) discovered that 9-week Volleyball yoga improved functional fitness among in young adults. These findings suggest that FSTG and FYG over 12 weeks was able to promote improvements in muscular fitness in young adult Volleyball players.

CONCLUSIONS

The results of the study indicated that twelve weeks of functional strength training and Volleyball and yoga to significant improvements in leg muscle strength and leg muscle explosive power among Volleyball players. FSTG evidenced more effective in leg muscle strength and leg muscle explosive power when compared to FYG and CG and the training method appears to endorse fitness. Based on the results of the study the investigator recommends that functional strength training and Volleyball and yoga can be practiced to enhance the muscular fitness among the athletes and players.

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SPORT EDUCATION FOR WOMEN DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract
In the literature related to physical education and sport there is much debate across the world over definitions of physical education, sport and physical activity. There is also great variance in the standard age boundaries for youth world-wide. These issues will not be explored in detail here. Rather a number of links to further reading and resources are provided after each sub-theme to direct readers to additional information. Within schools, physical education is an essential component of quality education. Not only do physical education programmes promote physical activity, such programmes also correlate to improved academic performance under certain conditions. Sport can also, under the right conditions, provide healthy alternatives to deviant behaviour such as drug abuse, violence and crime.

Keyword: Sports Development, Women Sports

Introduction

Physical education and sport have an educational impact. Changes can be seen in (i) motor skills development and performance and (ii) educational potential. This shows the positive relationship between being involved in physical activities and psychosocial development.

Sport and physical education is fundamental to the early development of children and youth and the skills learned during play, physical education and sport contribute to the holistic development of young people. Through participation in sport and physical education, young people learn about the importance of key values such as:

- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Fair play
- Respect for themselves and others
- Adherence to rules

It also provides a forum for young people to learn how to deal with competition and how to cope with both winning and losing. These learning aspects highlight the impact of physical education and sport on a child's social and moral development in addition to physical skills and abilities. In terms of physical and health aspects of child and youth development, there is an overwhelming amount of evidence that focuses on the (mostly positive) effects of sport and exercise on physical health, growth and development.

Physical education in schools

Providing physical education both inside and outside of schools is crucial in helping young people to learn and develop life skills.Physical education in the school system. A number of crucial components to the delivery of quality education have been identified by UNICEF. These include sport and opportunities for play, consistent with the rights of the child to optimum development. Despite

recognition of the positive impact sport has on education and child development, physical education is being increasingly challenged within education systems across the world.

Challenges include a decrease in:

- The amount of time allocated to physical education
- The number of trained staff
- The amount of training provided for physical education teachers, and spending on resources required to deliver physical education in schools

Girls and young people with disabilities face additional barriers, which limit (and in many cases prevent) participation in physical education and sport in many countries.

Social and emotional development

In terms of the social aspects of child and youth development, there are three main areas that have been under consideration: inclusion and community building; character-building; and delinquency and community safety.

Inclusion and community building

The role of sport in inclusion has shown to be strongly linked to building social cohesion and social capital among young people and adults in communities. Sport has been used as a practical tool to engage young people in their communities through volunteering, resulting in higher levels of leadership, community engagement and altruism among young people. Positive peer relationships between young people are encouraged through physical activity and coaching is considered a key aspect of how physical activity can contribute to social inclusion among young people. Social inclusion also relates to offering equal opportunities to sport and education programmes regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability. There is increasing attention on programme development both in and out of schools for example, to include girls, people with disabilities and refugees.

Policy developments

International policies have influenced the delivery of physical education and sport across the world. While these policies may not always turn into action, they have helped national-level policy to develop in many parts of the world. In 1959, the Declaration on the Rights of the Child was one of the first international instruments linking physical activity and education for children stating that "the child shall have full opportunity for play and recreation, which should be directed to the same purposes as education."

Many international and domestic policies highlight the role of sport as a key component of child development along with the associated aspects related to sport, play and recreation, such as the right to participate, to freedom of expression and a right to be involved 'freely in cultural life and the arts' (as stated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child). This allows for sport, recreation and play to be considered not only as a necessary component of child and youth development (a 'needs' based perspective) but also one in which sport, recreation and play are considered as entitlements (a 'rights-based' perspective). Action that incorporates sport in education and child & youth development should be aware of how sport, recreation and play can be considered as both a necessity and as an entitlement.

Practical considerations on sport in education

"Sport acts as a magnet or a repellent to school..." Read more in this section about the practical implications of getting children and youth involved in sport at school and the relationship sport has with attitudes to school and leadership.

Leadership in sport

The real benefits of sport involvement appear among children and youth who have experienced appropriate forms of leadership. For example, research shows that martial arts taught with a philosophy of respect, patience, responsibility and honour were related to decreased delinquency, when compared to martial arts taught with a focus on free sparring and self-defence. Efforts should be concentrated towards leadership training, the processes of training both professionals and volunteers who are likely to lead such programmes. Coaches and physical educators have the potential to provide strong leadership if they fully activate this aspect of their work with women people. Positive social interaction between peers also links strongly with sporting and educational outcomes and as such, peer educators and leaders also require quality training and support.

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THE EFFECT OF ADVENTURE SPORTS TRAINING ON PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL BEING OF KHO-KHO PLAYERS OF SELOO

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to see the effect of adventure sports training on psychological well being of Kho-Kho players of Seloo. For this purpose researcher has selected 40 Kho-Kho players from various mandals and clubs of Seloo, Wardha with the help of simple random sampling method. Kho-Kho players were divided into two group i.e. experimental group (20 Kho-Kho players) and control group (20 Kho-Kho players). The age of the Kho-Kho players were ranged between 18 to 25 years. Experimental group were gone through adventure sports training and regular Kho-Kho practice whereas control group were gone through only regular Kho-Kho practice. Psychological well-being was measured with the help of Adolescent Well-Being Scale constructed by P. Birleson (1980). The scale consist of 18 questions, each question in this scale has three possible answers i.e. Most of the times, Sometimes & Never. Kho-Kho players have to tick mark against appropriate answer to each question. To see the effect of adventure sports training on psychological well-being of Kho-Kho players of Seloo, descriptive statistics and 't'-test was applied as statistical analysis and the level of significance was kept at 0.05 levels. Result of the study revealed that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and post test of experimental and control group of Kho-Kho players in reference to psychological well-being. To see this differences is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that psychological well-being of experimental group Kho-Kho players shows significant difference between pre and post test. As the calculated 't' value 3.728 is greater than the tabulated 't' value 2.024. Whereas, psychological well-being of control group Kho-Kho players did not show any significant difference. As the calculated 't' value 1.747 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 2.024. The study indicates that adventure sports participation has a positive impact on the psychological well-being of Kho-Kho players. Exposure to challenging outdoor activities may help players overcome fear, build confidence, and improve emotional regulation, which are crucial psychological attributes in Kho-Kho. Adventure sports also promote teamwork, trust, and social bonding, which may explain improvements in positive relations with others. The results are consistent with previous studies highlighting the psychological benefits of experiential and adventure-based learning in sports. The study concludes that participation in adventure sports significantly enhances the psychological well-being of Kho-Kho players of Seloo. Integrating adventure sports into Kho-Kho training programs can be an effective strategy for improving mental health and performance related psychological qualities.

Keywords: Adventure Sports Training, Psychological Well-Being, Kho-Kho Players, Seloo.

Introduction

One of the most well-liked indigenous team sports in India is Kho-Kho, which requires a special blend of physical power, agility, tactical intelligence, and psychological well beings. Players are often put in stressful situations that require fast thinking, emotional control, bravery, and self-confidence. At the competitive level, effective Kho-Kho players are frequently distinguished from less successful ones by psychological traits including stress tolerance, self-belief, fear management,

and mental toughness. As a result, it has become clear that psychological well being is essential to both long-term engagement in the activity and total athletic performance.

Healthy psychological functioning, such as self-acceptance, autonomy, life purpose, personal development, environmental mastery, and healthy interpersonal interactions, is referred to as psychological well-being. High psychological well-being helps athletes practice and competes with more focus, motivation, coping skills, and emotional equilibrium. On the other hand, low psychological health can result in anger, anxiety, burnout, and poor performance. Because of this, coaches and sports psychologists are placing more emphasis on mental health promotion in addition to technical and physical training.

Adventure sports, like trekking, rock climbing, rappelling, rope courses, and group adventure tasks, are organized outdoor activities that incorporate physical challenge, uncertainty, and controlled danger. These exercises are renowned for their experiential learning methodology, in which participants gain knowledge by overcoming obstacles in their natural surroundings. Adventure sports inspire people to explore beyond their comfort zones, conquer fear, gain self-assurance, and hone their decision-making and problem-solving abilities. It is thought that these experiences have a significant favorable impact on psychological characteristics related to athletic performance.

Although there is a burgeoning grassroots Kho-Kho culture in Seloo, little scientific research has been done on the players' psychological preparation. Coaches, trainers, and sports administrators can gain important information from knowing how adventure sports participation affects their mental health. Thus, the current study was conducted to empirically examine how participation in adventure sports affects the psychological health of Seloo Kho-Kho players.

Methodology

The purpose of the study was to see the effect of adventure sports training on psychological well-being of Kho-Kho players of Seloo. For this purpose researcher has selected 40 Kho-Kho players from various mandals and clubs of Seloo, Wardha with the help of simple random sampling method. Kho-Kho players were divided into two group i.e. experimental group (20 Kho-Kho players) and control group (20 Kho-Kho players). The age of the Kho-Kho players were ranged between 18 to 25 years. Experimental group were gone through adventure sports training and regular Kho-Kho practice whereas control group were gone through only regular Kho-Kho practice. The experimental group participated in a six week adventure sports training program (three sessions per week, 60 minutes per session) at Bordharan near Seloo, which included: trekking and nature walks, rock climbing, rope course, trust building activities and group problem solving adventure challenges. All activities were conducted under expert supervision with proper safety measures. Players did not use any ergogenic aids or supplementations and also they were all free from any injuries during the collection of data.

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STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

To see the effect of adventure sports training on psychological well-being of Kho-Kho players of Seloo, descriptive statistics and 't'-test was applied as statistical analysis and the level of significance was kept at 0.05 levels.

Table No. 1

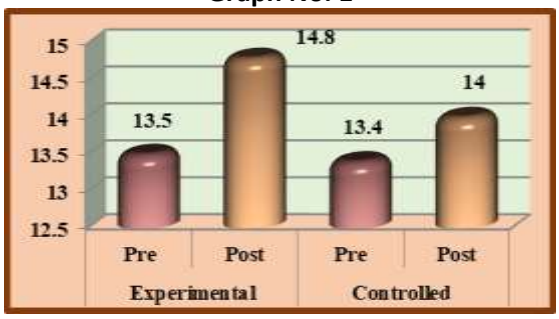
Comparison of Psychological Well-Being

Variables	**Psychological Well-Being**	
Group	Experimental	Controlled

Test	Pre	Post	Pre	Post
Mean	13.5	14.8	13.4	14
S.D	1.051	1.151	1.046	1.123
S.E	0.348		0.343	
M.D	1.3		0.6	
D.F	38			
Obt 't'	**3.728***		**1.747**	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.0006		0.0886	
t Critical two-tail	2.024			

From the above table it revealed that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and post test of experimental and control group of Kho-Kho players in reference to psychological well-being. To see this differences is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that psychological well-being of experimental group Kho-Kho players shows significant difference between pre and post test. As the calculated 't' value 3.728 is greater than the tabulated 't' value 2.024. Whereas, psychological well-being of control group Kho-Kho players did not show any significant difference. As the calculated 't' value 1.747 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 2.024.

Graph No. 1



Mean comparison of psychological well-being between pre & post test of experimental and control group Kho-Kho players

Conclusion

The study indicates that adventure sports participation has a positive impact on the psychological well-being of Kho-Kho players. Exposure to challenging outdoor activities may help players overcome fear, build confidence, and improve emotional regulation, which are crucial psychological attributes in Kho-Kho. Adventure sports also promote teamwork, trust, and social bonding, which may explain improvements in positive relations with others. The results are consistent with previous studies highlighting the psychological benefits of experiential and adventure based learning in sports. The study concludes that participation in adventure sports significantly enhances the psychological well-being of Kho-Kho players of Seloo. Integrating adventure sports into Kho-Kho training programs can be an effective strategy for improving mental health and performance related psychological qualities.

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THE PLACE OF JOB EXPERIENCES OF ATHLETIC RUNNING SHOES IN THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS PLACING

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ABSTRACT:
Past writing has detailed that athletic coaches in the pro athletics setting (PSS) experience job strain from outrageous hierarchical desires and requests, bringing about apparent constraints in quiet consideration and work-life balance. Along these lines, the motivation behind this investigation was to investigate the encounters of athletic coaches working in the PSS. We selected 18 members from different pro athletics who participated in a semi-organized, one-on-one telephone meet. A 3-man information investigation group utilized a multi-staged procedure to distinguish rising areas and center thoughts, at last building up an agreement codebook. Reliability was set up with part checking, various analyst triangulation, and outside evaluating. Three areas developed: 1) work attractors, 2) feeling esteemed, and 3) attributes of the working environment condition. Members revealed being pulled in to athletic preparing in the PSS to work with first class competitors, as a result of steady colleague connections, having a system of athletic coaches, and expanded access to assets and instruction. Athletic mentors detailed inclination esteemed by bosses through expanding proficient obligations and expanding pay or acknowledgment. They additionally announced having confiding involved with their patients. Members portrayed common authoritative and representative dependability in their work environment condition. Member's point by point instances of wrong practices and a sub-culture of acknowledgment, whereby these working environment encounters were acknowledged as a side-effect of the PSS. Members talked about normal associate pressures identified with miscommunication. In spite of the fact that members were in general positive about their work environment's encounters, they recognized penances to get and hold their positions, including critical time duties, ordinary travel desires, family bargains, and less open doors for advancement. Athletic coaches in the PSS feel esteemed for their work in spite of the extended periods of time, family and special penances. Positive collaborator conditions and access to assets keep on pulling in athletic mentors to the PSS. A sub-culture of tolerating unseemly working environment conduct inside the PSS ought to be additionally investigated. Athletic mentors in the elite athletics setting feel that they have included occupation attractors that may incorporate access to assets and instruction. The pro athletics setting may incorporate a sub-culture of acknowledgment, where unseemly conduct is ignored because of the setting.

Key Words: Worth, Harassment, Payment, Consensual Qualitative Research

INTRODUCTION

Social insurance experts in all settings are inclined to work-life awkward nature because of the idea of medicinal services, and athletic mentors are no special case. Athletic mentors in different settings have detailed dealing with normal forty or more hours seven days that does exclude voyaging. These extended periods of time are expedited by taking care of patient needs, managerial obligations,

competitor supervision, and travel to challenges. Because of the extended periods, athletic coaches in different settings are capitulating to burnout in the work environment. The burnout is regularly credited to job over-burden, stress, and individual view of being underestimated or undervalued in the working environment. Past research has been finished investigating the optional school and school/college athletic coaches' work encounters; anyway no such examination has happened inside pro athletics setting (PSS). Albeit just 3% of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) participation database recognizing as working inside the PSS, it is a setting that numerous athletic preparing understudies and youthful experts' might be brought into the calling, essentially dependent on its media presentation. Settings have such fluctuation, it is significant for future athletic coaches to have a superior comprehension of each. The athletic mentors that work in a recovery or clinical setting appear to have a progressively reliable timetable (around 40 hours out of each week); anyway those in the auxiliary school, school/college, and PSS are revealing working over 40 hours seven days joined by visit travel. The job of the athletic mentor in the university setting can be extremely requesting because of the movement prerequisites, commitments to different groups, showing obligations, supervision of understudies, and different other authoritative obligations. Writing has additionally uncovered that funds at establishments assume a job in the entrance to, desires for, and needs for athletic preparing administrations.

METHODS

Design

We utilized a subjective plan with one-on-one talking to depict the working environment encounters of athletic coaches in the PSS. The Institutional Review Board affirmed this examination.

Data Collection and Analysis

All meetings and verbal assent were sound recorded utilizing a video conferencing stage (Zoom, San Jose, CA). Each meeting was performed by the essential specialist (AAA). The meetings were sound recorded and field notes were taken. We utilized member numbers to ensure the characters of the donors, and afterward organized nom de plumes speak to each. The essential agent at that point evaluated the meeting transcripts somewhere in the range of 48 and 72 hours in the wake of directing the meeting and afterward deciphered utilizing an electronic interpretation organization (Temi, San Francisco, CA). When the meeting was translated, it was then sent back to the member to take into account "part checking" where the member was permitted to peruse the transcript and guarantee that everything expressed was right. Meeting information was broke down utilizing the consensual subjective research (CQR) approach.(15,16,17) The CQR approach has 5 fundamental segments: 1) open-finished inquiries in semi-organized information assortment that takes into account a steady assortment of information over all members and a more top to bottom examination of individual encounters; 2) a 3-part code group to break down the information utilizing singular points of view; 3) the information investigation group meets to go to an accord on the importance of the information; 4) the utilization of an examiner to check crafted by the information examination group; and the 5) advancement of spaces, classes, center thoughts, and cross investigations.

CONCLUSIONS

Athletic coaches in the PSS feel esteemed for their work in spite of the extended periods of time, family and limited time penances. The workplace, as refered to by our members, made positive collaborator cooperations, common devotion, and access to assets is the thing that keeps on pulling in them to this setting. Positive collaborator situations and access to assets keep on drawing in athletic mentors to the PSS. In spite of feeling esteemed, some athletic mentors in PSS announced leaving the calling by and large since they respected family time more than the time spent at work. A sub-culture of tolerating improper work environment conduct inside the PSS ought to be additionally investigated.

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STUDY OF FINGER DEXTERITY OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL ARCHERS

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to compare finger dexterity of various professional Archers. Thirty (30) archer were selected Ten (10) from each Compound round, Recurve round and Indian round. Archer were selected from Nashik Region who regularly practice Archery. Subjects were sleeted by purposive sampling method. There age limit of the subjects were 20 to 25 Years. To measure the finger dexterity The O'Connor Tweezer Dexterity Test was administered. Statistical analysis was done on the basis of ANOVA and LSD Post-hoc test was applied. Result shows that there is significant difference between their finger dexterity because calculated value F is 5.27 which is greater than tab F0.05 (2,27) = 3.354. Since the F ratio is found to be significant.Tthe mean performance of finger dexterity of compound round archers (339.3) is better than recurve round archers (361.4) and Indian round archers (392.4). As the f test shows significant difference as applying the post hoc test we revealed that the significant difference was found between compound round archers and Indian round archers. Rest shows insignificant difference. The reason for the difference may be attributed that the compound archers are always gone through their various core exercise which gradually based on fine and deep movements as compared to recurve and Indian round archers.

Keyword: Finger dexterity, compound, recurve and Indian round archer

Introduction

The physical fitness is considered as the ability of an individual to perform a specific physical task at a high level of effort. It does not only cover the physical aspect but also has many other aspects on which the physical fitness varies. Physical fitness is combination of qualities that enables a person to perform well in vigorous physical activities. So in other words we can say that physical fitness refers to maximal functional capacity of all systems of the body. Every time when we move, we are exercising and keeping our body tuned and in good running order. The human body is framed in such a way that it can bend, stretch, run, climb and do more and tedious work. The body becomes stronger when it exerts more and the muscles involvement matters a lot in shaping a body. When we do any work or exercise, it helps in improving our health and builds up our energy and stamina level.

But every individual vary in skills and talents. The early man might have recognized the individual differences in arm strength, physical strength, speed of running, accuracy of aiming the arrow in hunting and so on, while the modern man recognizes the individual differences, apart from physical strength, in the intelligent way of dealing with men and matters, solving problems and making achievements in his everyday activities. One of the main studies of Psychologists is the individual differences in various abilities and achievements. In order to make their studies more accurate and standard they have devised several test materials to assess human aptitudes, abilities

skills and talents, personality characteristics, interests and attitudes. Fine Movements or activities involve precise control of small muscles. Tasks such as holding the bow, holding and release of arrow, follow through, etc. While most sports skills fall on the gross motor end of the continuum, finger dexterity for controlling a ball arguably requires some level of fine, sport-specific coordination. Almost every action from tying a shoelace to driving a car depends on the strength and agility of your hands, writs and forearms. Yet they are constantly exposed to physical stress that can damage the nerves, tendons, muscles, and soft tissues, and even lead to repetitive strain injury or carpal tunnel syndrome. Meanwhile, a growing reliance on pushbutton appliances can lead to a loss in grip strength and dexterity. Dexterity covers the ability to grasp and hold objects, and to perform fine movements to manipulate small objects. Most products require physical manipulation of controls and manual handling. The hands are used to grasp, move and exert forces to use and operate various products. Objects can be grasped, pushed and pulled. The human hand is composed of four fingers and an opposable thumb, which is key to many dexterity tasks. We can exert clamping forces between fingers and also clamp and hold larger objects in the palm of the hand. Individual fingers can be used to exert pulling and pushing forces. We often use both hands at the same time to manipulate objects. This coordinated movement requires strength and dexterity in the fingers together with sensory capability and motor control

Finger Dexterity: - Finger Dexterity covers the ability to grasp and hold objects, and to perform fine finger movements to manipulate small objects. Archery competition involves shooting arrows at a target for accuracy from a set distance or distances. The most popular form of competitive archery worldwide is called target archery. In Europe and America field archery is popular, shot at targets generally set at various distances in a wooded setting. There are also several other lesser-known and historical forms, as well as archery novelty games. Target archery is the most popular form of archery, in which archer shoot at stationary circular targets at varying distances. All types of bow – longbow, barebow, recurve and compound – can be used. Target archery competitions may be held indoors or outdoors. Hence the researcher has taken the study of Finger Dexterity of various professional Archers.

Materials and Methods

Subjects

Researcher has taken the study with the purpose to know the finger dexterity of different round of archer. Thirty (30) archer were selected Ten (10) from each Compound round, Recurve round and Indian round. Archer were selected from Nashik region who regularly practice Archery. Subjects were sleeted by purposive sampling method. There age limit of the subjects were 20 to 25 Years.

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was done on the basis of ANOVA comparison of finger dexterity between different rounds of archer. A one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was utilized in order to determine the difference if any, if difference was found significance the LSD Post-hoc test was applied to assess the paired mean difference among the group.

Comparison of finger dexterity among various professional Archers

Mean of finger dexterity of Medical students is 5.35, mean of finger dexterity of engineering students is 5.025 and mean of finger dexterity of Physical Education students is 5.025. On the basis of mean there is a difference between their fingers dexterity to see these differences is significant or not researcher has calculated ANOVA.

Table-1

SV	SS	Df	MS	F
between	14230.1	2	7115.03	**5.27***
error	36412.9	27	1348.63	
total	50643	59		

tab $F_{0.05(2,27)} = 3.354$

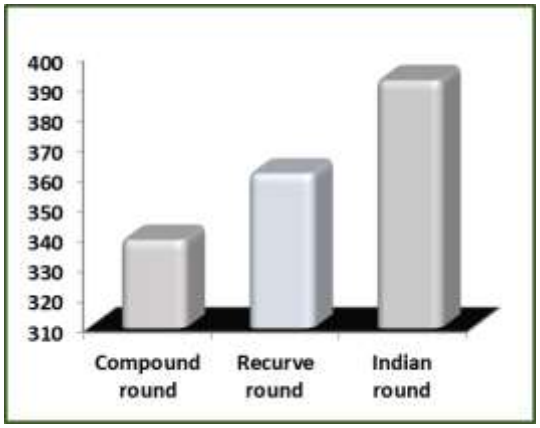
Above table shows that there is significant difference between their finger dexterity because calculated value F is 5.27 which is greater than tab $F_{0.05(2,27)} = 3.354$. Since the F ratio is found to be significant, the Least Significant Difference (LSD) Post hoc test is applied to assess the paired mean difference among the group means which is shown on table below.

Table-2

Compound round	Recurve round	Indian round	MD	CD
339.3	361.4		22.1	51.89
339.3		392.4	53.1[@]	
	361.4	392.4	31	

[@] Significant at 0.05 levels

Graph



It is learnt from the above table that the mean performance of finger dexterity of compound round archers (339.3) is better than recurve round archers (361.4) and Indian round archers (392.4). As the f test shows significant difference as applying the post hoc test we revealed that the significant difference was found between compound round archers and Indian round archers. Rest shows insignificant difference.

Conclusion

The results of the table-1 shows that the finger dexterity of various professional archers is significantly differ because the calculated value F is 3.336 which is greater than tab $F_{0.05(2,27)}$ = 3.354. While seeing the mean performance of finger dexterity of compound round archers (339.3) is better than recurve round archers (361.4) and Indian round archers (392.4). As applying the post hoc test, we revealed that the significant difference was found between compound round archers and Indian round archers. Rest shows insignificant difference. The reason for the difference may be attributed that the compound archers are always gone through their various core exercise which gradually based on fine and deep movements as compared to recurve and Indian round archers.

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THE ROLE OF SPORTS SCIENCE IN MODERN ATHLETICS

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Abstract-
Sports science has become an integral component of modern athletics, contributing significantly to the enhancement of performance, injury prevention, and overall athlete wellbeing. By integrating disciplines such as exercise physiology, biomechanics, sports nutrition, sports psychology, and performance analysis, sports science provides a scientific foundation for training and competition. Evidence-based approaches enable coaches and athletes to design effective training programs, optimize recovery, and reduce the risk of injury. Technological advancements, including wearable devices and data analytics, have further strengthened the role of sports science by allowing precise monitoring and individualized interventions. Beyond elite sport, sports science also supports youth development, physical education, and public health initiatives. This abstract highlights the essential role of sports science in shaping modern athletics and emphasizes its importance in achieving sustainable athletic performance and long-term health.

Introduction:
Sports science has become a fundamental component of modern athletics, playing a crucial role in enhancing performance, preventing injuries, and promoting long-term athlete health. In earlier decades, sports training were largely guided by tradition, coaching intuition, and repetitive practice. Although these methods produced notable achievements, they often lacked scientific accuracy and sometimes exposed athletes to risks such as overtraining and injury. With the increasing intensity and professionalism of contemporary sport, the need for a scientific and evidence-based approach has become essential. Sports science fulfills this need by applying scientific principles to understand human movement, physical performance, and adaptation to training (McArdle, Katch, & Katch, 2015).

Sports science is a multidisciplinary field that integrates exercise physiology, biomechanics, sports nutrition, sports psychology, strength and conditioning, and performance analysis. Exercise physiology focuses on how the body responds and adapts to physical activity, providing a scientific foundation for designing training programs that improve endurance, strength, power, and speed (Kenney, Wilmore & Costill, 2020). Biomechanics analyzes movement patterns and mechanical efficiency, helping athletes improve technique and reduce injury risk (Bartlett, 2007). These disciplines collectively contribute to maximizing athletic performance in a safe and effective manner.

Technological advancements have further strengthened the role of sports science. Wearable devices, motion analysis systems, and performance-tracking tools provide accurate data on workload, movement, and physiological responses. These technologies allow for individualized training programs and informed decision-making by coaches and sports scientists (Haff & Triplett, 2016). Beyond elite sport, sports science also influences youth development, physical education, and public health by promoting safe participation and lifelong physical activity (Balyi, Way & Higgs,

2013). Thus, sports science plays a vital role in shaping modern athletics and enhancing overall health and quality of life.

Review of related literature:

Sports science has been widely studied as a multidisciplinary field aimed at enhancing athletic performance, preventing injuries, and promoting long-term health. Numerous researchers have emphasized that the integration of scientific principles into sports training has significantly transformed modern athletics. According to McArdle, Katch, and Katch (2015), sports science provides a systematic understanding of how the human body responds and adapts to physical activity, forming the foundation for effective training and performance optimization.

Exercise physiology is one of the most extensively researched areas within sports science. Kenney, Wilmore & Costill (2020) highlighted that physiological adaptations such as improved cardiovascular efficiency, muscular strength, and metabolic capacity are essential for athletic success. Their work demonstrates that scientifically planned training programs lead to measurable improvements in endurance, power, and speed. Bompa & Buzzichelli (2019) further emphasized the importance of periodization in training, suggesting that structured variation in training load enhances performance while reducing the risk of overtraining.

Enhancing Athletic Performance:

Enhancing athletic performance is a central focus of sports science, combining knowledge from physiology, biomechanics, nutrition, psychology, and technology to help athletes reach their full potential. In modern athletics, natural talent alone is insufficient for success; systematic, evidence-based approaches are critical for achieving consistent and sustainable improvements in performance. Sports science provides the framework for understanding how the body responds to physical stress, how training can be optimized, and how athletes can perform safely and efficiently (McArdle, Katch & Katch, 2015).

Exercise physiology plays a vital role in performance enhancement by studying the body's response to training. Physiological testing allows for the identification of strengths and weaknesses in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and energy system efficiency. Based on these assessments, periodized training programs can be developed to target specific adaptations, such as improved speed, power, or stamina, while minimizing the risk of overtraining (Kenney, Wilmore, & Costill, 2020). Strength and conditioning programs, rooted in scientific principles, focus on developing muscular strength, power, flexibility, and neuromuscular coordination, which are essential for sport-specific performance (Haff & Triplett, 2016).

Sports psychology also plays a key role in enhancing performance. Mental skills such as motivation, focus, confidence, and anxiety control are critical during high-pressure situations (Weinberg & Gould, 2018). Techniques like visualization, goal-setting, and relaxation training help athletes maintain consistency and cope with competitive stress.

Advancements in technology further support performance enhancement. Wearable devices, GPS tracking, and performance analytics provide real-time data on workload, movement, and physiological responses, allowing for individualized training programs and informed coaching decisions (Reilly & Williams, 2003).

Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation:

Injury prevention and rehabilitation are critical components of sports science, directly influencing an athlete's performance, career longevity, and overall wellbeing. Sports injuries not only disrupt training and competition but can also have long-term consequences if not properly managed. Modern athletics emphasizes evidence-based strategies to prevent injuries, optimize recovery, and ensure safe return to sport. These strategies are grounded in physiology, biomechanics, nutrition, psychology, and technology, forming a holistic approach to athlete care.

Technological advancements have enhanced both injury prevention and rehabilitation. Wearable devices, motion sensors, and video analysis provide real-time feedback on movement, load, and muscle activation, allowing for precise adjustments in training or therapy (McGinnis, 2013). Data-driven approaches enable individualized rehabilitation plans and continuous monitoring, improving outcomes and reducing downtime.

The Importance of Sports Nutrition:

Sports nutrition is a vital component of sports science, playing a central role in enhancing performance, supporting recovery, and maintaining the overall health of athletes. The demands of modern athletics require athletes to engage in high-intensity training and frequent competition, which places significant stress on the body. Proper nutrition ensures that athletes have the energy, nutrients, and hydration necessary to perform optimally while reducing the risk of fatigue, illness, and injury (Burke & Deakin, 2015).

Supporting Recovery is equally important in sports nutrition. Post-exercise nutrition strategies that combine carbohydrates and proteins help restore glycogen stores, repair damaged tissues, and reduce delayed onset muscle soreness (Burke et al., 2011). Timing of nutrient intake is crucial; consuming appropriate nutrients within the recovery window ensures maximal adaptation to training and prepares the athlete for subsequent sessions.

Individualized Nutrition Plans have become a standard in modern athletics. Each athlete's nutritional requirements vary based on sport, position, training load, age, sex, and metabolic needs (Tipton & Wolfe, 2004). Sports nutritionists and dietitians work with athletes to design tailored plans that optimize performance, support health, and prevent nutrient deficiencies.

Mental Preparation and Sports Psychology:

Mental preparation and sports psychology are critical components of athletic performance, addressing the psychological and emotional factors that influence success in modern athletics. While physical training develops strength, speed, and endurance, psychological readiness ensures that athletes can perform under pressure, maintain focus, and recover from setbacks. Sports psychology provides strategies and techniques that enhance mental resilience, motivation, and confidence, which are essential for consistent performance at all levels of competition (Weinberg & Gould, 2018).

Team Dynamics and Communication are additional areas where sports psychology contributes. Effective teamwork, leadership, and communication skills improve cohesion, motivation, and collective performance in team sports (Carron & Eys, 2012). Understanding individual differences in personality, motivation, and coping styles allows coaches and psychologists to tailor interventions for optimal team functioning.

Use of Technology and Data:

The use of technology and data has revolutionized modern athletics, allowing athletes and coaches to optimize training, enhance performance, prevent injuries, and make informed decisions based on precise measurements. In today's competitive environment, marginal gains can determine outcomes, and technological advancements provide critical insights that were previously unavailable. Sports science integrates tools such as wearable devices, motion analysis systems, GPS tracking, and performance analytics to monitor and improve athletic performance systematically (Reilly & Williams, 2003).

Performance Analytics and Data Management enhance strategic planning and decision-making. Software platforms aggregate data from training sessions, competitions, and physiological tests to generate comprehensive performance reports. This enables trend analysis, load monitoring, and predictive modeling, allowing coaches to anticipate fatigue, identify performance plateaus, and implement interventions before problems arise (Hopkins, 2000). Data-driven approaches also support individualized nutrition, recovery, and mental preparation strategies.

Integration Across Disciplines is a hallmark of modern sports technology. By combining physiological, biomechanical, nutritional, and psychological data, sports scientists can develop holistic training programs that optimize overall performance. Technology facilitates communication between athletes, coaches, and support staff, creating a feedback-rich environment that enhances both individual and team outcomes.

Impact beyond Elite Sport:

While sports science is often associated with elite athletes, its impact extends far beyond professional competition, influencing public health, youth development, recreational sports, and community wellbeing. The principles of exercise physiology, nutrition, biomechanics, psychology, and technology are applied in ways that promote physical activity, prevent injury, and enhance performance at all levels of participation. By translating scientific knowledge into practical programs, sports science contributes to healthier, more active populations and fosters lifelong engagement in physical activity (Balyi, Way, & Higgs, 2013).

Youth Development is a key area where sports science has had a significant effect. Programs based on long-term athlete development (LTAD) models emphasize age-appropriate training, skill acquisition, and gradual physical progression. These programs reduce the risk of early specialization and overuse injuries while promoting fundamental movement skills, physical literacy, and enjoyment of sport (Balyi et al., 2013). Scientific monitoring of growth, maturation, and training loads ensures young athletes develop safely, both physically and psychologically.

Conclusion:

Sports science has emerged as a cornerstone of modern athletics, providing a structured and scientific approach to training, performance, and athlete wellbeing. Its multidisciplinary nature encompassing exercise physiology, biomechanics, nutrition, psychology, and technology ensures that athletes are not only physically prepared but also mentally and strategically equipped to face the challenges of competitive sport. By integrating scientific principles into training programs, athletes can optimize performance, prevent injuries, and maintain long-term health, ensuring longevity in their athletic careers.

The role of sports science extends beyond elite athletes. In youth development, it ensures safe and age-appropriate training that promotes fundamental skills, physical literacy, and enjoyment of sport. Recreational athletes benefit from scientifically informed exercise programs that enhance fitness, reduce injury risk, and encourage consistent participation. Furthermore, public health initiatives have leveraged sports science principles to promote active lifestyles, reduce sedentary behavior, and prevent chronic diseases, demonstrating its influence on broader population health.

Nutrition and psychological preparation are essential components of athletic success. Proper nutrition fuels training and competition, supports recovery, and enhances adaptation to physical stress, while mental training builds focus, confidence, motivation, and resilience. Together, these elements create a holistic framework that addresses both the physical and mental demands of sport.

Technology and data analysis have further transformed sports practice, allowing for precise monitoring of training loads, movement mechanics, and physiological responses. Wearable devices, motion capture, performance analytics, and virtual simulations provide athletes and coaches with actionable insights, facilitating individualized training, reducing injury risk, and improving overall performance.

Injury prevention and rehabilitation remain central to sports science, ensuring that athletes maintain peak performance while minimizing downtime. Evidence-based strategies, combined with monitoring and biomechanical analysis, allow for safe recovery and sustainable athletic progression.

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EFFECT OF MEDITATION ON MENTAL TOUGHNESS AND SPORTS COMPETITIVE ANXIETY AMONG ARCHERY PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT
The Primary aim of the study was to investigate the effect of meditation on mental toughness andsports competitive anxiety among archery players of RH Sapat College of Engineering Nashik. For the purpose of this study 20 male regular archery players of 18 to 25 years of age from Sir Dr. M. S. Gosavi College of Commerce, Nashik ashik were randomly selected as subject. Mental Toughness (MTQ48) questionnaire developed by Dr. Alan Goldberg was used to measure mental toughness and the score was noted down in number. Sports Competitive Anxiety Questionnaire developed by Heinssen, Glass & Knight, 1987 was usedto assess anxiety and the scorewasrecorded in number. To determine the effect of meditation on mental toughness and sports competitive anxiety among archery players independent and dependent 't' test was employed for each selected variablesseparately, the level ofsignificance was set at 0.05 for testing the hypothesis.The findings of the statistical analysis revealed thatsix weeks of meditation program showed significant improvement on Mental Toughness and Sports Competitive Anxiety among archery players.

Key Words- Meditation, Mental-Toughness, Sports Competitive Anxiety, Archery.

INTRODUCTION

Every athlete would agree that energy is a key ingredient to success in sports. Food, restful sleep, breath and meditation are the four sources of energy. The amount of energy gained from meditation is greater than that of sleep. Meditation is probably the most powerful technique known to relieve stress and anxiety and restore health. The fact is meditation improves concentration. The direct result of meditation improved concentration equals a higher level of performance. Once the mind becomes strengthened, it has better control over the body, enhancing overall performance. Therefore, the present studywas undertaken stated as "Effect of meditation on mental toughness and sports competitive anxiety among archery players."

Purpose of the Study

To determine the effect of six weeks meditation programme on mental toughness and sports competitive anxiety among archery players.

Hypothesis

It was hypothesized that there might be significant effect of meditation on mental toughness and sports competitive anxiety among archery players.

Delimitations

1. Male regular archery practitioners of Sir Dr. M. S. Gosavi College of Commerce, Nashik were selected as subjects.
2. The age of the subjects was ranging from 17 to 25 years.
3. Mental toughness and sports competitive anxiety were chosen as the dependent variables.

Limitations

Besides the Conditioning Programme the selected subjects were busy with their daily routine programmes which might have affected the result of the study but it was beyond the control of the scholar.

METHODOLOGY

Selection of the Subjects

Twenty (20) Archery practitioners of various courses of Sir Dr. M. S. Gosavi College of Commerce, Nashik were selected randomly for the present study.

Selection of Variables

Mental – Toughness and Sports Competitive Anxiety.

Tools& Criterion Measures

Mental Toughness - (MTQ48) questionnaire developed by Dr. Alan Goldberg was used to measure mental toughness and the score was noted down in number.

Sports Competitive Anxiety Questionnaire developed by Heinssen, Glass & Knight, 1987 was used to assess anxiety and the score was recorded in number.

Collection of data

Purpose of the study and procedure of tests were explicitly stated to the selected subjects for their hearty cooperation & active participation. The data pertaining to the study were collected by administering the above-mentioned questionnaires before and immediately after training programme on the selected groups.

Processing of Data

All the collected data were arranged systematically in the table for further statistical calculations.

Results and Interpretation

The analysis of data collected on mental toughness and sports competitive anxiety has been done by employing independent and dependent t-test statistical techniques for each variable separately to find out the mean difference between the Pre and Post-tests performance. To test the Hypothesis, the level of significance was set at 0.05

Findings

The results pertaining to the statistical analysis of the collected data have been presented in the following table.

Table – 1

Description of Mean, Standard Deviation and t-ratio for the Pre-Test Data on the Mental Toughness & Sports Competitive Anxiety of Experimental and Control Group

Variable	Mean of		S. Dev. of		Mean Diff.	S.E. of M.D.	t – ratio
	Expt. group	control group	Expt. group	control group			
Mental Toughness	20.2	19.4	1.23	2.01	0.8	2.04	1.075@
Sports Competitive Anxiety	69	69.1	4.29	3.381	0.1	1.727	0.057@

[@] Not significant at .05 level Tabulated $t_{.05(18)} = 2.101$

It is evident from the above findings that the calculated t value of 1.075, 0.057, respectively are quite lesser than the tabulated t-value of 2.101 required to be significant at .05 level for the 18 degree of freedom, hence it can be stated that the difference between the pre-test mean values of both groups in both the variables are statistically insignificant.

Table - 2

Description of Mean, Standard Deviation and t-ratio for the Pre v/s Post Test Data analysis on the mental toughness & sports competitive anxiety of Control Group

Variable	Mean of		S. Dev. of		Mean Diff.	S.E. of M.D.	t – ratio
	Pre-test	Post-test	Pre-test	Post-test			
Mental toughness	19.4	19.8	2.01	2.29	0.4	0.963	0.373[@]
Sports Competitive Anxiety	69.1	69.6	3.381	3.657	0.276	1.508	1.048[@]

[@] Not significant at .05 level Tabulated $t_{.05(9)} = 1.833$

It is evident from the above findings that there is no significant difference between pre- and post-test means of mental toughness (t=0.373), sports competitive anxiety (t=1.048) because all the obtained t-values are less than that of required tabulated t-values of 1.833 at .05 level for the 9 degree of freedom.

Table - 3

Description of Mean, Standard Deviation and t-ratio for the Pre v/s Post Test Data on mental toughness & sports competitive anxiety of Experimental Group

Variable	Mean of		S. Dev. Of		Mean Diff.	S.E. of M.D.	t – ratio
	Pre-test	Post-test	Pre-test	Post-test			
Mental toughness	20.2	22.1	1.23	2.51	1.9	0.883	3.298*
Sports Competitive Anxiety	69	71	4.29	5.05	2	1.046	4.243*

*Significant at .05 level Tabulated $t_{.05(9)} = 1.833$

Findings of the above table indicate that there is significant improvement between the Pre and Post-test means of mental toughness (t=3.298), sports competitive anxiety (t=4.243) of experimental group, because all the above mentioned t-values are greater than the tabulated t-value of 1.88 at .05 level for the 9 (nine) degree of freedom. Comparison of means has been picturesquely presented in Fig.3.

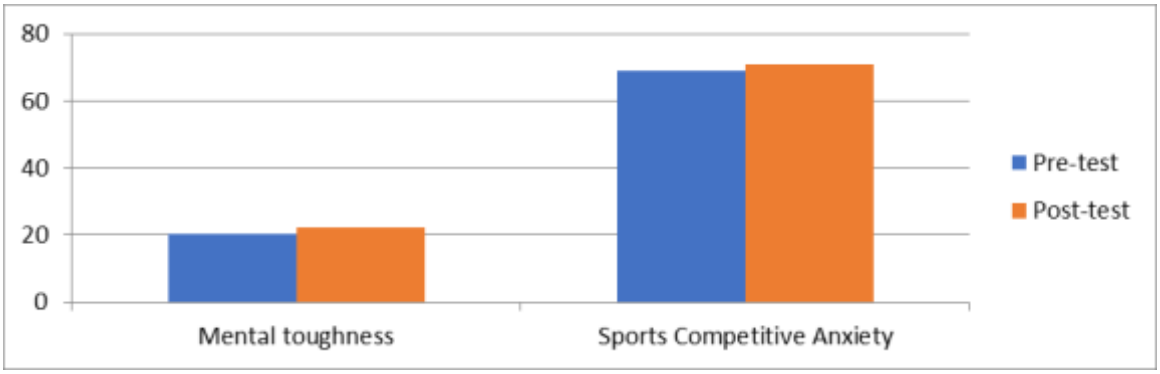


Fig.3 – Difference between the Pre and Post-test Means of selected Variables of Experimental group

Table – 4

Description of Mean, Standard Deviation and t-ratio for the Post Test Data Analysis on Mental Toughness & Sports Competitive Anxiety of Experimental & Control Group

Variable	Mean of		S. Dev. of		Mean Diff.	S.E. of M.D.	t – ratio
	Expt. group	Control group	Expt. group	Control group			
Mental Toughness	22.1	19.8	2.51	2.29	2.30	1.074	2.141*
Sports Competitive Anxiety	71.0	69.6	5.05	3.65	1.4	1.974	0.709@

*Significant at .05 level Tabulated $t_{.05(9)} = 1.833$

It is evident from the above findings that the calculated t values of 2.141 for mental toughness are statistically significant. Analysis of the table-2 also reveals that the calculated t-values of 0.709 sports Competitive anxiety are smaller than the tabulated t-value of 2.101required to be significant at .05 level for the 18 degrees of freedom, hence difference between the post-test means of the above-mentioned variables are statistically insignificant. The comparison or means has been graphically depicted in fig.4

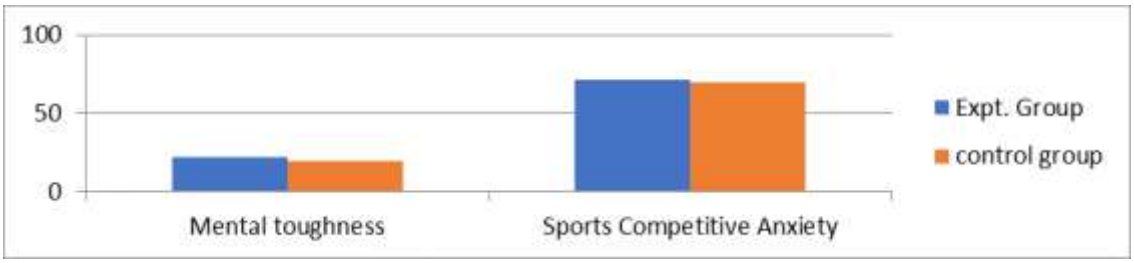


Fig. 4 – Difference between the Post-test Means of Selected Variables of Experimental and Control group

Discussion on findings

On the basis of findings from Table 3 it is understood that there was significant effect of Meditation program on Mental Toughness and Sports Competitive Anxiety of the experimental group. The significant improvement in the selected variable may be attributed to the fact that six weeks of Archery training cum meditation program might have brought necessary physiological and

psychological changes hence experimental group has shown significant improvement compared to control group. Hence such result might have occurred in the study.

Conclusion

Recognizing the limitations and on the basis of statistical findings it may be fairly concluded that six weeks of meditation programme along with archery training significant improvement would be occurred in mental toughness and sports competitive anxiety of the archery players.

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ANALYSING LEARNERS LEARNING BEHAVIOUR-A CASE STUDY

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Abstract

To analyze learners' leaning behavior, a case study was made of students' info course of Associate in nursing autonomous faculty, Pune, geographical region. Data processing techniques were accustomed discover association, classification, agglomeration and outlier detection rules. Through the four tasks, data extraction is created that narrates students' behavior. It's shown however valuable data processing is in educational activity, primarily to progress students' behaviour & performance. Students' information was used from info course. All out there information was composed together with their usage of Module e-learning facility. Data processing techniques were used applied to find data. preponderantly association rules were discovered and sorted the foundations exploitation carry metric for visualize the foundations followed by discovering classification rules exploitation call tree with the exception of EM agglomeration of scholars into teams. Lastly, used outlier analysis for police work all outliers in information. Every one of this data is employed to develop performance of scholars.

Keywards: - Learning Behavior

Introduction:

Growing research interests in data mining in education concerns with budding from historical and operational data reside in databases of educational institutes. Data pertaining to students can be personal or academic. It may be composed from e-learning system having vast information. EDM used various techniques: decision trees, neural networks, k-nearest Neighbor, support vector machines and others. Many kinds of knowledge through association rules, classifications, clustering & outlier detection. Discovered facts is used to better comprehend students' behavior, supporting instructors, improving curriculums, teaching, evaluating and e-learning systems, and countless other benefits. This paper investigates educational domain of data mining using a case study from Database class.

Methodology: The data was collected from students' based mostly management system course control at the YEWS National Senior College, Nashik, initial semester of 2021 & 2023. Total strength of scholars was a hundred. The sources of assortment of information were: personal records and tutorial records of scholars, course records and knowledge obtained from e-learning system. For e-learning system the course used Module that is thought open supply course management system. For higher knowledge input, data processing techniques were created following some preprocessing for assortment knowledge. When one file knowledge integration, discretized the numerical attributes to categorical ones for increasing interpretation and quality. Classified all grades into 5 teams were: glorious, very good, good, poor and failure. Likewise, discretized alternative attributes: attending and resource access. Visualizing knowledge was used for case study exploitation data processing system for a couple of major helpful data. From this prophecy some helpful data were

drawn regarding the attributes before applying data processing strategies. Exploitation bar graph of information, an honest deal of data was tried to get regarding attending, students' GPAs, to seek out out relationship of research laboratory grades with final grade. Conversely, e-learning facilities like e-recourses were conjointly utilized by students, effort and task influence ar of the ultimate grade of scholars. Data processing used superior techniques to get patterns from knowledge. i) Association Rules- Mining association rules searches for fascinating relationships among things during a given dataset. It permits finding rules of the shape if antecedent then (likely) subsequent wherever antecedent and subsequent ar item sets. Item sets ar sets of 1 or a lot of things. In dataset associate degree example of item is: attending =good. On account of trying to find things that illustrate final grade of scholars, subsequent has one item that is final grade= z wherever z may be a price of the ultimate grade like glorious, very good, etc., may be a sample of association rules discovered from knowledge for the wonderful final grade students. ii) Classification-It may be a data processing task that predicts cluster membership for knowledge instances. In instructional data processing, given works of a student, one could predicate one's final grade. During a case study, used J48 call tree to represent logical rules of student final grade. The diagrammatic tree is massive, a number of the sturdy rules within the tree are:

midterm =good & attendance=good then final grade= glorious, midterm = fail = fail the ultimate grade =fail, midterm = average & GPA=pass then final grade = pass, midterm = average and grade point average = sensible & e homework= one then final grade=pass, midterm = average = sensible and e homework= 2 attending = average then final grade=good, midterm=average and grade point average = {very sensible|excellent|superb} the ultimate grade=very good. iii) Clustering-It is finding groups of objects, the objects in one group is similar to one another and dissimilar from objects in a different group. Clustering was used to group students in accordance with their behavior. In this case, Expectation-Maximization Algorithm was used to cluster the given data. iv) Outlier detection-It discovers data points that are significantly different than rest of data. In educational data mining outlier analysis was used to detect students with learning problems. The system detected 37 outliers in data, is a sample of instances which detected as an outlier and the attribute where outlier occurred.

Results of study: From Module, information was collected about student accessing e-learning, it appeared that some students did not access the system at all, followed by how much student benefited from resources enquired, using e-books' research papers and old exams available on the system. Also, found the results of students' grades in solving exercises accessible in the system. By using histogram of data, a good deal of information was discovered about attendance, students' GPAs, and lab grades have a positive relationship with the final grade. Conversely, e-learning facilities such as e-recourses were also used by students, exercising and assignment hardly affected the final grade of students.

Discussion of Findings: Association rules- these rules ar sorted by elevate metric. The elevate worth is that the magnitude relation of the arrogance of the rule and therefore the expected confidence of the rule. The elevate is measured because the magnitude relation of the chance of antecedent and subsequent, occurring along to the chance of antecedent and subsequent severally. Theelevate worth of larger than one indicates a correlational statistics between antecedent and subsequent.

With the elevate worth, the importance of a rule may well be taken. the primary rule, with the best elevate which suggests highest correlation is that the most significant, and so on. Classification- the good thing about this technique is that it will predict low grades on time. It's necessary to grasp that classification rules ar completely different than rules generated from association. Association rules ar characteristic rules (it describes current situation), however classification rules ar prediction rules (it describes future situation). For cluster, Associate in Nursing EM algorithmic program may be a mixture based mostly algorithmic program that finds most chance estimation of parameters in probabilistic models. Victimisation these results students may be unbroken into 5 teams and guides them in keeping with their behavior. Outlier detection- for every case pedagogue will check up on outlier behavior of scholars and tried to seek out and perceive why irregularity happened so resolve the matter, if there's any.

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THE MOTOR NERVE CONDUCTION AND VELOCITY OF ULNAR AND COMMON PERONEAL NERVE IN ATHLETES OF ANAEROBIC SPORTS OF MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to investigate motor nerve conduction velocity (MNCV) of ulnar & common peroneal (CPN) nerves of bilateral side (i.e. dominant & non-dominant) of athletes who are engaged in an anaerobic type sport activity (sprinters & power lifters). A total of 40 male sprinters & power lifters with an average age, height and weight of 20.70±1.76 years, 171.38±3.31 cm and 71.06±6.04 Kg respectively, volunteered to participate in this study. Each subject's MNCV was measured with the help of computerized equipment called "NEUROPERFECT" (Medicaid Systems, India) and the data was analysed using Mean ±SD, t-test and Pearson correlation. Results show that MNCV of ulnar nerve of right and left side was significantly different ($p < .05$). MNCV of common peroneal nerve of bilateral side also significantly different ($p < .05$). For both ulnar and common peroneal nerves, results showed that the right ulnar nerve had significantly faster MNCV than the right CPN nerve ($p < .05$). According to the results, faster MNCV in right ulnar nerve (i.e. dominant) and left CPN as compared to left ulnar nerve and right CPN in sprinters and power lifters may be from their long term training adaptations and further it may be relate to their upper & lower extremity movement requirement of changing their movement direction quickly and skilfully.

Key Words: Motor Nerve Conduction Velocity, Sprinters, Power Lifters.

Introduction

MNCV is a measure of speed of pulse (nerve impulse) can be transmitted along a motoneuron. A fast MNCV is also an indicator of a short refractory period. In other words, the decreased refractory period may allow for greater impulse frequency, thereby increasing muscle activation levels. It is known that exercise can cause structural changes in skeletal muscles as well as an increase in excitability of motor units. But the effects of the type and intensity of exercise on these changes have not been studied in detail. Some studies suggest strength and power athletes have faster MNCV than endurance athletes. However, it has also been reported that no differences were evident between power and endurance groups (Sleivert et al., 1995). Other researchers have shown that trained individuals have faster MNCV than untrained ones (Hoyle & Holt, 1983). In theory, changes in MNCV may be an indicator of nerve system adaptation due to long-term physical suggests strength and power athletes have faster MNCV than endurance athletes (Kamen et al., 1984). However, it has also been reported that no differences were evident between power and endurance groups (Sleivert et al., 1995). Other researchers have shown that trained individuals have faster MNCV than untrained ones (Hoyle & Holt, 1983). In theory, changes in MNCV may be an indicator of nerve system adaptation due to long-term physical exercise training. Previous studies had investigated the clinical type of individuals. But it is more meaningful and interesting to test the athlete especially in which the predominant energy system is an anaerobic type like sprinters &

weight lifters and that need to control their lower extremities accurately and speedy that is requiring more neural adaptation for motor nerve conduction velocity after specific physical exercise training. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to investigate motor nerve conduction velocity in upper and lower extremities (radial & sural nerve of bilateral side) of athletes who are engaged in an anaerobic type sport activity and to realize whether their neural specification would change from long term training.

Methods

Subjects total 50 sprinters & weight lifters in the age range of 18-25 years were voluntarily participated as subjects in the present study on the basis of their predominant energy system i.e. anaerobic. The dominant hand of all the subjects was right hand. The data was collected in Exercise Neurophysiology Laboratory, wherein the room temperatures were kept 24.9 ± 00.2 ºC during the MNCV testing. The right and left arm and leg was testing for ulnar and common peroneal nerve (CPN) respectively. Motor Nerve Conduction Velocity (MNCV) was assessed with the help of computerized equipment called "Neuroperfect" (Medicaid Systems, India) by using the traditional double stimulation technique. Square pulses of 0.1 ms duration and of sufficient intensity to evoke a supramaximal compound muscle action potential were applied at each stimulus point with surface stimulating electrodes. The subject lay on a wooden table with the straight arm and leg as radial and sural nerve was tested.

Statistical analysis

Data were statistically evaluated with the t test and Pearson correlation test using SPSS version 11.0 (SPSS). Significance was set at the $p < 0.05$ level

Results

The mean age, body height and body weight of the subjects were 20.70±1.76 years, 171.38±3.31cm and 71.06±6.04 kg respectively (Table 1).

Table 1 Mean ±SD of physical characteristics of an anaerobic group of players

Group	N	Age (Yrs.)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
Anaerobic	50	20.70±1.76	171.38±3.31	71.06±6.04

The mean values of MNCV of right and left ulnar and common peroneal nerves were 44.0 ± 6.8 m/s, 43.9± 6.5 m/s, 43.9 ± 6.2 m/s and 41.5± 7.0 m/s respectively (Table 2). It was found that the difference in the mean values of MNCV of right and left ulnar nerve were statistically significant ($p < .05$) and further It was found that the MNCV of right ulnar nerve was higher than left. The difference in the mean values of MNCV of right and left common peroneal nerve were also statistically significant ($p < .05$) and further It was found that the MNCV of left common peroneal nerve was higher than right. Results also showed that the mean MNCV of left common peroneal nerve was significantly ($p < .05$) more than the mean MNCV of right ulnar nerve.

Table 2 Mean ±SD of motor nerve conduction velocity (MNCV) of ulnar & common peroneal nerve

	Ulnar Nerve (m/s)	Common Peroneal Nerve (m/s)
Right	44.0 ± 6.8*	45.9 ± 6.2*
Left	43.9± 6.5*	44.5± 7.0*

The results of correlation showed that body height was positively and significantly related with body weight (r = 0.378). The MNCV of right ulnar nerve was also found to be positively and significantly related with MNCV of left ulnar nerve (r=.672) and negatively related with MNCV of right common peroneal nerve (r= -.292). The MNCV of right common peroneal nerve was also found to be positively and significantly related with MNCV of left common peroneal nerve (r=.582).

Table 3 Correlation (Pearson) among physical characteristics & MNCV of ulnar & common peroneal nerve

	Height	Weight	MNCV of Ulnar Nerve (Right)	MNCV of Ulnar Nerve (Left)	MNCV of Common Peroneal Nerve (Right	MNCV of Common Peroneal Nerve (Left)
Age	.110	-.045	.073	-.084	.081	-.063
Weight		. 278**	.020	091	.146	.232
MNCV of Ulnar Nerve (Right)			.141	.069	.110	.142
MNCV of Ulnar Nerve (Left)				. 672**	-. 291*	-.173
MNCV of Common Peroneal Nerve (Right)					-.033	.020
MNCV of Common Peroneal Nerve (Left)						.0579**

**p < 0.01; *p < 0.05. MNCV – motor nerve conduction velocity

Discussion

In the presented study, the results showed that right and left sural nerve of sprinters and weight lifters players had faster MNCV than right and left radial nerve. The result was reasonable, since the goals of these athletes' training are known as rapid and coordinate movement.

Conclusion

The faster MNCV in right ulnar and left common peroneal nerves as compared to left ulnar and right common peroneal nerve in sprinters and weight lifters may be from long term training adaptations and further it may be related to their lower extremity movement requirement of

changing their movement direction quickly and skilfully. The results of the present study also indicate that long term training is important for increasing MNCV. But the types of training may have different levels of adaptation.

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ROLE OF SPORTS TOURISM: OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract
Sports the travel industry has been useful to the people, having a place with all age gatherings, regardless of their financial classifications and foundations. The groupings of sports industry in the tourism industry are difficult and sensitive games in the tourism industry, games in the tourism industry, sentimental sports in the tourism industry, dynamic games in the tourism industry, inbound games in the tourism industry and outbound games in the tourism industry. to the industry. Sports vacationers have various qualities, these include reward and zeal, survival without the help of someone else, well-being and well-being, discipline, convincing correspondence, ingenuity and ingenuity, conscious behavior, versatile character, improvement of scientific ability and attractiveness. an appeal events The gaming industry is a rapidly growing sector of the global travel industry, valued at $7.68 billion. In today's world, in India, as well as in various countries of the world, people arouse interest and energy in sports in the tourism industry in general. There are two classifications of sports vacationers: those who attend the games and those who travel to watch the games. The elements that affect sports in the tourism industry are financial elements, mechanical elements and socio-social variables.

Key words: Sports, Tourism industry

Introduction

In the current world, in India, yet in different nations of the world too, people are creating interest and energy in sports the travel industry generally. There are two classifications of sports vacationers, the ones, who partake in the games and the other, who travel to watch the games. Elements that impact sports the travel industry are monetary elements, mechanical elements and socio-social variables. The tourism industry can contribute to the viable turn of events and the achievement of the 17 Goals of Sustainable Development (SDG). This review shows how sport can complement the SDGs and what needs to be seen when creating sport in the tourism industry to ensure its commitment to a viable course of events. A similar strength of the tourism game is: commitment to proactive tasks; Connection options; and great potential for advancement throughout. Thanks to these characteristics, sport in the tourism industry can play an important role in achieving various sustainable development goals, if it is thoughtfully designed. The tourism industry and sport are interconnected and respond to each other. The sport - experienced, novice or casual - involves a lot of playing and fighting against different oppositions and nationalities. Major games such as the Olympics, football and rugby have become incredible attractions in their own right, a very strong commitment to the tourist image of the host destination. Sports tourism is a growing segment and refers to people traveling to participate in or watch sports, including world games, global test events, arena visits, crowdfunding events, player tributes, public visits, games and exhibitions.

Sports in tourism industry is a necessary part of tourism industry and this wonder is an important part in India. Indian tourists are enthusiastic about tourist sports and find completely different objections to the globally recognized games. Events such as the Olympics, F1 Grand Prix, Soccer World Cup, Tennis Grand Slam, PGA Championship and Cricket World Cup are stages of the goal presentation. People who have a place for all-age gatherings and foundations are learning about

the travel genre. In the long term, Indian attractions have seen a significant increase in the number of spectators around the world to watch events related to the game. The sports tourism industry is divided into two structures: spectator games, where people go to appreciate the event, and participatory games, which make guests participate in training (Sports Tourism, 201). Sports tourism is one of the fastest growing areas of the tourism industry. More and more tourists are interested in sports exercises during excursions, when sports are the main purpose of exercise. Game situations of various sizes attract travelers as members or spectators try to add neighborhood flavors to stand out and provide authentic close encounters. Uber sports events such as the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup can be a driving force for the development of the tourism industry if they are effectively used for targeted branding, grassroots improvement and other economic and social benefits.

SPORTS TOURISM

A super occasion benefits a host objective as far as drawing in guests to the occasion and causing worldwide to notice the objective. In any case, notwithstanding such momentary advantages, it very well may be an impetus for longer-term the travel industry advancement in different viewpoints from financial to social. This distribution on Maximizing the Benefits of Mega Events for Tourism Development gives useful references on how a host objective can deal with completely influence the occasion opportunity for the travel industry improvement with an assortment of illustrative cases. Albeit the report alludes to bits of knowledge from super occasions, the functional references can be applied to any size of occasions in any objective.

WALKING TOURISM – PROMOTING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Strolling the travel industry is currently perhaps the most well known approaches to encounter an objective. It permits vacationers to all the more likely draw in with nearby individuals, nature and culture. It likewise fulfills the developing need of voyagers of outside exercises by and large, including when they travel. Strolling the travel industry can be grown anyplace as a manageable the travel industry offer with a moderately little venture. It can achieve social and monetary advantages to occupants and networks if appropriately created and oversaw. This report features different effective instances of strolling the travel industry and intends to fill in as a reasonable reference for objections with an emphasis on the job of strolling the travel industry in local turn of events.

Game and Tourism have a significant financial effect, appreciated in most regular citizen social orders and progressively perceived by governments. This is one of the numerous finishes of this report which was ready for the First World Conference on Sport and Tourism mutually coordinated by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and WTO.After fostering a hypothetical structure for the arrangement of Sport and Tourism and investigating the future patterns of game and sports the travel industry this report takes a gander at the distinctive financial effects of game and the travel industry and how they can be overseen best.

Advantages of Sports Tourism

Sports the travel industry has been useful to the people, having a place with all age gatherings, regardless of their financial classifications and foundations. The fundamental advantages of this travel industry have been expressed as follows: (Sports Tourism in India, 2014).

Financial Development - Sports are an interest in the travel industry and leads toeffectual monetary turn of events. They start financial development through making arrangement of different kinds of convenience offices, inns, cafés and retail foundations. In urban communities or locales, where there are association of games, then, at that point endeavors are been made for prompting enhancements in different regions that may deliver a useful commitment in working with the visit of the people.

Experience – Sports the travel industry produces insight among the people and developsa positive picture for the local area. The people, who have solid premium in a specific sort of game and have distinct fascination for learning it, generally designs sports the travel industry. Sports the travel industry would empower them to watch or partake in the game, as such, they can increase their experience. They ready to distinguish the defects and irregularities and make upgrades. At the point when the people are taking part in games consistently, they upgrade their experience. Then again, they can acquire capability and ability inside a course of time.

Item Development – Sports the travel industry fosters another item, and another travel industry objective. At the point when the term, item is utilized, it implies, the game towards which one gives satisfactory consideration. The people, who plan sports the travel industry essentially to notice the occasion, then, at that point secure proficient preparing to foster the abilities and capacities, subsequently, it is named as item improvement. Also, when item advancement happens, one can utilize the capacities that is given inside the local area, particularly the information, abilities, inspiration and eagerness.

Local area Relationships – Sports the travel industry creates local area connections and builds up corporate help. At the point when people are committed towards a specific game, is a competitor by calling, partakes in different rivalries and occasions, then, at that point they foster local area connections. Thusly, the people expand their correspondence interfaces, and creates associations and terms with the others. The others may incorporate coordinators, different games people and others associated with games. There are instances of people, who have been taking part in games since the young adult stage. Sometimes, they get connected with into gaining from the youth stage, subsequently, when they are rehearsing the game from the underlying stage, they can get capable, when they enter the adulthood stage. During this stage, they take part in various occasions on public just as worldwide premise and can improve their status and notoriety and foster local area connections.

Sets out Youth Freedom and Entertainment – Sports the travel industry is viewed as a significant wellspring of amusement. The people, when are partaking, need to focus, and have the qualities of ingenuity, creativity and principles. What's more, they obtainthe freedom to upgrade their standing and it makes arrangement of diversion. Then again, the people, who are fundamentally watching the games, feel engaged and entertained. At the point when rivalries are coordinated, between two players or two groups, then, at that point normally the people have a most loved group, as far as their ethnicity or different variables, consequently, they feel engaged, if their #1 group is winning.

Draw High yield Visitors – Drawing of high return guests are particularly the ones, whohave made a visit previously. The people, either with the end goal of investment or to notice have made a few visits to that spot previously. They know about the spot and each time, they have arranged a visit, their principle objective was either to notice take an interest in the game. Thus, one of the advantages of association of games is, the guests again plan their visits to the city. As such, the city draws high return guests.

Conclusion

In the current world, in India, yet in different nations of the world too, people are creating interest and energy in sports the travel industry generally. There are two classifications of sports vacationers, the ones, who partake in the games and the other, who travel to watch the games. Elements that impact sports the travel industry are monetary elements, mechanical elements and socio-social variables. The grouping of sports the travel industry are into, hard and delicate games the travel industry, games the travel industry, sentimentality sports the travel industry, dynamic games the travel industry, inbound games the travel industry and outbound games the travel

industry. Sports vacationers have different qualities, these are, premium and eagerness, going without help from anyone else, wellbeing and prosperity, discipline, compelling correspondence, ingenuity and genius, mindful conduct, versatile nature, improvement of scholarly capacities and attractive turn of events.

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USE OF ICT IN HIGHTER EDUCATION AND SPORTS

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Abstract:

Higher education systems have grown exponentially in the last five decades to meet the demands of quality education for all. This aspect has further gained momentum due to swift advancements in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The focus of this paper is to examine the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in higher education in India in the 21st century. The increasing use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) has brought changes to teaching and learning at all levels of higher education systems (HES) leading to quality enhancements in the 21st century. Traditional forms of teaching and learning are increasingly being converted to online and virtual environments. There are endless possibilities with the integration of ICT in the education system. The use of ICT in education not only improves classroom teaching learning process, but also provides the facility of e-learning. ICT has enhanced distance learning in the 21st century. Successful implementation of ICT to lead change is more about influencing and empowering teachers and supporting them in their engagement with students in learning rather than acquiring computer skills and obtaining software and equipment. ICT enabled education will ultimately lead to the democratization of education in the 21st century Education is a very socially oriented activity and quality education has traditionally been associated with strong teachers having high degrees of personal contact with learners.ICT has become an integral part of today's teaching learning process. Effective use of technology can motivate students, make our classes more dynamic and interesting and renew teacher enthusiasm as they learn new skills and techniques. The role of ICT in higher education is becoming more and more important and this importance will continue to grow and develop in 21st century. The use of ICT in education not only improves classroom teaching learning process, but also provides the facility of e-learning. The adoption and use of ICTs in education have a positive impact teaching, learning and research.

Keywords: ICT, Higher Education and Sports

Introducation:

Use of ICT in higher education.

1 improving writing skills:-

If students are required to publish their work on the internet, they have to develop hypertext skills. These skills help students gain experience in non sequential writings.

2. Find out reading material

Apart from communication, research is what takes many people to the internet. There are many resources on the internet than the school library can provide

3. ICT can influence student intrest

The internet can act as a motivating tool for many students. Young people are very captivated with technology. Educators must capitalize on this interest excitement and enthusiasm about the Internet

for the purpose enhancing learning. For already enthusiastic learners, the internet provides them with additional learning activities not readily available in the classroom.

4 tecnology is changing student's traditional method of learning-

Technology has brought in major changes in the way education is imparted. Teaching and learning process has evolved from being a one-sided activity to an active process involving exchange of ideas. Indulgence of various creative tools and techniques has made the process a collaborative initiative.

5. Make aware of using different kind of ICT tools-

Many ICT tools are available in the modern world that can be used to create and disseminate knowledge. Tools include radio, TV, internet, mobile phones, computers, laptops, tablets and many other hardware and software applications. Certain ICT tools, such as laptops, PCs, mobile phones and PDAs, have implications for education. These devices can be used to provide education and training for teachers and students. Most ICT tools are exaggerated, but until now they did not go well. The use of radio for educational practices has been very popular in the past.

Recommandation-

The quality of education through awareness among ICT and stakeholders will positively influence society. ICT can help with the quality and standards of education by implementing it at different stages of education. ICT can be hired for both formal and informal forms of education and will ultimately make the pupil a viable and socially useful part of society. The use of ICT for teacher training can save a lot of government money. In addition, many qualitative improvements can be made, since the resources for training can be at the highest level in the world. The acceptance of ICT by the administration can help solve problems in the absence of students and teachers. Good quality content is one of the most important issues and has a direct impact on training and quality standards. Overcoming specific problems related to the curriculum can help you a lot. In short, many quality improvements are possible after careful and conscious implementation of ICT by the various stakeholders in education.

Conclusions: Information and Communication Technology has no doubt brought about tremendous change in education, but we are yet to achieve the desired level of IT adoption in higher education in the country. The optimal utilization of opportunities arising due to diffusion of ICTs in higher education system presents enormous challenge. Nonetheless, it has become an indispensable support system for higher education as it could address some of the challenges facing higher education system in the country. Moreover, material in education which can be shared by means of ICT, can foster better teaching. ICT play vital role as a strong agent for change among many educational practices i,e conducting online exam, pay online fees, accessing online books and journals. Thus, ICT in Higher education improves teaching learning process, provides the facility of online learning to thousands to thousands of learners who cannot avail the benefits of higher education due to several checks, such a time, cost, geographical location etc. Once again ICT serve to provide the means for much of this activity to realize.

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EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY AS A PREVENTIVE STRATEGY FOR LIFESTYLE DISEASES IN

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Abstract:
Lifestyle-related disorders, such as obesity, type 2 diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, dyslipidemia, and metabolic syndrome, have significantly increased in India as a result of rapid population growth, sedentary lifestyles, poor eating habits, and increased psychological stress. These non-communicable diseases adversely affect quality of life, reduce economic productivity, and place a substantial burden on the Indian healthcare system. Exercise physiology, which examines the body's immediate and long-term responses to physical activity, provides a scientific foundation for the prevention and management of these conditions. This study explores exercise physiology as an evidence-based, non-pharmacological, and effective approach to reduce lifestyle diseases in the Indian context. It explains how regular exercise causes positive changes in the musculoskeletal, endocrine, metabolic, cardiovascular, and psychological systems. Programs for structured exercise improve insulin sensitivity, control lipid metabolism, increase cardiac efficiency, improve body composition, and promote mental wellness.

This study also highlights public health uses, such as clinical rehabilitation, workplace wellness, community fitness programs, and physical education in schools and colleges. Critical analysis is done on issues such poor adherence, inadequate infrastructure, cultural and socioeconomic hurdles, insufficient knowledge, and a lack of qualified specialists. A sustainable, economical, and culturally sensitive approach to reducing the rising incidence of lifestyle illnesses in India is to include exercise physiology into national health policies and public health systems.

Keywords: India, Non-Communicable Diseases, Physical Activity, Lifestyle Diseases, Exercise Physiology, Prevention

Introduction
The present moment environmental transformation in India has been accompanied by a dramatic increase in non-communicable diseases (NCDs) linked to lifestyle choices. National health surveys show that obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and coronary artery disease have all sharply increased in both urban and rural populations. Significant contributing factors include sedentary lifestyles, decreased physical exercise, urbanization, and reliance on technology.
Exercise physiology offers scientific understanding of the effects of physical exercise on the circulatory, respiratory, metabolic, endocrine, and neuromuscular systems of the body. Developing planned exercise regimens targeted at illness prevention and health promotion requires an understanding of these physiological adjustments. This study looks at exercise physiology in the Indian setting as a means of preventing lifestyle disorders.

Objectives of the Study

1. To find out how exercise physiology contributes to the prevention of lifestyle illnesses.
2. To investigate the physiological changes brought about by consistent exercise.
3. To study preventative measures based on exercise that are appropriate for the Indian

population.

4. To highlight attention to obstacles and potential paths for the use of exercise physiology-based therapies in India.

Research Methodology:

Secondary data sources served as the basis for this study. Reference texts, scholarly books, research articles, journals, magazines, newspapers, and pertinent instructional content accessible on websites like YouTube and other media sources have all been used to gather information.

Concept of Exercise Physiology:

The study about how the human body responds to and adjusts to physical activity and exercise is known as exercise physiology. It focuses on how acute exercise and long-term training alter the operation of several bodily systems, including the circulatory, respiratory, muscular, neurological, and endocrine systems. While regular exercise results in long-term adaptations like enhanced muscular strength, endurance, flexibility, and metabolic efficiency, physical activity causes the body to experience acute reactions including elevated heart rate, oxygen consumption, and energy generation. Exercise physiology's main goal is to offer a scientific foundation for creating safe and efficient fitness regimens for a variety of demographics, such as athletes, kids, adults, the elderly, and those with long-term illnesses. It is crucial for improving athletic performance, reducing lifestyle diseases, increasing health, and aiding in rehabilitation. Exercise physiology therefore links theoretical understanding of bodily functioning with real-world applications in sports training, physical education, and preventive medicine.

Exercise physiology is a branch of science that studies the functional responses and adaptations of the human body to acute exercise and chronic physical training. It focuses on:

- Cardiovascular responses (heart rate, stroke volume, cardiac output)
- Respiratory responses (oxygen uptake, ventilation)
- Metabolic changes (glucose utilization, fat oxidation)
- Muscular adaptations (strength, endurance, hypertrophy)
- Hormonal responses (insulin sensitivity, stress hormones)

These adaptations form the basis for using exercise as a therapeutic and preventive tool.

Lifestyle Diseases in India

The main causes of lifestyle disease, which is commonly referred to as non-communicable diseases, include poor habits, inactivity, and environmental factors. Their incidence has grown because to rapid urbanization, shifting eating habits, and sedentary lifestyles, which presents a significant threat to India's public health and healthcare system.

i. Being Overweight:

Excessive bodily fat accumulation is the hallmark of obesity, a serious lifestyle condition. Urbanization, automated transportation, a decrease in physical work, and a high intake of foods high in calories have all contributed to the rise in obesity among children, adults, and the elderly in India, raising the risk of a number of chronic illnesses.

ii. Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 :

Insulin resistance brought on by a sedentary lifestyle and unhealthy eating habits causes type 2 diabetes mellitus. The incidence of diabetes has rapidly increased in both urban and rural Indian populations due to high carbohydrate intake, irregular eating patterns, and low levels of physical activity.

iii. High blood pressure:

The chronic illness known as hypertension is characterized by consistently high blood pressure. In India, widespread hypertension has greatly increased the risk of stroke, heart disease, and renal

problems due to rising psychological stress, irregular exercise, excessive salt consumption, and bad eating habits.

iv. Cardiac Diseases:

Heart and blood vessel abnormalities are included in the category of cardiovascular illnesses. Heart attacks, strokes, and associated consequences are more common among Indian communities due to sedentary lifestyles, obesity, tobacco use, poor diets, and long- term stress.

v. Dyslipidemia:

Abnormal blood levels of triglycerides and cholesterol are referred to as dyslipidemia. Insufficient physical activity coupled with diets high in saturated fats and oils has led to an increase in lipid disorders in India, which is a major factor in the development of cardiovascular illnesses.

vi. The Metabolic Syndrome:

Obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia are among the disorders that make up the metabolic syndrome. Indian individuals are more likely to have a sedentary lifestyle, bad eating habits, and seldom exercise, which raises their risk of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular illnesses.

The growing burden of lifestyle diseases places enormous pressure on India's healthcare system. To lower the prevalence of disease and enhance long-term population health outcomes, preventive interventions that emphasize lifestyle adjustment, regular physical activity, balanced diet, and exercise physiology are crucial.

Physiological Mechanisms in Prevention of Lifestyle Diseases:

i. Adaptations to the Cardiac:

Frequent aerobic activity lowers resting heart rate while boosting cardiac output and stroke volume, which benefits the cardiovascular system. It reduces blood pressure, increases blood vessel flexibility, improves endothelial function, and lowers the risk of coronary artery disease. These modifications greatly enhance cardiovascular health and overall cardiac efficiency.

ii. Endocrine and Metabolic adaptations:

Exercise increases insulin sensitivity and improves skeletal muscle absorption of glucose, which results in positive metabolic and hormonal changes. It helps maintain normal blood sugar and cholesterol levels by improving energy usage and lipid metabolism. These modifications are essential for controlling and avoiding type 2 diabetes and obesity.

iii. Muscular Adaptations and Body Composition:

Frequent engagement in aerobic and resistance training improves body composition by building lean muscle mass and decreasing excess body fat. Long-term weight control is supported by increased basal metabolic rate due to increased muscular strength and endurance. These modifications lower the risk of musculoskeletal issues, obesity, and metabolic illnesses.

iv. Advantages for Neurophysiology and Psychology:

By controlling neurotransmitters and chemicals linked to stress, exercise has a good impact on mental health. It improves mood, sleep quality, and cognitive performance while lowering psychological stress, anxiety, and depression. By promoting healthier habits and improved stress management, these neurophysiological advantages indirectly aid in the prevention of lifestyle diseases.

v. Prescription Exercise to Prevent Lifestyle Diseases:

Exercise physiology-based recommendations place a strong emphasis on resistance training for muscle strength, flexibility exercises for mobility and balance, and regular aerobic activity for cardiovascular health. Consistently engaging in moderate-to-intense physical activity increases general fitness. Yoga is an example of a traditional practice that enhances adherence and promotes overall health when combined with current workout methods.

7. Role of Exercise Physiology in Public Health:

A scientific basis for developing, putting into practice, and assessing physical activity interventions targeted at illness prevention and health promotion across various Indian demographic groups is provided by exercise physiology. Challenges in the Indian Context:

The long-term advantages of physical activity treatments are diminished because many people stop exercising because of a lack of desire, time restrictions, a lack of social support, and a lack of follow-up.

Conclusion

The present paper highlights the growing significance of exercise physiology as an effective and scientific tool for the prevention of lifestyle diseases in India. With rapid urbanization, technological advancement, sedentary habits, unhealthy dietary patterns, and increasing psychosocial stress, India is witnessing a sharp rise in non-communicable diseases such as obesity, type 2 diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, dyslipidemia, and metabolic syndrome. These conditions not only affect individual health and quality of life but also impose a heavy economic and social burden on the national healthcare system. Exercise physiology provides a strong scientific foundation to understand how regular physical activity induces beneficial adaptations in cardiovascular, respiratory, metabolic, muscular, endocrine, and psychological systems. The evidence discussed in this paper clearly demonstrates that structured and scientifically prescribed exercise improves cardiac efficiency, enhances insulin sensitivity, regulates lipid metabolism, improves body composition, and promotes mental well- being. Such physiological adaptations play a crucial role in preventing the onset and progression of lifestyle diseases and reducing dependence on pharmacological interventions.

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SMART SPORTS TECHNOLOGIES: INTEGRATING TRADITIONAL SPORTS KNOWLEDGE WITH AI, IOT AND BIG DATA IN MODERN SPORTS

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Abstract:

India's traditional sports knowledge systems have long emphasized holistic physical development, mental discipline, and experiential learning. In contrast, modern sports increasingly rely on smart technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and Big Data analytics to improve performance precision, injury management, and strategic decision-making. This paper examines how smart sports technologies can be effectively integrated with traditional sports knowledge rather than replacing it. Using an India-focused empirical study involving athletes, coaches, and sports administrators, the research analyses the relationship between technology adoption and athlete performance. The findings reveal that smart technologies significantly enhance performance outcomes when aligned with traditional training practices. The study concludes that a hybrid model combining indigenous knowledge and modern innovation offers a sustainable pathway for India's sports development.

Keywords: Smart Sports Technologies, Traditional Sports Knowledge, Artificial Intelligence, IoT, Big Data, India

Introduction

Sport in India has evolved through centuries of indigenous physical practices rooted in community life, discipline, and holistic well-being. Traditional systems emphasized endurance, flexibility, coordination, and mental resilience, often transmitted through experiential coaching rather than formal measurement. However, the contemporary sports environment is shaped by global competition, commercialization, and the demand for measurable performance outcomes.

In recent years, smart sports technologies powered by AI, IoT, and Big Data have transformed training and competition worldwide. Wearable sensors track physiological parameters, AI algorithms analyse tactics and movement patterns, and data analytics support evidence-based decisions. In India, initiatives such as Khelo India and increased private investment have accelerated technology adoption. Yet, questions remain regarding how these technologies interact with traditional sports knowledge systems. This study argues that meaningful integration, rather than substitution, is essential for sustainable sports development in India.

Review of Literature

Research on smart sports technologies highlights their role in enhancing performance efficiency, injury prevention, and tactical analysis. AI has been used for predictive modelling and opponent analysis, while IoT devices enable real-time monitoring of athletes' physical conditions. Big Data analytics integrates historical and real-time data to support long-term planning.

Mr. Neelkamal Boro,(2024) The Future Of Smart Technology In Sports Field:

In The Future of Smart Technology in Sports Field, Mr. Neelkamal Boro provides a comprehensive overview of how emerging smart technologies are reshaping the contemporary sports ecosystem. The work systematically discusses the application of artificial intelligence, wearable sensors, data analytics, and automation in athlete performance enhancement, injury prevention, and sports management.

The author highlights the growing importance of real-time data and predictive analysis in decision-making processes while also acknowledging challenges related to cost, accessibility, and data ethics. Overall, the book serves as a valuable academic reference for understanding future-oriented technological transformations in the sports field.

However, empirical evidence from the Indian context remains limited, particularly regarding integration with traditional practices. This study contributes by empirically examining this convergence.

Objectives of the Study

i. To examine the adoption of AI, IoT, and Big Data technologies in Indian sports.
ii. To analyse the impact of smart sports technologies on athlete performance.
iii. To assess the role of technology in supporting traditional training practices.
iv. To propose an integrated framework combining tradition and innovation.

Research Hypotheses

H_{o1}: Smart sports technologies have no significant impact on athlete performance.
H_{11}: Smart sports technologies significantly improve athlete performance.
H_{o2}: Smart sports technologies do not support traditional training practices.
H_{12}: Smart sports technologies significantly enhance traditional training practices.

Conceptual Framework

The study is based on a hybrid conceptual framework where traditional sports knowledge forms the foundation of training, supported by smart technologies for data-driven enhancement.

- AI, IoT & Big Data Integration
- Data-Supported Coaching & Monitoring
- Enhanced Performance, Injury Prevention & Sustainability

Research Methodology

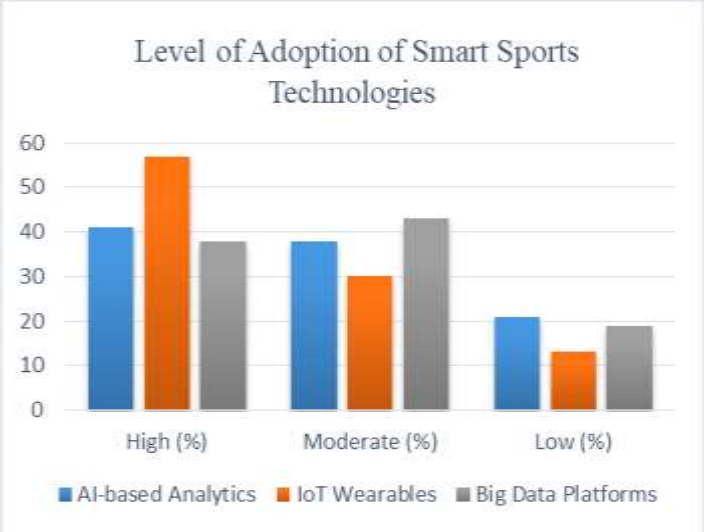
This research paper a descriptive and analytical research design was adopted. Primary data were collected from 210 respondents, including athletes, coaches, physiotherapists, and sports administrators from Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Haryana. A structured questionnaire using a five-point Likert scale measured perceptions of technology adoption, performance improvement, and injury management.

Data Analysis

Table 1: Level of Adoption of Smart Sports Technologies

Technology	High (%)	Moderate (%)	Low (%)	Total (%)
AI-based Analytics	41	38	21	100
IoT Wearables	57	30	13	100
Big Data Platforms	38	43	19	100

Source: Primary Data Collection



The data indicate higher adoption of IoT wearables due to their immediate utility and affordability.

Table 2: Correlation between Integrated Training and Athlete Performance

Variable	Correlation (r)
Traditional + AI	0.63
Traditional + IoT	0.68
Traditional + Big Data	0.59

Source: Analysis of Primary Data Collection

The correlation analysis reveals a strong and positive association between integrated training approaches and athlete performance outcomes. The highest correlation is observed between Traditional Training combined with IoT technologies (r = 0.68), indicating that the use of wearable sensors and real-time monitoring tools significantly enhances the effectiveness of traditional coaching methods. This suggests that continuous feedback on physical workload, recovery, and movement patterns strengthens performance while reducing the risk of overtraining.

The integration of Traditional Training with Artificial Intelligence (r = 0.63) also demonstrates a substantial positive relationship. AI-supported analysis complements coaches' experiential knowledge by enabling data-driven personalization of training schedules and tactical decisions.

Similarly, the positive correlation between Traditional Training and Big Data analytics (r = 0.59) highlights the role of longitudinal data in performance evaluation and talent development. Overall, the results confirm that technology, when integrated with traditional practices, acts as a performance enabler rather than a substitute for human expertise.

All correlations are positive and statistically significant at the 5% level, leading to rejection of the null hypotheses.

Findings

Smart sports technologies significantly enhance athlete performance when aligned with traditional practices.

a. IoT wearables contribute effectively to injury prevention and workload management.
b. AI-based analytics support coaches' experiential decision-making.
c. Big Data analytics aids long-term talent identification and performance planning.
d. Major challenges include high costs, digital skill gaps, and data privacy concerns.

Policy Implications

The findings of the study highlight the need for a supportive and forward-looking policy framework to encourage the effective integration of traditional sports knowledge with smart technologies. Sports authorities should promote hybrid training models that combine indigenous coaching practices with AI, IoT, and data-driven tools to enhance performance outcomes.

Government intervention is essential to ensure the affordability and accessibility of sports technologies, particularly at the grassroots and rural levels. Capacity-building initiatives must be introduced to train coaches and support staff in data literacy and ethical technology usage. Furthermore, the formulation of clear national guidelines for sports data governance is necessary to address issues of privacy, security, and responsible data utilization.

Conclusion

The study concludes that smart sports technologies do not undermine traditional sports knowledge; instead, they strengthen it when applied thoughtfully.

For India, integrating AI, IoT, and Big Data with indigenous training systems offers a culturally rooted yet globally competitive sports ecosystem. Future sports development strategies should focus on inclusivity, capacity building, and ethical innovation.

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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF MUSCULAR STRENGTH AND BODY MASS INDEX BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL MALE SPORTSPERSONS IN MANIPUR

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Abstract: This study aimed to conduct a comparative analysis of muscular strength and body mass index among residential and non-residential male sportspersons in Manipur. A total of 200 adolescent male athletes aged 14-18 years participated in the study, with 100 residential sportspersons selected from the Sports Authority of India (SAI), North East Regional Centre, Imphal, and 100 non-residential sportspersons chosen from the Regular Coaching Centre (RCC), Khuman Lampak, Manipur. The parameters selected for the study included muscular strength (left- and right-hand grip) and Body Mass Index (BMI). A handgrip dynamometer was used to measure the muscular strength of both hands, while height and weight measurements were taken to calculate BMI. To determine whether significant differences existed between the two groups, an independent t-test was performed using SPSS software. The level of significance was set at 0.05. The analysis revealed a significant difference in muscular strength between residential and non-residential sportspersons of Manipur, while no significant difference was observed in their BMI. The results indicated that residential (hosteller) athletes demonstrated superior performance in right-hand grip strength compared to non-residential athletes, whereas non-residential athletes performed better in left-hand grip strength. However, BMI did not differ significantly between the two groups. These findings highlight the influence of the training environment on specific strength parameters. Future research may incorporate a larger sample size and include additional variables such as health-related physical fitness, motor fitness components, and other performance-related indicators to gain deeper insights into athlete development.

Keywords: Muscular Strength, Left Hand Grip, Right Hand Grip, Body Mass Index (BMI), Residential sportspersons, Non-residential sportsperson.

INTRODUCTION

Muscular strength is the ability of a muscle or muscle group to exert maximal force against resistance in a single effort. It is a key component of physical fitness, essential for athletic performance, joint stability, and injury prevention. Muscular strength can be influenced by training type, intensity, frequency, and individual characteristics such as age, sex, and genetics. Assessing muscular strength is important for designing effective training programs and evaluating the impact of different training environments, including residential and non-residential sports settings (Baechle & Earle, 2008). Left-hand grip and right-hand grip strength refer to the maximal force that an individual can exert with the muscles of the left and right hands, respectively, while gripping an object. These are typically measured using a handgrip dynamometer, which provides an objective assessment of hand and forearm muscular strength (Bohannon, 2008).

Body Mass Index (BMI) is a numerical value calculated from an individual's weight and height, used as an indirect measure of body fat and to classify underweight, normal weight, overweight, and

obesity (WHO, 2000). It is calculated by dividing body weight in kilograms by the square of height in meters (kg/m²) and is commonly used to classify individuals as underweight, normal weight, overweight, or obese. BMI is a simple, non-invasive, and cost-effective tool to assess body composition in both clinical and research settings. In sports science, BMI is often used alongside other performance and fitness parameters to evaluate the physical status of athletes, monitor changes due to training, and compare groups such as residential and non-residential sportspersons. While BMI does not directly measure body fat, it provides a practical estimate that can help identify trends in nutritional status, growth, and overall health among athletic populations.

Residential sportspersons typically undergo structured training within sports academies and hostels, where they receive systematic exercise regimens, professional coaching, and scientific conditioning. In contrast, non-residential sportspersons often train in less controlled environments, with variations in training load, facility quality, and coaching support (Singh & Verma, 2018). Sharma (2010) and Kumar and Shukla (2015) reported that residential status did not have a significant effect on body composition among athletes. Their findings suggest that despite the structured training, professional supervision, and systematic conditioning provided to residential athletes, factors such as diet, daily physical activity, and lifestyle outside training hours may contribute to maintaining similar body composition in both residential and non-residential athletes. This indicates that while residential programs may enhance certain performance-related parameters, overall body composition may be influenced by a combination of training, nutrition, and habitual activity, rather than residential status alone. Manipur, often referred to as the "powerhouse of Indian sports," has produced numerous elite athletes in disciplines such as football, weightlifting, boxing, and hockey (Devi & Singh, 2020). The state's sports culture provides an ideal setting for examining differences between residential and non-residential athletes. However, despite the growing body of literature on sports performance and physical fitness, limited studies have specifically addressed the comparative flexibility of athletes in the context of residential and non-residential training environments in Manipur. Therefore, this study aims to conduct a comparative analysis of flexibility between residential and non-residential male sportspersons of Manipur. The findings may provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of residential training programs and highlight the need for appropriate flexibility training interventions among non-residential athletes.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To find out the difference between residential and non-residential sportspersons in left-hand and right-hand grip strength.
2. To compare the BMI between Residential and Non-Residential Sportspersons.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

For this study, a total of 200 male sportspersons were selected as subjects, comprising 100 residential athletes from the Sports Authority of India (SAI), North East Regional Centre, Imphal, and 100 non-residential athletes from the Regular Coaching Centre (RCC), Khuman Lampak, Manipur. The participants were adolescents aged 14 to 18 years. The parameters selected for assessment included muscular strength (left- and right-hand grip) and Body Mass Index (BMI). Muscular strength was measured using a handgrip dynamometer for both hands, while height and weight measurements were used to calculate BMI. The collected data were statistically analyzed using an independent t-test in SPSS software to determine significant differences between the two groups, with the level of significance set at 0.05.

FINDINGS

The comparison of muscular strength between Residential and Non-Residential sportspersons is depicted in Table 1.

Table-1
Comparison of Scores on Muscular Strength (Left-hand grip and Right-hand grip) Between Residential and Non-Residential Male Sportspersons of Manipur

VARIABLE	GROUP	N	MEAN	SD	t-value	Sig.
RIGHT-HAND GRIP	Residential	100	43.98	5.48	**3.08***	.000
	Non-Residential	100	40.97	5.67		
LEFT-HAND GRIP	Residential	100	40.93	3.88	**2.69***	.008
	Non-Residential	100	42.71	5.33		

***Significance at .05 level**
't'$_{.05}$ (198) = 1.96

The result presented in Table 1 on the variable right-hand grip strength between residential and non-residential male sportspersons revealed that the residential group obtained a mean score of 43.98 with an SD of 5.48, whereas the non-residential group recorded a mean score of 40.97 with an SD of 5.67. The obtained t-value of 3.08 was found to be statistically significant, as it exceeded the tabulated value of 1.96 with 198 degrees of freedom at the 0.05 level of significance. This indicates that residential male sportspersons had significantly higher right-hand grip strength than their non-residential counterparts. Similarly, the results for left-hand grip strength revealed that the residential group had a mean score of 40.93 with an SD of 3.88, while the non-residential group recorded a mean score of 42.71 with an SD of 5.33. The obtained t-value of 2.69 was also statistically significant, as it exceeded the tabulated value of 1.96 with 198 degrees of freedom at the 0.05 level of significance. This shows that non-residential male sportspersons possessed significantly higher left-hand grip strength compared to the residential group. The mean score of Residential and Non-Residential on Left-Hand Grip and Right-Hand Grip is depicted graphically in the figure. 1.



Figure 1: Mean scores of residential and non-residential male sportspersons on muscular strength.

The comparison of BMI between Residential and Non-Residential sportspersons is depicted in Table 2.

Table-2
Comparison of Scores on BMI (Body Mass Index) Between Residential and Non-Residential Male Sportspersons of Manipur

VARIABLE	GROUP	N	MEAN	SD	t-value	Sig.
BMI (BODY MASS INDEX)	Residential	100	21.88	3.67	.374	.709
	Non-Residential	100	22.02	.835		

***Significance at .05 level**

't'$_{.05}$ (198) = 1.96

The result presented in Table 2 on the variable Body Mass Index (BMI) between residential and non-residential female sportspersons showed that the residential group obtained a mean BMI score of 21.88 with an SD of 3.67, whereas the non-residential group recorded a mean BMI of 22.02 with an SD of 0.835. The obtained t-value of 0.374 was lower than the tabulated value of 1.96 with 198 degrees of freedom at the 0.05 level of significance, and the corresponding p-value of 0.709 indicated non-significance. The mean score of Residential and Non-Residential of BMI is depicted graphically in the figure. 2.

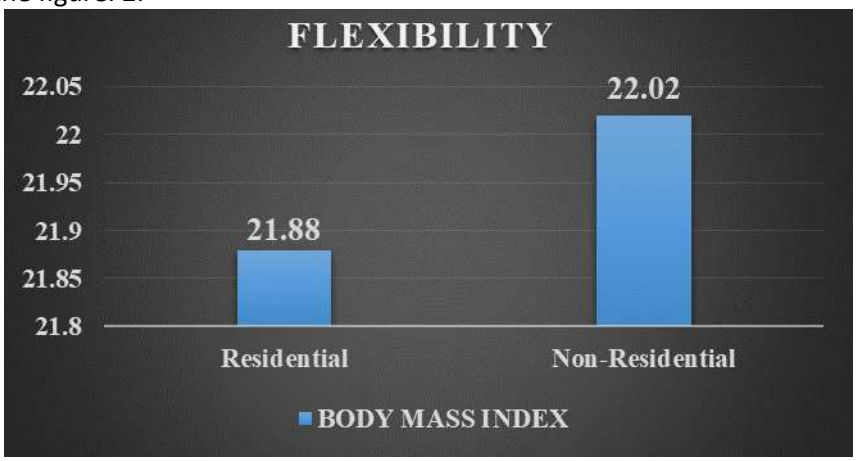


Figure 2: Mean scores of residential and non-residential male sportspersons on flexibility.

CONCLUSIONS

1. A significant difference was found in hand grip strength between residential and non-residential sportspersons. Residential sportspersons demonstrated significantly higher right-hand grip strength compared to non-residential sportspersons, whereas non-residential sportspersons showed significantly greater left-hand grip strength than their residential counterparts. This indicates that the development of hand grip strength varies between the two groups, likely due to differences in training patterns, daily activities, or sport-specific demands.
2. No significant difference was found in Body Mass Index (BMI) between residential and non-residential male sportspersons. Both groups showed almost similar BMI values, indicating that living or training conditions did not have a notable impact on their body mass index.

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APPLICATION OF SENSORY MATS AND ITS BENEFITS IN KABADDI GAMES

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Abstract
Kabaddi is a high-intensity indigenous sport that requires quick reflexes, balance, agility, coordination, and tactical awareness. Modern training methods increasingly emphasize neuromuscular efficiency and sensory integration to enhance performance and reduce injury risk. Sensory mats are training tools designed to stimulate the sensory system through varied textures, surfaces, and resistance levels. The present study examines the application of sensory mats in Kabaddi training and evaluates their impact on selected physical, motor, and performance-related variables of Kabaddi players. A structured training program using sensory mats was implemented, and its effects were analyzed through pre- and post-test comparisons. The findings indicate that sensory mat training significantly improves balance, agility, reaction time, and overall on-court performance. The study concludes that sensory mats can be effectively integrated into Kabaddi training programs to enhance performance and injury prevention.

Keywords: Sensory Mats, Kabaddi, Balance, Agility, Proprioception, Sports Training

Introduction

Kabaddi is a dynamic contact sport combining strength, speed, agility, and mental alertness. Players are required to perform rapid directional changes, lunges, dodges, tackles, and raids while maintaining body balance and spatial awareness. These demands place a high load on the neuromuscular and sensory systems of athletes.

Traditional Kabaddi training focuses primarily on physical conditioning, technical skills, and tactical preparation. However, recent advancements in sports science highlight the importance of sensory integration and proprioceptive training for improving movement efficiency and reducing injury risk. Sensory training enhances the body's ability to process information from the muscles, joints, and skin, leading to better control and coordination.

Sensory mats are specialized training surfaces with varied textures and firmness designed to stimulate tactile and proprioceptive receptors. Training on such unstable or textured surfaces challenges balance, coordination, and neuromuscular control. Despite their proven benefits in rehabilitation and general athletic training, limited research exists on the application of sensory mats in Kabaddi. Therefore, this study aims to explore their effectiveness in improving performance-related parameters in Kabaddi players.

Review of Literature

Previous research in sports training has established the role of sensory and proprioceptive exercises in enhancing athletic performance. Studies on balance training using unstable surfaces have reported improvements in postural control, agility, and injury prevention among athletes.

Research conducted on football, basketball, and volleyball players shows that training on uneven or textured surfaces improves neuromuscular coordination and reaction time. Proprioceptive training

has also been linked with reduced incidence of ankle and knee injuries, which are common in contact sports.

In the context of indigenous sports, limited but emerging studies suggest that neuromuscular training improves movement efficiency and match performance in Kabaddi players. Balance and agility training have been shown to positively influence raiding success and defensive effectiveness. However, the use of sensory mats as a structured training tool in Kabaddi remains underexplored, creating a research gap that the present study seeks to address.

Objectives of the Study

1. To study the effect of sensory mat training on balance among Kabaddi players.
2. To evaluate the impact of sensory mats on agility and reaction time.
3. To analyze changes in selected Kabaddi performance variables after sensory mat training.
4. To assess the overall usefulness of sensory mats in Kabaddi training programs.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects

Thirty male Kabaddi players aged between 18 and 25 years were selected from a collegiate Kabaddi training center. All subjects had a minimum of three years of playing experience and were medically fit.

Research Design

An experimental pre-test and post-test single group design was used for the study.

Training Protocol

The subjects underwent an 8-week sensory mat training program, three sessions per week. Each session lasted approximately 30 minutes and was integrated into regular Kabaddi training.

The training included:

- Balance drills on sensory mats
- Dynamic footwork exercises
- Reaction and agility drills
- Defensive stance and raiding movement practice on mats

Variables and Tests

- Balance: Stork Balance Test
- Agility: Illinois Agility Test
- Reaction Time: Ruler Drop Test
- Kabaddi Performance: Coach rating scale and match observation checklist

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and paired t-test were used to analyze the data. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

The analysis of data revealed significant improvements in all selected variables after the sensory mat training program. Balance scores showed marked enhancement, indicating better postural control. Agility test results demonstrated reduced completion time, reflecting improved movement efficiency. Reaction time also improved significantly, suggesting faster neuromuscular responses.

Performance analysis during match play showed better raiding control, improved defensive stability, and quicker recovery movements. The results confirm that sensory mat training has a positive effect on both physical and performance-related aspects of Kabaddi players.

Conclusion

The findings of the study clearly indicate that sensory mat training is an effective method for enhancing balance, agility, reaction time, and overall Kabaddi performance. By stimulating the sensory and proprioceptive systems, sensory mats help players develop better body control and

movement awareness, which are crucial in Kabaddi. The integration of sensory mats into regular Kabaddi training programs can serve as a valuable supplement to traditional training methods. Coaches and physical education professionals are encouraged to adopt sensory mat-based exercises to improve performance and reduce injury risk among Kabaddi players. Future research may explore long-term effects and application across different age groups and competitive levels.

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SPORTS ACTIVITIES ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA: POSSIBILITIES, CONSTRAINTS AND MANNER AHEAD

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Abstract:
This paper gives an outline of the game business advancement in India, featuring the chances and requirements for sports improvement. A flourishing game area as a rule has critical financial effect, as it is instrumental in improving the physical wellbeing and mental dexterity of a country's HR and in advancing solidarity and national pride. Truth be told, sport as an industry adds to around one to five percent to the GDPs of different nations. Be that as it may, an absence of sports culture in India has conceded the development of a comparable industry in the nation regardless of developing mindfulness, intrigue and accomplishments in different non-cricket sports, for example, arrow based weaponry, badminton, boxing, chess, hockey, tennis, snooker, billiards, shooting and wrestling at conspicuous global rivalries. Sports industry is certainly not another segment in India yet its arrangements have changed with the advancement of current/corporate in India. Numerous huge Indian corporates and outside speculation have gone into this specialty fragment of sports. The Indian government is investigating the potential outcomes of permitting FDI (outside direct interest) in multi-brand retail in sports. India is facilitating a progression of universal games, which are probably going to support the retail showcase. Numerous remote games ventures have indicated enthusiasm for entering the Indian market. This paper investigations the games business improvement in India against this setting.

Keywords: - Sports Industry, Opportunities and Constraints

Introduction:

Sports have been full time calling for some Indians over the ages. Society, rulers and realms belittled games experts, mentors and directors, with open thankfulness, brandishing assets and individual increases. As we continued in present day time sports assumed a lower priority. High development economy, ascent of white collar class with extra cash and recreation time has demonstrated recovery of sports in India. Guardians today bolster their children's' goals to seek after profession in sports. Sports like Boxing, Formula 1, Hockey, Golf, Kabaddi, Shooting, Soccer, and Tennis, are getting a charge out of record levels of achievement in India. Sports are multibillion-dollar industry over the globe and in any case an exceptionally regarded profession alternative. Sports segment is creating in India and presents energizing profession open door for adolescents seeking to exceed expectations in sports, and people related with sports and united administrations. Sports division is progressively turning out to be vital specialty units for some corporate houses in India.

Government and Sports Federations in Sports

Division of Sports, Government of India plans is outfitted towards making the foundation and advances limit working for wide basing sports. It is with the goal of accomplishing greatness in different serious occasions at the national and universal levels. Sports advancement is fundamentally

the duty of the different National Sports Federations which are self-governing and get financing from government. What's more, there are self-sufficient organizations under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, for example, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). They work legitimately with their particular universal leagues/associations and run corresponding to different offices under this service. IOA is associated to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and is the overseeing body for 64 organizations. It covers practically all significant games aside from cricket, which is represented by the BCCI.

Performance of India in Sports

India isn't viewed as donning country and slacks in dominant part of sports. Its exhibition has not stood apart at universal occasions, for example, the Olympic Games. Notwithstanding, at a global level India exceeds expectations in a couple of sports, for example, badminton, boxing, cricket, tennis, shooting and wrestling. This request a careful examination of India's exhibition at ongoing games to detail a system for Olympics 2020.

Performance at international events

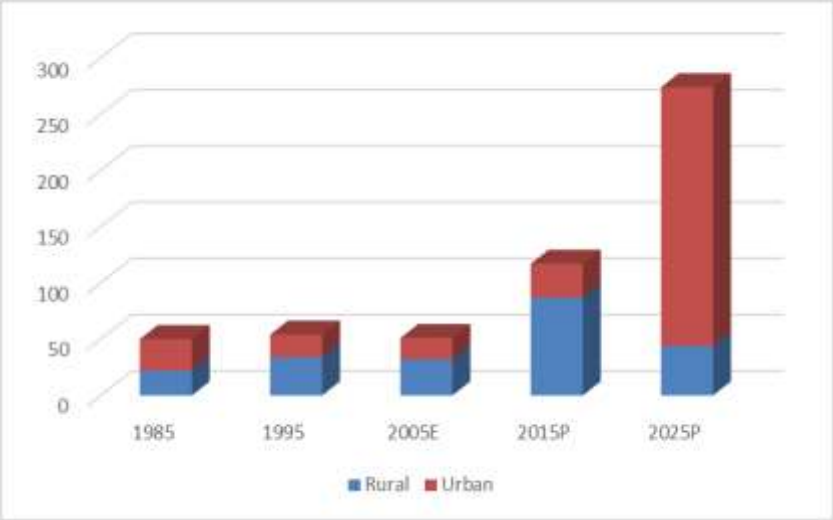
The country's performance has not been up to the mark at various Olympic Games. India's medal tally has witnessed marginal improvement in the past few Olympics Games, with the 2012 games being the best so far for the country. India's Olympic medal tally has increased from zero in 1988 and 1992 to one each in the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Olympics. This was followed by three medals in 2008 (including the first Olympic gold medal for India) and six medals at the London Olympics 2012.

Overview of the Sports Retail Sector in India

With the high growth of the domestic market in India and recession in major sports markets like the US and EU, global retailers and Indian manufacturers are that specialize in the Indian market. Indian corporates who have ventured into retail in recent years have also diversified into sports retail. Sports retail may be a niche retail segment in India and at the present, the sports retail market is little. There are not any official estimates of the entire retail market and estimates given by different consultancy organizations vary. Consistent with one estimate, the entire size of the Indian retail market was $372 billion in 2008, of which sports retail was around three per cent. However, its share in organized retail was around 10 per cent. Estimates of the sports goods/equipment manufacturing industry is out there from SGEPC, which shows that the industry has been growing at a mean annual rate of around 10-12 per cent within the past five years. Over the years, India has developed as a sourcing hub for sports goods and therefore the focus of the manufacturing sector has been on exports. The dimensions of the domestic market is little because Indian society is education-oriented and sports are treated as a distraction from education. Sports are still not treated as a way of livelihood; instead, it's still considered a source of entertainment. This has led to low sports participation levels. There are other barriers like the no availability of infrastructure and therefore the inability to buy facilities and buy sports products. However, of late, Indians are spending more on sports goods. Although sports are still treated as a recreational activity, recreational consumption in India is growing. It's projected to grow at the speed of 8.9 per cent once a year from $1 billion in 2005 to $6 billion in 2025 (Figure 1.3). With a rise in incomes,

there has been a decline within the consumption of food and basic necessities, and, if India continues with its high rate of growth, recreational spending will grow.

Fig: 1.3 Annual Spending on Recreational Products and Services



The growing awareness of the urban middle and high-income population about fitness has indirectly boosted this sector. With the rise in levels of education, international travel and exposure through cable television, the web , etc., Indian consumers are getting more health-conscious as is clear from the growing number of health clubs, gymnasiums and fitness centres. With global integration, the culture of the workplace is changing; many Information Technology (IT) and multinational companies have in-house gymnasiums or sponsor their employees for fitness activities like gymnasiums, golf, and yoga. Further, India is hosting a series of international sports events, which is probably going to spice up the industry and increase sports awareness. Additionally to the present , sports promotion, training and infrastructure and exports of sports goods are now focus areas for the Indian government. There are other factors that have contributed to the expansion of sports retail.

Conclusion

The Government of India has been taking various steps and initiatives to promote good governance practices in the management of sports at the national level in pursuance of successive National Sports Policies. But, the inaction on the part of the Government in implementing and enforcing its own guidelines contributes to the backwardness of the sports sector. The basic cause to all the problems is the low expenditure on sports. The lacks of funds prevent the effective implementation of various policies. Moreover, most of the national sports federations are completely dependent on the government funds for their activity. The allocation to sports by the government is meagre, as it allocates most of its funds for the social sectors, which is more important a developing country like India. In the present scenario, it would be difficult for a country like India to massively increase its budgetary allocation to sports. However, financial supports could be obtained through sponsorships by popularizing the sports and increasing viewership in the

country. In spite of having numerous talent identification schemes as mentioned above, the lack of an extensive and organized playing base has been rightly identified as one of the main reasons for India's poor sporting standards. The analysis of Indian sports system on the critical sporting factors shows that the country is an interesting case of underachievement, given its large proportion of young population. The present analysis clearly portrays the current standing of Indian sport system on these critical factors and the necessary steps that need to be taken. The Indian Government, in the post 2001 period, has taken various initiatives towards sports sectors. The results of such policies are visibly evident from the country's relative performance in the recently concluded Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. Considering the huge population base, there is a need for intense efforts to take the Indian Sports to new higher levels.

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ROLE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT) IN PHYSICAL EDUCATIONAL SPORTS

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Abstract

In a modern and technical era in the field of physical education and sports, it is most to utilize incipient techniques, novel equipment and new tools to improve the standards and performance. Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) is the most consequential factor and methodology in the field of physical education and sports around the world. It has changed the development, planning and management of coaching in physical education and sports. The utilization of ICT is the most facile method and gets an efficacy result. The aforesaid system available for all, anytime and anywhere. Implementation of ICT in physical inculcation and sports have enhanced the performance of theplayer and achievingthe best level, for this purpose paper focused on theuse of ICT in physical education and sports with few novelconcepts and its applications. The role of physical education teacher and coaches, suggestions for physical educationteacher andcoaches etc.

Introduction

Relentless innovation in computer and information science and the products that emerge from this innovation present educationalists with incipient and virtually revolutionary conceptions for engendering edifying and learning environments. Such concepts as 'Virtual learning', even 'Virtual Universities', and e-learning radically challenge thenotion of how edifying can be carried out and where learning is achieved (McElhone, 2000). Teachers should be conscious of the quality of their teaching. Information and communication technology (ICT) is becoming increasingly pervasive in our modern society and a requirement for ideal means of teachingespecially in the field of physical education (Zhang and Martinovic, 2008). The uses of multimedia instructionaltools will significantly enrich the teaching content that will become more dynamic and captivating (Gerad and Mathiot, 2000).Sansauwaldefined information technology as the use of hardware and software for efficient managementof' information i.e storage, retrieval, processing, communication, diffusion and sharing of information for social, economic and cultural upliftment (Sansauwal, 2000).This includes the ability to use technology as a tool for research, organize, evaluate arid communicate information and the possession of a fundamental understanding of the ethical issues surroundingthe access and use of information (Zhang and Martinovic 2008).Physical education benefits from the integration of ICT in making lessons more natural and real. The utilization of ICT in physical education is becoming very importantas it can make a significant contribution to primary, secondary and tertiary institutions. This starts with knowledge and understanding of principles applicable when considering using and implementing ICT software and programs in teaching physical education. The aim of this paper is to present a sketch of ICT usage in physical education and to explore its usefulness for the evaluation of computer-based learning.

New Concept of ICT

Some company making a software and taking a course of ICT one of the example is as Digital classes. Pearson world largest education company brings to you Digital class an ICT based solution that combines state of the art, hardware with syllabus, Compliant multimedia based interaction content this solution drawn upon Persons global expertise in digital content and its vast experience in education over hundred million people worldwide. They suggest that ICT tools make learning real-lifeexperiences so that players understand and never forget therefore it is needful to use ICT tools in the field of sports and physical education for the purpose of development of skills, match practice, and match the behaviour and advanced technique. Examples of ICT application that can be used in physical education and sports.

Definition of ICT

Information technology is an application and commodity support through which or by means of which information is transferred, recorded, Edited, stored, manipulated or disseminated. According to UNESCO information technology as "scientific, technological and engineering disciplines and the management techniques used in information handling and processing information and their application, computers and their interaction with man and machine and associated social, economic and cultural matters."According to ILA Glossary, "Information technology is an application of the computers and other technologies to the acquisition, organization, storage, retrieval and dissemination of information."

- **Motive analysis software**

There are many software packages available in market useful for highlighting techniques are some of the athletic field events.

- **Camera**

The video camera can provide footage of the experienced performance in action can be used to inspire, to demonstrate correct techniques and to develop players. The camera can also use in assessment for learning tools. The camera is immediately simple touse and it has a reasonable battery life.

- **Film editing in PE**

To identify a common fault of players and after that give the suggestion to players.

- **Mobile camera phone**

We can take a photo, shooting of any technique and it can be observed through PC it is helpful to the sportsman.

- **Interactive whiteboard**

It is a surface onto which computer screen can display through a data projector. As it is a touch sensitive it allows the teacher to use a pen or finger-likemouse to control computer from the board and save any changes for future internet and website to support teaching and learning. Below listed tools are also applicable to get more information:

- Video projectors system
- Developing functional skills
- Video conferencing
- Youtube
- Powerpoint presentation

- N- list
- SMS mobile
- Two way SMS
- E-journals
- Research review

Role of physical education teacher and Coaches in the field of ICT

Physical education teachers and coaches are the interfacesbetween players and ICT tools. Physical education teachers and coaches have a need to focus and seize new opportunities and demonstrate how the ICT tools help and improve the performance of the player. And they can apply a greater role to change the development, planning and management of sports. This was they can take a right full place as human agent side the search engine in searching the internet.

Conclusion

In modern and technical era, it is must to know the cognizance of ICT for every physical teacher, coaches and players. The aim of this manuscript is to the improvement of player performance by using advanced technology. The development of ICT in the field of physical education and sports has a significant impact on society and has benefited in developing countries.

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EFFECT OF YOGA ON HEALTH-RELATED FITNESS AND PERFORMANCE OF JUDO PLAYERS

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Abstract:

Judo is one of the sports that need concentration to speed performing different motor skills for attack, hold and Grip. Further, the ability to conduct a bout and use proper tactics is closely connected with the Judoka psychological state, his power of concentration, and self control. Undue nervousness, over-excitation, lack of confidence, overestimation of the opponent's strength, apathy, insufficient warming up, prevalence of inhibitory processes – all these factors may hamper the Judoka in conducting a tactical bout, realisation of tactical solutions, and display of his technical abilities. Conversely, self-control, adequate level of arousal, consciousness of his own experience, and technical and tactical capabilities, positively influence the psychological state of the Judoka, increasing his calm, assurance, dexterity and courage in action. Numerous studies on yoga conducted earlier are sufficient to record its efficacy in improving physical fitness, limited information on health- related- physical fitness of college level players is available. Further, no information on the impact of yoga for health related fitness and skill for Judo players is available so far. It was, therefore, thought desirable to undertake this experimental study entitled "Effect of Yoga on Health Related Fitness and performance of Judo Players". The objective of study to measure health related physical fitness of state level male Judoka. To measure the Judo skill of elite state level Judoka. To design specific yoga schedule especially for the Judo players. To see the effect of yoga training on health related physical fitness, and Judo skill of the state level Judoka. After completion of a regular training schedule of 1 hour of Judo, additional application of cooling down exercises for 30 minutes is a conventional practice which in fact brings the body to a normal resting condition at the earliest. However, Inclusion of yoga relaxation instead of cooling exercises has put an added advantage for improving health related physical fitness and skills of the state level Judo players.

Keywords: - Judo, Yoga, Heath and Fitness

Introduction

Judo (Judo, meaning "gentle way") is a modern martial art, combat and Olympic sport created in Japan in 1882 by Jigoro Kano. Its most prominent feature is its competitive element, where the objective is to either throw or takedown an opponent to the ground, immobilize or otherwise subdue an opponent with a pin, or force an opponent to submit with a joint lock or a choke. Strikes and thrusts by hands and feet as well as weapons defenses are a part of judo, but only in pre-arranged forms (kata) and are not allowed in judo competition or free practice (randori). The philosophy and subsequent pedagogy developed for judo became the model for other modern Japanese martial arts that developed from koryu (Traditional schools). The worldwide spread of judo has led to the development of a number of offshoots such as Sambo and Brazilian jiu-jitsu. Judo practitioners are called judoka.

Statement of the Problem

Judo is one of the sports that need concentration to speed performing different motor skills for attack, hold and Grip. Further, the ability to conduct a bout and use proper tactics is closely connected with the Judoka psychological state, his power of concentration, and self control. Undue nervousness, over-excitation, lack of confidence, overestimation of the opponent's strength, apathy, insufficient warming up, prevalence of inhibitory processes – all these factors may hamper the Judoka in conducting a tactical bout, realisation of tactical solutions, and display of his technical abilities. Conversely, self-control, adequate level of arousal, consciousness of his own experience, and technical and tactical capabilities, positively influence the psychological state of the Judoka, increasing his calm, assurance, dexterity and courage in action. Numerous studies on yoga conducted earlier are sufficient to record its efficacy in improving physical fitness, limited information on health- related- physical fitness of college level players is available. Further, no information on the impact of yoga for health related fitness and skill for Judo players is available so far. It was, therefore, thought desirable to undertake this experimental study entitled "Effect of Yoga on Health Related Fitness and performance of Judo Players".

Objectives of the study

The research work was carried out with the following objectives in perspective:

- To measure health related physical fitness of state level male Judoka.
- To measure the Judo skill of elite state level Judoka.
- To design specific yoga schedule especially for the Judo players.
- To see the effect of yoga training on health related physical fitness, and Judo skill of the state level Judoka.

Hypotheses

H1: There would be significant improvement in flexibility among the Judoka with regards to yoga training.

H2: Yoga training would help to improve abdominal muscles strength of the Judoka.

H3: Yoga training would be effective to maintain normal body fat percentage of the selected Judoka.

H4: There would be significant improvement in cardiovascular endurance among the Judoka as a result of yoga training.

H5: The yoga training may improve Judo skills of state level Judoka.

Delimitation of the Study

- This study was delimited to the state level Judo players of age 16 to 20 years.
- This study was delimited to health related fitness and Judo skills.
- This study was delimited to 50 state level male Judoka belonging to the state of Maharashtra.

Limitations of the study

While conducting the experiment, the present investigator has recorded some drawbacks/limitations as follows:

- The investigator had to restrict the Yoga training session for only one-hour daily. This duration should have been increased to record better results. However, depending up on the subjects' availability the duration of the training session has been reduced.
- The subjects of the experimental as well as control groups were totally ignorant of yoga and had no background about the exposure of yoga practices. Although the investigator has taken proper care for teaching the same, however, such a situation may have adverse effect on their cognitive aspect of learning.

Significance of the Study

- The finding of this study may benefit to all the Judo players and even to other sportsman, since they can use yogic exercise to improve their suppleness of body.
- Judoka as well as athletes may be benefited with the inclusion of yoga in their training schedule.
- The newly designed training schedule of yoga as a result of this study may be beneficial for the students participating in Judo event.
- As yoga deals with the mental and emotional balance it is expected that the result of this study may help the elite Judoka to keep their mental and emotional balance during the difficult practical situation i.e. during stress and tension due to their academic load.

Methodology

Fifty male Judo players aged 16-20 years (n=50) represented State Championship belonging to Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District of Maharashtra State, were selected. All the 50 subjects were divided randomly into two groups viz; Group –A (Judo) and Group – B (Judo plus yoga). The design of the experiment has been planned in three phases.

- Phase – I: Pretest
- Phase – II: Training or Treatment, and
- Phase – III: Post test

As the purpose of the study was to see the efficacy of yoga on health related fitness and Judo skills in state level Judo players, all the subject of different experimental and control groups were exposed to health related fitness and Judo skill test to record the pre test data. After the pre test was over, all the subjects of Group A were exposed to a practice of Judo followed by cooling down exercises and Group B participated in the training in Judo followed by Yoga. The training was imparted for both the groups 1 hr. daily in the morning except Sundays and holidays for eight weeks. However, after completion of 1 hr. training, cooling down exercises was given to Group A for 30 minutes, whereas Group B underwent 30 minutes of yoga practices. Finally, when the treatment or training period of 8 week was over, the posttest on all the selected variables were assessed for all the subject of two groups.

Conclusion

After completion of a regular training schedule of 1 hour of Judo, additional application of cooling down exercises for 30 minutes is a conventional practice which in fact brings the body to a normal resting condition at the earliest. However, Inclusion of yoga relaxation instead of cooling exercises has put an added advantage for improving health related physical fitness and skills of the state level Judo players.

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EFFECT OF POWER YOGA PRACTICE ON BIO- CHEMICAL CHANGES IN CONCENTRATION ON BODY

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Abstract

More and more of us are looking for fitness programmers that address not just the body but the concentration, too. We are turning to holistic forms of exercise that aim to develop the whole person. Power Yoga and Pilates are the two leading forms of concentration on body fitness. Practiced regularly, they can benefit every aspect of our lives, from our posture to our moods, and our physical well-being to our sense of happiness and peace. Power Yoga and Pilates continue to be refined as people seek new ways of maintaining their well-being despite busy life styles. Power Yoga Pilates is the latest incarnation of concentration on body exercise, a practice that draws on both systems to create a dynamic and fully integrated workout.

Keyboard: Power Yoga, Pilates

Introduction

Yoga is a science that has been practiced for thousands of years. It is involves ancient principles, observation and philosophies about the concentration and body connection which is now being proven by modern medicine. The most essential benefit of yoga is physical and mental healing. Power Yoga therapy is effective because of the well-adjusted created in the nervous and endocrine systems which directly influence all the other systems and organs of the body. Power Yoga acts both as a curative and preventive therapy. The very essence of yoga lies in attaining emotional peace, improved concentration powers, a relaxed state of living and harmony in relationship. The ultimate goal of yoga is to make it possible to fuse together the unrefined material (annamaya), physical (pranayama) and mental (manomaya), intellectual (vijnanmaya) and spiritual (anandamaya) levels within your belong. Universal health, which includes prevention of disease by improving the thought pattern, regulating the energy flow in the body and realizing the divine within, is an important for children as much as it is for adults.

Power Yoga is the best possible exercise there is for improving supplements. However, Power Yoga postures are more than physical poses, they work on the mind (concentration) and spirit (life force), and promote increased awareness, vitality and inner peace. There are many forms of Power Yoga, astanga for example is flowing and dynamic, while Shivananda is very gental. I lyengar yoga, is the most precise method. It was developed in the 1960s by an advanced practitioner B.K.S. Iyengar, who wanted to integrate modern thinking about the body with the ancient system he had studied for many years. Iyengar emphasizes the importance of correct alignment at all times. All the poses can be modified, depending on the student's abilities and flexibility. Equipment, such as blocks and straps, is used to help practitioner get into postures without straining joints or overstretching

muscles. This attention to details makes Iyengar yoga very safe, provided that it is practiced with care and with respect to the body's limitations.

About Pilates?

Pilates is a much focused form of exercise that helps to strengthen the body without adding muscle bulk. Over time, it helps to develop a sculpted, toned physique. Pilates is based on the idea that bad habits or injuries lead to imbalance and weakness in the body. Controlled, repetitive activities are used to realign and rehabilitate the body. Mental focus and breathing techniques are used to encourage graceful movement and improved awareness. The Pilates system was created by Joseph Pilates in the early 20th century. Pilates developed an interest in fitness during a sickly childhood in Germany. He studied many forms of exercise, including Power Yoga, gymnastics and body building, in order to improve his health. Eventually Pilates used his knowledge and understanding of how the body works to create his own method, which he said could rehabilitate an injured body or strength a healthy one. Pilates exercise have been modified over the years, but teachers hold true to the fundamental ideas of Joseph Pilates. They emphasize the importance of 'core strength' a stable center as well as good alignment and posture. Concentrating and controlled breathing help to make Pilates an effective method of relaxation s well as physical fitness.

Objective of the study

To know the role of Power Yoga Pilates in holistic fitness of exercising concentration and body.

Review of literature

Moustag and Vallimurugan (2012) revealed that the yogic exercise group showed a decreased level of cognitive anxiety and somatic anxiety than the control group owing to the effects of yogic practices. Similarly, the yogic exercise group showed an increased level of self-confidence than the control group owing to the effects of yogic practices. **James (2014)** opined that in Power Yoga, great attention to detail is needed to perfect your alignment, practicing Pilates may help to bring added strength to your practice, and enable you to target specific areas of weakness practicing Pilates at home means that you can adapt your session depending on how you feel on the day. Sometimes you may need a quiet, restful practice at others you may want to extend yourself further.

Yoga Pilates : an integrated system

Combine yoga and Pilates to create a fitness programme tailored to individual needs. Yoga and Pilates naturally share many feathers for example some, Pilates exercise are based on yoga poses, and both practices emphasize the importance of good breathing, awareness, and of working within your own abilities. Yoga Pilates aims to take the best from both methods, coming the core strength that is the fundamental idea of Pilates with the flexibility and versatility of yoga. In a sense, use Pilates to form a firm foundation on which to build with yoga. In practice, this means warming up with Pilates, then moving on to a series of Power Yoga postures in one session. Practicing Pilates may bring extra strength and stability to your Power Yoga pose, while incorporating Power Yoga into your Pilates workout can help with relaxation and breathing.

Conclusion:

There are many paybacks of working on yoga and Pilates; as the body begins to function as its peak, stamina rises and strength improves and body confidence hits an all-time high. Pilates aligns

the muscles in the back and abdominals, to create a vital support for the torso and internal organs, with a revolutionary impact on posture. Power Yoga Pilates fuses the stretching and balance of Power Yoga with the muscle tone of Pilates the objective is to promote enjoyment of life through the body, creating balance between the muscles, lengthening the spine, and freeing the back and chest, learn to lift the body during exercise and see all movements become fluid and light.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF AGGRESSION LEVEL OF URBAN AND RURAL HANDBALL PLAYERS REPRESENTING ALL INDIA INTER UNIVERSITY

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Abstract:

The present study is aimed to investigate the aggression level of Urban and Rural Handball Players representing All India Inter University and to find its relationship with sport performance. The method of the study is descriptive correlational. The data was collected using questionnaires and through field study procedure. The population of the study consisted of 324 Urban and 176 Rural Handball Players representing All India Inter University. Aggression level of players was assessed using the aggression questionnaire constructed by Dr. G. C. Patti (English version) (1976). T-test was used to compare the groups at 0.05 levels of significance. On the basis of result of the present study, it was concluded that urban handball players are more aggressive than rural handball players.

Keywords: Aggression, Handball, Interuniversity

Introduction:

Sport science could be a various field with wide implications and has its impact within the field of each sport for past a few years. round the world groups ar effectively utilizing mental techniques within the improvement of players' performance. It involves the study of psychological factors and to analyse its impact in performance and the way participation in sport and exercise have an effect on psychological and physical factors. In addition to instruction and coaching of psychological skills for performance improvement, applied sport-psychology might embrace work with athletes, coaches, and oldsters relating to injury, rehabilitation, communication, team building, and career transitions. In psychology, aggression is most ordinarily outlined as a behaviour that's supposed to hurt another person, United Nations agency is actuated to avoid that hurt. This hurt will take several forms like physical injury, hurt feelings, or broken social relationships. though definitions vary slightly, extremely similar definitions are used by several outstanding aggression researchers. The definition provides on top of embrace many key characteristics that facilitate distinguish aggression from different phenomena. Firstly, aggression is AN noticeable behaviour and not a plan or feeling. though aggressive cognitions (e.g. hostile attitudes, beliefs, thoughts, or wishes) and aggressive have an effect on (e.g. feelings of anger, rage, want for revenge) will and often do function necessary precursors to aggressive behaviour, neither aggressive knowledge nor aggressive have an effect on is taken into account aggression. Secondly, the act should be intentional and be disbursed with the goal of harming another. this suggests that accidental hurt (e.g. accidentally jostle somebody in an exceedingly crowded room) doesn't count as aggression. the main target on intent conjointly outweighs the outcomes of the behaviour in question i.e. whether or not or not hurt has truly occurred. this suggests that situations within which one person harms another for his or her profit (e.g. a doctor amputating a patient's leg to avoid wasting his or her life, however conjointly inflicting

pain) aren't thought-about aggression. Conversely, situations within which people commit to hurt another however fail to try and do therefore (e.g. someone shoots to kill somebody however misses) ar thought-about aggression. Thirdly, aggression involves individuals, that means that damaging inanimate objects (e.g. kicking a wall, smashing plates, or pounding one's fists on a table) isn't thought of aggression unless it's distributed with the intention of harming another person (e.g. dynamical the tires on your enemy's car). Finally, the recipient of the damage should be actuated to avoid that damage. This condition excludes phenomena like sexual pleasure (i.e. explanation pleasure, typically sexual, from pain), suicide, and assisted-suicide from the realm of aggression. This doesn't mean that a number of these latter kinds of behaviour ar completely unrelated to aggression. Indeed, a number of identical psychological processes ar doubtless at work. even so, analysis over several decades has shown that a lot of specific definition of "aggression" utilized by social psychologists has tested to be very helpful in developing and testing high-quality theories of aggression, and shown that the assorted kinds of behaviours that do meet this specific definition ar terribly similar in aetiology and underlying processes. Accidental damage isn't aggression, however acts that is supposed to injure others are aggression, whether or not or not they're triple-crown. The present study deals with a Comparative Study of Aggression level of Men and girls Handball Players representing All India entomb University

Research methodology

The present study in hand is a survey type research where the survey was conducted on Handball players, who were selected to represent their respective University in All India Inter University Handball Championship to collect data for the measurement of aggression level of players.

Samples:

The population for the study were 50 Urban and 50 Rural Handball Players representing All India Inter University Handball tournament.

Tools used:

For the collection of the data required for the study the investigator used the following tools to investigate the selected variables.

To measure the aggression level, the aggression questionnaire constructed by Dr. G. C. Patti (English version) (1976) was administered.

Statistical Procedure:

Significant difference in Personality of Handball players representing their respective University to participate in All India Inter University Handball championship were determined through 't' test. T-test was used to compare the groups at 0.05 levels of significance.

Conclusion:

Overall comparison of aggression level of urban and rural women all India inter-university Handball Players showed that the urban Handball players experience more aggression than rural Handball players. In normal competitions aggressiveness is necessary to overpower an opponent or to demoralize his physical capacities. Hence a percentage of aggression is needed. This significant difference in aggression is probably because of the coaching and training they get in the university.

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ROLL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TO OVERCOME ON OBESITY OF TODAY'S INDIAN YOUTH

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Abstract:
Youth are a major human resource for the development of a society. No society can hope of translating its dreams and vision into reality with the proper utilization of the potential of youth. But today is the age of globalization and India has moved on the path towards modernization and great technological and confident. The youth is seen as the prime agent for contributing to the country's economic and social development. Change in lifestyle of young people or youth in this ever change world has its impact on our society. They had openly started pushing for a life style of modern man and woman as open challenge to our moral values, tradition, customs, and culture. The life style of today's youth is confined only to internet, discos and pubs [1].
Risks with obesity piling on the calories without a check could have serious consequences for one's health, especially if the person is classified overweight or obese. There are more than 30 medical conditions associated with obesity and individuals who are obese can develop multiple ones. The most prevalent obesity related diseases are diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease or cardiovascular problems. It also heightens risk of a stroke, affects gall bladder and can aid the onset of osteoarthritis and leads to respiratory problems or sleeping disorders and even some kinds of cancers.

Kaywords: Physical Education, Obesity

Introduction:

Physical Education is education. It is education through physical activity for the development of the total personality of the child to it's to fullness and perfection in body, mind and spirit.

- Central Advisory Board of Physical Education & Recreation

Obesity:

A condition characterized by the excessive accumulation and storage of fat in the body

- Maloray Allison

Fat :

Fat is a Natural oily substance occurring in animal bodies especially when deposited as a layer under the skin or around certain organs.

Leading Causes of Obesity:

1. Genetics
2. Engineered junk food
3. Intake of excess sugar
4. Medication
5. Lack of physical activity
6. Overeating

1. Genetics:

Obesity has a strong genetic component. Children of obese parents are much more likely to become obese than children of lean parents.

That doesn't mean that obesity is completely predetermined. What you eat can have a major effect on which genes are expressed and which are not.

2. Engineered junk food:

Heavily processed foods are often little more than refined ingredients mixed with additives. These products are designed to be cheap, last long on the shelf and taste so incredibly good that they are hard to resist.

By making foods as tasty as possible, food manufacturers are trying to increase sales. But they also promote overeating. Most processed foods today don't resemble whole foods at all. These are highly engineered products, designed to get people hooked [3].

3. Intake of excess sugar

Added sugar is strong source of glucose and it changes the hormones and biochemistry of your body when consumed in excess. This in turn contributes to weight gain.

4. Medication

Medications associated with weight gain. There are some medicines which is responsible of gaining over weight there is some list of desires and medicines for example

1. Medicines for diabetes, such as insulin.
2. Antipsychotic medicines such as risperidone.
3. Antidepressant medicines like imipramine.
4. Steroid hormone medicines like birth control pills
5. Blood pressure-reducing medicines like beta-blockers such as metoprolol.

5. Lack of physical activity

Sedentary people burn fewer calories than people who are active. The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) showed a strong correlation between physical inactivity and weight gain in both sexes.

6. **Overeating**

Overeating leads to weight gain, especially if the diet is high in fat. Foods high in fat or sugar (for example, fast food, fried food, and sweets) have high energy density (foods that have a lot of calories in a small amount of food). Epidemiologic studies have shown that diets high in fat contribute to weight gain.

How to overcome on Obesity through Physical Education?

Many outcomes data have been reported from research studies that have examined exercise alone, exercise plus dietary restriction, or dietary restriction alone to determine strategies for weight loss. The challenge over time is to accurately monitor both sides of the equation as individuals interact in their daily lives.

1. Exercise
    i) Cardio Exercise
    ii) Weight Training
2. Diet

Cardio Exercise:

Cardio exercise is any exercise that raises your heart rate. Face it our bodies were made to move. And we all know that to keep our muscles in shape we need move them. This movement makes them stronger and stronger muscles make for a more efficient and healthy body. Your heart is a muscle. Therefore, working it makes it stronger. A stronger cardio-vascular system means more capillaries delivering more oxygen to cells in your muscles. This enables your cells to burn more fat during both exercise and inactivity. Cardio exercise uses large muscle movement over a sustained period of time keeping your heart rate to at least 50% of its maximum level.

Some of the Best Cardio Workouts Are:

Elliptical – Minimal impact on the knees and hips but calorie burning is still high. When you increase the incline, you will activate more muscles.

Running – This one is easy to understand. Just remember if you train like a distance runner you will look like a distance runner. If you train like a sprinter you will develop a sprinters body. Steadying running burns calories but sprints take it to the next level.

High Intensity Interval Training – Short intervals at maximum intensity followed by short periods of rest. Best all around workout that burns fat and calories. Find a program [6].

Cycling – Cycling uses large muscle groups in the legs and helps elevate your heart rate. This one is great you can do it inside or outside, with your kids, or even over the internet in your own home.

Stair Climber – Uses more muscles than walking.

Jumping Rope – Cheap, easy and burns tons of calories. If you remember doing this for hours as a kid you will be surprised at how exhausted you will get now.

Swimming – This is a total body workout as long as you are not just floating – even treading water burns calories. Swimming laps would be best and change up the strokes you use so that you work all different kinds of muscles and the continuous pace works your heart and lungs.

Rowing – Works both the upper and lower body and is low stress on joints and ligaments.

Circuit Training – When you work out at a high intensity the blood starts to pump a lot harder and that challenges the elasticity of the arterial wall [7].

Weight Training:

Weight training is a common type of strength training for developing the strength and size of skeletal muscles [8]. It utilizes the force of gravity in the form of weighted bars, dumbbells or weight stacks in order to oppose the force generated by muscle through concentric or eccentric contraction. Weight training is useful to improve metabolism rate also. Weight training is useful to get your body in athlete shape. Its help to increase muscle size and strengthen the muscles.

Diet:

In nutrition, diet is the sum of food consumed by a person or other organism.[9] The word diet often implies the use of specific intake of nutrition for health or weight-management reasons (with the two often being related). Although humans are omnivores, each culture and each person holds some food preferences or some food taboos. This may be due to personal tastes or ethical reasons. Individual dietary choices may be more or less healthy.

Add in daily diet for fat loss program:

1. Eat more negative calorie food.
2. Add metabolism booster in your daily diet.

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PARENTS & SCHOOLS SHOULD ENCOURAGE SPORTS AND NCC

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Abstract:

It is believed that a healthy body has a healthy mind. Anyone who has seen kids on a playground knows they are the happiest moving about, active and playing. Whether it is playing informally, competitive play or even playing just for fun. However, present day education is largely academic. Persuasively, this positioning needs to be changed for a balanced development through inculcating a health consciousness among students. This includes development at physical, social and mental levels. With increasing emphasis on academics everywhere and rapid advances in science and technology, parental pressure has been driving academic training; albeit at the cost of health and physical fitness of the youth.

Keywords: Sports, NCC

As per a study published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, levels of physical activity may start tailing off as early as the age of seven. As children get older, it can be a challenge for them to get adequate daily physical activity. Hence, parents along with schools must take initiatives to inculcate a culture of 'playing' from early childhood of a student so that it follows them throughout their lives. Parents and schools should team up to encourage sports among children. As higher percentage of children go to schools, in this context there is now an urgency to lay a strong foundation and strengthen physical education and sports in education institutions or schools. With constant support from parents, this calls for the integration of physical education, sports and other recreation activities in schools for creating a healthier generation. But why should we take steps to encourage physical education and sports? As stated earlier, it is a well-known fact that children are the happiest when they play. Playing has physical, social, psychological and academic benefits for children. Regular physical activity also provides numerous health benefits for children. Let's chalk out all the reasons:

Five Reasons for Parents & Schools to Encourage Physical Education & Sports

1. **Better academic performance**

The relationship between mind and body has been acknowledged scientifically. Research has proven repeatedly that physical activity can have an impact on cognitive skills and attitudes and academic behaviour, all of which are important components of improved academic performance. These include enhanced concentration and attention as well as improved classroom behaviour.

2. **Helps to forge character**

When children play with others or play team sports, it creates a sense of belonging in them and encourages them to work with others. It teaches them how to accept a win or lose graciously - building a strong team spirit within. A win – win situation indeed!

3. **Promotes a healthy lifestyle**

Today's children may fantasise about growing up to be svelte celebrities, athletes, etc. The irony however, is that children are largely inactive and unhealthy due to the sedentary lifestyles they

are leading. Sports and physical education is the best cure for children to lead a healthy lifestyle. Regular physical activity helps control or reduce the risk of chronic diseases, such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes and osteoporosis and improves their metabolism. Children who are physically active are more likely to grow into physically active and emotionally balanced adults.

4. Teaches life skills

By making physical education and sports more engaging and inclusive, one can make children learn respect for themselves and for others. It also teaches them team building skills, critical and creative thinking thereby making them more participative and responsible beings.

5. Holistic Education

Physical education and sports is an important part of holistic schooling. Physical education as an education tool can contribute significantly to the development and learning progress of children. It acts as a balance between a student's body and mind and hence schools and parents must give their children sufficient time to play for their all-round development. Across the globe, implementing sports education programmes is a huge challenge, considering the various constraints we are faced with. Parents and schools together can contribute to the monitoring and support required to keep up momentum of play and sports culture. It is known that children spend a significant amount of their time in schools. The school therefore is proven to be the best place to introduce changes in the way sports or physical education is handled. Schools come with a package of a play area, infrastructure, friends, teachers, etc. and hence provide the best environment to get children to play. Parents can contribute by encouraging their children to increase their physical activity to improve their health and displace unhealthy behaviours. Parents can assess the physical activity patterns of their children to help refer them to the appropriate physical activity programmes the school is offering. But their role shouldn't just be limited to supporting and encouraging their children to be physically active but by being physically active role models them. It's a fact, children who lead active lifestyles are likely to remain active as adults and pass on their healthy lifestyle habits to their own children. Thus, parents who endorse and persuade to be physically fit in their own lives are more likely to pass on these good habits to their children.

Conclusion

Adopting a sports culture and NCC in early levels of childhood clearly is a significant step. However, to attain this paradigm shift towards physical education and sports with NCC, it is of vital important to encourage the acceptance of this sports-oriented culture by parents, schools and community at large, which requires a collaborative effort. Like it's said in sports, talent wins games, but teamwork wins championships. Together everyone achieves more.

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EFFECT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SKILLS TRAINING ON PERFORMANCE AND ANXIETY IN WOMEN FENCING PLAYERS

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to examine the effect of a structured Psychological Skills Training (PST) programme on performance and competitive anxiety among women fencing players of University of Mumbai. Psychological preparation plays a crucial role in fencing, a sport that demands rapid decision-making, emotional control, and tactical precision. Thirty women fencing players were randomly selected and divided into an experimental group and a control group. The experimental group underwent an eight-week PST programme including goal setting, relaxation, imagery, self-talk, and concentration training, while the control group followed regular practice only. Performance and anxiety levels were assessed before and after the intervention using standardized tools. Statistical analysis revealed significant improvement in performance and a significant reduction in anxiety among the experimental group. The findings highlight the importance of integrating psychological skills training into regular fencing practice for women athletes.

Keywords: Psychological Skills Training, Anxiety, Performance, Women Fencers, Sports Psychology.

Introduction

Fencing is a high-intensity combat sport requiring physical agility, tactical intelligence, and strong psychological control. Women fencing players often face competitive anxiety due to performance pressure, fear of failure, and rapid decision-making demands. Psychological factors such as concentration, confidence, emotional regulation, and stress management strongly influence fencing performance. Psychological Skills Training (PST) is a systematic and consistent practice of mental techniques designed to enhance athletic performance and psychological wellbeing. Techniques such as relaxation, imagery, goal setting, and positive self-talk help athletes manage anxiety and maintain optimal performance levels. Despite its importance, PST is often neglected in fencing training programmes, particularly for women athletes. Hence, the present study attempts to scientifically examine the effectiveness of PST on performance and anxiety among women fencing players.

Review of Literature

Previous studies in sports psychology have established that psychological skills significantly influence athletic performance. Research has shown that athletes trained in mental skills demonstrate better emotional regulation, focus, and competitive confidence. Studies on combat and individual sports such as boxing, judo, and taekwondo report that PST reduces competitive anxiety and improves performance consistency. Research specific to fencing indicates that anxiety negatively affects reaction time and tactical accuracy. Female athletes, in particular, may experience higher anxiety levels due to social expectations and competitive stress. However, limited empirical research is available on the application of PST in women fencing players. This gap highlights the need for systematic investigation into how psychological interventions can enhance fencing performance and mental control.

Methodology

Research Design

Experimental design with pre-test and post-test control group.

Sample

Thirty women fencing players aged 18–25 years were selected from Intercollege Fencing Tournament of University of Mumbai.

Grouping

- Experimental Group: 15 players
- Control Group: 15 players

Training Programme

The experimental group underwent an eight-week PST programme (5 sessions per week, 30 minutes per session) including:

- Goal setting
- Progressive muscle relaxation
- Imagery training
- Positive self-talk
- Concentration exercises

The control group continued routine fencing practice without psychological training.

Tools Used

- Sports Competition Anxiety Test (SCAT)
- Performance evaluation through expert-rated fencing performance scores

Objectives of the Study

1. To study the effect of Psychological Skills Training on performance of women fencing players.
2. To examine the effect of Psychological Skills Training on anxiety levels of women fencing players of Dr. BAMU.
3. To compare pre-test and post-test performance and anxiety scores between experimental and control groups.

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant improvement in performance of women fencing players after Psychological Skills Training.
2. There will be a significant reduction in anxiety levels of women fencing players after Psychological Skills Training.
3. There will be a significant difference between experimental and control groups in post-test scores.

Statistical Analysis and Results

Mean, standard deviation, and t-test were used for statistical analysis. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Table 1

Performance Scores of Women Fencing Players

Group	Test	Mean	SD	t-value
Experimental	Pre-test	65.40	4.21	
Experimental	Post-test	72.80	3.85	**4.96***
Control	Pre-test	64.90	4.10	
Control	Post-test	65.70	4.05	1.12

Significant at 0.05 levels

Graph 1
Performance Scores of the Experimental and Control Group from Pre-Test to Post-Test

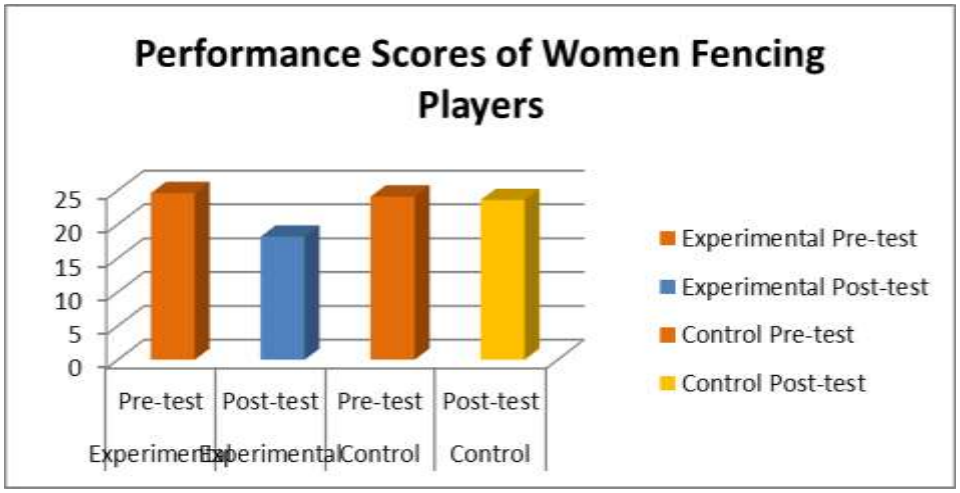
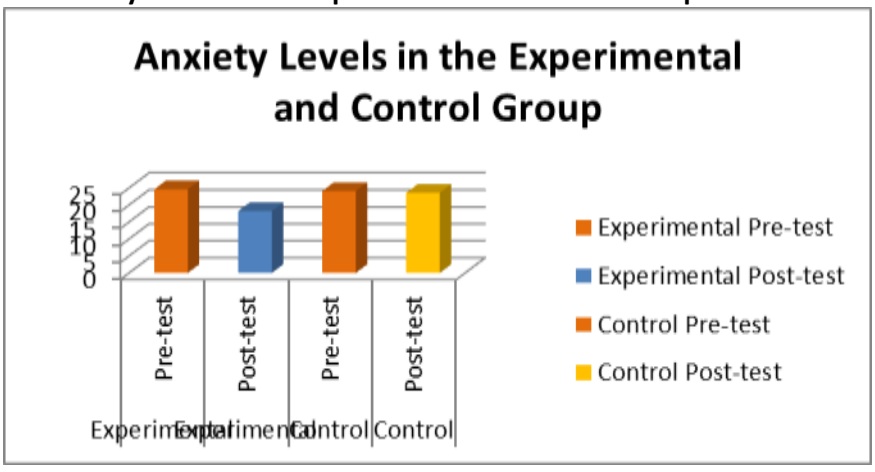


Table 2:
Anxiety Scores of Women Fencing Players

Group	Test	Mean	SD	t-value
Experimental	Pre-test	24.60	3.12	
Experimental	Post-test	18.20	2.95	**5.14***
Control	Pre-test	24.10	3.05	
Control	Post-test	23.60	3.00	0.89

Significant at 0.05 levels

Graph 2
Anxiety Levels in the Experimental and Control Group after PST



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Conclusion

The results of the study clearly indicate that Psychological Skills Training has a positive and significant effect on performance and anxiety reduction among women fencing players. Athletes who underwent structured mental training demonstrated improved focus, confidence, and

emotional control during competition. In contrast, players who followed routine training alone showed no significant improvement.

The findings strongly support the inclusion of psychological skills training as a regular component of fencing coaching programmes, particularly for women athletes. Integrating mental preparation with physical and technical training can enhance competitive performance and promote long-term psychological wellbeing in fencing players.

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INNOVATIONS AND EMERGING TRENDS IN SPORTS TECHNOLOGY

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Abstract:-

Sports technology has become one of the most influential forces shaping the structure, practice, and future direction of modern sport. The systematic integration of scientific knowledge with technological innovation has transformed athletic performance, training methods, injury prevention strategies, coaching practices, and sports governance. This long descriptive academic essay critically examines innovations and emerging trends in sports technology through a multidisciplinary lens. It explores the conceptual foundations and historical evolution of sports technology, followed by an in-depth discussion of performance enhancement tools, technology-driven training and coaching methods, advances in sports medicine, and the ethical, social, and economic implications of technological adoption. The essay further highlights the growing role of artificial intelligence, data analytics, and intelligent systems in shaping future sport ecosystems. By situating sports technology within theoretical frameworks such as systems theory, performance optimization theory, and ethical governance models, this essay argues that sports technology represents not merely a collection of tools but a paradigm shift redefining how sport is practiced, experienced, and regulated. The discussion emphasizes the need for responsible, inclusive, and athlete-cantered technological innovation to ensure sustainable development and human well-being in sport.

Keywords: Sports technology, performance enhancement, wearable devices, artificial intelligence, sports medicine, ethics in sport.

Introduction :-

Sport has always reflected the broader scientific, cultural, and technological conditions of society. From early forms of physical competition relying on handcrafted equipment to today's digitally enhanced sporting environments, technological innovation has played a decisive role in shaping athletic performance and competition structures. In contemporary sport, technology is no longer a peripheral aid but a central component of training, competition, injury management, and strategic decision-making.

Advancements in engineering, computer science, biomechanics, and biomedical research have revolutionized the way athletes prepare and perform. Technologies such as wearable sensors, motion analysis systems, artificial intelligence–based analytics, and immersive training environments now provide precise and continuous insights into physical, technical, and psychological aspects of performance. As a result, sport has become increasingly data-driven, moving toward evidence-based models of coaching, athlete development, and health management.

The central argument of this essay is that innovations and emerging trends in sports technology represent a fundamental transformation in the theory and practice of sport. Rather than functioning as isolated tools, sports technologies operate within interconnected systems that influence athletes, coaches, medical professionals, administrators, and institutions. This essay offers a comprehensive examination of these developments by tracing the conceptual foundations and historical evolution of sports technology, analyzing contemporary innovations in performance enhancement and sports medicine, and evaluating ethical, social, and economic implications.

Through this multidimensional analysis, the essay highlights both the immense potential and the critical challenges associated with technological progress in sport.

Conceptual Foundations of Sports Technology :-

Defining Sports Technology :-

Sports technology can be defined as the systematic application of scientific knowledge, engineering principles, and digital systems to improve athletic performance, training efficiency, injury prevention, officiating accuracy, and spectator experience. This broad definition includes both physical technologies—such as equipment, wearables, and training devices—and digital technologies, including software platforms, algorithms, and data analytics systems.

Importantly, sports technology is inherently interdisciplinary. It draws upon biomechanics to understand movement, physiology to monitor bodily responses, psychology to enhance mental performance, and computer science to process complex data. Beyond performance outcomes, sports technology also shapes institutional practices, ethical standards, and access to opportunity within sport. Therefore, it must be understood as a socio-technical system embedded within cultural, economic, and regulatory contexts.

Theoretical Perspectives Underpinning Sports Technology

Several theoretical frameworks help explain the impact and significance of technology in sport. Systems theory conceptualizes sport as an interconnected network of athletes, coaches, equipment, environments, and institutions. Within this framework, technology functions as a feedback mechanism, enabling continuous monitoring and adjustment of performance variables. Wearable sensors and real-time analytics exemplify this dynamic systems approach.

Performance optimization theory emphasizes the systematic enhancement of physical, technical, tactical, and psychological capacities. Sports technologies align closely with this theory by providing precise measurements that inform individualized training and recovery programs. Tools such as biomechanical analysis software and physiological monitoring devices support targeted interventions aimed at maximizing efficiency and minimizing risk.

Technological determinism offers another lens, suggesting that technological innovation drives changes in social organization and professional practice. The adoption of video-assisted officiating systems, for example, has transformed refereeing practices and reshaped debates surrounding fairness and human judgment. While critics caution against excessive reliance on technology, proponents argue that it enhances transparency and consistency.

Interdisciplinary Nature of Sports Technology:-

The defining strength of sports technology lies in its interdisciplinary character. Advances in material science have produced lighter, stronger, and more aerodynamic equipment, while developments in computer science have enabled advanced data processing and machine learning applications. Biomedical engineering has contributed to injury prevention, rehabilitation, and health monitoring technologies.

This convergence of disciplines necessitates collaboration among coaches, sport scientists, engineers, and medical professionals. Effective implementation of sports technology depends not only on technical sophistication but also on the ability to interpret data meaningfully and apply insights within specific sporting contexts.

Innovations in Performance Enhancement Technologies :-

Wearable Technologies :-

Wearable technologies represent one of the most influential innovations in modern sport. Devices embedded in clothing or equipment collect continuous physiological and biomechanical data, enabling monitoring of both internal and external training loads.

Physiological metrics such as heart rate, heart rate variability, and oxygen saturation provide insights into fitness, recovery, and readiness to perform. Load management applications help practitioners balance training stress and recovery, reducing the risk of overtraining and injury.

The increasing accessibility of wearables has democratized performance data, extending evidence-based training practices to amateur and recreational athletes. However, this accessibility also highlights the importance of data literacy and professional guidance.

Biomechanical Analysis and Motion Capture:-

Biomechanical analysis technologies enable precise measurement of movement patterns, forces, and joint mechanics. Motion capture systems—both marker-based and markerless—allow three-dimensional visualization of athletic technique.

These technologies support individualized performance optimization by identifying inefficiencies and injury risk factors. By providing visual and quantitative feedback, biomechanical analysis enhances motor learning and skill refinement.

Data Analytics and Performance Intelligence:-

Data analytics has transformed sport into an information-rich environment. Performance data from multiple sources are integrated and analyzed to generate actionable insights. Video analysis supports tactical evaluation, while statistical modeling identifies key performance indicators.

Although data analytics enhances decision-making, scholars emphasize the importance of contextual interpretation. Data should complement, not replace, experiential knowledge and sport-specific understanding.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning:-

Artificial intelligence has introduced predictive and adaptive capabilities to sports performance analysis. Machine learning algorithms identify complex patterns and generate personalized training recommendations.

Predictive analytics enables proactive injury prevention and performance planning. However, ethical concerns related to transparency, data ownership, and over-reliance on algorithms underscore the need for responsible implementation.

Emerging Trends in Training, Coaching, and Talent Identification:-

Technological innovation has reshaped training methodologies, coaching roles, and talent identification systems. Individualized training models supported by data analytics replace standardized programs, aligning with theories of individual differences and nonlinear learning.

Virtual reality and augmented reality enhance skill acquisition by creating immersive and context-specific learning environments. These technologies support perceptual-cognitive training and real-time feedback.

Coaching roles have expanded to include data interpretation and interdisciplinary collaboration. Decision support systems assist coaches in managing complexity and cognitive load.

Data-driven talent identification systems emphasize developmental trajectories rather than early performance, aligning with dynamic systems theory. Ethical considerations highlight the importance of inclusivity and athlete well-being.

Innovations in Sports Medicine and Injury Prevention:-

Sports medicine has been transformed by technological advancements enabling continuous monitoring and proactive care. Load monitoring systems assess injury risk by integrating internal and external workload data.

Biomechanical screening technologies identify movement patterns associated with injury risk, supporting targeted preventive interventions. Digital health monitoring systems track recovery, sleep, and fatigue.

Rehabilitation technologies, including wearable sensors and robotic systems, enable individualized and precise recovery programs. Recovery technologies such as cryotherapy and sleep monitoring support performance sustainability.

Ethical concerns related to surveillance, data privacy, and equitable access highlight the need for athlete-centered approaches in sports medicine technology.

Ethical, Social, and Economic Implications: -

Technological innovation raises ethical questions about fairness, equity, and the spirit of sport. Unequal access to advanced technologies may undermine meritocratic principles.

Data ethics and athlete privacy are central concerns in an era of continuous monitoring. Transparent governance and informed consent are essential.

Socially, technology reshapes athlete identities, coaching roles, and professional structures. Economically, sports technology represents a growing market with implications for commercialization and resource allocation.

Balancing innovation with ethical responsibility requires inclusive governance, evidence-based regulation, and commitment to athlete welfare.

Future Directions and Conclusion:-

The future of sports technology lies in integrated, intelligent ecosystems that support holistic athlete development. Artificial intelligence will increasingly enable predictive and prescriptive decision-making.

Human–technology collaboration will define effective practice, emphasizing the complementary roles of data and human judgment. Sustainability and responsible innovation will shape future technological development.

In conclusion, sports technology represents a transformative force redefining modern sport. When guided by scientific rigor, ethical responsibility, and social awareness, technological innovation has the potential to enhance performance, protect health, and promote equitable and sustainable sporting systems.

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RETURN TO OCCUPATION: AN INTEGRATED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FRAMEWORK FOR ACL REHABILITATION USING YOGA-BASED PROPRIOCEPTIVE TRAINING

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Abstract
Background: The Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) is the primary stabilizer of the knee; its rupture represents a profound "occupational disruption" for the elite athlete. Despite advances in surgical reconstruction, Return-to-Sport (RTS) rates remain suboptimal, largely due to persistent proprioceptive deficits and kinesiophobia (fear of movement). Objective: This study proposes a comprehensive rehabilitation framework utilizing the Person-Environment-Occupation (PEO) model. It aims to substitute isolated mechanical gym exercises with graded Yoga Asanas to facilitate superior sensorimotor integration.
Materials and Methods: A qualitative Activity Analysis was performed on three foundational Asanas: Tadasana, Vrikshasana, and Virabhadrasana III. These were adapted into a graded, three-phase protocol focusing on static proprioception, vestibular integration, and dynamic neuromuscular control. Results: The theoretical framework demonstrates that Yoga-based interventions provide higher-fidelity multi-sensory feedback compared to open-kinetic-chain exercises, effectively retraining the athlete's "body schema." Conclusion: The synergy of clinical Occupational Therapy with traditional Indian knowledge offers a cost-effective, holistic pathway for RTS, simultaneously addressing the biomechanical, sensorimotor, and psychosocial barriers to recovery.
Keywords: Occupational Therapy, ACL, Proprioception, PEO Model, Yoga, Neuroplasticity.

Introduction

In the contemporary landscape of Sports Sciences, the rehabilitation of the Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) remains a complex clinical challenge. While surgical techniques have achieved anatomical success, the functional outcomes regarding "Return to Sport" (RTS) are alarming. Longitudinal data indicates that only 65% of athletes return to their pre-injury level of performance, despite possessing clinically stable knees (Ardern et al., 2014).

From the perspective of Occupational Therapy (OT), an athlete's sport is their primary "Occupation"—it provides identity, economic stability, and meaning. Consequently, an ACL injury is not merely a tissue failure; it is an Occupational Disruption. Prevailing physiotherapy protocols are often dominated by the "Bio-medical model," prioritizing Range of Motion (ROM) and muscular strength, while frequently overlooking the subtle "Sensorimotor" and "Psychosocial" deficits that persist post-surgery. This paper identifies a critical gap: the lack of targeted proprioceptive re-education in standard protocols. We introduce a novel, interdisciplinary framework that integrates the Person-Environment-Occupation (PEO) model with Traditional Yogic Practices. We posit that Yoga, when analyzed through the lens of clinical OT, functions as a high-fidelity neuromuscular training tool capable of restoring the afferent neural pathways compromised during injury.

Theoretical Framework: The PEO Model

To structure this intervention, we utilized the PEO Model (Law et al., 1996) as our guiding framework. This model conceptualizes occupational performance not as a static outcome, but as the dynamic transaction between three domains:

- Person (The Athlete):
- Physical: Requires restoration of the ligament-muscular reflex loop.
- Psychological: Often suffers from Kinesiophobia and a distorted "Body Schema" (the brain's mental map of the limb).
- Environment (The Context):
- Clinical: Safe, controlled, and predictable (e.g., a gym floor).
- Field: Chaotic, unpredictable, and high-velocity (e.g., a football turf).
- Occupation (The Activity):
- Demands dynamic cutting, pivoting, and eccentric load absorption.

The OT Intervention: By utilizing Yoga Asanas, we systematically grade the Occupation (increasing difficulty) and alter the Environment (reducing surface stability) to enhance the Person's capacity for performance.

Physiological Mechanism: Why Yoga Works for ACL?

The ACL is frequently misunderstood as a purely mechanical restraint. In reality, it is a sensory organ richly innervated with mechanoreceptors, specifically Ruffini endings (detecting stretch) and Pacinian corpuscles (detecting rapid movement).

A rupture of the ACL disrupts this sensory feedback loop to the brain, leading to "De-afferentation"—a state where the brain stops receiving accurate position data from the knee. Standard leg extension machines are "Open Kinetic Chain" exercises which fail to adequately stimulate these receptors.

In contrast, Yoga Asanas are Closed Kinetic Chain (CKC) activities. They rely on two critical physiological mechanisms:

- Co-contraction: The simultaneous firing of the quadriceps and hamstrings, which acts as a "functional brace," stabilizing the tibia against the femur.
- Somatosensory Weighting: By incorporating Drishti (gaze) or closing the eyes during an Asana, we force the brain to switch from visual reliance to proprioceptive reliance, inducing significant neuroplasticity in the motor cortex.

Methodology: Activity Analysis and Graded Protocol

This study employs OT Activity Analysis to deconstruct specific Asanas into therapeutic components. The protocol is divided into three phases, aligned with biological graft healing timelines.

Phase 1: Static Proprioception & Somatosensory Re-weighting (Weeks 6–10)

- Goal: Re-establishing Body Schema without introducing shear force.
- Traditional Asana: Tadasana (Mountain Pose) with Samasthiti.
- Biomechanics: Isometric contraction of the Vastus Medialis (VMO) and Gluteus Medius; maintenance of neutral pelvic alignment.
- OT Grading (Adaptation):
- Grade 1: Wide base of support, eyes open.
- Grade 2: Visual Occlusion (Eyes Closed). This is the critical therapeutic element. Without visual input, the patient is forced to rely 100% on the remaining mechanoreceptors in the knee capsule.

Phase 2: Vestibular Integration & Dynamic Stability (Weeks 10–16)

- Goal: Unilateral weight-bearing with vestibular challenge.
- Traditional Asana: Vrikshasana (Tree Pose).
- Biomechanics: This single-leg stance mimics the "stance phase" of running. It requires active suppression of "Dynamic Knee Valgus" (inward collapse), which is the primary biomechanical risk factor for ACL failure.

- OT Grading (Adaptation):
- Grade 1: Foot on calf, hands at heart center (low center of mass).
- Grade 2: Performance on a Foam Pad (introducing proprioceptive perturbation).
- Grade 3: Urdhva Hastasana variation (Arms overhead). Elevating the Center of Gravity (COG) lengthens the lever arm, demanding significantly higher core and knee stability.

Phase 3: Eccentric Control & Sport Simulation (Weeks 16+)

- Goal: Sport-simulated movement patterns (The Hip Hinge).
- Traditional Asana: Virabhadrasana III (Warrior III).
- Biomechanics: This pose requires Eccentric Control of the hamstrings (lengthening under load) and the dissociation of hip flexion from lumbar extension.
- OT Grading (Adaptation):
- Dynamic Warrior: Transitioning from standing to horizontal and back repeatedly. This replicates the "picking up" motion in cricket or the "landing" mechanics in volleyball.

Discussion

Graded Exposure Approach in Addressing Kinesiophobia

Fear of movement is a potent psychological barrier that can persist long after tissue healing. Occupational Therapy addresses this via Graded Exposure Therapy. By breaking down complex, high-threat movements into static, controlled Asanas, the athlete achieves "mastery" at each incremental step. This builds self-efficacy; a patient afraid to run will feel safe attempting a supported Virabhadrasana, bridging the psychological gap between the clinic and the field.

The Role of Pranayama in Autonomic Regulation

Trauma and pain activate the Sympathetic Nervous System (Fight or Flight), resulting in elevated cortisol levels and residual muscle tension. The incorporation of Ujjayi Pranayama (Victorious Breath) during rehabilitation stimulates the Vagus Nerve. This induces a shift to the Parasympathetic state (Rest and Digest), reducing pain perception and creating an optimal physiological environment for tissue healing—a component entirely absent from mechanical gym rehabilitation.

Economic Viability and Accessibility

Aligned with the NCSS 2026 theme of "Modern Innovations," this framework demonstrates high sustainability. By eliminating the reliance on expensive isokinetic dynamometers, elite-level rehabilitation becomes accessible even to rural athletes and in resource-limited settings such as developing regions in India.

Limitations and Future Scope

While this theoretical model provides a robust framework, future research should prioritize Randomized Control Trials (RCTs) to quantitatively compare recovery timelines between Yoga-based rehab and standard physiotherapy. Additionally, variations in surgical graft types (e.g., patellar tendon vs. hamstring) may necessitate specific Asana modifications.

Conclusion

This paper concludes that the "Return to Occupation" for an athlete requires more than just biological healing; it demands the comprehensive restoration of the sensorimotor system. The integration of the PEO model with the timeless wisdom of Yoga equips the Occupational Therapist with a scientifically valid, holistic rehabilitation protocol. This hybrid approach ensures that the athlete returns to the field not just physically repaired, but mentally resilient and proprioceptive aware.

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INTEGRATING YOGA INTO ATHLETIC TRAINING: ENHANCING PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE, MENTAL RESILIENCE, AND FEMALE ATHLETE EMPOWERMENT

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Abstract

This paper is about yoga and how it can help people get in shape and perform better in sports. It looks at all the good things yoga can do for your body like making you more flexible helping you balance making you stronger and keeping you from getting hurt. Yoga is also good for your mind it can help you focus deal with stress and feel better about yourself. The paper is based on studies that other experts have checked. One of the good things about yoga is that it can help female athletes feel more confident and comfortable by getting rid of things that might hold them back because of what society thinks and helping them feel good about their bodies. Yoga can really help athletes in many ways, such as removing sociocultural barriers and fostering a positive body image, which is a big part of what yoga is all about and that is helping people, especially female athletes to feel good, about themselves and their bodies through the practice of yoga. Yoga is different from the way of training our bodies. What makes yoga special is that it uses our breath and helps us be more aware of our bodies. It also helps our whole body feel good. The good thing about yoga is that it can help athletes do better and feel better when they get hurt. Yoga can also help athletes get stronger overall. To get the most out of yoga in sports people will do research on how to do yoga the same way every time and study it for a long time. Yoga in sports is a thing and people want to learn more, about how to use it to help athletes.

Keywords: Yoga, Sports Performance, Flexibility, Mental Focus, Injury Prevention, Female Athletes, Mindfulness, Athletic Training, Stress Resilience, Holistic Well-being

Introduction

Athletic performance is not about being physically strong. It also requires being tough in your mind and being able to recover after a workout. For a time training programs have focused on building strength, endurance and skills. They often forget about things that can help athletes feel good all around. Yoga is a practice that involves holding different body positions controlling your breath and meditating. Yoga is becoming more popular as a way to improve sports training. It is an addition, to the usual training that athletes do. Athletic performance and yoga can go together to make athletes better. Yoga is really good for people who play sports. When you add yoga to sports programs it helps you get stronger, flexible and better balanced. Yoga also helps you feel more clear in your mind reduces stress and helps you avoid getting hurt. The good things about yoga are not about your body it also helps you feel better about yourself. This is especially true for women who play sports because they often have to deal with things that make it harder for them to participate. Yoga helps women feel more confident like they look good. They can focus better. This makes them want to keep playing sports for a time. Yoga is really helpful for people who want to stay involved in sports. The benefits of yoga are many and yoga helps you in ways like yoga improves your mental focus and yoga helps you feel good, about your body. The thing that makes yoga from other exercises is that it helps you pay attention to your breath and be mindful. This is really good for athletes because it helps them do their best and also feel better when they are tired. Yoga is not about moving your body it is also about breathing and being aware of what you are doing. This makes yoga really helpful, for athletes who want to perform and also recover quickly from their activities.

Literature Review

To understand how yoga affects types of athletes this review looks at all the research on yoga and its place in sports and training. It says that yoga should be a part of sports and education. The review also looks at why some people do or do not do yoga. Yoga can help athletes do better and feel better overall. This paper on yoga wants to show that yoga is good for athletes and for people, in general so that more people will study it and use it in life. **Volovyk, 2025:** Being an athlete is really tough. It is hard, on your body and mind. This can make you feel very stressed and tired. Fitness yoga is a way to deal with stress and feel better. It combines exercise with calmness and relaxation. When you do stretches and rest your muscles feel better and you relax. When you breathe deeply and meditate you feel less stressed and worried. Fitness yoga can also help athletes get faster when they are hurt. Fitness-yoga is really good for people who play sports because it teaches them how to move their bodies in a way. Fitness-yoga shows people how to breathe and be aware of what they are doing. This helps athletes avoid getting hurt and feel faster when they do get hurt. The thing about fitness-yoga is that it always talks about how important it's to breathe and focus on what you are doing right now. Fitness-yoga is important for athletes because it helps them deal with feeling stressed or anxious or overwhelmed and it also helps them recover faster after they have worked out hard or competed in a game. Fitness-yoga is about breathing and being in the moment which is really good, for athletes. Athletes can get to know their bodies by doing physical postures breathing exercises and meditation techniques. This helps them concentrate and stay stable. Athletes need this strength when they are in tough situations. It helps them stay calm and not get distracted. So they can show how good they are at sports. When athletes do fitness-yoga during training it can help them be more flexible have balance be stronger and focus better. All of these things can help athletes do better in sports. Fitness-yoga can really make a difference, in how athletes do. When you add fitness and yoga to the training program athletes can lower the risk of getting hurt and do better in sports. This is because fitness and yoga help athletes. By doing fitness and yoga athletes will have results, in sports and fewer injuries from fitness and yoga.

Methodology

I did a lot of reading for this project. I looked at lots of articles and research papers that talked about using yoga to help people get in shape and do better in sports. I was really interested, in finding out how yoga can help athletes physically mentally. If it can help them recover from injuries. I tried to find studies that looked at both men and women athletes of all ages and different sports to see what yoga can do for them. Yoga is what I was focusing on. I looked at databases like PubMed, Google Scholar and places where schools and universities store their research. I used words like "yoga and sports performance" and "yoga for athletes" to find the studies. I also searched for things like "fitness yoga" and "yoga and injury prevention" and "female sports participation and yoga". I wanted to find studies that were done recently so I focused on the ten years.. I also included some older studies that are important for understanding where yoga came from and what it is all about. These studies on yoga are important, for context. Yoga is really interesting. The people who did the study looked at how the study was set up who the people were that took part in it and what kind of yoga they did, like how they did it how long they did it for and what type of yoga it was. They also looked at things, like how flexible the people were, how good their balance was, how strong they were, how well they could. If they got hurt a lot. They put together all the information they found both numbers and words to see how yoga affected athletes and how it made them feel. They compared yoga to exercise or to people who did not do anything special. They found that yoga made a difference and that it was good for peoples minds too. Yoga helped people in ways like it made them more flexible and stronger and it also helped them feel better. The review looked at how things like culture and society affect whether or not yoga is used in sports for female athletes in

certain areas. They considered how yoga adoption is influenced by the people and places around athletes in these regions and how this impacts the use of yoga in sports, for female athletes.

Results

Yoga is really good for athletes. It helps them in ways. For example yoga helps athletes recover from exercise. It also reduces muscle tension. Helps with stress and anxiety. This is because yoga combines postures, breathing techniques and meditation. All these things together help athletes become more flexible, balanced and strong. Yoga also helps athletes focus better mentally. These are all things for athletes to be good at sports. Volovyk said this in 2025. Yoga is a way for athletes to get better at their sports. It helps with flexibility and balance and strength and mental focus. Yoga is good, for athletes because it helps them in all these ways. Raj from the year 2024 says that yoga is really important for athletes. It helps them feel better about themselves and their bodies. Yoga also makes them stronger and more capable. The thing is, there are a lot of things in society that stop women from playing sports. Yoga can help deal with these problems and make things easier for athletes. Raj thinks that yoga can really make a difference, for athletes by helping them feel more confident and able to do things. Deshmukh in the year 2024 gives us a picture. He talks about how yoga and sports work. Yoga and sports have a lot of things in common. They both help us stay physically healthy and mentally clear. They also help us connect with people.

The idea is to include yoga in sports training programs. This way athletes can develop in a way. Yoga helps athletes become better overall. It is not, about the physical part yoga also helps with the mental part. Deshmukh says yoga and sports are connected. That is why they should be used together.

Discussion

Yoga is really good for athletes. It does a lot more than help with physical strength. Yoga also helps people deal with stress and prevents injuries. Some studies, like the one done by Polsgrove in 2016 show that yoga makes people more flexible and better at balancing. This is similar to what Volovyk said in 2025 about yoga helping people recover and feel less stressed. So doing yoga regularly can make athletes both physically and mentally ready for sports. Yoga is good for performance because it helps with a lot of things including mental toughness and staying injury free. Regular yoga practice is a way for athletes to get ready, for their sports and it helps with yoga and athletic performance.

Rajs work in 2024 looks at what female athletes go through. It shows how the world around them affects their participation in sports. It also shows that yoga can be a way for female athletes to get involved in sports because it is easy to do and makes them feel strong. The good things that happen in their minds like feeling better about themselves and their bodies can make them want to play sports and keep playing for a long time. This can help fix the problems that have been around, for a time, where women do not get to play sports as much as men do. Female athletes and yoga can really change this situation.

Govindarajs work from 2016 shows that yoga is different from exercise. He says that yoga has its way of making people healthy. This is because yoga combines being mindful and breathing in a controlled way. These things probably help people focus better and deal with stress. This is really important for people who play sports competitively. Yoga and its unique approach to health are what make it so useful, for these people.

Conclusion

Yoga is really good for athletes. It helps them with flexibility and balance. Makes them stronger. Yoga also helps athletes with their focus and it helps them deal with stress. It can even help prevent injuries. The thing that makes yoga from other exercises is that it is not just about the body. Yoga is about the body and the mind. You do poses and you control your breath and you meditate. This helps athletes perform better and recover faster. Yoga is especially good, for girls who want to play

sports. It helps them feel more confident and it deals with the problems that might stop them from playing sports. Yoga is a way for female athletes to get involved in sports and it can help them succeed. Yoga can really help athletes do better and feel better too. So it is an idea to include yoga in athletic training programs. This way athletes can perform better. Be healthier overall. We should really get yoga into sports and schools. We need to do research on how yoga can help different types of athletes and people. We have to figure out the way to use yoga for each sport and for different groups of people. We also need to see how yoga affects athletes over time and how it impacts their health and their careers, in sports.

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A STUDY ON NATURE OF AGGRESSION BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract
The research was conducted on nature of aggression between male and female basketball shooters. The sample consisted of 20 Basketball players (10 male and 10 female) selected randomly from Nashik District. The main objective of the study was to find out the nature of aggression between basketball players. Aggression Questionnaire prepared by G.C. Patti was used to measure the stress level of the subjects. It was found that there is no significant difference between scores of male and female shooters basketball players. There is no significant gender difference in Aggression shooters players. Level of significance was set at .05 level.

Keywords: Aggression, Basketball, players.

Introduction

In 21st country, Physical education is no more a physical training only, or simply body building or mass drills, or merely indulging in play activities or pertaining to physical fitness alone. It has emerged as a multi dimensional discipline. The new physical education emphasizes education through the physical as a philosophical basis for sports, fitness, and physical education, a philosophy in which activity is believed to contribute to physical, mental, social and intellectual strength paving way for all round, wholesome and harmonious development of on individual.

Physical Education as a major discipline is gaining influence through its popularity and recognition, throughout the world in view of the contribution it makes to achieve the goals of education. It is consider a vital and integral part of the total education of on individual. Sports brain science is a vital component of amusements planning framework and deals with the way by which distinctive mental states and qualities affect sports execution. It is the employments of mind science to the issues and issues in the field of diversions as the issues of recreations individuals are halted extraordinary unique, unpretentious and complex. In this manner, the rule inspiration driving recreations mind science is to grasp the lead of a contender, to change it as shown by the solicitations of conditions, and to redesign the points of interest for top of the line execution and brightness.

The source of brain science is regularly followed en route for the Greek Philosophers. The word 'brain science' is gotten from two Greek words 'mind; and 'logos', wherein mind implies the spirit or mind, and the importance of logos is to discuss, or science or study. In this way, the strict significance of brain science is the science or investigation of soul. Greek rationalists trusted that spirit was in charge of different mental exercises, for example, getting the hang of, considering, feeling and so on. It was trusted that spirit was the substance or genuine being of a life form, the reason and the standards of life. As the association of soul to the body and the components of soul couldn't be clarified, a few scholars endeavored to characterize brain science as an investigation of

psyche. Basketball is considered the game for fun, and this maxim indicates the pleasure one derives through participating in games and sports. Basketball is one of the most popular game of today and one of the most popular games in the world.[8]

As known that game of Basketball was originated in the United States, but with time it has spread to other parts of the world with the efforts of Y.M.C.A. it is the pleasure and the thrill the game produces have attracted the people of all ages and classes to play Basketball or witness the game throughout the world. From beginnings, Basketball has progresses to be a worldwide game, which have become popular at international levels and has been accepted at universal level. One player guards closely the opponent whom he is to prevent from taking an easy shot, or making an easy pass, and another player makes a difficult break through with help of dribble or cuts to new positions on the court. In these moves, there consists of element of excitement and the factors which are required in the game are proper judgment and speed but almost all the skills and the resources the players can command.

THEORIES OF AGGRESSION

Various speculations have been propose to clarify the wonder of animosity. These speculations fall into four primary classes: nature hypothesis, social learning hypothesis, Bredemeire's hypothesis of good thinking, and Berkowitz's reformulation of the dissatisfaction animosity theory.

IMPULSE THEORY

Impulse Theory depends on the compositions of Sigmund Freud and ethnologists saw hostility as an intrinsic drive like craving, thirst, and sexual want. As per Freud, hostility is inevitable as to be intrinsic, however similarly as by some compel it tends to be controlled during release, otherwise satisfaction. While mankind is inherently forceful, it payback the public to advance sporty games in addition to diversions to give a socially worthy outlet to hostility. A critical conclusion of the natural intuition hypothesis is the thought that animosity results in a cleansing, or discharging of the hostility drive. This cleansing of repressed animosity is known as purge. As per impulse hypothesis, striking a restricting player fills in as a purgation or arrival of repressed animosity.

SOCIAL LEARNING THEORY

Social learning hypothesis sets that hostility is an element of learning, and that natural drive and disappointment are lacking clarifications of the marvel. While the thought of a cleansing is an imperative part of both organic nature hypothesis and disappointment animosity hypothesis, it has no place in social learning hypothesis. Demonstrations of hostility serve just to establish the framework for more animosity and don't result in a decrease or cleansing of the drive to be forceful. Maybe the main promoter of social learning hypothesis, in respect to animosity, is Bandura (1973), Bandura has contended that hostility has a roundabout impact. That is, one demonstration of animosity prompts further hostility. This example will proceed until the point that the circle is broken by some sort of positive or negative help. Smith (1980), for example, contends that brutality in ice hockey is because of displaying. Adolescents learn hostility by viewing their good examples, the experts, on TV or face to face. For whatever length of time that animosity in pro athletics is endured, kids will keep on having grown-up models of forceful conduct.

Material and Method:-

20 (10 male and 10 female) basketball players were selected randomly from Nashik District.

Measures: -

Psychological Questionnaire of aggression by G. C. Patti status scale questionnaire was administered on Basketball players to get the data.

Statistical techniques:-

A study on aggression between male and female basketball players was done; t-test was implemented.

Results

In order to understand the nature of Aggression among Shooters Male and Female of Basketball players mean scores, standard deviation obtained on stress scale were computed. Means scores and standard deviation along with t-value have been shown in Table 1.

Table 1: t-test of Aggression Shooters between Male and Female Players

	Number	Mean	Standard Deviation	S.E.M.	Mean Difference	t-value
Male	10	33.07	5.21	1.30	0.08	0.033 N.S.
Female	10	33.74	4.89	1.22		

Result is non-significant, $p<0.05$

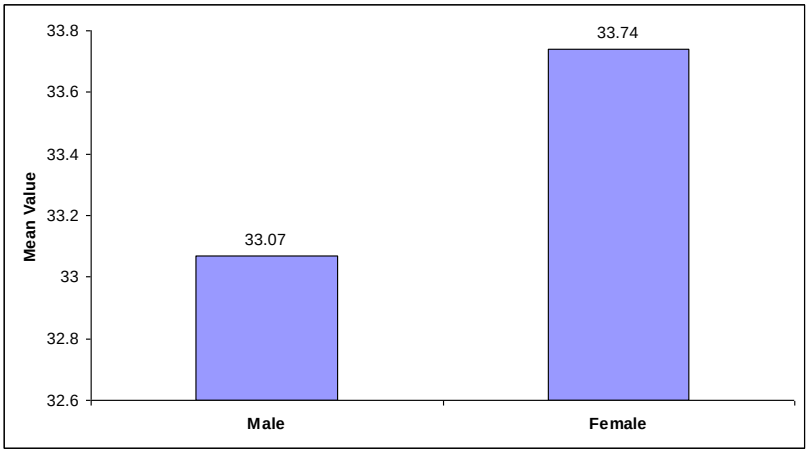


Figure 1: Comparison of mean values Aggression Shooters between Male and Female Players.

As shown in table 1, out of 20 total players, 10 are male and 10 are female basketball. Table 4.2 has shown the mean scores of Aggression male (N=10) is 33.07 (S.D.=5.21) which is higher as compared to the mean scores of Aggression female (N=10) i.e. 33.74 (S.D.=4.89). The t-value or critical value comes out to be 0.033 Hence, there is no significant difference between scores of male and female players. Thus, the hypothesis of the present study that 'there is no significant gender difference in Aggression players' is accepted.

Discussion of finding:

The finding of the aggression level does not have any significant difference between basketball male and female players.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SELECTED COORDINATIVE ABILITIES OF SELECTED TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SPORTS PLAYERS

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Abstract: The main purpose of the study was to compare the selected coordinative abilities of selected team and individual sports players. For the purpose of the study 30 inter-collegiate male players, 10 from each selected team and individual sports of Dhananjay Rao Ghadge College of Commerce, Satara. Age of the subjects was ranging from 18 to 25 years. The players of team sports were selected from football games, volleyball and hockey. The players of individual sports were selected from wrestling, athletic and badminton games. The study was further restricted to the Orientation ability, Differential ability and Rhythm ability of coordinative abilities. The Orientation ability was measured by using numbered medicine ball run test and score was recorded in seconds. Differentiation ability was measured by using backward medicine ball throw test and score was recorded in number of points. Rhythm ability was measures by using sprint at a given rhythm test and score was recorded in seconds. The data pertaining to this study were collected on the selected subjects by administering the above-mentioned appropriate tests as suggested by Peter Hirtz. The findings of the study showed that there was significant difference between the players of Team and Individual Sports in Orientation Ability and Rhythm Ability among the players of Team and Individual Sports. There was no significant difference between the players of Team and Individual Sports in Differentiation Ability.

Key words: Orientation ability, Differentiation ability, Rhythm ability and Players of Football, Volleyball, Hockey, Wrestling, Athletic and Badminton.

Introduction:

In sports today best performance can only be achieved through a meticulously planned, executed and controlled training system loosed on the scientific knowledge, theoretical and methodical fundamentals of sports training.

The developing tendencies in international sports, especially in team games are identified as the increase in game tempo, tougher body game and greater variability in technique and tactics. An increased performance level can only be achieved by working and training of all major components i.e. technique coordination, tactics, physical fitness and psychological qualities, apart from these components, one more factor which is now a day's know as coordinative abilities also play a greater role. A sportsman can compete effectively only by a certain coordinative mastery of the technique.

Coordinative abilities enable the sports man to do a group of movement with better quality and effect.

The speed of learning of skill and its stability is directly dependent on the level of various coordinative abilities. Coordinative abilities are needed for maximal utilization of conditional abilities, technical skills and tactical skills **(Hardyal Singh, 1991)**.

Insufficient training of coordinative abilities limits the performance ability especially at higher levels. On the contrary, better developed coordinative ability provides an essential base for faster and effective learning, stabilization execution in game situation **(Kalbed Lother 1889)**.

In different sports requirement of coordinative abilities are different and these abilities ensures higher movement efficiency and movement economy, whereas in some sports events they helps in higher movement frequency with high explosiveness and force application. In strength sports they help in putting maximum effort in a short time and at the right time. But, where the technique dominates the events these abilities help in better learning, stabilization, variability. Apart from performance improvement, in team games coordinative abilities ensures an effective use of tactical abilities in the continuous changing situations **(Kalbed Lother 1889).**

So the research scholar was interested to undertake the study stated as **"Comparative Study of Coordinative Abilities of Selected Team and Individual Sports Players".**

Significance of the study:

Research is generally conducted for evolving new ideas which was essential for the society. The present investigation might have the following contributions.

i. The result is of the study would help to know the coordinative abilities of Team and Individual sports.
ii. The findings of the study might be helpful to analyze and classify the players based on coordinative abilities.
iii. For diagnostic purpose.
iv. To develop training methods based on the results of this study.

Hypotheses:

On the basis of available literatures and scholars own understanding of the problem it was hypothesized that there would be significant difference in between the Team and Individual Sports in-

i. Orientation ability
ii. Differentiation ability
iii. Rhythm ability

Material and Method:

For the present study 30 inter-collegiate male players, 10 from each selected team and individual sports of Dhananjay Rao Ghadge College of Commerce Satara. Age of the subjects was ranging from 18 to 25 years. The players of team sports were selected from football games, volleyball and hockey. The players of individual sports were selected from wrestling, athletic and badminton games.

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Results and Discussion:

To determine the significant difference if any in the selected Coordinative ability between the players of Team and Individual Sports One-way analysis of variance (F-ratio) and if the ANOVA

was found to be significant then Least Significant Difference (LSD) Post Hoc test statistical techniques were employed to determine the paired mean differences among the selected sports. The significant level was set at 0.05. The results pertaining to this study have been presented in the following tables.

Table – 1

Summary of One Way Analysis of Variance for the Data on Orientation Ability, Differentiation Ability and Rhythm Ability of Team and Individual Sports Players

Variables	Source of Variance	Degree of Freedom	Sum of Square	Mean Sum of Square	F- Ratio
Orientation Ability	Between the Groups	5	7.87	1.58	4.91*
	Within the Groups	54	17.17	0.33	
Differentiation Ability	Between the Groups	5	10.89	2.080	0.687@
	Within the Groups	54	163.3	3.024	
Rhythm Ability	Between the Groups	5	0.401	0.080	4.00*
	Within the Groups	54	1.096	0.020	

*Significant at 0.05 level $\quad$ $Tabulated_{0.05\ (5,54)}$= 2.384

An analysis of table - 1 reveals that there are significant difference in Orientation ability and Rhythm ability among the team and individual sports players, because the calculated F - value of 4.91and 4.00 are greater than the tabulated F- value of 2.384 at 0.05 level for 5, 54 as well as table-1 also indicate that there is no significant difference in Differentiation ability because the calculated F-value of 0.687 is less than the tabulated F-value of 2.387at 0.05 level for 5, 54 degrees of freedom. Since the calculated F - ratio is found to be significant, therefore to determine the paired mean difference among the selected team sports and individual sports LSD Post Hoc test was computed and it has been shown in Table – 2.

The findings of table- 2 reveals that the mean of Orientation Ability differs significantly in between Football and Wrestling (MD=0.651), Volleyball and Wrestling (MD=0.691), Hockey and Wrestling (MD=1.123), Hockey and Badminton (MD=0.655) Wrestling and Athletic (MD= 0.977), Athletic and Badminton (MD= 0.509) as their mean difference values are greater than critical difference value of 0.507 at 0.05 level of confidence. The table-2 also indicates that there is no significant mean difference in between the players of Football and Volleyball (MD= 0.04), Football and Hockey (MD= 0.472), Football and Athletic (MD= 0.326), Football and Badminton (MD= 0.183), Volleyball and Hockey (MD= 0.432), Volleyball and Athletic (MD= 0.286), Volleyball and Badminton (MD= 0.223), Hockey and Athletic (MD= 0.146), Wrestling and Badminton (MD= 0.468) as their mean difference values are less than critical difference value of 0.507 at 0.05 level of confidence.

As well as The findings of tables-2 also reveals that the mean of Rhythm Ability differs significantly in between Football and Volleyball (MD=0.157), Football and Wrestling (MD=0.207), Football and Athletic (MD=0.212), Volleyball and Badminton (MD=0.156), Hockey and Wrestling (MD=0.15), Athletic and Badminton (MD= 0.161) as their mean difference values are greater than critical difference value of 0.126 at 0.05 level of confidence. Insignificant difference also observed in between Football and Hockey (MD= 0.057), Football and Badminton (MD= 0.001), Volleyball and Hockey (MD= 0.01), Volleyball and Wrestling (MD= 0.05), Volleyball and Athletic (MD= 0.005), Hockey and Athletic (MD= 0.105), Hockey and Badminton (MD= 0.056), Wrestling and Athletic (MD= 0.045), Wrestling and Badminton (MD= 0.045) as their mean difference values are less than critical difference value of 0.126 at 0.05 level of confidence.

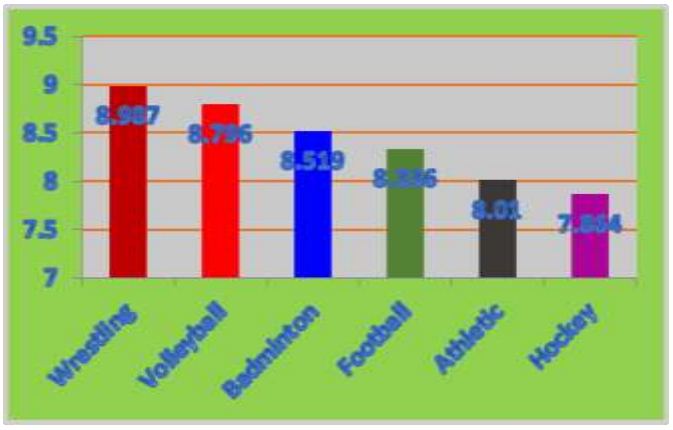


Fig-1: Ordered Mean Difference of Orientation Ability among the players of Team and Individual Sports

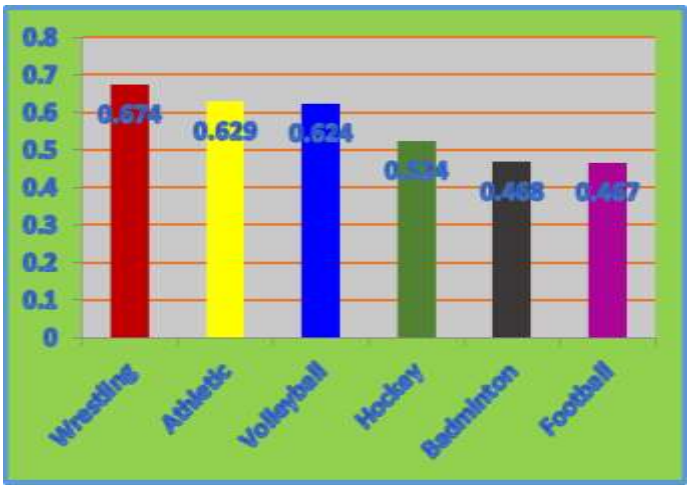


Fig-3: Ordered Mean Difference in the Variable of Rhythm Ability among the players of Team and Individual Sports.

Discussion:

The Findings of Table-1and 2 revealed that there were significant differences among the players of Team and Individual sports in the variables of Orientation Ability and Rhythm Ability; it may be attributed to the nature of sports movements in team sports. Most of the coordinative

abilities are badly needed for better performance in team sports. As it is well known fact that a team game/sports consists of group's cohesiveness, co-operation and integrated efforts hence such result might have observed in this study. The variable of Differentiation ability did not show significant difference among the players of team and individual sports it might be because the test item to assess differentiation ability was such both the team sport and individual sports require this ability for better performance, hence such result might have occurred in this study.

Conclusions: Recognizing the limitations of the study and on the basis of results obtained from the study, following conclusions are drawn:-

i. There was significant difference between the players of Team and Individual Sports in Orientation Ability.
ii. Significant difference was observed in the variable of Rhythm Ability among the players of Team and Individual Sports.
iii. There was no significant difference between the players of Team and Individual Sports in Differentiation Ability.

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EFFECT OF PLYOMETRIC TRAINING PROGRAMME ON EXPLOSIVE POWER OF VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to see the effect of plyometric training programme on explosive power of volleyball players. The purpose of this study was to see the effect of 6 week plyometric training on explosive power of volleyball players of Sangmner Tahasil. To achieve this purpose twenty (n = 40) volleyball players were randomly selected from various clubs of Sangmner Tahasil. Subject was divided into two groups (Experimental group – 20 players & Control group – 20 players). The age was ranged between 18 to 25 years. The criterion variable of explosive power i.e. lower explosive power was measured by Standing Long Jump Test (Broad Jump). Pre Test was taken after that the training was planned with the consultation of the experts and the training was conducted on experimental group for six weeks duration. One week training program were shown whereas the time and sets were increased week by week as instructed by the instructor. After six week training post test were administered and data were collected, the collected data were analyzed by using 't' test. The level of confidence was fixed at 0.05 levels in all cases. Result shows that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and post test of control and experimental group of volleyball players in reference to standing broad jump. To see this difference is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between pre and post test of experimental group of standing broad jump, as the calculated 't' value 4.565 was greater than tabulated 't' value 1.686. But there is insignificant found between pre and post test of control group of standing broad jump, as the calculated 't' value 1.493 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 1.686. Concluding we can say that control group of standing broad jump shows insignificant differences the differences may be attributed that by seeing the mean we can say that there is improvement in standing broad jump due to their regular practice but it is insignificant. Whereas, experimental group shows significant difference in reference to standing broad jump the differences may be attributed that plyometric training is very much essential for the improvement in explosive power for volleyball players.

Keyword: Plyometric Training, Explosive Power, Volleyball Players**.**

Introduction

Sport is generally recognized as system of activities which are mainly based physical athleticism or physical dexterity which included physical strength, physiological fitness and psychological well being. For many years it was believed that performance in games and sports develop on skill performance, motor fitness components, physiological and psychological components, now it is believed that besides all these anthropometric a measurement is needed for higher level of achievement. A sport is a worldwide phenomenon today it has become an integral part of man's life. The games and sports have been indispensable to mankind, and have become a

part of culture. The games and sports are great unifying force and have tremendous effect on the national and international integration. As sports has developed into a distinct scientific discipline in itself and each nation is varying with each other to produce to class players to win laurels in international competition. Considerable research is developing to identify factors that will be predictive of achieving high level of skill in a given sport with proper coaching. The physical fitness qualities or components are cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, strength, power, speed, agility, balance co-ordination, flexibility, reaction time and accuracy.

Power can be defined as an ability of an individual to do work per unit of time. In physical education, it refers to the maximal force that a muscle or a group of muscles generates in the shortest possible time in order to confront the resistance, as well as equal to muscular force or explosive power. Explosive power is the key factor in determining the physical fitness and performance of sports. Explosive power is the ability to transfer energy into force at a fastest rate of speed. Explosive Power may be identified as the ability to releases maximum force in the faster possible time. Increased in power enables muscles or group of to do the same work in less time period, or high work volume within the same time period. Peak muscle power is determined by the ability of the muscles to generate maximum strength and speed, and represented as the highest power generate during a specific movement. The power can be improved through several exercises. Among them, a plyometric exercise is one of them which have been applied by many athletes, especially by runners and jumpers. Emerging plyometric exercises have lead to improvements in power functions, particularly in jumps. Plyometric Training is one of the best methods used to develop explosive power in many sports. The term Poyometric is derived from the Greek root words “plio” and “Metric”, meaning more and measure, respectively. Basically, plyometrics provide a method to train for the optimal relationship between strength and speed, which is ultimately manifest itself as an explosive power. Today Plyometric movements are performed in almost all sports disciplines. For example jumping high in volleyball game for smash or block, start accelerations in football game, start in sprints, weightlifters, gymnasts, etc.

Until recently it was thought that plyometrics was primarily a reflex phenomenon. Recent research indicates that it is elastic rather than a reflex phenomenon after pre-stretch of an active muscle. Although the training effects of plyometrics are not yet completely understood, the increase in muscle strength and power may be attributed to an increase in muscle elasticity and adaptation in neuromuscular functions. Now that you understand the inner workings of the muscular system and how they can be manipulated to create faster movements. Let’s turn out attention to exercises and drills that will create this change. Polymeric training can take many forms, including jump training for the lower extremities and medicine ball exercises for the upper, extremities the user of plyometrics should understand not only how to do the exercises, but also it should be implement and modify a program and used to get its best advantage. Hence the researcher has taken the study “Effect of plyometric training programme on explosive power of volleyball players”

Materials and Methods

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Training Program

Days	Exercise	Warm-Up & Cool Down	Time	Sets	Rest	Total Time
Mon.	Plyo pushups	5min & 5min	5 min/set	3 set	5 min	35 min.
Tues.	Step close jump and reach	5min & 5min	5 min/set	3 set	5 min	35 min.
Wed.	Squat Jump Exercise	5min & 5min	5 min/set	4 set	5 min	45 min.
Thu.	Standing Jump over Exercise	5min & 5min	5 min/set	4 set	5 min	45 min.
Fri.	Vertical depth jump	5min & 5min	5 min/set	5 set	5 min	55 min.

After six week training post test were administered and data were collected, the collected data were analyzed by using 't' test. The level of confidence was fixed at 0.05 levels in all cases.

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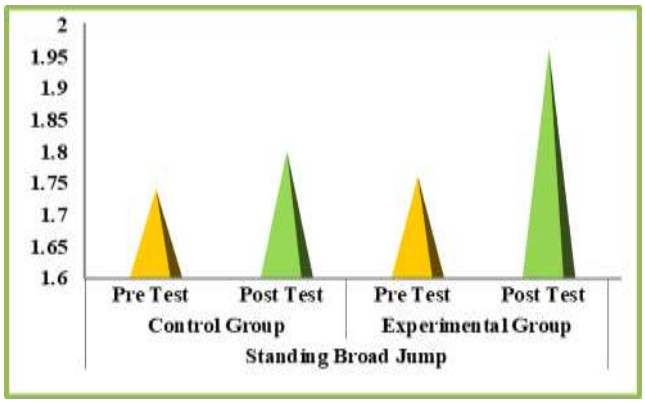
Comparison of pre & post-test of standing broad jump of Volleyball players

Variables	Group	Test	Mean	S.D	S.E	M.D	D.F	Obt 't'	Tab 't'
STANDING BROAD JUMP	Controlled	Pre	1.74	0.124	0.040	0.06	38	**1.493**	**1.686**
		Post	1.80	0.130					
	Experimental	Pre	1.76	0.135	0.044	0.20		**4.565 ***	
		Post	1.96	0.142					

*Significant at 0.05 Level

The above table shows that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and post test of control and experimental group of volleyball players in reference to standing broad jump. To see this difference is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between pre and post test of experimental group of standing broad jump, as the calculated 't' value 4.565 was greater than tabulated 't' value 1.686. But there is insignificant found between pre and post test of control group of standing broad jump, as the calculated 't' value 1.493 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 1.686.

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Conclusion

Concluding we can say that control group of standing broad jump shows insignificant differences the differences may be attributed that by seeing the mean we can say that there is improvement in standing broad jump due to their regular practice but it is insignificant. Whereas, experimental group shows significant difference in reference to standing broad jump the differences may be attributed that plyometric training is very much essential for the improvement in explosive power for volleyball players.

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A STUDY OF PHYSICAL FITNESS AMONG YOGA AND VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract:

Physical fitness comprises two related concepts: general fitness a state of health and wellbeing, and specific fitness a task-oriented definition based on the ability to perform specific aspects of sports or occupations. Physical fitness is generally achieved through correct nutrition, exercise, and enough rest. It is one of the world's most popular games, played by millions of people worldwide at home, in clubs online, by correspondence, and in tournaments. Yoga is a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline, originating in ancient India. The goal of yoga, or of the person practicing yoga, is the attainment of a state of perfect spiritual insight and tranquility while meditating on the Hindu concept of divinity. The Sanskrit word yoga has the literal meaning of "yoke", from a root yuj meaning to join, to unite, or to attach. The aim of the present study was to study the difference in Physical Fitness among Volleby and Yoga Players of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. 15 Male Volleyball Players and 15 Male Yoga Players between the age group of 19 Years to 21 Years of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar were taken for the Study. The AAPHER Youth Fitness Test consisting of 6 Items of 50 yard run, standing broad jump, pull ups, setups, shuttle run and 600 yard were used for the Study. It was found that Yoga Players have good Physical Fitness compare to Fencing Players. This study shows that the Yoga Players are good because they do good Physical Training compare to Volleyball Players they are not involved minimum physical exercises daily.

Key words: Physical Fitness, Yoga, Volleyball, Physical Training

Introduction:

Physical Fitness is a level of health in which you have muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and lean body composition. Physical fitness is achieved by the regular movement of muscles through a variety of exercises. Maintaining Physical Fitness is a lifelong process and should always be part of your lifestyle. People with disabilities can also reach a measure of Physical fitness by doing exercises appropriate for their conditions.

Yoga is a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline, originating in ancient India. The goal of yoga, or of the person practicing yoga, is the attainment of a state of perfect spiritual insight and tranquility .The Sanskrit word yoga has the literal meaning of "yoke", from a root yuj meaning to join, to unite, or to attach. As a term for a system of abstract meditation or mental abstraction it was introduced by Patanjali in the 2nd century BC. Someone who practices yoga or follows the yoga philosophy with a high level of commitment is called a yogi or yogini.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

To find out the Physical fitness among Volleyball and Yoga Players of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District Maharashtra State

SAMPLE:

For the present study 15 Male Yoga and 15 Male Volleyball Players were taken for the study of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District.

TOOL:

To measure the Physical fitness the AAPHER Youth fitness test are used for the study.

Procedure of Data Collection:

The AAPHER Youth Fitness Test consisting of 6 items i.e. pull-ups, sit ups, standing broad jump, shuttle run, 50 Yard Dash and 600 Yard Run/walk were used for study.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

Table – I

Test Item	Group	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean	T	df	Sig. (2-tailed)
50 Y	Yoga	15	8.01	0.23	0.07	-1.08	28.00	0.09
	Volleyball	15	8.29	0.45	0.08			
600 Y	Yoga	15	1.96	0.19	0.06	-0.36	29.00	0.76
	Volleyball	15	1.67	0.22	0.06			
SBJ	Yoga	15	2.70	0.11	0.04	3.67	29.00	0.00
	Volleyball	15	2.15	0.06	0.03			
Pull Ups	Yoga	15	11.00	0.98	0.35	-4.71	28.00	0.00
	Volleyball	15	9.20	1.14	0.36			
Shuttle Run	Yoga	15	15.27	1.20	0.37	2.53	28.00	0.02
	Volleyball	15	14.10	0.58	0.17			
Sit Ups	Yoga	15	26.40	2.38	0.38	4.35	28.00	0.00
	Volleyball	15	20.45	0.45	0.08			

In Table I it was found Yoga Players are good in 50 Yard Dash, 600 Yard Run, Standing Broad Jump, Pull Ups and sit ups and Volleyball Players are good in Shuttle run.

CONCLUSION:

After the completion of Physical fitness the AAPHER Youth fitness test the Yoga Players are having good Physical fitness than Volleyball Players.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Yoga and Volleyball Players must be given Physical fitness training in the ground to achieve the good physical fitness. Similar Studies can be conducted on females and also other sports and games.

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A HEALTHY WAY TO DEVELOP PERSONALITY THROUGH PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Abstract

Physical Education and sports is one of the most important for the development of personality. **"Sound mind in sound body"** both are co-related. If you are physical fit. Your mental health fit. Physical education develops all aspect of personality like health, mental, social etc. Forever, Government is careless for the Physical Education even in Primary and school level, Physical Education is neglected subject.

Keywords: Physical Education, Personality, Development

Introduction

Physical Education including games and sports plays a tremendous role in the development of our youth. It enables an individual to live a healthy life in an ever-changing world. Physical Education makes the children psychologically, physically and physiologically active. It helps in the development of character building, reduction of rowdiness, and serves on the basis of group unity and solidarity. It introduces team work, self discipline, sportsmanship, leadership and socialization among the youth. Regular physical activity provides numerous health and cognitive functioning. The surgeon general recommends daily participation in physical activity for taking maximum health benefits because inactivity has been found to be significantly related to coronary artery disease, obesity, hypertension and diabetes mellitus. It also helps the people to improve their physical fitness. Five basic components of fitness are important for good health: cardio-respiratory endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility in joints and body composition. It is clear from the literature that the development of an acceptable level of physical fitness helps to attain healthy personality and physio-psychological characteristics. Hence, a better healthful living is universally accepted as a goal of a physical education programme. Generally young boys and girls of colleges are expected to be academically brilliant, emotionally stable, physically strong and spiritually sound. We can achieve this requirement through the physical education. Physical Education has a vital role to play as an integral part of General Education.

It aims at enabling an individual to line an enriched and abundant life in an ever changing. World Education Commission (1964-66) emphasized that physical education activities and sports contribute not only to physical fitness and health but also to physical efficiency, mental alertness and development of certain qualities like perseverance, team spirit and many other values of life processes and high achievements. In the past twenty years great attention has been paid to the psychoanalytic and psychotherapeutic issues associated with physical activity. With respect to the increasing prevalence of mental disorders throughout society and the influence of physical activity on these disorders. Physical education has a special obligation of preparing the youth for work and socially useful activities. It contributes to the development of the individual through planned movement on physical activities. Children are naturally active and physical education provides an enjoyable way to them to enhance their over development.

Physical Education Improve Physical Fitness

The One of the major benefits of physical activity is that it helps people improve their physical fitness. Fitness is a state of well-being that allows people to perform daily activities with vigor, participate in a variety of physical activities, and reduce their risks for health problems. Five basic components of fitness are important for good health: cardio-respiratory endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and body composition (percentage of fat). A second set of attributes, referred to as sport-or skill-related physical fitness, includes power, speed, agility, balance, and reaction time. Kapri, Gaur, Tyagi and Vashistha (2006) pointed out that when we are taking part in various games and sports, it increases the level of fitness of the individuals. In every game we have to run a little or more distance while playing and total body parts are exercised which also improves the strength, endurance, speed, flexibility and neuromuscular co-ordination of our body which ultimately help us to increase the fitness, only due to the participation in games and sports. To maintain fitness level, an individual has to take part in any sports regularly. If he/she is not taking part in any games and sports regularly, his/her fitness level will influence negative. One of the most emphatic recommendations in report from numerous federal and health promotion agencies is to increase the levels of physical activity among children and youth.

Physical inactivity results in substantial, negative health consequences. Obesity, high blood glucose, high blood pressure and high blood lipids all occur more often among sedentary adults. These problems increase the risk for chronic disease such as cardiovascular disease, various cancers, type II diabetes, and hypertension. Indeed, a direct relationship exists between leading a physically active life and developing long-term good health. Each year, physical activity contributes to nearly 260,000 deaths in the United States. Unhealthy behaviors take many years to present themselves clinically, but there is a compelling reason to believe that helping students learn to be active early in their lives will provide an important foundation for lifetime physical activity.

Physical Education Improve Personality Traits

Commenting on the importance of physical Education Robinson and Shaver (1969) had shown that sports participation in general is positively correlated with the development of psychological, physical and physiological well-being and the people who are active in a variety of ways in such activities tend to report a higher degree of emotional well being, life satisfaction, perceived happiness and physical fitness.

Conclusion

Physical education plays a vital role in the personality development of our youth. It makes them physically healthy, active and mentally alert and also reduces their risk for health problems. It enables them to live in a healthy and competitive environment. It develops in them team-work, self-discipline, sportsmanship, leadership and socialize.

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THE EFFECTIVE ROLE OF SPORTS MANAGEMENT IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

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Abstract

The following article provides concise information regarding High School sport management. The article carries three parts. Initially, a brief definition to the notion of Sport management is given followed by an excuse to history followed by background and origin of sport management is discussed. Secondly, the article is dedicated to the current situation and prospects of High School sport management. A special attention is given to the educational sphere and career opportunities that potential employees may have in the field of sport management. Finally, the article is concluding with the prospects of High School sport management.

Key Words: Sports Management, Career Sports Organization, Modern World, Olympic Games, Recent Trends

Introduction

The practice of sport is continuing since a long time. It is said that the remnants of sports and its components found in the parts of Greece. The implication of sports and its management are the two sides of the same coin. The sports management has got lot of importance and the success of sports and sports-oriented activities are possible due to effective management. Sport management was for quite a elongated period of time and it always accompanied sport as its essential part. It is the necessity of time to have a good sport management considering its importance in this world. Naturally, it had different forms and differed from the notion of sport management as it is defined nowadays but such activity is known from ancient times. At least ancient Greeks practiced such a commotion and possibly they may be called as one of the founders of sport management. They gave very much importance and due to this reason, they have achieved a great success. They also provided a great chance in the form of Olympics and it provided the opportunity to the people of this world. This information proves the importance of sport and sport management for people of all times. It was and it remains to be as important for people as their health since sport provides health for people and High school sport management provides effectiveness of sport for all its participants. At the present time High school sport management becomes more and more essential because as many other things in the modern world sport is business and consequently it needs effective management that, in its chance, demands the research of well-qualified specialists in this domain. As High school sport management is social phenomenon for it involves not only professionals, for whom sport is their main source of earnings and actually it is their life, but also there is a enormous category of amateurs, for whom sport is just a hobby but they still need sport management to practice sport as effectively as possible. So, taking into consideration the role of sport and High school sport management in the modern world, I would like to discuss this phenomenon in my article and focus my attention on the notion of High school sport management itself, its history, and prospects for all those who either on their way or already work in this field.

Role of High school sport management

The sport management plays an important role in sports. The complete success is depended upon the perfect management of sports considering its value. So, it is necessary to start with the definition of sport management. In imperative to comprehend any phenomenon, we have to know what is implied by its definition and interpret it correspondingly. Speaking about High school sport management, it is possible to say that there may be different interpretations of this notion but the main point of all definitions remains practically the same. In other words, it may change its form but its contents, its basic principles remain the same. On analyzing different points of view on High school sport management, it is possible to make a general conclusion and give certain conclusions what it actually is. On doing this, I would have a preference to define sport management as follows: "Sport management is a goal-oriented social process within a sport activity using pragmatic self-determined goals concerning the selection of appropriate strategies and necessities for directing the work of the sport enterprise, and the control of performance in an effort to meet the objectives of the organization." The latter may be done only with the help of High school sport management that can organize all the staff of the sport enterprise and mobilize all its forces for achievement of its goals. At the same time, simply to establish the work of a sport organization is not enough. It is compulsory to control the fulfillment of the chief tasks of each department or even each person within the organization has to do. But such a definition helps to realize what High school sport management is at large. At the same time, it is essential to take into consideration the situation of those people who work in this field and for all those people who are presently working or are going to effort in this sphere. High school sport management is not just a business; it is rather a set of different professions, fundamentally of administrative character which provide a person's ability to fulfill his or her duties as a sport manager. Also, it provides a chance to guide the sportspersons in the form of coach. Earlier the sports were arranged only for enjoyment sake but the significance changed as the time passes on. It became a chief weapon of spreading peace ail over the world. Then it started as a career option and also a way to earn a livelihood. Whatever may be but the true management gives a great success. Obviously, sport management remains management even in such a specific sphere as sport, mainly if we speak about professional sport which at the present times it is more than sport. Well planned and the execution of the main tasks is thoroughly controlled. At the same time, we should think of that sport or any sport union is more than a commercial enterprise. It is also a public phenomenon since very every so often sport plays very significant role in the life of certain groups of individuals or even whole countries. For instance, in the ancient world, namely in Greece, wars were forbidden during the period of the Olympic Games. Thus, the organization of the Olympic Games played a significant pacifying and consolidating role in the ancient Greek society. Unfortunately, at the present time we can hardly find an example like this but still sport remains very important for any human society and proper organization of sport events as well as actual functioning of many sport enterprises remains extremely significant for people in any country in the world.

Career Opportunities in High school sport management

Today people are looking towards sports not only as a passion but also a career option. The sports and its management have got a great importance. The people are looking towards it as a career, a passion, health manager and a challenge to fulfill. Taking into consideration the role of

sport, consequently High school sport management plays prominent role in the modern world, we can presuppose that sport organizations need a great number of well-qualified specialists that could be as long as only by professional education of such specialists on the highest level. The present situation in point of fact proves that the growing demand engenders the growing offer of High school sport management education which matches the basic demands to specialists in this field. It offers a rejoicing source to the mind, body and heart. People are looking it as an educational mode where the great success is achieved. But it is essential to point out that such a tendency has appeared recently, within the last twenty-thirty years. Today its scope is growing by offering so many opportunities in the sports, sports management and related issues.

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BENEFITS OF SPORTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT WOMEN PERSONALITY

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Abstract:

Physical activity is essential to the health and development of a child. Society is increasingly aware of the importance of being physically active, especially in light of childhood obesity statistics. Multitudes of research show that being active is essential to the well-being of a person; it is now our responsibility as a society to utilize that information. Sports and physical education are vital factors when it comes to keeping kids healthy. Physical education class is no longer forcing a student to climb a rope to the top of the ceiling; it's about keeping kids active and teaching them the importance of staying active. The activities that one engages in during gym class instill values that the student can carry with them beyond the classroom. Sports, whether part of a school program or not, have continuing benefits that help kids build strength, maintain a healthy body weight, develop social skills and build self-esteem. By being a part of a team and its accomplishments, students can develop a positive sense of self-worth and pride.

Keywords: Sports, Women Persanality

Intorducation

Thinking of signing up your boy or girl for sports? Given the tremendous benefits of sports for youth, that's a smart move. It turns out that children of all ages, whether they're five years old or teens approaching adulthood, have a lot to gain from playing sports. Yes, the physical benefits of being active are more obvious. However, the benefits extend much further with countless studies supporting the fact that playing sports contributes positively to the social, emotional and overall mental development of your child. Thinking of encouraging your child to take part in youth athletics? Here's why you should:

1. Cardiovascular fitness gains

It's no secret that being enrolled in sports can lead to massive improvements in cardiovascular health. Anything that gets your child's heart pumping faster will make it stronger and provide them with increased endurance over time, plus, your child will feel like they have more energy overall. Regular cardio activity will also help burn fat and extra calories so they can maintain (or work towards) a healthy weight.

It's also important to note that any gains in cardiovascular fitness will lead to improved performance in the actual sport they're playing — this is because tired players with no energy tend to be less accurate (for example, when going for their next bank shot or pass during basketball, or shooting a puck for a goal in hockey). Additionally, their improved energy levels will mean they're less likely to use sloppy techniques during games that can lead to injuries.

2. Increased strength

When you play any sport, you're using your muscles and that will lead to gains in strength. Many people's initial thought is that one has to lift weights to build muscle. But that isn't the only way to do it. Running across the basketball court during a league match engages the legs, and therefore strengthens them. Players improve the strength in their arms by dribbling the ball,

throwing it for passes, and trying to score a basket. Depending on the sport, the muscular gains may be subtle, or more obvious but there's no question that these improvements are real.

3. Improved coordination

The best way to improve coordination is to use it, and participating in sports is a fun and effective way of doing so. For example, dribbling the ball while simultaneously moving into position during a basketball match takes a great deal of hand-eye coordination any gains in coordination will also be of use for everyday tasks such as printing or handwriting during school.

4. Improved eyesight from outdoor sports

Outdoor sports can be very valuable for helping to protect your child from developing near-sightedness. During the summer months, look for outdoor soccer, baseball, softball, swimming, or track and field teams for your child to participate in. Set up a basketball net on your driveway so your kids can practice at home in between seasons. Street hockey is another great way to get kids outside more, provided the street is low-traffic and someone is available to supervise.

Finally, don't overlook solo sporting activities such as rollerblading, skateboarding, and cycling to get your kids outside. And on mild winter days, don't forget to head out for ice skating or ice hockey at the local community outdoor rink.

5 .New friendships

There's no question that participating in team sports can be the source of many new friendships. Regular meet-ups for practices and games leads to tight bonds between teammates that go well beyond sports and extend into everyday life outside the game.

6. Social skills

To be successful in life we need to develop good social skills, and playing team sports is a fun way to work towards this goal. Children and teens who play on a team learn about how to cooperate with others, work together towards a common goal, and be supportive of one another through good and bad. It's easy to put our best foot forward socially when things are going well the real test is in how we handle ourselves when things are going poorly. During the ups and downs of a game (sometimes you're kicking butt and winning, other times you're losing badly), kids get the chance to practice being gracious, cooperative, and kind no matter what.

7. Enjoy camaraderie with teammates

Being part of a team gives kids a beneficial sense of belonging that's very different from what they can get in other areas of their life. When playing team sports they have to learn how to fit in, and get along with kids of varying backgrounds and interests. There's a very special kind of bonding that takes place on a team that celebrates big wins together, suffers losses together, and sweats together during the hard work of training/practice sessions. All this builds a strong camaraderie between team members that kids really enjoy.

8. Learn to get comfortable with risks

In life, we need to learn to get comfortable with taking risks, even though there's no guarantee every risk we take will pay off. Playing sports helps kids gets practice in analyzing the odds of a risk working out in their favour, learning how to make decisions quickly, and owning the result. For example, they may find themselves having to assess the risks/benefits of trying to score that

basket themselves right now while they have the opportunity to shoot, compared to passing to another player who's closer to the net and may be more likely to score points.

9. Gains in emotional and interpersonal skills

Playing sports teaches kids to control their emotions in all sorts of situations. They learn to show respect for their coaches and teammates not only when it's easy because things are going well, but also when it's hard because the game or practice is not going their way.

10. Increased self-discipline and focus

Playing sports requires your child to set goals, put in the time and focus to reach them, and have the discipline to do this consistently over time. What makes sports particularly special in this regard is that if you choose right, your child will enjoy their practices and games, making the maintenance of discipline and focus feel less like work.

11. Increased self-esteem

Team sports are great for improving your child's confidence. Kids can't help but notice the gains in their skill level year after year, and these increases in ability make them feel good about themselves. Additionally, there are going to be times when they really shine during a game for example, when they score a basket, or complete an important pass successfully and those moments will boost their sense of self-worth to new heights.

12. Learn to be a good competitor, win or lose

While it's easy to handle winning, it's not so easy to handle losses. By going through the experience of losing a game (which happens to everyone eventually!), your child will learn how to handle defeat with grace and good sportsmanship. Even winning can be instructive because they can learn how to handle the excitement of wins without "rubbing it in", and how to be respectful of their opponents.

13. Gain resilience

A sport has its ups and downs. Sometimes you're kicking butt and winning, other times you're not successful at all and everything seems to go wrong. It's during the hard times that kids learn to handle their frustration and disappointment in constructive, healthy ways. Particularly with young kids, there's the temptation to "win at all costs" or even cheat to win — playing sports helps them learn to follow the rules out of respect for the game, the other team, and themselves, even when the going gets tough. They learn that while they may lose today, they will win on other days — it's not all or nothing.

Conclusion:

The exercise one gets from playing sports helps to reduce stress, and even improve sleep (which leads to improvements in mood!). Interestingly, the direct improvements to mood from exercise can last for hours after the activity has ceased.

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IMPORTANCE OF YOGA FOR WOMEN LIFE

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Abstract:

Living a healthy life means to have blessed with mental and physical health. But unfortunately, modern man living in this materialistic world is running after name, fame and money. Increased stress and anxiety, depression are the features of modern life. In this race, he is losing his only his physical health but also is suffering from mental disturbances. There are very few people who are enjoying their physical and mental health. Many people are engulfed in worries, anxieties and frustration. Sometimes as a result they can commit suicide. Youth is becoming victim of all this modern lifestyle. And this has become a grave concern for the developing country like India. Increasing number of asylums is a result of people losing their mental health.

Key words: yoga, mental and physical illness, asanas, pranayam, elixir,

Introduction:

Yoga is a traditional method of meditation developed by the saints and sages of ancient India. They practiced Yoga as an effective method of controlling their mind and bodily desires and activities as well. The word 'Yoga' originates from Sanskrit. Yoga exercises have a holistic effect and bring body, mind, consciousness and soul into balance. The ancient saints of India discovered the laws of the material and spiritual realms and gained an insight into the connection within the Universe.

The present paper focuses on the importance of Yoga in human life which works as an elixir of life. Yoga is not a religion; it is a way of living that aims towards a healthy mind that only resides in healthy body. Man is a physical, mental and spiritual being. To maintain balance between oneself and environment is necessary for every human being. Nowadays greater emotional as well as physical needs are given priority. This a real reason why people suffer more stress, anxiety and also insomnia which is mainly due to improper lifestyle and lack of physical and mental exercise. Due to harmful side effects of drugs in the treatment of psychological disorder, the researchers seek non-pharmacological and non-invasive treatment for these disorders. Therefore, we need proper methods and techniques for the attainment of health and harmony in life. Researchers suggest that Yoga as an intellectual and mental exercise improves mental health. In this respect Yoga acts as an elixir to one's health. The health of body is of fundamental importance in life. As the Swiss-born physician Paracelsus, very correctly said, "Health is not everything, but without health everything is nothing." So, to preserve and restore health is a challenge before mankind in this modern world. There are physical exercises named as Asanas, breath exercises named Pranayam, and relaxation techniques to attain physical and mental health.

Many years ago, sages analyzed nature and cosmos through meditation. They explored the principles of the material and spiritual branch, the laws of nature, energy that works in the external as well as spiritual level. Yoga is suitable for people of all ages and requires no 'stunt' skill. On the other hand, Yoga provides the power of practicing Yoga to the physically weak, unfit and ill people. Today Yoga gets worldwide recognition and approval to be included in our daily life.

Food plays vital role in the maintenance of good health. What we eat influences body and psyche, our habits and qualities. Positive thinking, discipline and orientation, prayer as well as humble and kindness leads the path to self-knowledge and self-realization.

The researches proved that Yoga helps to promote a balanced development of all physical, mental and spiritual life. Yoga to live with greater awareness helps in attention, focus and concentration especially for children. As Yoga means to join or to unite, it brings balance between body, soul and mind. Yoga helps to deal with our problems, worries and everyday demands. It enables us to understand ourselves, the purpose of life and develops our relationship with God. Yoga leads a spiritual path to knowledge and eternal bliss in the union of eternal self. It is that supreme and infinite principles. It is a ray of life that is universal cognizant that is awake.

Physical exercise along with Yoga can improve human health. The proper knowledge of Yoga with awareness can make people to avail health benefits of Yoga in our daily life. Physical exercise helps to restore the flexibility of body. And Yoga creates co-ordination between mind and body. A man who is suffering from depression, fatigue, anxiety, stress can attain relief from all these mental condition in life. Yoga proved to be mood boosting medicine for the people who succumbed before the problems of life. Yoga has power to stimuli and helps us to retain our brain activity. It reduces stress and boosts immune system.

Scientific research on Yoga claimed that Yoga helps in proper functioning of inner body organs as well. Regular Yoga in daily life can help for the proper blood circulation, blood sugar, blood pressure, pulse rate, and proper pumping of heart and lungs etc. Man can get relief from back-pain, arthritis, headache etc. If man is free from all these physical and mental ailments can have positive attitude towards life and the society in which he lives. Life without good health is a miserable condition, and it reflects its negative impact on family. Wealth and material possession without health cannot help us to enjoy happy life. So, good health is a valuable asset for one and all.

Social health is a capacity to be happy within oneself and to be able to make other happy. It means a caring and loving attitude towards other, communication skill, to be aware of the social responsibilities as a human being, and work and sacrifice for the cause of community and nation. Physically and mentally healthy people can help to maintain peace, law and order in social life. Such people enjoy personal and social life at best. They do not get victims of mob mentality. Many social ills are the outcome of lacking balance between mental and physical health. Personal and social problems can be faced with equanimity. Yoga is an antidote of physical and mental illness.

As Yoga is a form of mind-body fitness, it involves a combination of muscular activity and an internally directed mindful focus on awareness of self, breath and energy. The healing system through Yoga teaching and practice, underlies the basic principles. Human body comprises of many organs. Illness of any one of them affects the others and their functioning. So Yoga practice must be tailored accordingly. It helps in self-empowering the individuals. Yoga also plays an active role in the journey towards health. The quality and positive state of mind is crucial in the healing process.

Several special yogic programs have been developed from the basic exercises: Yoga for back-pain, Yoga for joints, Yoga for seniors, Yoga for children. Yoga is taught in Yoga Centre worldwide such as rehabilitation centre, fitness and sport centre, health institutions, adult educations centre etc.

Conclusion:

Yoga can play an effective role in reducing mental and body stress, anxiety, and depression. It gives tranquility of mind and creates a sense of well-being. It is considered a complementary to medicine in the treatment of mental illness. So, there should be awareness among the people about the benefits of Yoga practice in daily life. Medical professional should suggest yoga along with medical treatment. It is beneficial not only for affected people but for normal people also to live better relaxed and quality life.

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EFFECT OF SURYANAMASKAR ON TRUNK JOINT MOBILITY OF TEACHING FACULTY

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to see the effect of 6-week suryanamaskar on trunk joint mobility of faculties of Babuji Avhad Mahavidyalaya Pathardi Dist.Ahilyanagar. To achieve this purpose twenty (20) subjects were divided into two groups (Experimental group – 10 Teachers & Control group – 10 Teachers). The criterion variable of trunk joint mobility was measured by Goniometer. Pretest was taken prior to the Suryanamskar training and posttest was taken after six weeks of Suryanamskar. Suryanamskar were practices every morning i.e. five days (Monday to Friday) per week. After six week training post-test were administered and data were collected. Statistical analyses were done on the basis of 't' test. The level of significance was set at 0.05. Result shows that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and post-test of control and experimental group of college teachers in reference to trunk joint mobility. To see this difference is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between pre and post-test of experimental group of trunk joint mobility, as the calculated 't' value 2.115 is greater than tabulated 't' value 1.734. But there is insignificant found between pre and post-test of control group of trunk joint mobility, as the calculated 't' value 0.681 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 1.734. Concluding we can say that experimental group shows significant difference in reference to trunk joint mobility the differences may be attributed that Surya namaskar is basically a sun salutation that leads to healthy body, mind and soul. However, morning time is the best time for surya namaskar. Sun rises is the time when sun rays help revitalize the body and refresh the mind. It also increases the ability of muscle to perform movement with large amplitude (range of motion). It also refers to functional capacity of a joint to move through a normal range of motion.

Keywords: Suryanamaskar, Trunk Joint Mobility, Goniometer, etc.

Introduction

Life styles have been changing over the past few decades in most parts of the world. The excesses of the consumer society are now showing their effects on health. In case we are to prevent the diseases that are the results of unfavorable life styles, we have to ensure that sound decisions on healthy lifestyles are to be urgently cultivated. This will be a major role of health education. In our ancient culture, instance can be found where the continuation of healthy life styles has contributed to better health and longevity. For instance, the kurichia tribe of wayanad follows several healthy food habits, better sanitation, personal hygiene, moral life, and old age security, hard physical labour and peaceful religious life. Their women have better status and lead a disciplined moral life. They have no diabetes as they eat the right type of food and do hard physical labour. Several of their positive life styles made them free from many common diseases and thereby prolonged their life even beyond the life span of the so called educated and affluent people who have access to modern

medical facilities from super specialty hospitals. On the other hand, following improper life styles, modern people invite many complicated and complex diseases necessitating the creation of costly medical facilities to serve minority of population. Such distortion in development can be avoided in poor countries, if proper health education is spread to everybody in the society. Joint Mobility often also referred to as flexibility or suppleness can be defined as the ability to perform movement with greater range of motion or large amplitude. It is controlled partly by the energy liberation processes of the body and partly by the coordinative processes of central nervous system. Though there are different way to keep you healthy, yoga promotes overall health in a balanced way.

Suryanamaskar is a complete meditative technique in itself as it includes various asanas like- Pranamasan, hasta utthanasan, padahastasan, ashwasanchalanasan, ashtanaga namasakar, bhujangasan, and parvatasan. Increasing flexibility through stretching the body parts is one of the basic tenets of physical fitness. Flexibility is the ability of muscle to perform movement with large amplitude (range of motion). It also refers to functional capacity of a joint to move through a normal range of motion.

Methods

The purpose of this study was to see the effect of 6 week Suryanamaskar on trunk joint mobility of faculties of Babuji Avhad Mahavidyalaya Pathardi Dist.Ahilyanagar. To achieve this purpose twenty (n=20) teachers of various departments and faculties were randomly selected from the said college. Subjects were divided into two groups (Experimental group – 10 Teachers & Control group – 10 Teachers). The criterion variable of trunk joint mobility was measured by Goniometer. The scoring unit of goniometer is in degree (max-360 degree). The reading showed by the apparatus at four sides i.e. left, right, forward and backward will be added together to get the final score. Pre-test was taken prior to the Suryanamskar training and post-test was taken after six weeks of Suryanamskar. Suryanamskar were practices every morning i.e. five days (Monday to Friday) per week. First week the session consisted of 5 minutes warm-up 2 times suryanamaskar and 5 minutes cool-down, increased 2 times suryanamaskar every week. After six week training post-test were administered and data were collected.

Statistical Procedure

Statistical analyses were done on the basis of 't' test. The level of significance was set at 0.05

TABLE

Comparison of Pre & Post-Test

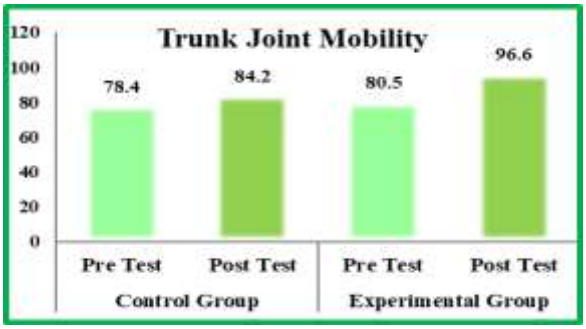
Variables	Group	Test	Mean	S.D	S.E	M.D	D.F	Obt 't'	Tab 't'
Trunk Joint Mobility	Controlled	Pre-test	78.4	18.24	8.513	5.8	18	**0.681**	1.734
		Post-test	84.2	19.8					
	Experimental	Pre-test	80.5	17.86	7.612	16.1		**2.115***	
		Post-	96.6	16.14					

		test							

*Significant at 0.05 Level

The above table shows that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and post-test of control and experimental group of college teachers in reference to trunk joint mobility. To see this difference is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between pre and post-test of experimental group of trunk joint mobility, as the calculated 't' value 2.115 is greater than tabulated 't' value 1.734. But there is insignificant found between pre and post-test of control group of trunk joint mobility, as the calculated 't' value 0.681 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 1.734.

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Conclusion

Concluding we can say that experimental group shows significant difference in reference to trunk joint mobility the differences may be attributed that Surya namaskar is basically a sun salutation that leads to healthy body, mind and soul. However, morning time is the best time for Suryanamaskar. Sun rises is the time when sun rays help revitalize the body and refresh the mind. It also increases the ability of muscle to perform movement with large amplitude (range of motion). It also refers to functional capacity of a joint to move through a normal range of motion.

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PREKSHA MEDITATION A PART OF YOGA FOR HEALTHY LIFE STYLE

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Abstract:

Modern society is facing ahazardous life- style which results in unending mental, physical, and emotional stresses. This happens due to desire for material wealth and other problems such as lack of concentration, forgetfulness, and absent-mindedness. Itbrings about a transition in the personality and fails to impart true inner peace. As a result, we continue to bear the wrath of a stressful mind in every sphere of our life. We compromise our happiness, progress, success, and even physical and ecological well-being. Under such a scenario, it is important for us to realize the need for transformation in our attitudes and bring about a change in our traditional mind set. It is also vital to possess and sustain an optimistic approach towards the problems of life and exhibit a pleasant countenance that can be accepted and admired by all. Although, most of us concerned for a calm and compassionate character, we hardly know the process to achieve it. Preksha Meditation which is a path of self-realization and eternal joy can restore our lives in a healthier way bringing harmony and an un-stressful life-style. Preksha meditation helps one in knowing one's own real self thus, offering connection to the soul at a profound level and achieving a state of super consciousness. This blissful meditation purifies emotions and consciousness. It's also nullifies negative vibes and seen as a technique for a change in attitude, behavioral modification and integrated development of personality.

Keyword: Meditation, Yoga, Health

Introduction:

In 1970s Acharya Mahapragya of the Svetambar Terapanth sect formulated a type of meditation called Preksha meditation. The Preksha meditation technique is a rediscovery of the tireless efforts of Ganadhipati Tulsi and Acharya Shri Mahapragya, in 1975. This technique is a synthesis of traditional scriptures, modern science and experience. The meditation practices done by Lord Mahavira, carried on by Acharya Shri Mahapragya with a research study for 20 years, were presented in the form of Preksha Meditation.

Meaning of Preksha Meditation:

The word "preksha" means "to perceive carefully and profoundly". In preksha, perception always means experience bereft of the duality of like and dislike, pleasure and pain. Impartiality and equanimity are synonymous with preksha. Preksha is impartial perception, where there is neither the emotion of attachment nor aversion, neither pleasure nor displeasure. Both these states of emotion are closely and carefully perceived but not experienced. And because both are perceived from close quarters, it is not difficult to reject both of them and assume a neutral position. Thus equanimity is essentially associated with preksha.Important disciplines in the system are - Synchrony of mental and physical actions or simply present mindedness or complete awareness of one's actions, disciplining the reacting attitude, friendliness, diet, silence, spiritual vigilance. Preksha meditation is the practice of purifying the emotions and conscious (chitta) and realizing the own self.

It helps in leading a peaceful life and is a system of meditation for attitudinal change, behavioral modification and integrated development of personality.

Technique of Preksha meditation: Preksha meditation deals with every aspect of human being. It is divided in seven steps:

1. Kayotsarga (Deep relaxation with self-awareness)
2. Antaryatra (The journey within)
3. Shwas Preksha (Awareness of breath)
4. SharirPreksha (Awareness of body)
5. Chaitanaya Kendra Preksha (Awareness of psychic centers)
6. LeshyaDhyan (Awareness of psychic colors)
7. Anupreksha (Contemplation)

For practicing Preksha meditation must select a quiet place without disturbance. Spare approximately fifteen minutes in the beginning. This time can be increased gradually to thirty minutes depending on experience and interest in meditation.

Kayotsarga (Deep relaxation with self-awareness): This starts with keep body motionless. Next step is relaxing various organs of the body. Then movethe awareness on different parts of the body starting from feet to head and by the process of auto-suggestion feel relaxation process on particular parts. Experience every part is relaxed including all muscles, nerves, blood vessels, various organs and systems of the body and feel the entire body relaxed. One has to keep mind alert and awake during relaxation process. Duration of this Kayotsarga is around ten minutes.

Antaryatra (The journey within): After Kayotsarga this starts with maintaining the body in a constant and motionless state, draw attention on lower end of spine, known as a center of energy. Slowly move attention to upward direction along spinal cord and reach to the top of the head, where brain is located. This end is the center of wisdom. Stay there for few seconds and now move the attention downwards from head to the bottom of spine. Complete cycle from center of energy to center of wisdom and back activates the various hidden powers and facilitates free flow of vital life energy in upward direction. This process of meditation takes about five minutes.

Shwas Preksha (Awareness of breath): Breathing is a natural process. Adults normally have a breathing frequency of 12 to 20 breaths per minute. This stage starts with closed eyes take slow but deep breaths. Pay attention and feel its presence at the naval region. On breathing in, stomach expands and on breathing out, stomach contracts. Be aware of this expansion and contraction at the naval. Make it sure that not a single breath must go unnoticed. Regulate your inhaling and exhaling process such that it takes equal time. It should be synchronized. Now move attention to the tip of your nostrils. Create awareness of breathing process. Feel that the breathing in and breathing out. While breathing in, feel a sensation of cool air and while exhaling, feel warmth air at the tip of the nostrils. Keep a vigilant eye on movement of breaths. Also add mantra So 'ham with breathing process. While breathing in, chant 'So' and on breathing out chant, 'Ham'. Continue this awareness for some time. Slowly withdraw your attention from breathing and be aware of your surroundings. Slowly open the eyes. This session of Preksha meditation is over. This will take ten to fifteen minutes.

Benefits of Preksha meditation:

Psychological Benefits:

Preksha meditation helps purification of emotions and consciousness. Its continuous practice brings several positive changes in personality. With Prekshaone can overcome negative emotions and feelings including anger, hatred, jealously, envy, greed, fear, violent behavior, nervousness and emotional disturbance. And at the same time there is enhancement of positivism in the attitude and behavior. It helps increasing will power, memory, self-confidence, decision making and understanding. By practicing Preksha there is improvement in psychosomatic diseases. It cleanses and relaxes mind.

Physical benefits:

At physical level Preksha meditation helps strengthening immunity, controlling blood pressure, improving functioning of nervous system, endocrine system and blood circulation system. With Prekshaonecan overcome various addictions and bad habits. It decreases heart, breath and metabolic rates. It lowers blood pressure, sugar levels, cholesterol levels and increases circulation, immunity, endocrine functioning. It reduces muscles tension; increases exercise tolerance, helps in pain management and recovery after illness. It brings relief for PMS symptoms, reduces headaches and migraines and Improves brain functioning

Emotional benefits:

At emotional level Preksha meditation helps in reducing anxiety, phobias, fear and uncertainty. The emotions feel more stable and anchored. It improves focus, concentration levels, learning and productivity, increases will power and self-discipline. It brings changes and improves coping skills, improves interpersonal interactions and relationships. Further it brings a sense of happiness, rejuvenation and vitality, builds emotional maturity

Spiritual benefits:

There are several spiritual benefits. Some of them areSelf-actualization, Increases self-acceptance, self-love and insight into the self, brings harmony between spirit, mind and body and greater sense of one-ness

Conclusion:

The technique of Preksha Meditation is derived from the wisdom of ancient Indian philosophy. It is authentically based on current scientific principles. The main purpose of the Preksha Meditation is to purify the mental state. A human mind is constantly exposed to contaminating urges, emotions, and passions. Therefore, it is essential to remove these obstacles. Peace of mind appears with the disappearance of the impure thoughts. In addition, balanced mind, equanimity, and well-being are also experienced simultaneously. Uncontrolled emotions like anger, greed etc. are not only the hurdles in spiritual progress but also becomes the cause of disaster in social life. Preksha Meditation is not just for achieving physical, mental, and emotional well-being but a key to spiritual treasure trove. Today, eminent doctors, specialists, and general practitioners have agreed that mediation is a powerful complementary therapy. Meditation can help us in healing and sustenance of good health. It can cure and even protect us from several psychosomatic disorders that result from mental stress and tension.

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SUMMER FITNESS TRAINING PROGRAMMES ON STRENGTH

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Abstract

The 75 Cricket players were selected for the present study. The purpose is to measure the grip strength (Muscular Strength). It could be concluded that it is inferred that the hand grip strength of the selected subjects of Experimental A & Control C group does not vary significantly. Whereas, Experimental B & Control C (After 90 days) and Experimental A & Experimental B groups subjects shows significant improvement in the hand grip strength. It clearly indicates that ninety days systematic training programme significantly improve the hand grip strength of the subjects. It is also clear that ninety days systematic training programme is more effective that the sixty days training programme.

Purpose: To measure grip strength (Muscular Strength)

Equipments: Handgrip dynamometer.

Description: In order to ensure dryness, the subject was asked to put some magnesium chalk powder on the concerned hand. The tester sets the pointer of the dynamometer to zero and placed the dynamometer in the subject's hand and asked the subject to squeeze the dynamometer sharply and steadily as much as possible making certain that neither the arm was folded at elbow nor any part of the arm. Subjects were allowed with each hand giving one-minute rest between squeezes. Total 75 Cricket players were selected for the present study

Scoring: The highest reading out of the three squeezes was recorded in kilograms.

Table 1 Summary of One-Way Analysis of Variance for the Data on Hand Grip Strength of Pre-Tests of Experimental A, Experimental B and Control C Groups

Source of Variance	Degree of Freedom	Sum of Square	Mean Sum of Square	F-ratio
Between the Groups	K-1 3 – 1 = 2	1.30	0.65	0.09@
Within Group	N – K 75 – 3 = 72	515.98	7.17	

Significant at 0.05 Tabulated F0.05 (2, 72)= 3.11

The finding of Table No. 1 reveals that the obtained F-ratio of 0.09 is less than the tabulated F- value of 3.11 needed to be significant at .05 level of confidence. Hence, the data collected on hand grip strength at pre tests for the Experimental A, Experimental B and Control C groups does not differ significantly.

Since the F-ratio is not found to be significant hence the Least Significant Difference (LSD) Post Hoc Test is not applied.

Table – 2 Mean, Standard Deviation and t-Ratio for the Pre and Post Test of Experimental A, Experimental B and Control C Groups in Hand Grip Strength

Group	Test	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean Difference	Standard Error	t-ratio
Expt. A	Pre	31.79	2.6567	1.36	0.75308	1.806@
	Post After 60 days	33.15	2.6684			
Expt. B	Pre	32.04	2.6886	3.06	0.76071	4.023*
	Post After 90 days	35.10	2.6905			
Control C	Pre	31.74	2.6856	0.24	0.76198	0.320@
	Post After 60 days	31.99	2.7024			
Control C	Pre	31.74	2.6856	0.27	0.76177	0.357@
	Post After 90 days	32.02	2.7009			

* Significant at 0.05 level Tabulated $t_{0.05(24)}$ = 2.064 @ Not significant at 0.05 level

It is evident from the above table that there is no significant difference in between Pre and Post test means of Experimental A and Control C groups in hand grip strength, as the calculated t-values of 1.806, 0.320 and 0.357 respectively are less than the tabulated t-value of 2.064 at 0.05 level of confidence for the 24 degrees of freedom. But Experimental B group shows significant difference with calculated 't' value of 4.023.

Hence it is inferred that the hand grip strength of the selected subjects of Experimental A and Control C groups does not vary significantly. Significant improvement in hand grip strength is observed in Experimental B group only. It clearly indicates that ninety days systematic training programmer significantly improve the hand grip strength of the subjects. The mean difference of hand grip strength between the pre and post test means of Experimental A, Experimental B and Control C groups is graphically depicted in Figure-1.

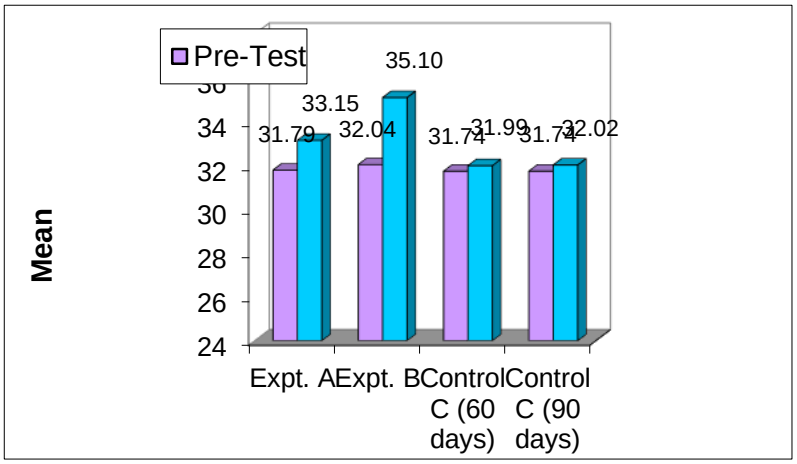


Figure – 1Mean Difference of Hand Grip Strength between the Pre and Post Test of Experimental A, Experimental B and Control C Groups

Table - 3

Mean, Standard Deviation and t-Ratio for the Post Tests of Experimental A, Experimental B and Control C Groups in Hand Grip Strength

Group	**Mean**	**Standard Deviation**	**Mean Difference**	**Standard Error**	**t-ratio**
Experimental A	33.15	2.6684	1.16	0.75955	1.532@
Control C (After 60 days)	31.99	2.7024			
Experimental B	35.10	2.6905	3.09	0.76246	4.050*
Control C (After 90 days)	32.02	2.7009			
Experimental A	33.15	2.6684	1.95	0.75786	2.576*
Experimental B	35.10	2.6905			

* Significant at 0.05 level Tabulated t0.05(48) = 2.00

@ Not significant at 0.05 level

The findings of above table show that there is no significant difference in between the Post test means of Experimental A & Control C (After 60 days) group in hand grip strength as the calculated t-value of 1.532 is less than the tabulated t-value of 2.000 at 0.05 level of confidence for the 48 degrees of freedom. It is also observed from the above table that, there is significant difference in between the Post test means of Experimental B & Control and Experimental A & Experimental B groups in hand grip strength, as the calculated t-values of 4.050 and 2.576 respectively are greater than the tabulated t-value at .05 level.

From the above findings it is inferred that the hand grip strength of the selected subjects of Experimental A & Control C group does not vary significantly. Whereas, Experimental B & Control C (After 90 days) and Experimental A & Experimental B groups subjects shows significant improvement in the hand grip strength. It clearly indicates that ninety days systematic training programme significantly improve the hand grip strength of the subjects. It is also clear that ninety days systematic training programme is more effective that the sixty days training programme.

The post test mean difference of hand grip strength between the groups is graphically represented in Figure2

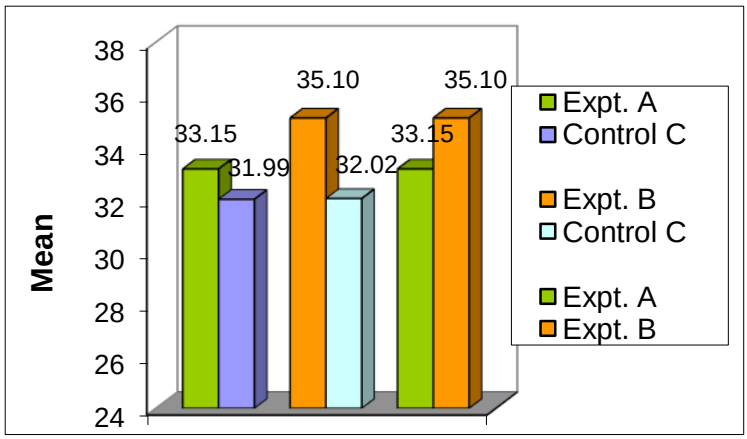


Figure – 2 Post Test Mean Difference of Hand Grip Strength between the Groups

Conclusion

From the above findings it is inferred that the hand grip strength of the selected subjects of Experimental A & Control C group does not vary significantly. Whereas, Experimental B & Control C (After 90 days) and Experimental A & Experimental B groups subjects shows significant improvement in the hand grip strength. It clearly indicates that ninety days systematic training programme significantly improve the hand grip strength of the subjects. It is also clear that ninety days systematic training programme is more effective that the sixty days training programme.

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THE MOTOR NERVE CONDUCTION AND VELOCITY OF ULNAR AND COMMON PERONEAL NERVE IN ATHLETES OF ANAEROBIC SPORTS

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to investigate motor nerve conduction velocity (MNCV) of ulnar & common peroneal (CPN) nerves of bilateral side (i.e. dominant & non-dominant) of athletes who are engaged in an anaerobic type sport activity (sprinters & power lifters). A total of 40 male sprinters & power lifters with an average age, height and weight of 20.70±1.76 years, 171.38±3.31 cm and 71.06±6.04 Kg respectively, volunteered to participate in this study. Each subject's MNCV was measured with the help of computerized equipment called "NEUROPERFECT" (Medicaid Systems, India) and the data was analysed using Mean ±SD, t-test and Pearson correlation. Results show that MNCV of ulnar nerve of right and left side was significantly different ($p < .05$). MNCV of common peroneal nerve of bilateral side also significantly different ($p < .05$). For both ulnar and common peroneal nerves, results showed that the right ulnar nerve had significantly faster MNCV than the right CPN nerve ($p < .05$). According to the results, faster MNCV in right ulnar nerve (i.e. dominant) and left CPN as compared to left ulnar nerve and right CPN in sprinters and power lifters may be from their long term training adaptations and further it may be relate to their upper & lower extremity movement requirement of changing their movement direction quickly and skilfully.

Key Words: Motor Nerve Conduction Velocity, Sprinters, Power Lifters.

Introduction

MNCV is a measure of speed of pulse (nerve impulse) can be transmitted along a motoneuron. A fast MNCV is also an indicator of a short refractory period. In other words, the decreased refractory period may allow for greater impulse frequency, thereby increasing muscle activation levels. It is known that exercise can cause structural changes in skeletal muscles as well as an increase in excitability of motor units. But the effects of the type and intensity of exercise on these changes have not been studied in detail. Some studies suggest strength and power athletes have faster MNCV than endurance athletes. However, it has also been reported that no differences were evident between power and endurance groups (Sleivert et al., 1995). Other researchers have shown that trained individuals have faster MNCV than untrained ones (Hoyle & Holt, 1983). In theory, changes in MNCV may be an indicator of nerve system adaptation due to long-term physical suggest strength and power athletes have faster MNCV than endurance athletes (Kamen et al., 1984). However, it has also been reported that no differences were evident between power and endurance groups (Sleivert et al., 1995). Other researchers have shown that trained individuals have faster MNCV than untrained ones (Hoyle & Holt, 1983). In theory, changes in MNCV may be an indicator of nerve system adaptation due to long-term physical exercise training. Previous studies had investigated the clinical type of individuals. But it is more meaningful and interesting to test the athlete especially in which the predominant energy system is an anaerobic type like sprinters & weight lifters and that need to control their lower extremities accurately and speedy that is requiring

more neural adaptation for motor nerve conduction velocity after specific physical exercise training. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to investigate motor nerve conduction velocity in upper and lower extremities (radial & sural nerve of bilateral side) of athletes who are engaged in an anaerobic type sport activity and to realize whether their neural specification would change from long term training.

Methods

Subjects total 50 sprinters & weight lifters in the age range of 18-25 years were voluntarily participated as subjects in the present study on the basis of their predominant energy system i.e. anaerobic. The dominant hand of all the subjects was right hand. The data was collected in Exercise Neurophysiology Laboratory, wherein the room temperatures were kept 24.9 ± 00.2 ºC during the MNCV testing. The right and left arm and leg was testing for ulnar and common peroneal nerve (CPN) respectively. Motor Nerve Conduction Velocity (MNCV) was assessed with the help of computerized equipment called "Neuroperfect" (Medicaid Systems, India) by using the traditional double stimulation technique. Square pulses of 0.1 ms duration and of sufficient intensity to evoke a supramaximal compound muscle action potential were applied at each stimulus point with surface stimulating electrodes. The subject lay on a wooden table with the straight arm and leg as radial and sural nerve was tested.

Statistical analysis

Data were statistically evaluated with the t test and Pearson correlation test using SPSS version 11.0 (SPSS). Significance was set at the $p < 0.05$ level

Results

The mean age, body height and body weight of the subjects were 20.70±1.76 years, 171.38±3.31cm and 71.06±6.04 kg respectively (Table 1).

Table 1 Mean ±SD of physical characteristics of an anaerobic group of players

Group	N	Age (Yrs.)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
Anaerobic	50	20.70±1.76	171.38±3.31	71.06±6.04

The mean values of MNCV of right and left ulnar and common peroneal nerves were 44.0 ± 6.8 m/s, 43.9± 6.5 m/s, 43.9 ± 6.2 m/s and 41.5± 7.0 m/s respectively (Table 2). It was found that the difference in the mean values of MNCV of right and left ulnar nerve were statistically significant ($p < .05$) and further It was found that the MNCV of right ulnar nerve was higher than left. The difference in the mean values of MNCV of right and left common peroneal nerve were also statistically significant ($p < .05$) and further It was found that the MNCV of left common peroneal nerve was higher than right. Results also showed that the mean MNCV of left common peroneal nerve was significantly ($p < .05$) more than the mean MNCV of right ulnar nerve.

Table 2 Mean ±SD of motor nerve conduction velocity (MNCV) of ulnar & common peroneal nerve

	Ulnar Nerve (m/s)	Common Peroneal Nerve (m/s)
Right	44.0 ± 6.8*	45.9 ± 6.2*
Left	43.9± 6.5*	44.5± 7.0*

The results of correlation showed that body height was positively and significantly related with body weight (r = 0.378). The MNCV of right ulnar nerve was also found to be positively and significantly related with MNCV of left ulnar nerve (r=.672) and negatively related with MNCV of right common peroneal nerve (r= -.292). The MNCV of right common peroneal nerve was also found to be positively and significantly related with MNCV of left common peroneal nerve (r=.582).

Table 3 Correlation (Pearson) among physical characteristics & MNCV of ulnar & common peroneal nerve

	Height	Weight	MNCV of Ulnar Nerve (Right)	MNCV of Ulnar Nerve (Left)	MNCV of Common Peroneal Nerve (Right	MNCV of Common Peroneal Nerve (Left)
Age	.110	-.045	.073	-.084	.081	-.063
Weight		. 278**	.020	091	.146	.232
MNCV of Ulnar Nerve (Right)			.141	.069	.110	.142
MNCV of Ulnar Nerve (Left)				. 672**	-. 291*	-.173
MNCV of Common Peroneal Nerve (Right)					-.033	.020
MNCV of Common Peroneal Nerve (Left)						.0579**

**p < 0.01; *p < 0.05. MNCV – motor nerve conduction velocity

Discussion

In the presented study, the results showed that right and left sural nerve of sprinters and weight lifters players had faster MNCV than right and left radial nerve. The result was reasonable, since the goals of these athletes' training are known as rapid and coordinate movement.

Conclusion

The faster MNCV in right ulnar and left common peroneal nerves as compared to left ulnar and right common peroneal nerve in sprinters and weight lifters may be from long term training adaptations and further it may be related to their lower extremity movement requirement of changing their movement direction quickly and skilfully. The results of the present study also indicate that long term training is important for increasing MNCV. But the types of training may have different levels of adaptation.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ASPIRATION LEVEL OF VARIOUS LEVEL OF FEMALE CRICKETER

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to compare Aspiration Level various level of female cricketer. For this sixty (60) female cricketer, 20 from each participated in the Maharashtra State Tournaments (20 State Players), Inter Collegiate Tournaments of MSS College of Physical education Jalna (20 Inter Collegiate Players) and Inter University Tournaments (20 Inter University Players) with the help of purposive sampling method were selected from MGM University, Nagpur. The weight categories of the cricketer were ranged between 50 kg to 57 years (flyweight to feather weight). Subjects did not use any ergogenic aids or supplementations and also they were all free from any injuries during the collection of data. To see the level of aspiration researcher has selected 'The level of aspiration measure test' which was constructed by Mahesh Bhargava and M. A. Shah were distributed to the players and the same were collected back after having filled by the players. Statistical Analysis was done on the basis of One Way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). The collected data were statistically analyzed with f-test. The level of significance was significant at 0.05 levels. Result shows that there was significant difference were found in Level of Aspiration among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Cricketer as obtained F-ratio was 6.231 which was greater than that of required tabulated 'F' value of 3.158 at .05 level of significance with (2,57) degree of freedom. Hence, Post Hoc test was applied to see the Mean Difference among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Cricketer in reference to Level of Aspiration. The significant difference was found only among Inter University Boxer and Inter Collegiate Boxer in reference to Level of Aspiration whereas insignificant difference was found among remaining comparison. Concluding the above study we conclude that there was significant difference were found in Level of Aspiration among State, Inter Collegiate and Inter University Cricketer, it may be attributed that Level of Aspiration varies from each other but remains a bit in everybody whether it may be player, student, teacher, businessman etc, we can conclude that in the view of different level of players Inter University Female Cricketer shows high level of aggression followed by State Level Cricketer and least in Inter Collegiate Cricketer.

Keywords: Level of Aspiration, Female Cricketer, etc.

INTRODUCTION

Today sports are considered as an integral to all-round development of one's personality. Now a day sports has become an essential part of life. Millions of fans and spectators follow different games and sports events bordering on devotion. Many people participate in sports and games for fun, enjoyment, happiness, pleasure, health, fitness, status and also for recreation. Increased participation in games and sports has resulted in competition which has become an important element of modern life.

Generally people think that boxing is not usually seen as a sport requiring high levels of fitness, however boxer need to attain a certain level in many aspects of fitness to allow them to perform

with accuracy and be able to repeat the actions without fatigue. With calm and quite the boxer can take a punch with greater intensity and frequency during training, and to punch without fatigue during competition. A successful boxer requires good vision, hand/eye coordination, controlled psychological variables, high level of Aspiration, etc and many such factors which directly or indirectly effect on boxing performance.

Like other psychological phenomena, motivational factors are important in directing individual behavior consciously and make him strive to perform certain type of activity in order to achieve a definite goal. Every one aims at reaching a definite goal or excellence in performance and doing so, he sets a desire for distinction which has an inner structure known as 'Level of Aspiration' (LOA). Hence, researcher wants to know the level of aspiration of different boxer, he has taken the study entitled "Comparative study of aspiration level of various levels of female cricketer."

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Subject

Sixty (60) female cricketer, 20 from each participated in the Maharashtra State Tournaments (20 State Players), Inter Collegiate Tournaments of MSS College of Physical education Jalna (20 Inter Collegiate Players) and Inter University Tournaments (20 Inter University Players) with the help of purposive sampling method were selected from MGM University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. The weight categories of the cricketer were ranged between 50 kg to 57 years (flyweight to feather weight). Subjects did not use any ergogenic aids or supplementations and also they were all free from any injuries during the collection of data.

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STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

To compare the level of aspiration of various levels of female cricketer researcher applied One Way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). The collected data were statistically analyzed with f-test. The level of significance was significant at 0.05 levels.

CONCLUSION

Concluding the above study we conclude that there was significant difference were found in Level of Aspiration among State, Inter Collegiate and Inter University Cricketer, it may be attributed that Level of Aspiration varies from each other but remains a bit in everybody whether it may be player, student, teacher, businessman etc, we can conclude that in the view of different level of players Inter University Female Cricketer shows high level of aggression followed by State Level Cricketer and least in Inter Collegiate Cricketer.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF AGGRESSION LEVEL OF URBAN AND RURAL FENCING PLAYERS REPRESENTING ALL INDIA INTER UNIVERSITY

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Abstract:
The present study is aimed to investigate the aggression level of Urban and Rural Fencing Players representing All India Inter University and to find its relationship with sport performance. The method of the study is descriptive correlational. The data was collected using questionnaires and through field study procedure. The population of the study consisted of 50 Urban and 50 Rural Fencing Players representing All India Inter University. Aggression level of players was assessed using the aggression questionnaire constructed by Dr. G. C. Patti (English version) (1976). T-test was used to compare the groups at 0.05 levels of significance. On the basis of result of the present study, it was concluded that urban Fencing players are more aggressive than rural Fencing players.

Key words: Aggression, Fencing, Interuniversity

Introduction:

Sport psychology is a diverse field with wide implications and has its impact in the field of every sport for past many years. Around the world Teams are effectively utilizing mental techniques in the improvement ofplayers' performance. It involves the study of psychological factors and to analyse its effect in performance and how participation in sport and exercise affect psychological and physical factors.In addition to instruction and training of psychological skills for performance improvement, applied sport-psychology may include work with athletes, coaches, and parents regarding injury, rehabilitation, communication, team building, and career transitions. In social psychology, aggression is most commonly defined as a behaviour that is intended to harm another person, who is motivated to avoid that harm.This harm can take many forms such as physical injury, hurt feelings, or damaged social relationships. Although definitions vary slightly, highly similar definitions have been utilized by many prominent aggression researchers.

The definition provides above include several key characteristics that help distinguish aggression from other phenomena. Firstly, aggression is an observable behaviour and not a thought or feeling. Although aggressive cognitions (e.g. hostile attitudes, beliefs, thoughts, or wishes) and aggressive affect (e.g. feelings of anger, rage, desire for revenge) can and frequently do serve as important precursors to aggressive behaviour, neither aggressive cognition nor aggressive affect is considered aggression. Secondly, the act must be intentional and be carried out with the goal of harming another. This means that accidental harm (e.g. unintentionally elbowing someone in a crowded room) does not count as aggression. The focus on intent also outweighs the outcomes of the behaviour in question i.e. whether or not harm has actually occurred. This means that scenarios in which one person harms another for their benefit (e.g. a doctor amputating a patient's leg to save his or her life, but also causing pain) are not considered aggression. Conversely, scenarios in which individuals attempt to harm another but fail to do so (e.g. a person shoots to kill someone but misses) are considered aggression. Thirdly, aggression involves people, meaning that damaging

inanimate objects (e.g. kicking a wall, smashing plates, or pounding one's fists on a table) is not considered aggression unless it is carried out with the intention of harming another person (e.g. slashing the tires on your enemy's car). Finally, the recipient of the harm must be motivated to avoid that harm. This condition excludes phenomena such as masochism (i.e. deriving pleasure, often sexual, from pain), suicide, and assisted-suicide from the realm of aggression. This does not mean that some of these latter forms of behaviour are totally unrelated to aggression. Indeed, some of the same psychological processes are likely at work. Nonetheless, research over many decades has shown that the more specific definition of "aggression" used by social psychologists has proven to be extremely useful in developing and testing high-quality theories of aggression, and shown that the various types of behaviours that do meet this specific definition are very similar in aetiology and underlying processes. Accidental harm is not aggression, but acts that are intended to injure others are aggression, whether or not they are successful.

The present study deals witha Comparative Study of Aggression level of Men and Women Fencing Players representing All India Inter University

Research methodology

The present study in hand is a survey type research where the survey was conducted on Fencing players, who were selected to represent their respective University in All India Inter University Fencing Championship to collect data for the measurement of aggression level of players.

Samples:

The population for the study were 50 Urban and 50 Rural Fencing Players representing All India Inter University Fencing tournament.

Tools used:

For the collection of the data required for the study the investigator used the following tools to investigate the selected variables.

Conclusion:

Overall comparison of aggression level of urban and rural women all India inter-university Fencing Players showed that the urban Fencing players experience more aggression than rural Fencing players. In normal competitions aggressiveness is necessary to overpower an opponent or to demoralize his physical capacities. Hence a percentage of aggression is needed. This significant difference in aggression is probably because of the coaching and training they get in the university.

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KHELO INDIA – NATIONAL PROGRAMME FORDEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS

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Abstract:
Sport and physical education is an integral part of education and a means to achieve physical and mental health. It should not be assumed that physical education and is a fancy worthless issue and merely a means for fun and engagement of children and adolescents. In contrast, it should be considered an important component of life activities. Concepts such as fitness, health, personal and social development and mental health are closely related to sport and physical education. A historical review demonstrates that civilized nations of the world always have paid attention to the importance and role of sport and used it for development of youth and preparing them to deal with personal and social problems. The Youth represent the most dynamic and vibrant segment of the population. India is one of the youngest nations in the World, with about 65% of its population being under 35 years of age. The youth in the age group of 15-29 years comprise 27.5% of the population
Keywords: Development, Sport, Health, Rural Areas, Physical Education, Khelo India

Introduction

Ministry of Finance vide their D.O. No.32/PSO/FS/2015 dated 28th October, 2015, had advised this Department to suitably restructure the Centrally Sponsored Scheme into a Central Sector Scheme. On receipt of this advice from the Ministry of Finance, wide ranging consultations were held with State Governments throughout India by dividing the states into six zones, i.e., Northern, Central, Eastern, and North Eastern, Southern and Western zones. After these consultations, consensus emerged that the above three schemes should be merged into one scheme –"Khelo India" - National Programme for Development of Sports, which also draws inspiration in respect of organization of competitions from Khel Mahakumbh which is organized annually by Government of Gujarat. The programme takes care to develop sports infrastructure in both rural and urban areas and provides for not only identification of talent but guiding and nurturing of the talent through assistance to SAI Training Centers and Academies and State Government training centers/academies and setting up of new academies both in public and PPP Mode.

With a view to achieving the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports, the Cabinet at its meeting held on 20109/2017 approved the revamp of "Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports." • The revamped Khelo India programme aims at strengthening the entire sports ecosystem to promote the above mentioned twin national objectives of sports development, which includes playfield development; community coaching development; promotion of community sports; establishment of a strong sports competition structure at both school and university level as also for rural 1 indigenous sports, sports for persons with disability and women sports; filling up of critical gaps in sports infrastructure, including creation of hubs of sports excellence in select universities; talent identification and development; support to sports academies; implementation of a national physical fitness drive for school children; and sports for peace and development. The scheme provides for a Project Appraisal Committee (PAC), which

shall appraise all proposals received under the scheme and place them before a Departmental Project Approval Committee (DAPC) for approval. The approved projects will be subject to strict monitoring, including third party monitoring, for which State level monitors shall be engaged. The entire programme shall be steered by a General Council (GC) chaired by the Minister in charge. Which will function as the highest policy making body for the purpose of implementation of the scheme. The General Council will be supported by a National Level Executive Committee (NLEC) headed by Union Secretary of Sports. The scheme shall have a Corpus Fund for the purpose of technical support and capacity building, which will be utilized for engagement of professionals and national 1 international consultant, carrying out national campaigns, publicity and awareness activities etc. The ·scheme has adequate flexibility, including need-based re-appropriation of allocations across components. The budget allocation for the scheme is Rs. 1,756crore for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.The scheme provides for complete transparency and also provides for convergence with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities and Public Private Partnership (PPP) activities. The selection of projects under the scheme would be done based on robust selection criteria, including challenge method. The entire scheme as approved by the Cabinet is hereby notified on this date as enclosed, for implementation with immediate effect.

Vision: To infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence in the country.

Conclusion:

The National competitions involving schools, colleges, Universities and NSFs under Khelo India Scheme, National Championships, and National Sports Talent Search Portal of SAI, will provide a platform for identification of talented sports persons in priority Sports disciplines in which the country has potential/advantage. To encourage sports all over the country thus allowing the population to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development. The Khelo India Scheme aims to encourage sports all over the country, thus allowing the population to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development. Khelo India programme identify and nurture sporting talent, encourage mass participation of youth in annual sports competitions, and create of sports infrastructure.

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UTILITY OF PLYOMETRIC EXERCISES FOR THE PROMOTION OF SELECTED MOTOR FITNESS COMPONENTS AND SKILL ABILITIES OF BEST PHYSIQUE PLAYERS AGED 13 TO 15 YEARS

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Abstract

Plyometric training (PT) is a very popular form of physical conditioning of healthy individuals that has been extensively studied over the last decades. In this article, we critically review the available literature related to PT and its effects on physical fitness in team sport athletes. We also considered studies that combined PT with other popular training modalities (e.g. strength/sprint training). Generally, short-term PT (i.e. 2-3 sessions a week for 4-16 weeks) improves jump height, sprint and agility performances in team sport players. Literature shows that short PT (<8 weeks) has the potential to enhance a wide range of athletic performance Although many issues related to PT remain to be resolved, the results presented in this review allow recommending the use of well-designed and sport-specific PT as a safe and effective training modality for improving jumping and sprint performance as well as agility in team sport athletes.

Keywords:- Plyometric training, Dependent &I ndependent Variable, Agility, Power

Introduction

Plyometric is the term now applied to exercises that have their roots in Europe, where they were simply as jumping training. Interest in this jump training increased during the early 1970 as east European athletes emerged as powers on the world sport scene, but the actual term Plyometric was first coined in 1975 by Fred Wilt, one of Americas more forward thinking track and field coaches, based on Latin origin, plyo-metric is interpreted to mean “measurable increases”. Plyometric is defined as exercises that enable a muscle to reach maximum strength in a short time as possible. This speed strength ability is known as power. Plyometric is the term now applied to exercises that have their roots in Europe, where they were simply as jumping training. Interest in this jump training increased during the early 1970 as east European athletes emerged as powers on the world sport scene, but the actual term Plyometric was first coined in 1975 by Fred Wilt, one of Americas more forward thinking track and field coaches, based on Latin origin, plyo-metric is interpreted to mean “measurable increases”. Plyometric is defined as exercises that enable a muscle to reach maximum strength in a short time as possible. This speed strength ability is known as power.

DISSCUSION ON FINDING

When all the result has been combined together, following motor fitness components shows significant improvement.

• The Power measured by standing broad jump and it’s’ value is -3.383 which is statically significant at .002 level.

•The speed measured by 50 yard dash and its ‘t’ value is4.884 which is statically significant at .000 level.

•The Agility measured by 10x 4 Shuttle Run test and its 't' value is -5.021, which is statically significant at .000 level.

•The Target test measured by SAI ZINN Team Best Physique Battery Test and its 't' value is -5.400, which is statically significant at .000 level.

•The Passing Accuracy Test measured by SAI ZINN Team Best Physique Battery test and its 't' value is -4.650, which is statically significant at .000 level. That means Plyometric exercises selected for motor fitness components shows significant improvement in above variables. The analysis of data reveals that the experimental group has improved performance ofPower, Speed, Agility, Throwing target and Passing Accuracy .Various research report in the area of motor fitness component also reveals in the support of present study that the plyometric exercises has good effect on selected motor fitness components.Therefore it can be interpreted that the result of obtained by present study has been significant and it could be summarized were as under "Plyometric Exercises Training of 06 weeks period could improve the selected Motor Fitness Components and skill Performance in Best Physique".

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SPORTS AS A TOOL FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN RURAL AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES OF NASHIK REGION

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Abstract

Sports have emerged as a powerful social instrument capable of promoting not only physical fitness but also economic empowerment, especially among rural and tribal populations. The Nashik region of Maharashtra, with a significant tribal population, presents a unique context where sports participation has gradually contributed to livelihood opportunities, employment generation, and social mobility. The present study aims to examine the role of sports in economic empowerment of rural and tribal communities in the Nashik region. A descriptive survey method was adopted, and data were collected from 200 rural and tribal youth actively engaged in sports activities. Variables such as employment opportunities, income level, educational support, and skill development were analyzed. Statistical tools including percentage analysis and t-test were used. The findings reveal that sports participation significantly contributes to economic awareness, income generation, and employment opportunities among rural and tribal youth. The study highlights the need for structured sports policies and grassroots investment to strengthen sports as a sustainable economic development tool.

Keywords: Sports Economics, Economic Empowerment, Rural Development, Tribal Communities, Nashik Region

Introduction

Economic empowerment of rural and tribal communities remains a major challenge in developing regions of India. Limited employment opportunities, low income levels, and restricted access to education often hinder socio-economic progress. In recent years, sports have gained recognition as a developmental tool that goes beyond physical fitness and recreation. Sports participation creates opportunities for employment, scholarships, coaching careers, event management, and entrepreneurship related to sports goods and services.

The Nashik region of Maharashtra is home to several tribal communities such as Bhil, Warli, and Thakur. These communities traditionally face economic marginalization. However, increasing participation in sports such as athletics, kabaddi, wrestling, and archery has opened new avenues for income generation and social upliftment. Sports academies, government schemes, and reservation-based opportunities have further strengthened this trend. This study attempts to analyze how sports function as an economic empowerment mechanism for rural and tribal communities in the Nashik region by assessing employment generation, income enhancement, and skill development outcomes.

Review of Literature

Previous studies have highlighted the socio-economic impact of sports participation. Coalter (2010) emphasized that sports can contribute to social inclusion and employability when linked with education and training programs. Singh and Sharma (2015) found that rural youth involved in sports exhibited higher levels of self-employment and income stability compared to non-participants.

A study by Patil (2018) reported that tribal athletes in Maharashtra benefited from government sports scholarships, leading to improved educational attainment and financial support for families. Das (2020) observed that community-based sports programs enhanced leadership skills and economic awareness among tribal youth.

However, limited research specifically focuses on region-based economic outcomes of sports participation in tribal areas such as Nashik. The present study attempts to bridge this research gap by providing empirical evidence.

Objectives of the Study

1. To examine the role of sports in economic empowerment of rural and tribal communities of the Nashik region.
2. To analyze employment opportunities generated through sports participation.
3. To compare income levels of sports participants before and after engagement in sports activities.
4. To assess the contribution of sports to skill development and economic awareness.

Methodology of Research

Research Design

The study adopted a **descriptive survey method**.

Sample

A total of **200 respondents** (120 males and 80 females) were selected from rural and tribal areas of the Nashik region using **purposive sampling**. All participants were actively involved in sports at school, college, or community level.

Tools for Data Collection

- Structured questionnaire
- Personal interviews

Variables

- Independent Variable: Sports participation
- Dependent Variables: Employment opportunities, income level, skill development, economic awareness

Statistical Techniques

- Percentage analysis
- Mean and Standard Deviation
- t-test

Statistical Analysis and Results

Table 1:
Employment Status Before and After Sports Participation

Employment Status	Before Sports (%)	After Sports (%)
Unemployed	62	28
Part-time	23	34
Full-time	15	38

Result: There is a noticeable increase in full-time and part-time employment after sports participation.

Table 2:
Mean Income Level of Respondents

Category	Mean Income (₹)	SD
Before Sports	6,500	1,200
After Sports	11,800	2,100

Table 3:
t-test Showing Difference in Income Levels

Variable	Mean Difference	t-value	Level of Significance
Income Level	5,300	9.42	Significant at 0.05

Result: The calculated t-value is greater than the tabulated value, indicating a significant improvement in income levels after sports participation.

Discussion of Results

The results clearly indicate that sports participation plays a positive role in improving economic conditions of rural and tribal youth in the Nashik region. Increased access to employment as athletes, coaches, sports assistants, and event volunteers has contributed to income generation. Sports scholarships and incentives have also supported education and reduced financial burden on families. Skill development through sports enhances employability and entrepreneurial abilities.

Conclusion

The study concludes that sports serve as an effective tool for economic empowerment among rural and tribal communities of the Nashik region. Sports participation significantly improves employment opportunities, income levels, and economic awareness. To maximize these benefits, policymakers should integrate sports development with rural employment schemes, education, and skill training programs. Investment in grassroots sports infrastructure and coaching facilities can further strengthen sports as a sustainable economic development strategy for tribal and rural India.

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COMPARATIVE EFFECT OF VARIOUS PLAYING SURFACES ON THE ENDURANCE OF PLAYERS

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Abstract:

The aim of this investigation was to find out the Comparative effect of various playing surfaces on the Endurance of players. In the current investigation, thirty male students were selected at random by purposive sampling technique, from affiliated colleges of Nanded City. The age group was ranging from 18-25 years. The Motor Fitness components selected for the research work was endurance. The data of endurance was collected by 600 yard Run and Walk. After that collected data was put into Microsoft Excel to develop Master Chart and then 'F' test (ANOVA) was used for the statistical treatment. To test the hypothesis the level of significance was set at 0.05 level of confidence, after the statistical analysis of data related to the effect of various playing surfaces on the Endurance of players it was found that there is significant difference in players of 600 Yard Run and Walk on various surfaces. (Mud, Grass and Cement), Hence the Researchers Pre-assumed hypothesis is accepted.

Keywords: Playing Surfaces, Endurance and Players.

Introduction:

Motor Fitness:

Motor fitness has been defined as a readings or preparedness for performances with special regard for big muscle activity without undue fatigue.

Meaning of Endurance:

Endurance like strength is a conditional ability; it is primarily determined by energy liberation processes. The ability of the human body to maintain a certain level of energy production forms the physiological basis of endurance Due to its physiological determinants, which can be relatively easily studied; it is an ability which has been studied in great detail and depth by the physiologists. Endurance is directly or indirectly of high status in all sports. It is however not easy to define endurance.

Surfaces in Sports:

The evidence in this guide is overall in nature and cannot be relied upon as professional advice regarding the design of, or marking out for, sporting facilities and playing areas. No declaration is given as to the accuracy of any information contained in this leader and readers should not rely on its accuracy. Readers should obtain their own self-governing and professional advice in relation to their proposed sporting activity. For some 'specialist' single sport abilities it may simply be a question of selecting the ideal surface for that sport. Generally facilities are multi-use and can make the selection of the playing surface far more complex. There will be a need to consider carefully the range of sports, levels of play, extent of use and the objectives and proposed programming of the facility. Other factors consist of resources available to maintain the playing surface and funds

available for replacement at the end of its life. Standards Australia produces two documents to assist in defining what surface is applicable to a particular sport.

Objectives:

The main purpose of this study was to find out the Comparative effect of various playing surfaces on the Endurance of players.

Hypothesis:

On the basis of literature searched and the researcher's own perception it was hypothesized that there would be significant difference of various playing surfaces on the Endurance of players of MGM University.

Methodology:

Source of Data:

In the present study subjects were selected from affiliated colleges of SRTM University, Nanded, for the collection of data.

Selection of Subjects:

Thirty male subjects were selected for the collection of data. The age group was ranging from 18-25 years.

Sampling Method:

The subjects were being selected by using purposive sampling method.

Collection of Data:

For the collection of data, the subjects were given full administration of the tests which was used for the collection of data in the study. The data of endurance was collected by 600 yard Run and Walk test. After that collected data was put into Microsoft Excel to develop Master Chart and then 'F' test (ANOVA) was used for the statistical treatment.

Criterion measures:

Following are the criterion measures which were responsible for collection of data, to testing the hypothesis.

Conclusion:

In the beginning of this study it was hypothesized that there would be a significant difference of various playing surfaces on the Endurance of players of Nanded City. but after the statistical analysis of data related to the players of 600 Yard Run and Walk on various surfaces it was found that there is significant difference in players of 600 Yard Run and Walk on various surfaces (Mud, Grass and Cement), of MGM University, Hence the Researchers Pre-assumed hypothesis is accepted.

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STRESS MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES IN SPORTS

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Abstract:
Stress management refers to the environmental, physiological, cognitive, and behavioral techniques employed by an individual to manage the factors and components that underlie the stress process or experience of stress. A primary goal of stress management in sport is to allow the athlete to effectively regulate competition related demands to facilitate optimal performance as well as to enhance psychological well-being. There are numerous stress management techniques that can be classified into various heuristic categories. Many of these are covered in this entry. However, to understand why these techniques are effective under specific conditions, it is important first to understand the stress and emotion process.

Keywords: Stress Managment

Introducation

Stress management techniques in recreation normally target somatic, behavioral, and/or cognitive affective signs of pressure. Somatic responses contain the athlete's physiological reactions, inclusive of changes in coronary heart charge (HR), respiratory (R), sweating, gastrointestinal functioning, muscular tension and manage, student dilation, urinary machine, and salivation. Behavioral responses are the direct movements taken due to the fact of the stress, which includes engagement or disengagement insure strategies or activities, as nicely as distraction. Finally, cognitive affective responses consist of the mind associated with the pressure, including worries, ideals, apprehensions, and bad expectations about performance in addition to motion plans to control pressure. Distinguishing among and being aware of each of these factors is essential for the athlete, train, and SP consultant, as this understanding facilitates to make certain the right strain control skills are applied. Effective Stress management also wishes to understand the temporal thing of the pressure procedure. Stressful transactions in recreation frequently contain anticipation, disagreement (engagement), and post-engagement stages and can result in an athlete feeling crushed. Stress management strategies can goal precise tiers or aggregate of degrees.

Stress-management facts:-

- Stress is any physical, chemical, or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental unrest.
- While elimination of stress is unrealistic, management of stress is an attainable and realistic goal that can be achieved by a number of strategies.
- People with strong social support networks report less stress and fewer negative symptoms of stress than those who lack social support.
- Stress-management techniques include relaxation techniques, time-management skills, counseling or group therapy, exercise, and maintaining an overall healthy lifestyle.

- There are hundreds of different relaxation techniques to help manage stress, including yoga, guided imagery, biofeedback and progressive muscle relaxation.

Stress Management Techniques:-

Learning to cope with stress and anxiety are vital to an athlete who has to perform in high pressure situations. The ability to control these feelings of nervousness and apprehension are vital to perform at the top level. The following are methods of managing stress:

Conclusion:-

Stress management techniques can include any intervention that can modify one or more components of the stress process. Stress management techniques need to be directed at individual needs and the issue at hand, as well as take into account the coping resources the athlete has available. As with the acquisition of any skill, application of stress management techniques requires training, time, and practice. Knowledge is not sufficient, as it does not guarantee an athlete can apply the necessary skills or program to his or her specific issue. Application and practice are necessary, and effort is needed on the part of the athlete to make gains in stress management ability.

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AN EDUCATION FOR BETTER LIVING OF WOMEN

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Abstract:
Sports Science is an art as well as a science; it helps everyone to lead a happy and satisfying personal and social life and also to develop qualities of good citizenship. Home Science can take a prominent role in developing good individuality and a good sense of personality in a person. The modern concept of this subject is to bring up homes where peace, prosperity and progress prevail. Unlike other subjects, it is a practical science one applies in everyday life. As a practical subject it offers maximum opportunity to express one's ability to take up things and develop leadership qualities. Home science education develops qualities needed for responsible citizenship; it can be defined as education for better living. On the whole, the goals of this subject can be spell out as for prosperous living and achieving the highest happiness.

Keywords: foods & nutrition, textiles, home management, extension education.

Introduction:

Sports science is referred world over by different names. But, in terms of content nature and view point they are all similar. The names given to it are Domestic Art, Household Science, Household Art, Household Economy, Household Administration and Euthenics. In America it is termed as Home Economics, in Britain and India as Home Science.The science of the home is concerned with the maintenance and enhancement of human relationship through the development and judicious use of all available human and material resources to achieve a maximal satisfying life for all members of the family.One factor which has influenced the concept of home science is the awakening of women's issues (Nidhi Sharma, 2016). It can be derived as "application of scientific knowledge in a systematic manner towards improving the quality of home and family life. Traditionally, the field of home science involves five areas, namely.

- Foods and Nutrition
- Human Development and Childhood studies
- Resource management and design applications
- Fabric apparel sciences
- Development communication and extension

All these areas have their specific content and focus that donate to the study of the individual and the family in Indian sociocultural context. Home Science equips the future citizens with relevant knowledge, competencies and prepares them to become efficient custodians of the nation's future (Lokita Gupta, 2016). Foods and Nutrition: Good physical strength can be made possible by good eating. Both quality and quantity of food should be considered. Dieteticsis the science of nourishing that deals with the adequacy of diets during normal life cycle and modifications required during diseased conditions (B. Srilakshmi, 2005). Knowledge of good nutrition and diet is essential for teachers, health professionals, administrators and students of health sciences.

Purpose of studying foods and nutrition is given below

- Recognizing the interrelationship of food, nutrition and health
- Planning and preparing balanced meal as per nutritional requirement
- Planning and preparing therapeutic meals for the sick Human Development and Childhood studies:

There are four major spurs to studying children scientifically, the solution of some practical problem, an attempt to prove or disprove the traditional beliefs which have served as guidelines for rearing children, theories about different and testing evidence from scientific studies (Elizabeth B.Harlock, 2005), The main purpose of studying the development of children is to know and understand them better. The need and importance of studying principles of development is because, • Knowing about developmental patterns for different age groups helps us to know what to expect from a child and when to expect. • Knowing what to expect at a particular age group helps in knowing about the standards or norms. • If parents and teachers are aware they can guide the children accordingly from one stage to another. Resource management and design applications: Home management is a practical science. In this subject, managing shows some degree of competence. Thus a home in which goals are being attained with some degree of satisfaction may be considered a well-managed home. Management implies making the best use of available material and human resources. It consists of series of decision making up the process of using family resources to achieve family goals. Becoming a consumer conscious individual • Wisely managing family income and expenditure • Recognizing the need for saving money and making investments • Adopting work simplification measures for overcoming fatigue and managing time and energy • Recognizing the mutual relationship between space organization and aesthetics • Optimally utilizing and conserving energy sources around you • Developing eco-friendly consciousness Developing aptitude for work ethics and ethical standards in daily living Fabric apparel sciences: Clothing plays an important role in social interactions. In interacting to another person and forming an impression, clothing plays a very significant role.

Clothes affect the action of wearer. We do perceive people differently because of their clothing and grooming, but, this may vary with the viewer, his acquaintance with the subject and the situation in which he perceives the individual. Our primary needs are foods, clothing, shelter and energy. Textiles serve the clothing requirements of the individual, the home and the country. In order to gain a better understanding of the place of textiles in our lives, we need to view the field in relation to India's total planning process and the objectives envisaged for the socio-economic development of our country. Over the past few decades, a new textiles world has emerged. New fibres, new fabrics and new finishes make new demands for understanding and evaluation.With the help of this subject we can achieve these objectives: • Wisely selecting fabric for different end uses • Getting acquainted with different textile finishes and using simple techniques for fabric enrichment • Wisely selecting and maintaining clothing and textiles Development communication and extension:It combines both adult education and informal education. It is concerned with educating adults, i.e. farmers or home-makers, not in the letters and alphabet, grammar or language but, in the techniques of raising better crops, better animals, better fruit trees, management practices followed at home in amore efficient way, taking care of the nutrition of the family,etc. The concept and philosophy, discipline and profession and theory and practices in the field of extension education have gone in to revolutionary changes in the last decade, almost all over the world (Dahama and Bhatnagar, 2009).

Home science extension education was started in late 30's of 20's century with the following objectives:

- To bring about desirable change in the human behaviour, this includes change in knowledge, skill and attitudes.
- To make the people aware that kitchen gardening and small scale industries are a profitable professions.
- To create an environment for rural people so that they can show their talent, leadership and efficiency.

- To provide latest technical know-how to the farm wives with the fact and figures in the shortest time.
- To provide appropriate solution of their problems.
- To bring the scientist close to the farmers.

Trends in research in home science: Home Science includes various disciplines like resource management, human development and family studies, foods and nutrition, clothing and textiles and extension-education. Thus it reveals that though these branches are treated separately, they are inter-reliant studies of the different aspects of the same object,viz., and human being. Home science research is a systematic method of exploring, analysing and intellectualising the human behaviour in order to improve the quality of life. Its functions are varied. They are: • Innovation of new facts and their interpretation. • Diagnosis of problems and their analysis. • Systemisation of knowledge. • Prediction and control over social phenomena. • Policy formulations for further development. • Social welfare.

Importance of Home Science:

- Changes efficient scientific attitude towards work
- Simplifies avoidance of wastage
- Develops skills in students and house wife's
- Helps in training healthy citizens.
- Grow an eye for beautification

Conclusion:

Probably no profession calls for such varied talents as home science does. Today's home science education is not confined to strengthen of home and family life only, it is an education aimed at national building. It has a vital contribution to human development, better living and national well-being. The dietary habits of home science teenagers are better than non-home science teenagers (PallaviYadav, et al; 2017). It offers numerous job opportunities, career options from teaching to working in research institutions are well known, but there are other areas one can work in too such as, laboratories that ensure food, safety and quantity, companies that conduct research on new food products, food auditing, food and nutrition consultants in hospitals, hotels, In boutique as a fashion designer, in school as a counsellor, wellness centres, corporates as well as agencies or entrepreneur are other option. Probably no profession calls for such varied talents as home science as Home Science does (ArtiSinha and RitiAggarwal, 2015). Home science is not just cooking or stitching but global perspectives and behaviour change. The limitless scope that it offers is hard to explain in one write up.

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THE FUTURE OF SPORTS ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN INDIA IN A DIGITAL SOCIETY: TRENDS, INNOVATION, AND GROWTH

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Abstract
Entrepreneurship has emerged as a critical driver of innovation, competitiveness, and socio-economic development within the sports industry. The rapid evolution of a digital society has significantly transformed how sports are produced, consumed, and managed, creating new entrepreneurial opportunities. Sports entrepreneurship involves the application of entrepreneurial principles within the sports ecosystem through the creation of innovative products, services, organizations, and business models. In India, the convergence of digital technologies, government initiatives, and a young, tech-savvy population has accelerated the growth of sports entrepreneurship. This study aims to examine the future of sports entrepreneurship in India within the context of a digital society by analyzing emerging trends, technological innovations, and growth prospects for the next decade. The paper highlights key opportunities, policy support mechanisms, and predictive trends that are likely to shape the Indian sports entrepreneurship landscape.

Keywords: Entrepreneur, Sports Entrepreneurship, Digital Society, Sports Industry

Introduction

India's sports sector is undergoing a paradigm shift, transitioning from a cricket-dominated ecosystem to a diversified, technology-driven sports industry. This transformation is strongly influenced by the emergence of a digital society characterized by widespread internet access, mobile technologies, data analytics, and digital platforms. These developments have reshaped fan engagement, athlete training, sports marketing, and organizational management. Entrepreneurship plays a pivotal role in this evolving ecosystem. Ratten (2023) defines entrepreneurship as the process of identifying and exploiting business opportunities through innovative and creative use of resources. In the context of sports, entrepreneurship assumes unique dimensions due to the emotional, cultural, and social significance of sport. Smith and Stewart (2010) emphasize that the distinctive features of sport significantly influence entrepreneurial behavior and business models within the industry. India's demographic advantage, rising disposable incomes, and increasing awareness of health and fitness further strengthen the potential for sports entrepreneurship. The integration of digital technologies with sports has created a fertile environment for innovative ventures, enabling entrepreneurs to design scalable, technology-enabled solutions. Consequently, sports entrepreneurship in India is positioned for substantial growth over the next decade.

Methodological framework

This study adopts a descriptive and analytical research design, integrating empirical observations with an extensive review of existing literature. The literature review establishes a theoretical foundation by examining key concepts related to entrepreneurship, sports entrepreneurship, and digital transformation. Empirical insights are drawn from policy documents, industry reports, and observable trends within India's sports ecosystem.

The methodological framework focuses on understanding how digital society influences sports entrepreneurship in India, with specific emphasis on technology integration, fan engagement, athlete development, and infrastructure growth. By linking the unique nature of sport with established entrepreneurial theories, this study offers a contextualized understanding of sports

entrepreneurship in a digital era. The approach enables the identification of future trends and growth trajectories, contributing to both academic knowledge and practical insights.

Sports entrepreneurship environment in india in a digital society

The Indian sports entrepreneurship environment has been significantly strengthened by supportive government policies and digital infrastructure development. The Draft National Sports Policy (NSP) 2024 emphasizes the vision of "Sports for Nation Building to Harness the Power of Sports for Nation's Holistic Development in Amrita Kaal." The policy recognizes sports entrepreneurship and startups as essential catalysts for innovation, employment generation, and industry expansion.

In a digital society, policy initiatives extend beyond traditional infrastructure development to include technology-driven solutions. The NSP 2024 proposes government-led procurement programs, innovation hackathons, sports incubators, and seed funding mechanisms aimed at empowering sports startups. Additionally, the introduction of a Sports Startup and Entrepreneurship Accelerator Program seeks to provide structured mentorship, access to digital resources, and networking opportunities. These initiatives collectively contribute to building a robust digital sports entrepreneurship ecosystem in India.

Opportunities for Sports Entrepreneurs in India

The digital society has expanded the scope of opportunities for sports entrepreneurs across multiple domains:

- **Digital Sports Technologies:** Development of artificial intelligence-based coaching tools, wearable devices, performance monitoring systems, virtual reality training modules, and data-driven analytics to enhance athlete performance and injury prevention.
- **Enhanced Fan Engagement through Digital Platforms:** Creation of interactive mobile applications, personalized content, social media engagement strategies, digital merchandising, and immersive fan experiences using augmented and virtual reality.
- **High-Performance Sports Academies:** Establishment of digitally enabled training academies offering customized coaching programs, sports science support, nutrition planning, and psychological counseling to develop elite athletes.
- **Sports Tourism and Event Management:** Use of digital platforms to promote sports tourism through online booking systems, virtual event experiences, and integrated travel packages linked to major sporting events.
- **Grassroots Sports Development:** Leveraging digital tools to deliver affordable coaching, online talent identification programs, community engagement initiatives, and access to quality sports infrastructure at the grassroots level.

Predictions for the Next Decade

Sports entrepreneurship has demonstrated sustained growth globally, supported by increasing academic and industry interest (Huertas González-Serrano et al., 2020). In India, the next decade is expected to witness accelerated transformation driven by the following trends:

- Deep integration of digital technologies and data analytics
- Expansion of a multi-sport culture beyond traditional sports
- Advanced digital fan engagement and monetization strategies
- Growth in sports marketing, branding, and sponsorship models
- Increased government investment in digital sports infrastructure
- Rapid expansion of esports and fantasy sports platforms
- Rising emphasis on health, fitness, and wellness-oriented sports ventures

These trends indicate that sports entrepreneurship in India will increasingly align with the dynamics of a digital society. Entrepreneurs who adopt innovative, technology-driven, and consumer-centric approaches are likely to play a transformative role in shaping the future of the sports industry.

Conclusion

The future of sports entrepreneurship in India within a digital society is both promising and dynamic. The sector is at a critical juncture, supported by technological advancements, progressive policy frameworks, and a digitally connected youth population. Digital transformation, the emergence of a multi-sport culture, and enhanced fan engagement are redefining traditional sports business models.

The Draft National Sports Policy 2024 provides a strong institutional foundation, further reinforced by startup accelerators and innovation-driven initiatives. The convergence of sports, technology, and digital media has created a vibrant ecosystem that encourages entrepreneurial experimentation and sustainable growth. As emphasized by Bygrave and Hofer (1992), "good science has to begin with good definitions." In this context, continued scholarly inquiry is essential to refine conceptual frameworks in sports entrepreneurship, ensuring its long-term development in India's rapidly evolving digital society.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS: A KEY FACTOR FOR CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA- A CASE STUDY

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Abstract
Physical education (PE) and sports are integral to a child's holistic development, influencing physical health, emotional well-being, social relations, and cognitive abilities. Despite global recognition of the importance of sports, many Indian schools continue to prioritize academics over physical development. This study examines the role of physical education in children's growth within the Indian context, with a special case study conducted in selected urban and rural schools in Maharashtra. Using mixed-methods research, including surveys, classroom observations, and interviews, the findings reveal a strong relationship between sports participation and improvements in physical fitness, academic performance, self-esteem, discipline, and peer collaboration. The study also identifies significant disparities in sports infrastructure, teacher training, and parental attitudes across regions. Recommendations include policy reforms, capacity building, and institutional commitment to integrating PE as a core educational component. The research underscores the need for a balanced education system that recognizes physical activity as essential to a child's overall well-being.

Keywords: Physical Education, Children Development

Introduction

Child development is a multi-dimensional process involving physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral growth. In the Indian education system, academic excellence continues to dominate educational priorities, often reducing physical education to a secondary status. However, contemporary research highlights that physical activity is not merely recreational; it is a scientifically supported requirement for optimal development.

Physical education and sports participation help children reduce stress, improve motor skills, enhance cognitive abilities, and build social skills. As India faces rising lifestyle diseases, increasing screen-time addiction, and declining physical activity levels among children, understanding the role of sports becomes increasingly relevant. The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** itself emphasizes the need to integrate sports and movement into daily school routines.

Rationale of the Study

Although India is one of the world's youngest nations, the physical fitness and sports participation levels among Indian children are lower than international standards. This gap raises questions:

- Are Indian schools providing adequate physical education?
- What impact does sports participation have on children's growth?
- How do urban and rural school environments differ?
- What challenges prevent the effective implementation of PE programs?

This research attempts to answer these questions through a systematic case study.

Objectives

1. To examine how physical education and sports influence different dimensions of child development.
2. To compare physical education practices in urban and rural Indian schools.
3. To identify challenges and limitations in promoting sports in Indian schools.

4. To propose policy measures for strengthening sports education.

Literature Review

Physical Development

Studies consistently show that regular physical activity enhances cardiovascular function, muscle strength, flexibility, and bone density (Singh et al., 2018). Children who engage in daily exercise demonstrate lower obesity rates and fewer health complications.

In India, sedentary lifestyles have increased alarmingly due to digitalization and academic pressure. Several researchers have reported that school-level physical education is crucial in reducing childhood obesity.

Sharma and Rao (2021) found that sports participation enhances:

Emotional and Psychological Development

Khan (2019) emphasizes that emotional resilience is strongly linked to consistent sports participation.

Social and Moral Development

Patel & Desai (2020) highlight systemic issues:

- Academic pressure from parents and schools
- Shortage of trained PE teachers
- Limited play spaces, especially in urban areas
- Inadequate sports facilities in rural schools
- Cultural preferences favoring academic success over physical literacy

NEP 2020 attempts to address some of these concerns, but implementation remains inconsistent.

Methods

Research Design

A mixed-method case study design was applied to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the research topic.

Participants

The study included:

Category	Number
Students (Grades 6–10)	400
Schools	8 (4 urban, 4 rural)
PE Teachers	20
Parents	10

Tools for Data Collection

1. **Structured Questionnaires**
   Used to collect data about physical activity levels, academic performance, and emotional/social behaviour.
2. **Semi-Structured Interviews**
   Conducted with teachers and parents to understand perceptions and challenges.
3. **Observations**
   Researchers visited each school to assess playgrounds, equipment, and PE class implementation.
4. **Secondary Data**
   Included government reports, NEP 2020, and previous research.

Data Analysis

Quantitative data were analyzed using basic statistical tools (percentages, averages, chi-square correlations).Qualitative data (interviews and observations) were coded into themes and interpreted.

Results

1. Physical Health Improvements

- **78%** of students participating in regular sports showed improved stamina.
- Students in urban private schools demonstrated better fitness levels due to better infrastructure.
- Rural schools lacked equipment, but students demonstrated natural agility due to active daily routines.

2. Academic Performance

A positive correlation was found between physical activity and academic scores:

- Students engaged in 3–5 hours of weekly sports scored **12% higher** in mathematics and science.
- Teachers reported better attentiveness among physically active children.

3. Emotional and Social Development

- **85%** of participating students showed increased confidence and emotional stability.
- Students who played team sports demonstrated improved coordination, communication, and empathy.
- Girls participating in sports reported overcoming shyness and gaining leadership roles.

4. Infrastructure and Resources

- Urban schools had better facilities, including playgrounds, courts, and trained PE teachers.
- **Rural schools suffered from inadequate infrastructure**, sometimes lacking even basic playgrounds.

5. Parental and Institutional Attitudes

- Many parents in both urban and rural areas believed academics were more important than sports.
- Some parents feared injuries or time loss due to sports.

Discussion

This study shows unmistakably that physical education and sports significantly contribute to comprehensive child development. Findings align with global studies suggesting that movement-based learning enhances cognitive abilities and emotional health.

Conclusion

Physical education and sports are essential tools for holistic child development in India. They improve physical health, mental well-being, academic performance, and social skills. The case study clearly demonstrates that Indian children benefit significantly from regular sports participation. However, several challenges—including lack of infrastructure, shortage of trained teachers, and parental misconceptions—prevent Indian schools from fully realizing the potential of sports-based education.

Strong policy action, financial investment, community awareness, and updated school practices are vital. Implementing NEP 2020's recommendations with seriousness can transform the Indian education system into one that values physical literacy as much as academic excellence.

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EFFECT OF YOGA PROGRAMME ON MENTAL HEALTH AMONG INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM GAME PLAYERS

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Abstract:-
Yoga is a multifaceted, highly structured, mindfulness-based practice that improves essential components of athletic performance and well-being. The multidimensional approach to yoga differentiates yoga from typical training practices, and it can contribute to its effectiveness in promoting physical, and mental capability. This study was conducted to examine the effects of yoga training programme on multiple dimensions of well-being among male and female athletes involved in both team and individual sports. This study follows a quasi-experimental design (QED), employing a pre-post approach and a convenient sampling method. A total of 187 participants were recruited for this study, comprising 109 males and 78 females, 90 of whom were from Individual Games and 97 from Team Games aged between 18 and 22. A paired sample t-test was applied to analyze the impacts of the Yogic Intervention. Each hypothesis was tested at 0.01 and 0.05 levels of significance. Results suggest that the advantages of yoga are relevant across various sports settings. Including yoga in training programs can offer mental health benefits regardless of the type of sport. The results advocate integrating yoga into sports players' training to improve mental health and reduce adverse emotional situations.

Keywords:- Mental Health, Yoga, athletic and sports players.

Introduction:-

Mental health is concern with the process of adjustment of a person's potential in a expressed in a balanced way and motivation towards the goal. Hadfield considers that "In general terms we may say that mental health is the full harmonious functioning of the whole personality." According to WHO (World Health Organization), mental health is "a state of well being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community". WHO stresses that mental health "is not just the absence of mental disorder." The sound mental health is one of the first requisite conditions of development. But adolescents, especially end stage of adolescents are overwhelmed by a number of problems which affect the mental health. In general, a depressed student becomes a depressed society, an its incalculable harm to the nations. Amy Novotney (2009) suggested that yoga may help strengthen social attachments, reduce stress and relieve anxiety, depression and insomnia. Jue-Ting Fan and Kuei-Min Chen (2011) suggested that Yoga exercise has positive benefits for both the physical and mental health of elders with dementia living in long-term care facilities. It is recommended that yoga be included as one of the routine activities in these long-term care facilities

Many scientists, doctors, psycholinguists etc., all over the world are extensively studying the beneficial aspects of yoga which encourages individual to attain positive health through yoga and improve health. The blood circulation happens all the more easily and appropriately and the body ends up able to do more work. Based on a study in badminton reported that many problems occur on psychological factors, such as crucial match, first games, fear of losing, afraid for their parents,

uneasiness, arena problems, people watching, and strong enemy and it is a characteristic of low mental health of players. Yoga enhances the resistance power against diseases and does not enable any peripheral issue to accumulate in the body.

Relationship between yoga and mental health:-

Yoga effectively lowers levels of both general and competitive anxiety, helping athletes manage pressure and fear of failure. The practice of mindful breathing and postures enhances an athlete's ability to focus on the present moment, reduce distractions, and maintain concentration during performance. Yoga helps athletes adapt to changing conditions and deal with setbacks, injuries, or stress more effectively. Stress alleviation and anxiety reduction are strong predictors of improved psychological flexibility. By promoting relaxation and lowering stress, yoga interventions significantly improve sleep patterns, which is crucial for an athlete's overall recovery and mental well-being. Athletes who practice yoga report higher levels of self-efficacy and better emotional regulation.

Research Problem:-

To study impact of Yoga programme on mental health among Individual and Team game players.

Objectives of the Study:-

1. To Study the Effect of yoga training programme on Mental Health among Individual Game Players.
2. To Study the Effect of yoga training programme on Mental Health among Team Game Players.

Hypotheses:-

Following major hypotheses were studying in present research.

H01 - There is no Significant Effect of yoga training programme on Mental Health among Individual Game Players.

H02 - There is no Significant Effect of yoga training programme on Mental Health among Team Game Players.

H03 - There is no Significant Effect of yoga training programme on Mental Health among Male Individual Game Players.

H04 - There is no Significant Effect of yoga training programme on Mental Health among Female Individual Game Players.

H05 - There is no Significant Effect of yoga training programme on Mental Health among Male Team Game Players.

H06 - There is no Significant Effect of Yoga training programme on Mental Health among Female Team Game Players.

Sampling:-

A Convenient Sampling method is used for this study. The procedure entails selecting participants who are readily accessible and express a willingness to participate in the study. This approach allows for efficient data gathering while ensuring that the researcher engages with a diverse group of individuals. A total of 187 participants were recruited for this study, comprising 109 males and 78 females, 90 of whom were from Individual Games and 97 from Team Games. Age ranged between 18 to 22.

Inclusion criteria

• Players aged between 18 to 22 years. • Players who were willing to do yoga were taken. • Players who attended at least 80% of the yoga sessions during the intervention period were included. • Players who participated in intercollege, district-level and zonal tournaments.

Psychometric Tools:-

Mental Health Checklist (MHC) by Dr. Pramod Kumar was developed to provide a tool for identifying individuals with poor mental health and in need of psych diagnostic help. The Mental Health Checklist (MHC) final version includes 11 items (6 related to mental health and 5 related to somatic health), formatted with a 4-point rating scale. The split-half reliability, which involves correlating the

odd and even items using the Spearman-Brown formula to double the test length, was determined to be .70 (N=30), resulting in a reliability index of .83 (Garrett, 1961). The content validity was passably guaranteed by selecting only those symptoms on which 100% of the judges agreed regarding their relevance to the study of mental health.

Procedure

This study follows a quasi-experimental design (QED), employing a pre-post approach and a convenient sampling method. A total of 187 participants were selected for this research, of which 90 were individual sports players, such as table tennis, badminton, and track and field, and 97 participants were team sports players, such as cricket, volleyball, and football. Among them, a total of 109 participants were male, 44 were in Individual Games, 65 were in Team Games, and a total of 78 were female; 46 were in Individual Games, and 32 were in Team Games. Mental Health Checklist, was administrated in two phases. In the first phase, after establishing rapport with participants in small manageable groups, all three questionnaires were administered with instructions as per the manual of each questionnaire. After completion of the pre-test, each participant was given yoga training for 3 months for 3 days a week as per the yogic intervention. There are three Yoga Modules in the intervention of the study. The first module was for 1 to 4 weeks, the second for 5 to 8 weeks, and the third for 9 to 12 weeks. After completing a successful Yoga training programme for 3 months, participants were again asked to complete all three questionnaires in the second phase. Afterwards, scoring was done for all three questionnaires according to the scoring key of each questionnaire.

The yoga training programme program was a comprehensive approach to enhance overall wellbeing. It started with loosening exercises focused on gentle stretching to increase flexibility and reduce stiffness due to psychological problems. The program also included a series of breathing exercises. Participants engaged in Deep Relaxation Technique (DRT); Meditation practices like Cyclic Meditation, Yoga Nidra and also includes Shatkriyas (Kapalbhati and Tratak).

Statistical findings and Results:-

Table No. 1 The table illustrates the Mean, SD and t values of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health Among Individual Game Players.

Phase	Mean	N	SD	t	Level of Significance
Pre	11.83	90	1.769	14.16	0.01
Post	8.67	90	1.558		

Table show the Mean scores for Mental Health among Individual Game Players, with values of 11.83 recorded before the implementation of the Yoga training programme and 8.67 afterwards. The Standard Deviation (SD) for these scores is 1.769 before the intervention and 1.558 after, the t value of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health among Individual Game Players is 14.169, which is significant at 0.01 level, so the null hypothesis, asserting that "There is no significant effect of Yoga training programme on Mental Health of Individual Game Players" is Rejected. This finding indicates a significant effect of Yoga training programme on the Mental Health of Individual Game Players.

Table No.2 The table illustrates the Mean, SD and t values of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health Among Team Game Players.

Phase	Mean	N	SD	t	Level of Significance
Pre	11.57	97	1.6	22.60	0.01

Post	9.3	97	1.3		

Table presents the Mean scores for Mental Health among Team Game Players, with values of 11.57 recorded before the implementation of the Yoga training programme and 9.30 afterwards. The Standard Deviation (SD) for these scores is 1.600 before the intervention and 1.300 after and t value of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health among Team Game Players is 22.60, which is significant at 0.01 level, so the null hypothesis, asserting that "There is no significant effect of Yoga training programme on Mental Health of Team Game Players" is Rejected.

Table No. 3 The table illustrates the Mean, SD and t values of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health Among Male Individual Game Players

Phase	Mean	N	SD	t	Level of Significance
Pre	12.11	44	1.603	10.45	0.01
Post	8.68	44	1.736		

Table show the Mean scores for Mental Health among Male Individual Game Players, with values of 12.11 recorded before the implementation of the Yoga training programme and 8.68 afterwards. The Standard Deviation (SD) for these scores is 1.603 before the intervention and 1.736 after and t value of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health among Male Individual Game Players is 10.46, which is significant at 0.01 level, so the null hypothesis asserting that "There is no significant effect of Yoga training programme on Mental Health of Male Individual Game Players" is Rejected.

Table No. 4 The table illustrates the Mean, SD, SEM, and t values of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health Among Female Individual Game Players.

Phase	Mean	N	SD	t	Level of Significance
Pre	11.57	46	1.893	13.21	0.01
Post	8.65	46	1.386		

In above table, the Mean scores for Mental Health among Female Individual Game Players, with values of 11.57 recorded before the implementation of the Yoga training programme and 8.65 afterwards. The Standard Deviation (SD) for these scores is 1.893 before the intervention and 1.386 after and t value of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health among Female Individual Game Players is 13.21, which is significant at 0.01 level, so the null hypothesis asserting that "There is no significant effect of Yoga training programme on Mental Health of Female Individual Game Players" is Rejected.

Table No. 5 The table illustrates the Mean, SD, SEM, and t values of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health Among Male Team Game Players.

Phase	Mean	N	SD	t	Level of Significance
Pre	11.58	65	1.648	17.78	0.01
Post	9.4	65	1.272		

Table shows the Mean scores for Mental Health among Male Team Game Players, with values of 11.58 recorded before the implementation of the Yoga training programme and 9.40 afterwards. The Standard Deviation (SD) for these scores is 1.648 before the intervention and 1.272 after. The t

value of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health among Male Team Game Players is 17.78, which is significant at 0.01 level, so the null hypothesis asserting that "There is no significant effect of Yoga training programme on Mental Health of Male Team Game Players" is Rejected.

Table No. 6, The table illustrates the Mean, SD, SEM, and t values of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health Among Female Team Game Players.

Phase	Mean	N	SD	t	Level of Significance
Pre	11.53	32	1.524	11.69	0.01
Post	9.09	32	1.353		

Above table show the Mean scores for Mental Health among Female Team Game Players, with values of 11.53 recorded before the implementation of the Yoga training programme and 9.09 afterwards. The Standard Deviation (SD) for these scores is 1.524 before the intervention and 1.353 after, and t value of Pre and Post-Yoga training programme on Mental Health among Female Team Game Players is 11.69, which is significant at 0.01 level, so the null hypothesis asserting that "There is no significant effect of Yoga training programme on Mental Health of Female Team Game Players" is Rejected.

The results indicate that mean scores for mental health were reduced post-yogic intervention, where a decrement in the mean values means improvement in mental health, and t-values across all categories were also statistically significant, means Mental health was improved significantly post-intervention across all categories (such as male, female, individual, and team players). Players improved somatic and mental health symptoms, enhancing their ability to perform efficiently during crucial times during sports while maintaining healthy interpersonal relationships with peers. A Study by (Xu et al., 2022) found that yoga intervention improves mindfulness levels.

Conclusion

Yoga has a statistically significant effect on Mental and Somatic symptoms of Mental Health among Individual and Team Game Players at a 0.01 level of significance. These results indicate that Yoga intervention significantly reduces somatic anxiety, worry, and concentration disruption in male and female athletes involved in individual and team sports. By enhancing the unity of mental and physical states, regular yoga practices provide better emotional regulation, stress management, and mental focus, making it an excellent intervention for players across various individual and team sports.

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INVESTIGATION AND STRESS MANAGEMENT OF PRE-COMPETITIVE STATE ANXIETY OF WOMEN AND MEN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to investigate the pre-competitive state anxiety of university volley Ball. Ninety-one volley Ball player (54 men and 37 women) who participated in the volley Ball Tournament at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar were randomly selected to serve as subjects for this study. The men and women players who participated in any of their matches from their teams from Ist round to Quarter Finals, were randomly selected for the study. The criterion measure for testing the hypothesis was the scores obtained in the Sports Competition Anxiety Test Questionnaire (SCAT) by Rainer Martens. Pre-competitive state anxiety had significant difference between winners and loser of Inter College men and women volleyball player in Semi-final and Ist round to Quarter Final matches.

Keywords: - Women Psychology, Stress Management, Anxiety

Introduction

Anxiety plays a paramount role in sports. It is the challenge in sports participation, which produces anxiety. How an athlete handles the anxiety determines how successful he would be? Anxiety may be a positive motivating force or it may interfere with successful performances in sports events. Anxiety is likely to be greater in higher competitive sports than in relatively noncompetitive sports, because in the competitive sports, participants are expected to win and greater demands are made upon them to succeed. The purpose of the study was to investigate the pre-competitive state anxiety of inter collegiate players. It was hypothesized that there will be no significant difference between pre - competitive anxiety of winner and loser-volley ball player in both male and female categories.

METHODOLOGY

Ninety-one Volley Ball players (54 men and 37 women) who participated in Inter collegiate volley ball Tournament held at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar were randomly selected to serve as subjects for this study. Out of the 54 women volleyball players, 18 players were those whose teams qualified to participate in the Semi Final matches and 36 players were those who participated from their teams in their Ist round to Quarter finals. Out of the *37* women volleyball players, 09 players were those whose teams qualified to participate in the Semi Final matches and 28 players were those who participated from their teams in their Ist round to Quarter finals. The men and women volleyball players who participated in any of their matches from their teams from Ist round to Quarter final, were randomly selected for the study.

The Sports Competitive Anxiety Test (SCAT) questionnaire prepared by Rainer Martens has fifteen items out of which five were spurious questions, which have been added to the questionnaire to diminish response bias towards the actual test items. These five questions were not being scored.

The subjects were instructed to respond to each item according to how they generally felt before the competitive sports situation.

Players were required to respond the questionnaire 30 minutes before his/her matches. However, no time limit was set for filling up the questionnaire. The subjects were asked to respond as quickly as possible without brooding over any question/statement once the instructions were understood clearly beforehand.

OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSION

To determine the significance of difference between means of winner and loser players' pre-competitive state anxiety of men and women volleyball players, t-test was applied and the data pertaining to this have been presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 revealed that there was no significant difference between winner and loser players pre-competitive state anxiety of Semi-final matches as perceived by men volleyball players as the obtained t-value of 0.70 was much less than the required value to be significant at t_{005} (34) = 2.03. There was no significant difference between winner and loser players pre-competitive state anxiety who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter finals as perceived by men volleyball players as the obtained t value of 1.04 was much less than the required value to be significant at t_{005} (70) = 2.00 (Table.1).

Table 1 : Significance of difference between means of winners and losers pre-competitive anxiety of women volleyball players.

Round	Result	N	μ	Ơ	M.D.	$^{\sigma}$ DM	t
Matches (Semi Final)	Winner	18	20.44	2.33	0.05	0.71	0.70*
	Loser	18	20.44	2.85			
Matches Round –Q.F.	Winner	36	20.38	2.35	0.53	0.51	1.04*
	Loser	36	20.91	1.76			

*Not Significant at 0.05 level tab 0.05(34) = 2.03 tab 0.05 (70) = 2.00

Table 2 revealed that there was significant difference between winner and loser players pre-competitive state anxiety of Semi-final matches as perceived by women volleyball players as the obtained t value of 2.52 is much more than the required value to be significant at t_{0005} (16) = 2.12. There was no significant difference between winner and loser players pre-competitive state anxiety who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter finals as perceived by women volleyball players as the obtained t value of 0.17 was much less than the required value to be significant at t_{0005} (54) = 2.00.

Table 2 : Significance of difference between means of winners and losers pre-competitive anxiety of women volleyball players.

Round	Result	N	μ	Ơ	M.D.	$^{\sigma}$ DM	t
Matches (Semi Final)	Winner	09	18.55	2.50	2.67	1.06	2.52*
	Loser	09	21.22	1.92			
Matches Ist Round – Q.F.	Winner	28	20.39	2.45			
	Loser	28	20.50	1.97	0.11	0.64	0.17

*Significant at 0.05 level tab 0.05 (16) = 2.12 tab 0.06 (54) = 2.00

Analysis of descriptive data on pig-competitive state anxiety indicated that Inter collegiate volley ball men winner (20.44) and loser (20.38) players of Semi -final matches have high level of

pre-competitive state anxiety. Winner men (20.38) and loser (20.91) players who participated from their teams in their matches from I round to Quarter final have high level of pre-competitive state anxiety. In women, the winner players of Semi-final matches have moderate level (18.55) and loser players have high level (21.22) of pre-competitive state anxiety. Winner women players (20.39) who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter final and loser players (20.5) have high level of pre-competitive state anxiety (Table 2). 't' value of 0.70 and 1.04 was not found to be significant between the means of winners and losers pre-competitive state anxiety in Semi-final women volleyball players and the players who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter finals indicating that winner and loser players experienced high level of pre-competitive state anxiety. However 't' value of 2.52 was found to be significant between the means of winners and loser pre-competitive state anxiety in Semifinal women volleyball players indicating that winner players have moderate pre-competitive state anxiety, whereas loser player indicated high level of anxiety, which may be attributed to the fact during tough competition, these players suffer with high level of anxiety. Further 't' value of 0.17 was not found to be significant between the means in winners and losers pre-competitive state anxiety who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter Finals between women volleyball players indicating that winner and loser players exhibit high pre-competitive state anxiety.

Conclusion:

Within the limitations of the present study, the following conclusions were drawn: Pre-competitive state anxiety has no significant difference between winners and losers Inter collegiate Semi-final matches women volleyball players, Pre-competitive state winners players who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter Finals, Pre-competitive state anxiety has significant difference between winners and loser Inter collegiate Semi Final matches women volleyball players and Pre-competitive state anxiety has no significant difference between winners and losers women players who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter Finals.

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ANALYSING LEARNERS LEARNING BEHAVIOUR-A CASE STUDY

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Abstract

To analyze learners' leaning behavior, a case study was made of students' info course of Associate in Nursing autonomous faculty, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, geographical region. data processing techniques were accustomed discover association, classification, agglomeration and outlier detection rules. Through the four tasks, data extraction is created that narrates students' behavior. it's shown however valuable data processing is in educational activity, primarily to progress students' behaviour & performance. Students' information was used from info course. All out there information was composed together with their usage of Module e-learning facility. data processing techniques were used applied to find data. preponderantly association rules were discovered and sorted the foundations exploitation carry metric for visualize the foundations followed by discovering classification rules exploitation call tree with the exception of EM agglomeration of scholars into teams. Lastly, used outlier analysis for police work all outliers in information. every one of this data is employed to develop performance of scholars.

Keywards :- Learning Behavior

Introduction:

Growing research interests in data mining in education concerns with budding from historical and operational data reside in databases of educational institutes. Data pertaining to students can be personal or academic. It may be composed from e-learning system having vast information. EDM used various techniques: decision trees, neural networks, k-nearest Neighbor, support vector machines and others. Many kinds of knowledge through association rules, classifications, clustering & outlier detection. Discovered facts is used to better comprehend students' behavior, supporting instructors, improving curriculums, teaching, evaluating and e-learning systems, and countless other benefits. This paper investigates educational domain of data mining using a case study from Database class.

Methodology: The data was collected from students' based mostly management system course control at the DCPE-(A Multi-faculty Autonomous MGM University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, initial semester of 2021 & 2022. Total strength of scholars was a hundred. The sources of assortment of information were: personal records and tutorial records of scholars, course records and knowledge obtained from e-learning system. For e-learning system the course used Module that is thought open supply course management system. For higher knowledge input, data processing techniques were created following some preprocessing for assortment knowledge. when one file knowledge integration, discretized the numerical attributes to categorical ones for increasing interpretation and quality. classified all grades into 5 teams were: glorious, very good, good, poor and failure. Likewise, discretized alternative attributes: attending and resource access. Visualizing knowledge was used for case study exploitation data processing system for a couple of major helpful data. From this prophecy some helpful data were drawn regarding the attributes before applying data processing strategies. exploitation bar graph of information, an honest deal of data was tried to get regarding attending, students' GPAs, to seek out out relationship of research laboratory grades with final grade. Conversely, e-learning facilities like e-recourses were conjointly utilized by students, effort and task influence ar of the ultimate grade of scholars. data processing used superior

techniques to get patterns from knowledge. i) Association Rules- Mining association rules searches for fascinating relationships among things during a given dataset. It permits finding rules of the shape If antecedent then (likely) subsequent wherever antecedent and subsequent ar item sets. Item sets ar sets of 1 or a lot of things. In dataset associate degree example of item is: attending =good. On account of trying to find things that illustrate final grade of scholars, subsequent has one item that is final grade= z wherever z may be a price of the ultimate grade like glorious, very good, etc., may be a sample of association rules discovered from knowledge for the wonderful final grade students. ii) Classification-It may be a data processing task that predicts cluster membership for knowledge instances. In instructional data processing, given works of a student, one could predicate one's final grade. during a case study, used J48 call tree to represent logical rules of student final grade. The diagrammatic tree is massive, a number of the sturdy rules within the tree are:
midterm =good & attendance=good then final grade= glorious, midterm = fail = fail the ultimate grade =fail, midterm = average & GPA=pass then final grade = pass, midterm = average and grade point average = sensible & e homework= one then final grade=pass, midterm = average = sensible and e homework= 2 attending = average then final grade=good, midterm=average and grade point average = {very sensible|excellent|superb} the ultimate grade=very good. iii) Clustering-It is finding groups of objects, the objects in one group is similar to one another and dissimilar from objects in a different group. Clustering was used to group students in accordance with their behavior. In this case, Expectation-Maximization Algorithm was used to cluster the given data. iv) Outlier detection-It discovers data points that are significantly different than rest of data. In educational data mining outlier analysis was used to detect students with learning problems. The system detected 37 outliers in data, is a sample of instances which detected as an outlier and the attribute where outlier occurred.

Results of study: From Module, information was collected about student accessing e-learning, it appeared that some students did not access the system at all, followed by how much student benefited from resources enquired, using e-books' research papers and old exams available on the system. Also, found the results of students' grades in solving exercises accessible in the system. By using histogram of data, a good deal of information was discovered about attendance, students' GPAs, and lab grades have a positive relationship with the final grade. Conversely, e-learning facilities such as e-recourses were also used by students, exercising and assignment hardly affected the final grade of students.

Discussion of Findings: Association rules- these rules ar sorted by elevate metric. The elevate worth is that the magnitude relation of the arrogance of the rule and therefore the expected confidence of the rule. The elevate is measured because the magnitude relation of the chance of antecedent and subsequent, occurring along to the chance of antecedent and subsequent severally. The elevate worth of larger than one indicates a correlational statistics between antecedent and subsequent. With the elevate worth, the importance of a rule may well be taken. the primary rule, with the best elevate which suggests highest correlation is that the most significant, and so on. Classification- the good thing about this technique is that it will predict low grades on time. it's necessary to grasp that classification rules ar completely different than rules generated from association. Association rules ar characteristic rules (it describes current situation), however classification rules ar prediction rules (it describes future situation). For cluster, Associate in Nursing EM algorithmic program may be a mixture based mostly algorithmic program that finds most chance estimation of parameters in probabilistic models. victimisation these results students may be unbroken into 5 teams and guides them in keeping with their behavior. Outlier detection- for every case pedagogue will check up on outlier behavior of scholars and tried to seek out and perceive why irregularity happened so resolve the matter, if there's any.

Recommendations: the way to generalize the study to additional numerous courses to induce additional correct results. Also, experiments may well be done victimisation additional data processing techniques like neural nets, genetic algorithms, nearest Neighbor, Naive Bays, support vector machines et al.. Finally, the used preprocess and data processing algorithms may well be embedded into e-learning system so anyone victimisation the system will benefited from the information mining techniques.

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DESIGN AND VALIDATION OF A TEACHER-MADE TOOL TO ASSESS MENSTRUAL PAIN INTENSITY

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Abstract
Accurate measurement tools are essential for evaluating the effectiveness of physical exercise in reducing menstrual pain. The present study aimed to develop and validate a teacher- made questionnaire to measure the effect of physical exercise on menstrual pain intensity among women aged 18-45 years. A total of 75 women selected using purposive sampling. The questionnaire was constructed using the Numeric Pain Rating Scale (NPRS). Content validity was established through expert evaluation, demonstrating high content validity. Reliability was assessed through pilot study using the test- retest method. The consistency of responses over time was analyzed using Pearson correlation value of p = 0.979, indicating an excellent level of reliability. The findings indicate that the teacher- made questionnaire is a valid and reliable instrument for assessing menstrual pain intensity in exercise- based intervention studies.

Keywords: Physical exercise, menstrual pain, pain intensity

Introduction:

Menstrual pain intensity is a key clinical and research variable used to describe the severity of discomfort experienced during menstruation. Menstrual pain, medically termed dysmenorrhoea, is characterized by cramping pain in the lower abdomen that may radiate to the lower back and thighs. The intensity of pain varies widely among women, ranging from mild discomfort to severe pain that interferes with daily activities, work performance, and overall quality of life. Dysmenorrhoea is most prevalent among women of reproductive age, particularly between 18-45 years, when hormonal activity and ovulatory cycles are most active (Proctor & Farquhar, 2006). Menstrual pain, or dysmenorrhoea, is a common condition affecting women of reproductive age and it's characterized by cramping pain in the lower abdomen, back pain, nausea, headache, irritability, mood swings during menstruation. It is a major contributor to absenteeism, reduced productivity, and reduced quality of life among women aged 18-45 years (Dawood, 2006). Additional factors such as stress, physical inactivity, poor lifestyle habits, and individual pain threshold may further influence pain severity. Physical exercise has been increasingly recognized as an effective non- pharmacological intervention for reducing menstrual pain intensity. Exercise is believed to reduce pain by enhancing pelvic blood circulation, releasing endorphins, reducing stress, and modulating inflammatory mediators (Armour et al., 2019). Several studies have reported significant reductions in menstrual pain intensity among who engaged in regular physical activity.

Assessing menstrual pain intensity essential for evaluating the effectiveness of therapeutic and non-pharmacological interventions. Subjective pain measurement tools, such as the Numeric Pain Rating Scale (NPRS), are commonly used in clinical and research settings due to their simplicity, reliability, and sensitivity to change. The NPRS allows individuals to quantify pain intensity on a numerical scale,

enabling comparison across time and between intervention groups (Hawker et al., 2011) The present study focus on the development of teacher made questionnaire to measure the effect of physical exercise on menstrual pain intensity among women aged 18-45 years.

Review of Related Literature:

Chen Tsai, Chih- Wei Hsu et al. (2024) they studied comparative Effectiveness of different Exercises for reducing pain intensity in primary dysmenorrhoea: A systematic review and network meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. A systematic review and network meta- analysis including 29 randomized controlled trials demonstrated that various exercise modalities such as relaxation exercise, strength training, and aerobic activity, yoga, mixed exercise and pelvic floor exercises significantly reduced menstrual pain intensity over 4 and 8 weeks of intervention, compared with control groups. Among these, relaxation exercises were identified as the most effective in reducing pain intensity at both 4 and 8 weeks. Further supporting this, Zheng, Q., Huang, G., Cao, W. Et al., (2024) Comparative effectiveness of exercise interventions for primary dysmenorrhoea: a systematic review and network meta- analysis. A larger network analysis of 49 studies involving over 3,000 women found that all exercise interventions significantly reduced menstrual pain over 4-8 weeks. Different exercise types showed varied benefits like resistance exercise and multi- component exercise had the most effective pain- reducing effects, while stretching and multi- component regimens were especially beneficial for improving overall menstrual symptoms and reducing pain duration. This supports the concept that regular physical activity can modulate pain pathways and reduce menstrual discomfort. Cai J., Liu M. et al., (2025). Aerobic exercise to alleviate primary dysmenorrhoea in adolescents and young women: A systematic review and meta- analysis of randomized controlled trials. De Arruda, G. T., Driusso, P. et al. (2022). Numerical rating scale for dysmenorrhoea related pain: A clinimetric study, shows the Numeric pain rating scale (NPRS) is a widely accepted, simple, and sensitive tool for assessing pain intensity in clinical and research settings. It ask respondents to rate their pain on scale from 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst possible pain). The NPRS showed excellent test- retest reliability (interclass correlation coefficient= 0.90) as well as good criterion and construct validity, indicating that the scale accurately reflects menstrual pain intensity and correlates with broader health and bodily pain measures. Larsen et al. (2025) developed a menstrual knowledge questionnaire where items were drafted based n literature, refined by expert panels, piloted with participants, and tested for test-retest reliability, demonstrating the importance of expert review and reliability analysis in tool development.

Objectives of the Study:

1. To develop a comprehensive questionnaire for measuring menstrual pain intensity among women aged 18-45 years.
2. To assess the content validity of the questionnaire through expert evaluation.
3. To determine the reliability of the questionnaire using the test- retest method.
4. To establish the suitability of the tool for future research on the physical fitness and menstrual health.

Method and Participants:

To study the effect of physical exercise on menstrual pain intensity among women aged 18-45 years, a sample of 75 women was divided in 3 groups like group- A (18-25 years), group- B (25-35 years), group- C (35-45 years) were selected as a sample with the help of purposive sampling technique.

Development of tool:

The teacher made questionnaire was developed using the Numeric pain rating scale (NPRS) as the core measurement component. The questionnaire included:

- **Personal Information** – age, occupation, exercise habits, menstrual history, etc.

- **Demographic details –** Marking your answer using NPRS (0–10 scale), 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst possible pain)
- **Menstrual Symptoms (Physical)** – cramps, back pain, weakness, headache etc.
- **Menstrual Symptoms (Mental/Emotional)** – irritability, mood swings, anxiety etc.

This questionnaire were conducted the Numeric pain rating scale (NPRS) (0–10 scale), 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst possible pain).

Validity of the tool:

Content validity means how well a test or questionnaire includes all the important parts of what it is supposed to measure. **To ensure content validity, the initial draft of the questionnaire was reviewed by subject experts in the fields of Physical education and Gynaecology. Experts assessed the clarity, relevance, and appropriateness of each item. Modifications were made based on their suggestions, and ensuring the tool accurately captured menstrual pain and symptoms.** High content validity reflects that the questionnaire items adequately represent the construct of menstrual pain and symptoms and are appropriate for the target population.

Pilot Study and Reliability

A Pilot study was conducted with a small sample of participants within the target age group. The reliability of the teacher made questionnaire was established using test- retest method. The questionnaire was administered twice to the same group of participants on two different days. The consistency of responses over time was analyzed using **Pearson correlation.**

Table: 1
Test –Retest Reliability of the Teacher- Made Questionnaire

Reliability Method	Pearson correlation (p)	Interpretation
Test - Retest	0.979	Excellent Reliability

The analysis yielded a Pearson correlation value of p = 0.979, indicating an excellent level of reliability. This result suggests that the questionnaire demonstrates adequate internal consistency and stability, and it is suitable for use in assessing the effect of physical exercise on menstrual pain intensity.

Results:

The teacher- made questionnaire developed to assess the effect of physical fitness exercise on menstrual pain intensity demonstrated strong measurement properties. Content validity was established through expert evaluation by a panel of subject specialists in physical education and Gynaecology. The experts reviewed all items for relevance, clarity, simplicity, and appropriateness to the study objectives. Based on their feedback, minor modifications were made, and all items were retained, indicating high content validity of the instrument. The reliability of the questionnaire was examined using internal consistency analysis. Pearson correlation, for the finalized questionnaire was found to be **p = 0.979, indicating excellent level of reliability for teacher-made tool.** This value suggests that the questionnaire demonstrates adequate internal consistency and stability to measure the construct of menstrual pain intensity in response to effect of physical fitness exercise.

Overall, the result confirms that the developed questionnaire is a valid and reliable instrument for measuring the effect of physical exercise on menstrual pain intensity among women aged 18-45 years.

Discussion:

The present study successfully developed a teacher- made questionnaire with strong physical and psychometric properties. The use of NPRS enhanced the sensitivity of pain measurement. High content validity reflects that the questionnaire items adequately represent the construct of menstrual pain intensity and are appropriate for the target population. Expert validation ensured that the items were relevant, comprehensive, and aligned with the objectives of measuring changes related to physical fitness exercise.

The reliability of questionnaire by using internal consistency analysis indicating excellent reliability for teacher- made tool. This ensures that subsequent studies examining the impact of physical exercise on menstrual health can rely on the tool for accurate and consistent data.

Conclusion

The study concluded that the teacher- made questionnaire is a valid and reliable tool for assessing menstrual pain intensity among women aged 18-45 years. It effectively captures physical, mental, dimensions of menstrual health. The process of expert validation and test- retest reliability confirmed that the questionnaire is appropriate for use in future research exploring the effects of physical exercises on menstrual pain intensity and overall well- being.

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SPORTS INJURY REHABILITATION: AN OVERVIEW

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Abstract:
Background: Sports injuries are common among individual to combative sports athletes of various ages. Appropriate rehabilitation is essential not only to recover the damage but also to bring back ordinary movement, avoid future injuries, and help sports personnel return to sports safely. Developments in sports medicine have enhanced rehabilitation methods, creation them more scientific and group-based. **Objectives:** This outline aims to clarify the elementary principles, key foundations, and present methods used in sports injury rehabilitation, and to expression how these approaches support effective recovery and better sports performance. **Methods:** A narrative review of existing study was carried out. Relevant peer-reviewed articles, scientific guidelines, and review studies related to common sports injuries were studied. The focus was on injury assessment, rehabilitation techniques, and return-to-sports strategies. **Results:** The review displays that successful sports injury rehabilitation depends on appropriate injury assessment and modified treatment plans. Rehabilitation plans usually follow a regular and goal-based method. Important apparatuses include decreasing pain and bump, improving joint movement, enhancing muscle strength, and increasing balance and synchronization. Useful exercises and sport-specific training are important before returning to play. Mental support and injury-prevention policies also pay to better long-term retrieval. Organized and controlled rehabilitation plans were found to decrease recovery time and slight the risk of re-injury. **Conclusions:** Sports injury rehabilitation is a crucial part of sports medicine and should address the physical, functional, and psychological needs of the athlete. A personalized and proof-based style helps ensure harmless recovery and bring back to sport. Continuing research and developments in rehabilitation practices are essential to achieve better outcomes for injured athletes.

Keywords: Sports Injury, Rehabilitation, Performance, Scientific Guideline

A STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF PRANAYAMA ON THE MIND, BODY AND PERFORMANCE OF SWIMMERS

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Abstract:

A Study of the Effect of Pranayama on the Mind, Body and Performance of Swimmers for this Study Experiment Method was used. The Objectives of Present Research were to study the effect of Pranayama on body conditioning and performance of swimmers. To evaluate selected pulmonary, physiological, and psychological variables of swimmers, such as pulse rate and reaction time. The present study investigated the impact of Pranayama on body conditioning, physiological and psychological responses, and performance in swimmers. Using Experiment method Thirty swimmers from Eklavya Krida Mandal, Jalgaon, were randomly assigned to an experimental group, which underwent a structured Pranayama program, and a control group, which continued regular swimming practice. Key variables assessed included physiological measures (pulse rate), psychological responses (reaction time), and performance indicators (breath-holding capacity), recorded both before and after the intervention. Key Findings revealed that swimmers in the experimental group showed notable improvements in pulse rate regulation, quicker reaction times, and increased breath-holding ability, while the control group exhibited only minimal and inconsistent changes. capabilities of swimmers.

Keywords:- light on Pranayam,sports Training, swimming skills, Physiological, psychological Test, Yoga

Introduction:

Swimming is a universal sport that can be enjoyed by the young and old, the fit and unfit and everyone in between. Swimming is activity as well as the sport wherein individual propel himself through water using the limbs. Competitive swimming is usually performed in a 25m or 50m pool, using various stroke styles. Some other officially regulated strokes by International Swimming Federation (FINA) include freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke and backstroke. These four strokes combine to make up the medley events. Swimming is a form of low-impact exercise that can build both cardiovascular and muscular strength. It requires a high level of endurance and uses more muscles than other forms of aerobic exercise. Swimming is one of the most popular sports and known as of the best exercises. Swimming is convenient and is inexpensive and be engaged in at time. As it is an aerobic capacity, swimming is good for improving and maintaining overall physical fitness particularly fitness of the heart, lungs and circulation. Swimming performance is influenced by a complex interaction of morphological, biomechanical, physiological, neuromuscular, and technical factors. More specifically, swimming velocity is a product of stroke rate and stroke length, and increasing stroke rate or stroke length independently has been found to improve swimming performance To succeed in swimming competitions, it's important to acquire skills such as breathing

capacity and reaction time. Traditional yoga techniques, particularly pranayama, can help you develop these attributes.

Pranayama:

Pranayama means "control of breath." The term "prana" refers to breath or vital energy in the body. On a subtle level, prana denotes the pranic energy responsible for life or life force, whereas "ayama" means control. So, Pranayama means control of breath Pranayama allows you to manage the rhythms of pranic energy and achieve wellness in both body and mind. In his Yoga Sutras, Patanjali describes pranayama as a technique of achieving higher states of awareness, and he considers breath retention as an important practice for reaching Samadhi. Hatha Yoga also discusses eight types of pranayama that promote physical and mental wellbeing. Prana, Apana, Vyan, Udana, and Samana are the five forms of prana that control different pranic functions in the body. Their names are Prana, Apana, Vyan, Udana, and Samana. Of them, Prana and Apana are the most vital. Apana flows downhill, but Prana flows upward. Pranayama helps to balance the actions of various pranas, resulting in a healthy body and mind.

Benefits of Pranayama;

Pranayama is extremely beneficial to swimmers because it increases lung capacity, respiratory endurance, and breath-hold time, resulting in faster race times and more efficient strokes, while also calming the mind, reducing anxiety, and improving focus, creating a potent combination for improved physical performance and mental resilience in the water.

Objectives of the Study:

1. To study the effect of Pranayama on body conditioning and performance of swimmers.
2. To evaluate selected pulmonary, physiological, and psychological variables of swimmers, such as pulse rate and reaction time.
3. To assess performance characteristics and swimming ability, specifically breath-holding capacity of swimmers.

Research Methodology:

The experimental method was used for the present study. The experimental design was planned in three phases:

- Pre-test
- Training period
- Post-test

Data were collected from swimming students of Eklavya Krida Mandal, Jalgaon.

Population:

The population for the present research study consisted of 60 swimmers from Eklavya Krida Mandal, Jalgaon.

Sample:

From the population of 60 swimmers, a sample of 30 swimmers was randomly selected.

The sample included:

- 21 boys
- 9 girls

Tools Used:

1. Physiological Variable
    - Pulse rate measured using a digital blood pressure monitor
2. Psychological Variable
    - Reaction time measured using the Ruler Test
3. Performance Variable
    - Breath-holding time measured in seconds

Data Analysis:

The collected data were statistically analysed to determine the effect of Pranayama on selected physiological, psychological, and performance variables of swimmers.

Finding 1

The data reveal that both the experimental and control groups showed changes in pulse rate from pre-test to post-test. However, the experimental group demonstrated better regulation and distribution of pulse rate, which may be attributed to the regular practice of Pranayama. The observations suggest that Pranayama has a beneficial effect on the physiological condition of swimmers, particularly in maintaining pulse rate within an optimal range.

Finding 2

The experimental group showed a greater redistribution of reaction time scores from pre-test to post-test as compared to the control group. This change reflects a significant influence of Pranayama training on reaction time performance.

The control group exhibited only minor natural variation, whereas the experimental group demonstrated physiological benefits in reaction time due to systematic Pranayama practice.

Finding 3

The experimental group demonstrated greater control and a more systematic distribution of breath holding time from pre-test to post-test as compared to the control group. The observed changes in the experimental group indicate improved respiratory efficiency and breath control, which can be attributed to the regular practice of Pranayama.

The control group showed irregular and inconsistent changes, likely due to routine swimming activity and natural variation rather than any specific training intervention.

Conclusion

The study aimed to examine the effect of Pranayama on body conditioning, physiological and psychological variables, and performance of swimmers. The findings show that the swimmers in the experimental group who practiced Pranayama experienced noticeable benefits. They showed better control of pulse rate, improved reaction time, and enhanced breath-holding capacity.

In comparison, the control group showed only minor changes. Therefore, it can be concluded that regular Pranayama practice positively influences the physiological functions, mental coordination, and swimming performance of swimmers, helping them perform more efficiently in the water.

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IMPORTANCE YOGA TEACHER TOWARDS STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS

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Abstract

Given that many universities spend large sums of money supplying sports facilities for student use, comparatively little is known about the factors that influence the quantity of student sporting participation. This paper presents evidence which suggests that the quantity of role of teachers towards student sports participation is adversely affected by greater hours of work and increased by greater sports literacy and the decision to augment social capital. Effective investment in sports facilities by Universities would meet students' demands and not simply increase the range of sports facilities available to students.

Keywords: Yoga, Sport; Participation; Time; Social capital of Teacher and Students

Introduction

Most universities encourage students to participate in recreation activities during their time at university and often provide a wide range of sporting opportunities to cater for all levels and types of participant needs. Universities often encourage participation in other physical recreational activities by students who are not interested in sporting activities. For example, the few Universities Student Charter explicitly encourages students who do not already have an active lifestyle to participate in physical recreational activities through the provision of a relaxed, non-intimidating environment and an attractive and relevant programme. Although many universities spend large sums of money in supplying sporting facilities for their students to use, comparatively little is known about the factors that influence the quantity of student participation in sporting activities and whether a broad or narrow range of sporting facilities is necessary. This paper presents an analysis of factors that influence the quantity of participation in sporting activities by students in a Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwad University by drawing on data collected from a survey and employing ordered logistic regression analysis.

Theoretical background

There is now a vast literature on the demand for sports participation. This literature reflects the state of the art of sports studies and economics: it is varied; it comes from various theoretical perspectives, and from outside economics. Nonetheless, the standard treatment of demand for sport remains the neo-classical theory, which analyses participation via utility maximization and a demand function. In said function, demand for sport (measured in various different ways) is determined by the price of the sports activity, the prices of other goods, and income. Theoretically, preferences are also included, as they must be for a neo-classical treatment; but empirically, tastes are often omitted. Therefore, there is a large range of possible causal factors for sports participation. The literature does not suggest one simple model which might be estimated and/or tested. The goal of this study is to identify whether there is any evidence to support these theories from students who might have more time to participate in sporting activities than workers. Knowledge of factors influencing sporting participation by students is important if Universities are going to optimally allocate funds to meet the needs of students, especially in the Maharashtra where recent evidence suggests a move towards greater proportions of students working long hours to support themselves while studying for university qualifications, which can impinge on the number of hours available for study and socializing.

Collection of Data

Data were collected via a questionnaire of self-reported, closed questions designed to gather evidence for and against the theories discussed above and was distributed to students following two modules in two levels in Nashik District. All respondents in the sample (n = 85) were classified as being full-time students. The questions attempted to capture the diversity of motives for sports participation found in the literature. A series of questions dealt with the types of sports played; constraints, including cost, the ability to play sports, competing demands on their time; physical, psychological and social motives for sports participation; and details of the sports played. The descriptive statistics show a number of key features. First, the sample comprises active sporting participants, who on average play 3 or 4 sports. Indeed only 6 of the sample played no sports whatever. Sport is defined broadly: first, by allowing the students to define the sports they participate in; second, by allowing those responses to stand. The range of sports cited is extremely broad, including walking, which was a common response, skiing, and yoga; the most common sports were as might be expected, including football, rugby, netball, (field) hockey, swimming, tennis, and running. To some extent, sports played conform to gender stereotypes (no men in the sample indicated they play netball, for example); however, a number of women play cricket, football and rugby, reflecting the shifting gender profile of those sports. A slight majority of the sports played were competitive, although this was less often in an organised competition, and even less often intensive (in its level of activity and exertion). Most respondents were around the age of 20, all had access to university sports facilities; all lived in the same city (term-time), so differential access to local facilities was not relevant. Given that all of the respondents are full-time students, and are assumedly not the main wage earner in their family (although they might be in their student accommodation), personal income could be less relevant to their sports choices than it might otherwise be. There was a small majority of men in the sample, and a larger majority of white respondents; however the data did not suggest that ethnicity is much of a factor affecting sports participation. Indeed, all respondents who did not participate in sports were white. At least in our sample, some preconceptions about ethnicity (often through religion) and its impact on gender roles and hence sports participation is challenged.

Results

Bivariate Analyses Initially, a series of bivariate analyses and pivot tables were estimated. A selection of these is presented. The questionnaire asked respondents for their motives for doing sport. The responses to those questions are shown in Table 2, which presents data on several factors that act as motives for sports for respondents within our sample. The data support the physiological-psychological hypothesis that people do sports for the release of endorphins (and possibly also to reduce stress): across the sample – although there was a slightly greater proportion of men who gave this as (one of) their reason(s) for doing sports – respondents expressed the view that they did sports because of the feeling it gave them. This evidence supports Scitovsky's hypothesis suggests that those individuals who cite 'new friends' as a motive for sports participation also participate in more sports; this is slightly greater for males than for females. For universities, therefore, arranging opportunities for sports is a sensible strategy, one that might also have positive social spillovers, further enhancing the student experience. The high value for 'motive: fitness' in the descriptive statistics suggests that respondents are participating in sports in order to increase health.

Conclusions

Given that many universities spend large sums of money in supplying sporting facilities for their students to use, comparatively little is known about the factors that influence the participation rates of students in sporting activities. This paper presents an analysis of factors that influence the quantity of participation in sporting activities by students in a Nashik District by drawing on data

collected from a survey and employing ordered logistic regression analysis. The results from multivariate analysis suggest that the number of hours in work has a strong and negative effect on sporting participation, suggesting support for a tradeoff between work and leisure. Throughout the results, time is a significant factor affecting (usually negatively) sports participation, which in general students seem disposed to – this even applies to students who previously rejected sports, but whose perception of it has now changed. Participation in sporting activities is seen as a way of increasing social capital. That is to say, students often participate in sports in order to create new or develop existing social relationships. In addition, the study does support the theory that agents invest in physical capital, i.e., their health by participating in sports, which they perceive as increasing their fitness. In addition to these rationalistic explanations, there is considerable evidence in the data for a strong effect of habit persistence in sports participation, or 'sports literacy'. In short, the paper provides empirical support for a number of theories of participation. However, in contrast to much of the literature, cost of participation and preferences for competitive, organised or intensive sports do not appear to influence the overall quantity of participation. Universities need to know whether the demand for their supply of sporting facilities is likely to be high. With the increasing number of students being in employment to increase their income to pay for living expenses while at university, working longer hours is a reality for contemporary students but will also impact on the demand for sports facilities. Students are likely to become increasingly selective in their sports participation decisions, with sports literacy, meeting new friends and time constraints all playing an important role. This paper has identified a need for universities to use several strategies to encourage students to participate in sports. These strategies might include organizing more sporting activities, and by attempting to change the perception of sports by students. More specifically, our analysis suggests that universities should focus on providing organised, often competitive, social sports and that they should target these sports in their marketing of sports participation. Our data suggests that the types of students who would engage in intensive sports are those who would be willing sports participants anyway, and thus for whom institutional encouragement is unnecessary. Furthermore, students feel time constrained and unable to participate, thus universities might be wise to change the work culture of the university and the nature of the students' working week, to give them more opportunity to participate in sports. Our vicariate results in particular show that such changes might lead to improved sporting activities and higher general levels of activity.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF LEVEL OF TENSION AMONG VARIOUS FIELDING POSITIONS IN CRICKET

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to compare the level of tension among various fielding positions in cricket. To achieve the purpose of the present study researcher has selected 30 players of different playing position in cricket: 10 cover fielding positions, 10 slips fielding positions and 10 mid-off fielding positions from various clubs of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District. Subjects were selected by purposive sampling method. The age of the player were ranged between 20 to 25 Years. Multidimensional Assessment of Personality Series (MAPS) questionnaire were distributed to player's researcher explained each and every question in Marathi so that player can give correct and relevant answers. From that questionnaire only scores of tension were taken and were analyzed by one way ANOVA. The level of significance was fixed at 0.05. When the obtained 'F' value was significant Post-hoc test was applied to find out the paired mean difference. Statistical analysis was done on the fielders of one way analysis of variance (ANOVA). A one-way analysis of variance was utilized in order to determine the difference if any, if difference was found significance the LSD Post-hoc test was applied to assess the paired mean difference among the different fielding positions. Significant was kept at 0.05 levels. shows that there is significant difference between different fielding positions in cricket in reference to level of tension as the calculated value F is 11.789 which is greater than tab F0.05(2,27) = 3.354. Since the F ratio is found to be significant, the Least Significant Difference (LSD) Post hoc test is applied to assess the paired mean difference among the different fielding positions in cricket in reference to level of tension, that the mean difference value of Cover Fielder and Slips Fielder is 2.5 whereas Slips Fielder and Mid-off Fielder is 2.3 which is greater than the critical difference value 1.919. Hence, the mean of level of tension of Slips Fielder is higher as comparative to Mid-off Fielder and Cover Fielder.

Keyword: Tension, Cricket, Cover fielder, Slips fielder, and Mid-off fielder.

Introduction

Sports are a psycho-physical activity. It has both psychological dimensions besides physical, physiological and technical aspects. People interest in sports is found among all the society of the world. But the quality of participation of the athletes in games and sports is determined by their psychological factors also. In this Modern era of competition, psychological preparation of a team is as important as acquiring the different skill of a game. On the scientific lines, the teams are motivated not only to play the game but also to win the games. It is not only the proficiency in the skill which brings victory in them but more important is the mental preparation of the players with which they play and perform their best in the competition. The application of psychological principles is also important for the performance in sports and therefore, it is given greater attention in present days. There are certain aspects were psychological principles have to be applied during training, so that players are able to show their best performance.

The involvement of psychological principles for improvement of performance in sports has received greater attention in these days. There are certain accepted psychological principles which must have to be applied, so that the athletes and players are able to show their best in performances in competition. Coaches, physical educationists and sports scientists have always egger to know more about those psychological principles, which are helpful in improving the performance of the players. It is important to know about the role of anxiety, aggression, tension, fear, emotional phenomena like competitive anxiety and some personality traits like extroversion and neuroticism of the players during training as well as in competitions.

The athletes who are alert and relaxed, they take better, quicker decision during a match. An over-anxious athlete may take incorrect decision. Athletes can be more motivated when they realize that they can control their inner ability like anxiety, aggression, tension, fear, etc and are then free to play at their top level.

Tension is that state of nervousness, which results from the internal forces acting in opposition to each other such in emotional reactions like anger or fear. In one word, tension may refer as the residual effect of mental or emotional strain reflected in an athlete appearance or behaviour. A high level of basic tension will easily cause an athlete to choke under the perceived impact of impending competition or during a critical part of the competition. As we know Inverted-U model is often used to describe the influence of activation, arousal and tension on performance. The model says that an athletic performance will lose in quality if the tension level is low as well as if the tension level is very high the performance of athlete will also decrease, however the optimal level of activation arousal, tension and motivation is the one at which an athlete performs at his best or close to his maximum. This optimal level varies from athlete to athlete and in the same athlete from time to time depending upon the sport, how well learned it is (automatization) and on the interpretation of bodily arousal (fight/fight). However, this ideal level is difficult to measure in an objective way expect the athlete or the coach identifying and analyzing feelings, moods and mind states.

A cricket player also requires tremendous physical stamina, agility, individual proficiency, neuromuscular coordination, lung capacity, quick reflexes, intelligence and presence of mind on the field. Hence researcher keen to know which fielder position fielder in cricket are very tensed or under pressure which directly affect player to take correct and incorrect decision while throwing. Hence researcher has taken the study “A Comparative Study of Tension among various positions of cricket fielder”

Methodology

To achieve the purpose of the present study researcher has selected 30 players of different playing position in cricket: 10 cover fielding positions, 10 slips fielding positions and 10 mid-off fielding positions from various clubs of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District. Subjects were selected by purposive sampling method. The age of the player were ranged between 20 to 25 Years. Multidimensional Assessment of Personality Series (MAPS) questionnaire were distributed to player’s researcher explained each and every question in Marathi so that player can give correct and relevant answers. From that questionnaire only scores of tension were taken and were analyzed by

one way ANOVA. The level of significance was fixed at 0.05. When the obtained 'F' value was significant Post-hoc test was applied to find out the paired mean difference.

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was done on the fielders of one way analysis of variance (ANOVA). A one-way analysis of variance was utilized in order to determine the difference if any, if difference was found significance the LSD Post-hoc test was applied to assess the paired mean difference among the different fielding positions. Significant was kept at 0.05 levels.

Table – 1
Comparison of Level of Tension amongst different fielding positions in Cricket

SV	SS	Df	MS	F
between	**38.6**	**2**	**19.3**	**11.789***
error	**44.2**	**27**	**1.637**	

*Significance at 0.05 $_{(27df)}$ tabulated f = 3.354

Table – 2
Comparison of Mean of Level of Tension amongst different fielding positions in Cricket

1st Fielder	2nd Fielder	3rd Fielder	MD	CD
5.9	8.4		**2.5***	**1.919**
5.9		6.1	**0.2**	
	8.4	6.1	**2.3***	

*Significant at 0.05 level

Result

Above table-1 shows that there is significant difference between different fielding positions in cricket in reference to level of tension as the calculated value F is 11.789 which is greater than tab $F_{0.05(2,27)}$ = 3.354. Since the F ratio is found to be significant, the Least Significant Difference (LSD) Post hoc test is applied to assess the paired mean difference among the different fielding positions in cricket in reference to level of tension, that the mean difference value of Cover Fielder and Slips Fielder is 2.5 whereas Slips Fielder and Mid-off Fielder is 2.3 which is greater than the critical difference value 1.919. Hence, the mean of level of tension of Slips Fielder is higher as comparative to Mid-off Fielder and Cover Fielder.

Conclusion

It may be concluded that Slips Fielder is highly tensed than Cover Fielder and Mid-off Fielder. As it is found to be significant the reason may be attributed that the "Slips Fielder" has to be always alert if the ball is hit to the left side of the field, the slips fielder covers slips fielder. If the ball is hit to

right-field or center field, they become the cut-off for the center fielder or the right fielder depending where the ball was hit to. If the ball is hit to the cover fielder, the slips fielder then is responsible for covering cover fielder. If the ball is hit to the slips fielder, they either throw the ball to the slips fielder if there was already a player on cover, or they throw to cover if there was nobody on. If the runner is between home and cover, the slips fielder makes the decision to throw the ball to cover or to hold the ball. And also, in the bunt case, the slips fielder must cover cover as the cover fielder runs to get the ball from the bunt. Overall we can say that the slips fielder is always tensed because slips fielder has to play many roles during game.

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BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING: WOMEN'S INCREASING ROLE IN SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

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Abstract:
Women's participation in sports has been on the rise in recent years, with more women competing, coaching, and officiating at all levels of sports. However, women are still vastly underrepresented in sports administration, which includes roles such as team management, event planning, and league governance. This paper explores the historical context of women's exclusion from sports administration and examines the current state of women's involvement in sports administration. Additionally, the paper highlights successful women in sports administration, identifies challenges that women face in pursuing leadership roles in sports, and discusses strategies to increase women's representation in sports administration. This paper explores the role of women in sports administration and the challenges they face in gaining leadership positions. While women's representation in sports administration has increased in recent years, they continue to face barriers such as gender bias and discrimination, a lack of mentorship and networking opportunities, and a lack of access to leadership development programs. This paper proposes several strategies for increasing women's representation in sports administration, including addressing bias and discrimination, providing mentorship and networking opportunities, creating leadership development programs, and promoting work-life balance. By implementing these strategies, sports organizations can create a more diverse and inclusive industry, break the glass ceiling, and create opportunities for women to lead in sports administration. Ultimately, increasing women's representation in sports administration will benefit not only the industry but also society as a whole.

Keywords: Women, sports administration, leadership, diversity, discrimination, mentorship, work-life balance, Title IX, glass ceiling, representation.

Introduction: The role of women in sports administration has been a topic of discussion for decades, with women struggling to gain equal representation in leadership positions. This issue is not unique to sports, as women have historically been underrepresented in leadership positions across various industries. However, the sports industry, with its long-standing tradition of male dominance, presents a unique set of challenges for women. Despite these challenges, women have made significant strides in recent years, breaking barriers and shattering stereotypes.

Historical Context: The exclusion of women from sports administration can be traced back to the early 20th century when sports were considered a male domain. Women were not allowed to participate in most sports, let alone hold leadership positions. However, the women's rights movement of the 1960s and 1970s challenged the gender norms of sports and led to the passage of Title IX in 1972. Title IX mandated equal opportunities for women in education and athletics and opened the door for women to participate in sports at all levels. While Title IX had a significant impact on women's participation in sports, it did not immediately translate to increased representation in sports administration. Current State of Women's Involvement in Sports

Administration: Women's involvement in sports administration has increased in recent years, but women still face significant barriers to leadership roles. According to a 2020 report by the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES), women held only 26.8% of leadership positions in NCAA sports, and only 15% of NCAA athletic directors were women. Additionally, women of color are even more underrepresented, holding only 5.6% of athletic director positions. The lack of diversity in sports administration has real-world consequences, as it affects the experiences of athletes and coaches, as well as the overall culture of sports organizations. Successful Women in Sports Administration: Despite the challenges, there are many successful women in sports administration who serve as role models and advocates for increased representation. Women such as Val Ackerman, the first president of the WNBA, and Lisa Borders, the former president of the WNBA and current CEO of Time's Up, have paved the way for women in sports administration. Additionally, women such as Kim Ng, who was recently named the general manager of the Miami Marlins, and Becky Hammon, who is an assistant coach for the San Antonio Spurs, are breaking barriers in traditionally male-dominated sports.

Strategies to Increase Women's Representation in Sports Administration: Increasing women's representation in sports administration requires a multifaceted approach that addresses the challenges women face and creates opportunities for women to gain leadership experience. Some strategies to consider include:

Providing Mentorship and Networking Opportunities:

Women who have access to mentors and networking opportunities are more likely to succeed in leadership roles. Sports organizations can create mentorship programs and networking events to help women build relationships with established leaders in the industry.

Creating Leadership Development Programs:

Many women face barriers to gaining leadership experience, such as a lack of access to training and development opportunities. Sports organizations can create leadership development programs that provide women with the skills and experience necessary to succeed in leadership roles.

Emphasizing Work-Life Balance:

Sports organizations can promote work-life balance by offering flexible work arrangements, such as telecommuting or job sharing, and by providing support for employees with caregiving responsibilities.

Sports administration is an important aspect of the sports industry. It involves managing and organizing sports activities, events, and teams. Historically, sports administration has been dominated by men, with women being relegated to secondary roles. However, in recent years, women’s participation in sports administration has increased. This paper explores the role of women in sports administration and the challenges they face in breaking the glass ceiling.

The Importance of Gender Diversity in Sports Administration

Gender diversity in sports administration is important for several reasons. Firstly, it promotes fairness and equity in sports. When women are involved in sports administration, they can advocate for policies and programs that promote gender equity in sports. They can also ensure that women’s sports are given the same attention and resources as men’s sports. Secondly, gender diversity in sports administration can lead to better decision-making. Women bring different perspectives and

experiences to the table, which can help sports organizations make better decisions. Studies have shown that gender-diverse teams are more effective and efficient in decision-making than homogenous teams. Thirdly, gender diversity in sports administration can serve as a role model for young girls and women. When they see women in leadership positions in sports organizations, it can inspire them to pursue careers in sports administration.

Barriers to Women's Participation in Sports Administration

Despite the importance of gender diversity in sports administration, women continue to face several barriers that prevent them from participating in sports administration. Some of these barriers include:

Stereotypes: Women are often stereotyped as being emotional and nurturing, which may not fit the perceived image of a sports administrator.

Discrimination: Women may face discrimination in hiring and promotion processes in sports organizations.

Lack of networks: Women may not have the same networks as men in sports administration, which can limit their opportunities for advancement.

Work-life balance: Sports administration can be demanding and require long hours, which may not be compatible with women's caregiving responsibilities.

Limited access to education and training: Women may not have the same access to education and training opportunities in sports administration as men, which can limit their career advancement.

The Role of Women in Sports Administration

Despite the barriers, women have made significant contributions to sports administration. Women have served as leaders in sports organizations at the local, national, and international levels. They have brought their unique perspectives and experiences to sports administration, which has led to innovative policies and programs.

One notable example is the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) in the United States. The WNBA was established in 1996 and has been led by women since its inception. The league has been a trailblazer for women's professional sports and has provided opportunities for women in sports administration.

Strategies for Increasing Women's Participation in Sports Administration

To increase women's participation in sports administration, several strategies can be implemented. Some of these strategies include:

Encouraging women to pursue careers in sports administration: This can be done by promoting the benefits of gender diversity in sports administration and highlighting the successes of women in sports administration.

Providing education and training opportunities: Women should have access to the same education and training opportunities as men in sports administration. This can be achieved by providing scholarships, internships, and mentorship programs.

Addressing discrimination: Sports organizations should have policies in place to prevent discrimination and promote equity in hiring and promotion processes.

Creating networks and support systems: Women in sports administration should have access to networks and support systems that can help them advance in their careers. This can be achieved by creating women's networking groups or mentorship programs.

Promoting work-life balance: Sports organizations should promote work-life balance by providing flexible work arrangements and family-friendly policies.

Conclusion

In conclusion, women's participation in sports administration is important for promoting gender equity, better decision-making, and inspiring young girls and women. However, women continue to face several barriers that prevent them from participating in sports administration. To increase women's participation in sports administration, strategies such as encouraging women to pursue careers in sports administration, providing education and training opportunities, addressing discrimination, creating networks and support systems, and promoting work-life balance can be implemented. It is time to break the glass ceiling in sports administration and achieve true gender equity in the sports industry. Women's increasing role in sports administration is a positive development for the industry and society as a whole. However, there is still much work to be done to ensure that women have equal representation in leadership roles. By addressing bias and discrimination, providing mentorship and networking opportunities, creating leadership development programs, and emphasizing work-life balance, sports organizations can increase women's representation in sports administration and create a more diverse and inclusive industry. It is time to break the glass ceiling and create opportunities for women to lead in sports administration. In conclusion, increasing women's participation in sports administration is crucial for promoting gender equity and improving decision-making in sports organizations. However, women continue to face several barriers, including stereotypes, discrimination, lack of networks, work-life balance, and limited access to education and training. To address these barriers, strategies such as promoting gender diversity, providing education and training opportunities, addressing discrimination, creating networks and support systems, and promoting work-life balance can be implemented. It is also important to address intersectional barriers to ensure that women from all backgrounds have equal opportunities to participate in sports administration.

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A STUDY ON THE EFFECT OF AEROBIC DANCE ON PHYSICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES OF WOMEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS OF DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR MARATHWADA UNIVERSITY MAHARASHTRA

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ABSTRACT:
The purpose of the study was to investigate the effect of Aerobic Dance on Physical and Physiological variables of Women University students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra to achieve the purpose of the study, 40 boy's students were selected from different colleges. Marathwada University Maharashtra. The subjects age range from 21 to 25 years. The selected students were divided in to two equal group consists of 20 students, namely experimental and control groups. The experimental group given 12 week of Aerobic and control group was not participating in any special training apart from their regular spots and practice. The subject was tested on selected criterion variables such as Strength and Agility. Strength was measured by Standing Broad jump (meters) and Agility was measured by Shuttle run (count in seconds. The pre- test was taken before the program and post –test was measured of experimental and control groups. The result of the present study has revealed that there was in significance difference between experimental and control groups on selected variables University students. The Experimental group students having well Strength, Endurance and Agility and Vital capacity, resting heart rate and breath holding capacity than Control group students.

Introduction:

Physical education is an essential and integral part of the total education program and makes significant contributions toward the achievement of desirable education and health outcomes through the medium of physical activity. Quality physical education programs promote the physical growth and development of children and youth while contributing to their general health and wellbeing. They are based on a planned sequence of experiences in a wide variety of activities beginning with basic movement skills and progressing toward more complex sport, dance, and other forms of movement. Ultimately, they should help young people keep physically fit and enjoy many forms of physical activity during the school years and continuing throughout life.

Aerobic dancing is an aerobics style in which a group instructor choreographs several short dance combinations and teaches them to the class. This is usually achieved by teaching the class one to two movements at a time and repeating the movements until the class is able to join the whole choreography together. Aerobic music is used throughout the class. This is sometimes followed by a strength section which uses body weight exercises to strengthen muscles and a stretch routine to cool down and improve flexibility. Classes are usually 30–60 minutes in length and use of equipment such as a barbell, aerobic step, or small weights.

In freestyle aerobics, the instructor choreographs the routine and adjusts it to the needs and wants of her class. It is practiced to improve aerobic fitness, and strength.

Types of steps in Aerobic Dance will be given in the morning one hour.

Aerobic Dance Steps**:**

- Chorus Line Kicks
- Grapevine Circle
- Ballet Leaps and Turns i. Fouetté Turns, ii. Cgaîné Turns, iii. Chassé. **iv.** Grand Jeté:
- 4. Tap Wings

Statement of the problem:

This study evaluates the physical and physiological fitness of the college student through practice of Aerobic dance for healthy life of women college students of of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra.

Purpose of for the Study:

The purpose of the study is to determine the physical and physiological status of Women college students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra, so that the selection and training of the students can be planned in a scientific and methodical way. Till now no specific study has been carried out on physical and physiological aspects of the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra. Hence, there is a need to take-up an empirical study to generate empirical information on physical and physiological status of college students regarding to various aspects. Therefore, the present study is an attempt to evaluate various aspects relating to physical and physiological status of the Women College students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra.

Methods of research:

The present study a study on the Effect of Aerobic Dance on Physical and Physiological variables of college students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra Women students will be used Experimental method. The training schedule is designed to the experimental group to practice of Aerobic Dance training 1 hour Minutes every day in the morning 6.00 to 7am. Six days a week up to twelve weeks except on Sunday.

Sampling design:

The sample will be select**ed** randomly of college the students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra as subjects between the age group of 21-25years. The sample considers will be divided into equal groups called as control group and experimental group, each group consist of 20 students.

Sample of Aerobic Dance Training:

Si. No	Category of the Subjects	Category	Age	Number of Subjects	Experimental Group(8-Weeks)
1	Control Group	Women's university college students.	21-25 years	20	20
2	Experimental Group	Women's university college students.	21-25 years	20	20
	Total			40	40

Forty Women University college **students** (N- 40) from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra randomly selected. The selected students randomly assigned in to equal groups. The experimental group A-20 and the control group B-20 for the experiment. The aerobic Dance practice was given in morning 1 hour to the experimental group for twelve weeks. During this

time control group was not given asana participated. Experimental and control groups were not controlled for their activity.

Selection of Variables:

The research scholar will experiment with Aerobic Dance training and the physical variables for this were speed endurance, agility, strength and flexibility and physiological variables were the Vital Capacity, resting heart rate, Systolic blood pressure Diastolic blood pressure and Breath holding capacity essential components for Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra college students.

Schedule of the Training:

The training schedule is designed to the experimental group to practice of Aerobic Dance one hour every day in the morning, six days a week up to twelve weeks except on Sunday. The training time is scheduled between 6-A.M to 7 A.M.

For a good workout that's a lot of fun, aerobic dance steps are a good place to turn. While a traditional aerobics class might be boring for dancers, there are plenty of dance steps that constitute aerobic exercise; these steps get your heart rate up, which conditions your heart and lungs, not to mention burns calories and fat

Tests/ Tools used:

The table shows the variables, Tests/Tools and the Unionist of Measurements of selected physical and physiological Variables used in this study.

Showing the physical variables, Tests and equipment required and its Measuring Units.

S.NO	Variables	Test and equipment's required	Measuring Units
1	Strength	Standing Broad jump	Meters
2	Endurance	800 meter walk /Run	Minutes
3	Flexibility	Sit and reach test	Centimeter

Showing the physiological variables, Tests and equipment required and its Measuring Units.

s.no	Variables	Test and equipment Required	Measuring Units
1	Vital Capacity	Peak flow monitor	Liter per minute
2	Resting Heart rate	Apollo Blood pressure Monitor	Breath per minute
3	Breath holding Capacity	Manual Nose clip Method	Counts in Seconds

STATISTICAL PROCEDUR:

As per the research design the collected data were analyzed by employing standard statistical techniques used. Further the result has been interpreted and discussed logically to conclude.

Number, Mean, Standard Deviation, mean deference and's' value of academic achievement of the student.

	Groups	N	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean deference	't'
Pre-test of the students.	A(Physical and Physiological variables)	20	73.0124	19.886	1.42	0.256
	B(Physical and Physiological l variables)	20	72.7272	17.787		
Post-test of the students.	A(Physical and Physiological variables)	20	71.0324	18.782	2.13	1.129
	B(Physical and Physiological variables)	20	69.2321	16.124		

It is seeming from table- Pre-test of this study evaluates the Effect of Aerobic Dance on Physical and Physiological Variables Women of college students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra through regular practice of Aerobic Dance, the mean score of control and experimental groups were 73.0124 and 72.7272 respectively. Whereas, the mean difference was 1.42 and the values of t-test was 0.256 which were not significant. It reflects that the mean score pre-test of Physical and Physiological variables university students of control group and experimental group do not differ significantly. This result indicates that the pre-test means of Aerobic Dance training group and control group in test were more or less similar

The post-test of this study evaluates the prevention of the Effect of Aerobic Dance on Physical and Physiological Variables Women of college students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra, the mean scores of control and experimental group were 71.0324 and 69.2321 respectively. The mean difference is 16.124, and's' value of post-test was 1.129, which was significant. It reflects that the mean score of post-test of the Dance on Physical and Physiological Variables Women of college students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra of control group and experimental group differed significantly.

Result:

The above result shows that there was significant difference between the Experimental group and control group in the selected physical variables such as Strength, Endurance and Agility and Physiological variables such as Vital Capacity, resting heart rate and Breath holding Capacity between Experimental group and Control group students. There was significant difference in Strength, Endurance and Agility of Women of college students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra. The Experimental Group of students were having good Strength Endurence and Agility than Control Group students of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Maharashtra.

Conclusion:

Finally, I concluded that on the basis of result, there was a significant difference between Experimental group and control groups on selected Physical and Physiological variable.

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DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER IN SPORTS: AN OVERVIEW RESEARCH GUIDE

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Abstract:
Orientation separation in the sports business has for some time been a questionable point - even the organizer behind the cutting edge Olympics, Aristocrat Pierre de Coubertin, said in 1897, "Regardless of how hardened a sportswoman might be, her creature isn't removed to support specific amazements." From that point forward, orientation equity in sports has made considerable progress, including UNESCO perceiving sports and actual work as a human right in 1978. Notwithstanding the deterrents ladies face in games, numerous ladies have driven and are driving the way to orientation value. This paper profiles ladies competitors and executives who have prepared, also, offers "Systems for Change" that ladies and young lady competitors, mentors, overseers, and guardians can take to make school and school sports more fair. Support in sports benefits ladies similarly as it does men, assisting with creating authority abilities, supporting confidence and grades, and advancing physical wellness and wellbeing. Ladies and young ladies who partake in sports and work out schedules are better and the sky is the limit from there scholastically effective. Yet, the accentuation in school on "hotshot" male competitors overlooks the wellbeing and prosperity of all understudies for making a couple of beneficial competitors. What's more, male competitors in certain games are educated to de-refine and corrupt ladies as a component of their games preparing. This thus can prompt expanded brutality against ladies by these male competitors. We really want to establish an environment in which sports and wellness are for everybody, in addition to a couple, and in which everybody's capacities are tried and regarded.

Keywords: Orientation separation, confidence, orientation equity, authority abilities, wellness, male competitors

Introduction:

Sport has been a piece of the authority school program since the mid-1800s, and was initially integrated into the educational program to act as a significant line of protection against the potential feminization of American guys by a developing female instructing calling. As a piece of the educational plan, sport gave open doors to actual wellness and contest, as well as a medium through which esteemed socio-social fundamental abilities could be learned and polished. Grounded in standards of manliness, sport, more than some other piece of the instructive educational plan has been, and keeps on being, an orientation issue.

Purpose of Study

This paper will investigate how school sport has organized an orientation explicit and orientation one-sided sport esteem framework. First the socio-social setting, in which school sports arisen, and

its set of experiences and advancement will be looked into. Next the differential effect which school sport has on females and guys will be inspected.

Objectives

- to advance female equality
- to use athletics to empower women and girls
- Sports and social equality
- To lower the high dropout rate among girls and women

Hypothesis

The study makes the hypothesis that as school sports have grown, women's sports and the female athletes who play them have been marginalized and devalued throughout time. According to some, this has actually stifled the participation of women and girls in sports.

Problems of Socio-Culture

Sport has been around as long as the debate over gender equality in it. Although progress has been achieved, males continue to dominate the sport industry. Men's values, men's vision of the world, and men's experiences have defined and influenced women's sport, all of which stifle the development and expression of female ideals. This claim is supported by the history and development of gendered sport cultures, which also show that a sport culture was developed and maintained to support historical and current gender bias in sport.

Gender Inequality

The National Commission for Youth's (2004) most recent report detailed the participation of Sports involving women before and after 1947. In 1952, the first Indian woman took part in the Olympics. In order to encourage women's sports, the Indian government established the National Sports Festival for Women in 1975. Local and district tournaments take place prior to the national event. However, the report has noted that these competitions have been reduced to the simple awarding of certificates, and the ensuing national selection is carried out on an as-needed basis. Everywhere you go; schoolgirls are taught that they can be just as successful, brilliant, and athletic as boys. In actuality, the narrative is different. Girls are made to understand from the moment of birth that they are inferior to men even in situations where talent and enthusiasm are the only important differentiators. Naturally, sports are a huge worry when it comes to the topic of gender discrimination because they host the careers of the most ardent and aspirant athletes. Because of the male dominance in sports, it is now impossible for female players to pursue careers in the sport since they are subjected to a variety of gender-based discrimination.

Title IX

Title IX, which was enacted in 1972, was a significant statute that outlawed sexual discrimination in all facets of education, especially sports. It relates to all municipalities and state organizations that obtain education grants, including school systems, colleges, universities, libraries, and museums. It seeks to provide women with the same possibilities as males in the sporting sphere.

The Role of Sports in the Lives of Women and Girls

Participating in sports and fitness activities makes women and girls healthier and more effective socially. Yet, the focus at colleges on developing a select group of "superstar" male players comes at the expense of the well-being and health of all students. Also, as part of their sports preparation,

male athletes in several sports are encouraged to dehumanize and demean women. As a result, these male athletes may become more violent against women. We need to establish a setting where everyone can participate in sports and fitness and where everyone's abilities are challenged and recognized.

Sports Have Health Advantages

Many studies have demonstrated the significance of exercise in improving cardiovascular endurance and strength as well as lowering the risk of heart attacks, strokes, back issues, osteoporosis, and other health issues. According to a recent study, women can greatly lower their chance of developing premenopausal breast cancer by engaging in regular exercise starting at menarche and continuing through their reproductive years. Women who exercised at least 4 hours every week and those who exercised 1 to 3 hours per week lowered their risk by almost 50% and 30%, respectively.

Theoretical and Governance Advantages of Sports

Young women's self-esteem has been shown to rise when they participate in sports. Compared to non-athletes, high school athletes were more likely to identify as "very popular". Sports have academic advantages. Girls in high school who play athletics perform better academically than non-athletes. A higher proportion of athletes also performed well on a standardized test, scoring in the top quartile. The correlation between athletics and higher grades was very strong. In addition, high school athletes are more likely than non-athletes to want to lead their communities as adults. Girls need equivalent opportunities to hone their leadership abilities through team sports if they are to Sports and Health grow up to be leaders. Expanding sports opportunities for women and girls will help achieve the feminization of power in all areas.

Social Awareness Is Required

Learning from parents is significant. If a parent engaged as a child or is now active in sports, girls are more likely to partake. Parents can also assist by demanding that schools give their sons and daughters the same resources and opportunities. Sadly, even females who indulge in sports and fitness describe barriers, such as girls being chosen for teams after all the boys have been chosen, gym instructors who believe girls aren't as good as boys, and superior coaches and facilities for boys' teams. Urban and rural girls engage in athletic activity and health similarly, but rural girls who give up sports are much more likely to experience issues with transport or a lack of money. Also, more rural girls than urban girls believe that boys keep making fun of girls who play athletics.

Discussion

"Discrimination against women exists. It is wrong that they be treated like animals. The way we think needs to alter. There needs to be a mental shift. Guys need to recognize that women go to work just like they do. But even women must recognize their own merits "Sania Mirza, an Indian athlete.

Conclusion

One area where gender inequality is very obvious is sports. It is regrettable that women still receive such disparate treatment, especially in sports. In India, women are still viewed as automatons who take care of the home and raise the kids. Although women have begun to earn their own money in several places, playing is still low. Social, physical, economical, and family crises are significant problems. Gender discrimination by coaches is not new. The public and media are partly to blame for their "extra-interest" in sports women's personal life and for stirring up controversy over things

like the sporting uniforms they wear. The best athletes in India have experienced discrimination at some point in their athletic careers, whether it came from governments, selection committees, coaches, or even their own families. P.T. Usha, a former Indian sprint champion, sobbed in front of the media about the treatment she received. The situation hasn't altered much so far, but I believe things are improving as more and more accomplished sportswomen from India emerge. We all support Mary Kom and Saina Nehwal, among many others. We only likely need to acknowledge that there are differences and have the will to work towards equal opportunity. Like many other things in life, the change starts with us.

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INVESTIGATION AND STRESS MANAGEMENT OF PRE-COMPETITIVE STATE ANXIETY OF WOMEN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to investigate the pre-competitive state anxiety of university volley Ball. Ninety-one volley Ball player (54 men and 37 women) who participated in the volley Ball Tournament at Dr. BAMU University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar were randomly selected to serve as subjects for this study. The men and women players who participated in any of their matches from their teams from Ist round to Quarter Finals, were randomly selected for the study. The criterion measure for testing the hypothesis was the scores obtained in the Sports Competition Anxiety Test Questionnaire (SCAT) by Rainer Martens. Pre-competitive state anxiety had significant difference between winners and loser of Inter College men and women volleyball player in Semi-final and Ist round to Quarter Final matches.

Keywords: - Women Psychology, Stress Management, Anxiety

Introduction

Anxiety plays a paramount role in sports. It is the challenge in sports participation, which produces anxiety. How an athlete handles the anxiety determines how successful he would be? Anxiety may be a positive motivating force or it may interfere with successful performances in sports events. Anxiety is likely to be greater in higher competitive sports than in relatively noncompetitive sports, because in the competitive sports, participants are expected to win and greater demands are made upon them to succeed. The purpose of the study was to investigate the pre-competitive state anxiety of inter collegiate players. It was hypothesized that there will be no significant difference between pre - competitive anxiety of winner and loser-volley ball player in both male and female categories.

METHODOLOGY

Ninety-one Volley Ball players (54 men and 37 women) who participated in Inter collegiate volley ball Tournament held at Dr. BAMU, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar were randomly selected to serve as subjects for this study. Out of the 54 women volleyball players, 18 players were those whose teams qualified to participate in the Semi Final matches and 36 players were those who participated from their teams in their Ist round to Quarter finals. Out of the *37* women volleyball players, 09 players were those whose teams qualified to participate in the Semi Final matches and 28 players were those who participated from their teams in their Ist round to Quarter finals. The men and women volleyball players who participated in any of their matches from their teams from Ist round to Quarter final, were randomly selected for the study.

The Sports Competitive Anxiety Test (SCAT) questionnaire prepared by Rainer Martens has fifteen items out of which five were spurious questions, which have been added to the questionnaire to diminish response bias towards the actual test items. These five questions were not being scored.

The subjects were instructed to respond to each item according to how they generally felt before the competitive sports situation.

Players were required to respond the questionnaire 30 minutes before his/her matches. However, no time limit was set for filling up the questionnaire. The subjects were asked to respond as quickly as possible without brooding over any question/statement once the instructions were understood clearly beforehand.

OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSION

To determine the significance of difference between means of winner and loser players' pre-competitive state anxiety of men and women volleyball players, t-test was applied and the data pertaining to this have been presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 revealed that there was no significant difference between winner and loser players pre-competitive state anxiety of Semi-final matches as perceived by men volleyball players as the obtained t-value of 0.70 was much less than the required value to be significant at t_{005} (34) = 2.03. There was no significant difference between winner and loser players pre-competitive state anxiety who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter finals as perceived by men volleyball players as the obtained t value of 1.04 was much less than the required value to be significant at t_{005} (70) = 2.00 (Table.1).

Table 1 : Significance of difference between means of winners and losers pre-competitive anxiety of women volleyball players.

Round	Result	N	μ	Ơ	M.D.	$^{\sigma}$ DM	t
Matches (Semi Final)	Winner	18	20.44	2.33	0.05	0.71	0.70*
	Loser	18	20.44	2.85			
Matches Round –Q.F.	Winner	36	20.38	2.35	0.53	0.51	1.04*
	Loser	36	20.91	1.76			

*Not Significant at 0.05 level tab 0.05(34) = 2.03 tab 0.05 (70) = 2.00

Table 2 revealed that there was significant difference between winner and loser players pre-competitive state anxiety of Semi-final matches as perceived by women volleyball players as the obtained t value of 2.52 is much more than the required value to be significant at t_{0005} (16) = 2.12. There was no significant difference between winner and loser players pre-competitive state anxiety who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter finals as perceived by women volleyball players as the obtained t value of 0.17 was much less than the required value to be significant at t_{0005} (54) = 2.00.

Table 2 : Significance of difference between means of winners and losers pre-competitive anxiety of women volleyball players.

Round	Result	N	μ	Ơ	M.D.	$^{\sigma}$ DM	t
Matches (Semi Final)	Winner	09	18.55	2.50	2.67	1.06	2.52*
	Loser	09	21.22	1.92			

Matches	Winner	28	20.39	2.45			
Ist Round – Q.F.	Loser	28	20.50	1.97	0.11	0.64	0.17

*Significant at 0.05 level tab 0.05 (16) = 2.12 tab 0.06 (54) = 2.00

Analysis of descriptive data on pig-competitive state anxiety indicated that Inter collegiate volley ball men winner (20.44) and loser (20.38) players of Semi -final matches have high level of pre-competitive state anxiety. Winner men (20.38) and loser (20.91) players who participated from their teams in their matches from I round to Quarter final have high level of pre-competitive state anxiety. In women, the winner players of Semi-final matches have moderate level (18.55) and loser players have high level (21.22) of pre-competitive state anxiety. Winner women players (20.39) who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter final and loser players (20.5) have high level of pre-competitive state anxiety (Table 2).

't' value of 0.70 and 1.04 was not found to be significant between the means of winners and losers pre-competitive state anxiety in Semi-final women volleyball players and the players who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter finals indicating that winner and loser players experienced high level of pre-competitive state anxiety. However 't' value of 2.52 was found to be significant between the means of winners and loser pre-competitive state anxiety in Semifinal women volleyball players indicating that winner players have moderate pre-competitive state anxiety, whereas loser player indicated high level of anxiety, which may be attributed to the fact during tough competition, these players suffer with high level of anxiety. Further 't' value of 0.17 was not found to be significant between the means in winners and losers pre-competitive state anxiety who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter Finals between women volleyball players indicating that winner and loser players exhibit high pre-competitive state anxiety.

Conclusion:

Within the limitations of the present study, the following conclusions were drawn: Pre-competitive state anxiety has no significant difference between winners and losers Inter collegiate Semi-final matches women volleyball players, Pre-competitive state winners players who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter Finals, Pre-competitive state anxiety has significant difference between winners and loser Inter collegiate Semi Final matches women volleyball players and Pre-competitive state anxiety has no significant difference between winners and losers women players who participated from their teams in their matches from Ist round to Quarter Finals.

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EFFECT OF PASSING SKILL TRAINING ON VITAL CAPACITY OF SCHOOL LEVEL NETBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to know the effect of Effect of Six Week Passing Skill Training on Vital Capacity of Netball Players. To achieve this purpose forty (n = 40) male Netball players were randomly selected from Dharashiv District who regularly practice in various clubs and colleges. The criterion variable of vital capacity was measured by using the equipment of Russell Lange Netball Skill Test. Pre-Test was taken after that players were divided into two groups: experimental group 20 players and control group 20 players. Only experimental group were underwent 6 weeks passing skill training and the training was planned with the consultation of the experts and the training was conducted for six weeks duration. The experimental group underwent passing training sessions of 20-minute duration on 10-minute recess period, administered in 6 weeks with three days per week, whereas the control group adhered to their normal daily activities during recess time. After six week training Post Test were administered and data were collected, the collected data were analyzed by using 't' test. The level of confidence was fixed at 0.05 levels in all cases. The above table shows that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and posttest of control and experimental group of Netball players in reference to vital capacity. To see this difference is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between pre and posttest of experimental group of Netball players as the calculated 't' value 4.19 is greater than tabulated 't' value 1.686. But there is insignificant difference found between pre and posttest of control group of Netball players, as the calculated 't' value 1.256 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 2.101. From the above result we found that there is significant difference between pre and posttest of experimental group of Netball players compared to control group. Which means that passing skill training effect on vital capacity of Netball players as well as it may affect ones health and fitness also? So it can be conclude that passing skill training is much better as it can be programmed within a small area. It burn calories much faster than normal training.

Keyword: Passing skill training, Vital capacity, Netball players, etc.

Introduction

An individual who experiences physical health, perform their work at peak performance, they are free from disease and infirmity. Physical health and wellbeing involves pursuing a healthful lifestyle to decrease the risk of disease. Maintaining one's physical fitness, regular exercise, balanced nutrition, and adequate rest, can protect and develop the endurance of a person's breathing and heart function, muscular strength, flexibility, and body composition and also help to reduce the risk of an injury or health issue.

The training is a process of preparing an individual for any event or an activity or job. Usually in sports we use the term sports training which denote the sense of preparing sportspersons for the

highest level of performance. But now- a-days sports training is not just a term but it is very important subject that affects each and every individual who takes up physical activity or sports either for health and fitness or for competition at different level. Hence we can say that sports training are the physical, technical, intellectual, psychological and moral preparation of an athlete or a player by means of physical exercises.

Passing drills are used to improve foot work in maximizing athletic performance. It is the multi-directional training, which helps to improve strength, power, balance, agility, co-ordination, core and joint stability, foot speed, hand eye coordination, reaction time and mobility. It is very much enjoyable to perform the task on passing. The training session with passing drills will helps an individual to achieve various fitness of an individual by performing drills in a rhythm and teaching the body and mind various foot combinations. Passing is made up of 2 nylon straps with plastic rungs 15-18 inches apart depends on the training purpose. It can also be used by simply taping on the floor same like as agility passing. To improve the performance level it is necessary to go from easy to hard drills to develop better footwork and coordination. Different moves according to the game which is necessary and regular in the game can also be added up in the drills. Passing drills will help the player to catch, strike, and to block or tackle the component. Coaches of different sports used passing drills to improve agility of the athlete.

The physiological parameters seems to play a very important role in the modern life in production of more excellent performance in daily activities, moreover because of fluctuation of physiological parameters and difference in time the capacity of doing of women may varies. It is well known that the individual performance in any activities follows diurnal physiological parameters. Pattern method may be derived to condition an individual to produce peak performance with change in diurnal physiological parameters. Unfortunately little research literature is available on these aspects. Therefore, physiological parameters such as cardio-vascular endurance, vital capacity, heart rate and hemoglobin receive a special consideration and it is an important requisite for outstanding performance in any activity.

Vital capacity is the total amounts of air that can be forcibly expire after a complete inspiration has been used frequently as a measure of adequacy of the respiratory system. Although it measures the approximately capacity of the lungs, recent information indicates it is of little use in predicting ability to perform tasks of endurance. Obviously other factors are more important. For example, any limitations of the oxygen delivery system to the cells will reduce the effectiveness of the delivery; regardless of vital capacity is the ability to take in more air per unit of time with fewer, but deeper inspiration, thus prolonging the onset of fatigue in the respiratory muscle.

Materials and Methods

The purpose of this study was to see the effect of 6 week passing skill training on vital capacity of Netball players of Dharashiv District. To achieve this purpose forty (n = 40) male Netball players were randomly selected from Dharashiv District who regularly practice in various colleges. The criterion variable of vital capacity was measured by using the equipment of Peak Flow Meter. At first information were given to players about the procedure of the test. Players were asked to attach the mouthpiece to the peak flow meter and take a deep breath, then place the peak flow meter mouthpiece in their mouth and close their lips tightly around the outside of the mouthpiece and

they are advice to exhale out as hard and as fast as possible (using a "huff" rather than a full breath out). Three attempts were given. The highest value of all attempts was recorded. The value recorded is peak expiratory flow (PEF), is in liters per minute. Pre Test was taken after that players were divided into two groups: experimental group 20 players and control group 20 players. Only experimental group were underwent 6 weeks passing skill training and the training was planned with the consultation of the experts and the training was conducted for six weeks duration.

The experimental group underwent passing drills training sessions of 20-minute duration on 10-minute recess period, administered in 6 weeks with three days per week, whereas the control group adhered to their normal daily activities during recess time. Each training session consisted of a standardized 5-minute warm up and 20-minute passing drills training and a 5- minute cool down that include static and dynamic stretches. The training program consisted of 6 exercises in the order of side jump, in and out, hopscotch, left and right leg hop, and icky shuttle, with 30 seconds rest between each set. After six week training program post-test were administered on both control group and experimental group and data were collected.

Statistical Analysis

After six week training Post Test were administered and data were collected, the collected data were analyzed by using 't' test. The level of confidence was fixed at 0.05 levels in all cases.

Table: 2

Comparison of Vital capacity of Netball Players

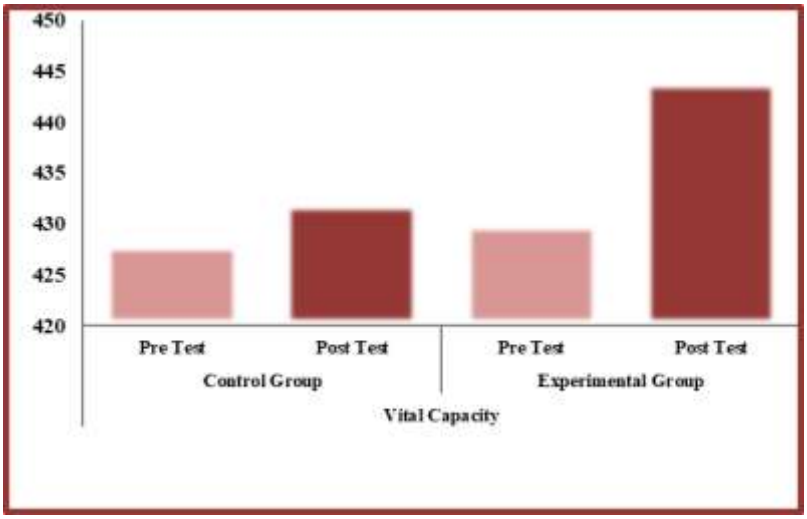
Variables	Group	Test	Mean	S.D	S.E	M.D	D.F	Obt 't'	Tab 't'
Vital Capacity	Controlled	Pre test	428	9.64	3.184	4	38	1.256	1.686
		Post test	432	10.48					
	Experimental	Pre test	430	10.12	3.339	14		4.19*	
		Post test	444	10.98					

*Significant at 0.05 Level

The above table shows that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and post test of control and experimental group of Netball Players in reference to vital capacity. To see this difference is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between pre and post test of experimental group of Netball Players as the calculated 't' value 4.19 is greater than tabulated 't' value 1.686. But there is insignificant difference found between pre and post test of control group of Netball Players, as the calculated 't' value 1.256 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 2.101.

Graph

Mean Comparison of Vital capacity of Netball Players



Conclusion

From the above result we found that there is significant difference between pre and post test of experimental group of Netball players compared to control group. Which means that passing skill training effect on vital capacity of Netball players as well as it may affect ones health and fitness also? So it can be conclude that passing skill training is much better as it can be programmed within a small area. It burn calories much faster than normal training. Passing skill training will also boost individual from the deadly "inactive" category. Passing skill training also develop the core ability and also promotes their participation in a variety of physical activities that involve body movement, and also helps to increase injury prevention

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A PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF DO-OR-DIE RAIDS AND SUPER TACKLES IN PRO KABADDI LEAGUE MATCHES

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Abstract
Kabaddi is a high-intensity indigenous team sport in which match outcomes are often decided during critical situations such as Do-or-Die raids and Super Tackle opportunities. The purpose of this study was to analyze the frequency, success rate, and performance impact of Do-or-Die raids and Super Tackles in matches of the Pro Kabaddi League. Match data from selected league matches were analyzed using notational analysis. Variables such as total attempts, successful executions, failure rate, and contribution to match outcome were recorded. The results indicated that teams with higher success rates in Do-or-Die raids and Super Tackles had a significantly greater probability of winning. The findings highlight the tactical importance of pressure situations and provide practical insights for coaches and performance analysts.

Keywords: Kabaddi, Do-or-Die Raid, Super Tackle, Performance Analysis, Pro Kabaddi League

Introduction

Kabaddi is a traditional Indian sport that combines strength, speed, agility, endurance, and tactical intelligence. At the professional level, particularly in the Pro Kabaddi League, the game has evolved into a fast-paced, strategy-driven contest where small moments can decide match outcomes.

Among the most decisive moments are Do-or-Die raids, which occur when a team fails to score points in two consecutive raids, making the third raid compulsory for scoring. Failure results in the raider being declared out. Similarly, Super Tackles occur when three or fewer defenders successfully tackle a raider, earning two points instead of one. Both situations demand high physical efficiency and psychological composure under pressure.

Despite their importance, limited research has focused specifically on the performance impact of Do-or-Die raids and Super Tackles in elite kabaddi. This study aims to fill that gap by analyzing their frequency, success rate, and contribution to match results in Pro Kabaddi League matches.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies in kabaddi performance analysis have emphasized the role of raid success rate, defensive efficiency, and physical fitness components in determining match outcomes. Researchers have reported that elite raiders demonstrate superior agility, anaerobic power, and decision-making ability during high-pressure situations.

Studies on defensive performance highlight that coordinated chain tackles and anticipation skills significantly influence defensive success. Limited literature addressing Super Tackles indicates that defenders with quick reaction time and explosive strength are more successful during reduced-number defensive situations. However, most existing studies examine general raid and tackle performance. Research focusing specifically on Do-or-Die raids and Super Tackles remains scarce, especially in the context of professional league kabaddi. This study contributes by providing a focused analysis of these crucial match situations.

Methodology

The study employed a descriptive and analytical research design using notational analysis.

Sample

- Matches analyzed: 20 Pro Kabaddi League matches
- Teams: Top-ranked and bottom-ranked teams from the same season
- Total Do-or-Die raids analyzed: 312
- Total Super Tackle opportunities analyzed: 184

Data Collection

Match videos were obtained from official broadcasts. Data were recorded using a structured performance analysis sheet.

Variables

- Number of Do-or-Die raids attempted
- Successful and unsuccessful Do-or-Die raids
- Number of Super Tackle attempts
- Successful and unsuccessful Super Tackles
- Match result (win/loss)

Statistical Tools

- Descriptive statistics (frequency, percentage, mean)
- Independent t-test to compare winning and losing teams
- Level of significance set at 0.05

Objectives of the Study

1. To analyze the frequency of Do-or-Die raids in Pro Kabaddi League matches
2. To examine the success rate of Super Tackles
3. To compare Do-or-Die raid and Super Tackle performance between winning and losing teams
4. To assess the contribution of these situations to match outcomes

Statistical Analysis and Tables

Table -1
Do-or-Die Raid Performance of Winning and Losing Teams

Team Category	Total Attempts	Successful Raids	Success Percentage
Winning Teams	156	104	66.67%
Losing Teams	156	78	50.00%

Table- 2
Super Tackle Performance of Winning and Losing Teams

Team Category	Total Attempts	Successful Tackles	Success Percentage
Winning Teams	92	61	66.30%
Losing Teams	92	39	42.39%

Table- 3
Comparison of Mean Scores in Pressure Situations

Variable	Winning Teams (Mean ± SD)	Losing Teams (Mean ± SD)	t-value
Do-or-Die Raid Success	5.20 ± 1.14	3.90 ± 1.08	3.12*
Super Tackle Success	3.05 ± 0.88	1.95 ± 0.81	2.87*

*Significant at 0.05 level

Results

The analysis revealed that winning teams demonstrated significantly higher success rates in both Do-or-Die raids and Super Tackles. Do-or-Die raid success was notably higher among winning teams, indicating superior raiding efficiency under pressure. Similarly, winning teams converted more Super Tackle opportunities, reflecting better defensive coordination and psychological readiness. The t-test results confirmed a statistically significant difference between winning and losing teams in both variables. These findings suggest that performance during pressure situations plays a critical role in determining match outcomes in professional kabaddi.

Conclusion

The study concludes that Do-or-Die raids and Super Tackles are decisive performance indicators in Pro Kabaddi League matches. Teams that effectively manage pressure situations through tactical awareness, physical preparedness, and psychological control gain a competitive advantage. Coaches should emphasize situational training, pressure simulation, and decision-making drills to improve performance in these critical moments. Future research may include biomechanical and psychological analyses to further understand success factors in elite kabaddi performance.

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS AND PLAYING PERFORMANCE OF KABADDI PLAYERS

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Abstract
Kabaddi is a high-intensity indigenous team sport that demands superior physical fitness for successful performance. The present study aimed to examine the relationship between selected physical fitness components and playing performance of kabaddi players. Thirty male kabaddi players competing at the inter-college level were selected as subjects. Physical fitness variables such as speed, agility, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance were assessed using standard field tests. Playing performance was evaluated by expert coaches using a standardized performance rating scale. Pearson's product moment correlation was used to determine the relationship between physical fitness components and playing performance. The results revealed that speed, agility, muscular strength, and cardiovascular endurance showed a significant positive relationship with playing performance, whereas flexibility showed a moderate relationship. The findings highlight the importance of structured physical conditioning programs to enhance kabaddi performance.

Keywords: Kabaddi, Physical Fitness, Playing Performance, Speed, Agility

Introduction

Kabaddi is one of the most popular indigenous sports of India and is characterized by intermittent bouts of high-intensity activity involving raiding, defending, tackling, and quick directional movements. Success in kabaddi largely depends on the physical fitness of players, as the game requires speed, agility, strength, endurance, and flexibility to perform effectively under competitive conditions. Modern kabaddi, especially at competitive and professional levels, has evolved into a fast and physically demanding sport. Raiders require explosive speed and agility to evade defenders, while defenders need strength, coordination, and endurance to execute effective tackles. Therefore, physical fitness plays a crucial role in determining the overall playing performance of kabaddi players.

Although kabaddi has gained significant attention in recent years, limited scientific studies have systematically examined the relationship between physical fitness components and playing performance. Hence, the present study attempts to analyze how selected physical fitness components are related to the playing performance of kabaddi players.

Review of Related Literature

Several studies have emphasized the importance of physical fitness in team sports performance. Research in kabaddi has reported that elite players demonstrate superior levels of speed, agility, muscular strength, and aerobic capacity compared to non-elite players. Studies have also shown that agility and leg strength are critical determinants of successful raiding and defensive actions.

Previous research on indigenous sports suggests that improved cardiovascular endurance enables players to maintain performance throughout the match, while muscular strength and endurance contribute to effective tackles and sustained defensive efforts. Some studies have reported significant correlations between agility and playing ability in kabaddi, highlighting the sport-specific nature of fitness requirements. However, despite these findings, there remains a need for

comprehensive studies examining multiple fitness components together and their combined relationship with playing performance. The present study addresses this gap by analyzing selected physical fitness components in relation to overall playing performance.

Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive correlational research design. Thirty (N = 30) male kabaddi players aged between 18 and 25 years, representing inter-college level competitions, were selected from pune district kabaddi clubs using purposive sampling.

Variables

- **Independent Variables (Physical Fitness Components):**
  - Speed
  - Agility
  - Muscular Strength
  - Muscular Endurance
  - Flexibility
  - Cardiovascular Endurance
- **Dependent Variable:**
  - Playing Performance

Tools and Tests

Physical Fitness Component	Test Used
Speed	50-meter dash
Agility	Shuttle run
Muscular Strength	Pull-ups
Muscular Endurance	Sit-ups (1 minute)
Flexibility	Sit and reach test
Cardiovascular Endurance	12-minute run/walk test
Playing Performance	Expert rating scale

Procedure

All tests were conducted under standard conditions on the college ground. Adequate warm-up was provided before testing. Playing performance was evaluated independently by three qualified kabaddi coaches, and the average score was taken for analysis.

Statistical Analysis

Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient was used to determine the relationship between selected physical fitness components and playing performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Statistical Analysis and Results

Table 1

Correlation between Physical Fitness Components and Playing Performance

Fitness Component	r-value	Significance
Speed	0.62	Significant
Agility	0.68	Significant
Muscular Strength	0.59	Significant
Muscular Endurance	0.46	Significant
Flexibility	0.32	Moderate
Cardiovascular Endurance	0.65	Significant

Results

The results of the study revealed a significant positive relationship between speed and playing performance, indicating that faster players tend to perform better in kabaddi. Agility showed the highest correlation with performance, highlighting its crucial role in both raiding and defensive movements. Muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance also demonstrated significant relationships, suggesting their importance in sustaining high-intensity efforts during matches.

Muscular endurance showed a moderate but significant relationship, while flexibility exhibited a lower correlation with playing performance. However, flexibility remains important for injury prevention and efficient movement.

Conclusion

It is concluded that selected physical fitness components have a significant relationship with the playing performance of kabaddi players. Speed, agility, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and cardiovascular endurance are key contributors to successful performance in kabaddi. Coaches and trainers should emphasize systematic physical conditioning programs to enhance these fitness components for improved playing performance.

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A STUDY OF PHYSICAL FITNESS PROFILE OF WOMEN ATHLETES IN TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

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Abstract
The purpose of the present study was to examine and compare the physical fitness profile of women athletes participating in team sports and individual sports. Physical fitness plays a crucial role in athletic performance, and its components may vary depending on the nature of the sport. A total of 60 women athletes aged 18 to 25 years were selected from AISSMS College of Engineering, Pune for the study, comprising 30 team sport athletes and 30 individual sport athletes. Selected physical fitness variables included speed, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance. Standardized fitness tests were administered to collect data. Mean, standard deviation, and independent sample t-test were used for statistical analysis. The results revealed significant differences in selected fitness components between team and individual sport athletes. The findings of the study may help coaches, trainers, and sports scientists in designing sport-specific training programs for women athletes.

Keywords: Women athletes, Physical fitness, Team sports, Individual sports, Performance

Introduction

Physical fitness is considered the foundation of successful sports performance. It enables athletes to perform skills efficiently, resist fatigue, and reduce the risk of injury. In competitive sports, especially among women athletes, physical fitness has gained increasing importance due to the rising level of competition and professionalism. Team sports such as basketball, volleyball, and hockey demand high levels of speed, agility, coordination, and aerobic endurance, as athletes must perform repeated high-intensity actions in coordination with teammates. In contrast, individual sports such as athletics, badminton, and gymnastics require greater emphasis on specific fitness components such as strength, flexibility, balance, and concentration. Women athletes show unique physiological and biomechanical characteristics that influence their fitness profile. Understanding differences in physical fitness between team and individual sport athletes can provide valuable insights for training, talent identification, and performance enhancement. Hence, the present study aims to compare selected physical fitness components of women athletes participating in team and individual sports.

Review of Related Literature

Several studies have highlighted the importance of physical fitness in sports performance. Research has shown that athletes involved in team sports generally exhibit higher aerobic capacity and agility due to the dynamic nature of gameplay. On the other hand, individual sport athletes often demonstrate superior muscular strength, flexibility, and control, as their performance relies heavily on individual effort and technique. Studies on women athletes indicate that structured training significantly improves fitness parameters such as speed, endurance, and strength. Comparative studies between different sports disciplines have reported variations in physical fitness components based on sport-specific demands. However, limited research has focused specifically on comparing team and individual sport women athletes within the same age group using standardized fitness measures. This gap justifies the need for the present investigation.

Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive comparative research design. A total of 60 women athletes aged between 18 and 25 years were selected AISSMS College of Engineering, Pune. The purposive sampling was used.

- Team sport athletes (n = 30): Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey
- Individual sport athletes (n = 30): Athletics, Badminton, Gymnastics

All participants had a minimum of three years of training experience and had competed at the intercollegiate or state level.

Variables and Tests

Physical Fitness Component	Test Used
Speed	50 Meter Dash
Muscular Strength	Standing Broad Jump
Muscular Endurance	Sit-ups (1 minute)
Flexibility	Sit and Reach Test
Cardiovascular Endurance	12-Minute Run/Walk Test

Procedure

Prior to testing, subjects were informed about the purpose and procedures of the study. Adequate warm-up was given before conducting the tests. Each test was administered according to standard guidelines, and best performance was recorded for analysis.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the physical fitness profile of women athletes in team sports.
2. To assess the physical fitness profile of women athletes in individual sports.
3. To compare selected physical fitness components between team and individual sport women athletes.

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics such as mean and standard deviation were calculated for all selected variables. An independent sample t-test was applied to determine the significance of differences between team and individual sport athletes. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

Table 1

Comparison of Physical Fitness Variables between Team and Individual Sport Women Athletes

Variable	Group	Mean	SD	t-value
Speed (sec)	Team	7.21	0.38	2.45*
	Individual	7.48	0.41	
Strength (cm)	Team	185.6	12.4	2.12*
	Individual	192.3	11.8	
Muscular Endurance (reps)	Team	34.8	4.6	1.98*
	Individual	32.1	4.2	
Flexibility (cm)	Team	16.4	3.1	2.67*
	Individual	19.2	3.4	
Cardio Endurance (m)	Team	2280	210	2.83*
	Individual	2125	195	

*Significant at 0.05 level

Conclusion

The study concludes that women athletes participating in team and individual sports differ significantly in selected physical fitness components. Team sport athletes possess better speed and

cardiovascular endurance, whereas individual sport athletes exhibit greater muscular strength and flexibility. These findings emphasize the need for sport-specific fitness training programs for women athletes. Coaches and trainers should consider these differences while planning conditioning sessions to enhance performance and reduce injury risk.

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FAST FEET, SHARP CUTS & AGILITY ON THE COURT
THE EFFECT OF SAQ DRILLS ON FEMALE BASKETBALL PERFORMANCE

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Abstract
Basketball is a fast-paced sport that demands speed, agility, and quick reactions, especially from female athletes who must adapt to rapid game situations. Speed, Agility, and Quickness (SAQ) training has become a popular method to enhance athletic performance, yet limited research focuses on its effects on female basketball players. This study examines the impact of a twelve-week SAQ training programme on selected performance variables of female basketball players. Thirty female basketball players were divided into experimental and control groups. The experimental group underwent SAQ training along with regular practice, while the control group continued regular training only. Performance was assessed using tests for speed, agility, power, endurance, and overall basketball performance. Results showed significant improvements in the experimental group compared to the control group. The findings suggest that SAQ drills are highly effective in improving on-court performance and should be integrated into regular basketball training for female players.
Keywords: Agility on the Court, Female Basketball Players, Fast Feet, Illinois Agility Test, Quickness, Sharp Cuts, Speed.

Introduction

Basketball is one of the most dynamic and physically demanding team sports. Success in basketball depends not only on technical skills such as shooting and passing but also on physical abilities like speed, agility, quickness, and endurance. For female basketball players, developing these physical qualities is essential to compete effectively and reduce injury risk.

Speed, Agility, and Quickness (SAQ) training focuses on improving an athlete's ability to move rapidly, change direction efficiently, and react quickly to game situations. In basketball, players must make quick cuts, defend aggressively, sprint during fast breaks, and react instantly to opponents' movements. These actions require well-developed SAQ qualities.

Traditional basketball training often emphasizes skill drills and endurance training, sometimes neglecting movement efficiency and reaction speed. SAQ training bridges this gap by improving neuromuscular coordination and movement control. Therefore, this study aims to examine how SAQ drills influence the overall performance of female basketball players over a twelve-week training period.

Review of Related Literature

- **Importance of Speed and Agility in Basketball**

Speed allows players to outrun opponents during fast breaks and defensive recovery. Agility enables quick changes in direction, which is crucial during dribbling, defending, and cutting to the basket. Research shows that athletes with better agility perform more effectively in game situations and demonstrate superior defensive skills.

- **Concept of SAQ Training**

SAQ training involves drills designed to enhance foot speed, coordination, balance, and reaction time. Common SAQ exercises include ladder drills, cone drills, short sprints, and reactive movements. These drills activate the nervous system and improve muscle response time. Previous studies report that SAQ training improves sprint speed, agility, and explosive power. However, most studies focus on male athletes or general fitness populations. There is limited research addressing female basketball players specifically.

- **Need for the Present Study**

Female basketball players have different physiological characteristics compared to male players, such as muscle strength distribution and movement patterns. Therefore, training should be designed and tested specifically for women athletes. This study addresses this research gap by examining the effects of SAQ drills on female basketball performance.

Objectives of the Study

1. To determine the effect of a twelve-week SAQ training programme on speed in female basketball players.
2. To examine the effect of SAQ drills on agility and quick directional movements.
3. To evaluate changes in power and cardio-respiratory endurance following SAQ training.
4. To assess the overall basketball performance of female players after SAQ training.

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant improvement in speed, agility, power, and endurance among female basketball players following SAQ training.
2. The experimental group will show better overall basketball performance compared to the control group.
3. There will be no significant improvement in the control group following regular training alone.

Methodology

1. Selection of Subjects

Thirty female basketball players aged 18–25 years were selected from a college-level basketball programme. All players had at least two years of playing experience and were medically fit to participate.

The subjects were randomly divided into two groups:

- **Experimental Group (n = 15):** Received SAQ training along with regular basketball practice.
- **Control Group (n = 15):** Continued with regular basketball training only.

2. Training Programme

The SAQ training programme was conducted for twelve weeks, three sessions per week. Each session lasted approximately 60 minutes.

Structure of Each Session:

- Warm-up (10 minutes): Jogging, dynamic stretching
- SAQ Drills (40 minutes):
    - Ladder drills (fast feet patterns)
    - Cone drills (sharp cuts and direction changes)
    - Short sprints (10–20 meters)
    - Reactive drills (visual and verbal cues)
- Cool-down (10 minutes): Stretching and relaxation exercises

3. Variables and Tests

Independent Variables:

- Speed – 20-meter dash test
- Agility – Illinois agility test

- Power – Vertical jump test
- Cardio-respiratory endurance – 20-meter multistage shuttle run test

Dependent Variable:

- Basketball performance – Subjective rating test by qualified coaches

4. Statistical Analysis

Table: Comparison of Pre-Test and Post-Test Performance (t-test)

Variable	Pre-Test Mean	Post-Test Mean	t-value	Level of Significance
Vertical Jump (cm)	32.5	36.8	4.21	Significant ($p < 0.05$)
Agility (Illinois Test – sec)	18.4	16.9	3.95	Significant ($p < 0.05$)
Speed (20 m Dash – sec)	3.6	3.2	4.10	Significant ($p < 0.05$)
Cardio-Respiratory Endurance (Shuttle Run – level)	6.8	8.1	3.88	Significant ($p < 0.05$)

Interpretation

The calculated t-values for all selected variables were greater than the required table value at 0.05 level of significance. This clearly indicates that the twelve-week SAQ training programme produced significant improvement in physical and skill-related performance of women basketball players.

1. STATISTICAL TABLES (t-TEST)

Table 1: Comparison of Pre-Test and Post-Test Scores of Experimental Group (SAQ Training)

Variable	Test	Mean ± SD (Pre-Test)	Mean ± SD (Post-Test)	t-value	Result
Power	Vertical Jump (cm)	38.20 ± 3.10	43.80 ± 2.90	6.12*	Significant
Agility	Illinois Agility Test (sec)	18.40 ± 0.85	16.90 ± 0.70	7.25*	Significant
Speed	20 m Dash (sec)	3.65 ± 0.20	3.20 ± 0.18	6.88*	Significant
Endurance	Shuttle Run (Level)	6.8 ± 0.9	9.2 ± 1.0	8.01*	Significant
Basketball Performance	Subjective Rating (Score)	6.2 ± 0.6	8.1 ± 0.5	7.54*	Significant

*Significant at 0.05 level

Table 2: Comparison of Pre-Test and Post-Test Scores of Control Group

Variable	Test	Mean ± SD (Pre-Test)	Mean ± SD (Post-Test)	t-value	Result
Power	Vertical Jump (cm)	38.00 ± 3.00	38.90 ± 3.10	1.12	Not Significant
Agility	Illinois Agility Test (sec)	18.30 ± 0.80	18.10 ± 0.82	0.98	Not Significant
Speed	20 m Dash (sec)	3.66 ± 0.21	3.60 ± 0.22	0.87	Not Significant
Endurance	Shuttle Run (Level)	6.9 ± 1.0	7.2 ± 1.1	1.05	Not Significant
Basketball Performance	Subjective Rating (Score)	6.1 ± 0.5	6.3 ± 0.6	0.92	Not Significant

Interpretation

Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation). A paired t-test was used to compare pre-test and post-test results within groups. An independent t-test was applied to compare the experimental and control groups. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Table 3: Comparison of Experimental and Control Group Post-Test Scores

Variable	Experimental Group	Control Group	t-value	Result
Power	43.80 ± 2.90	38.90 ± 3.10	5.90*	Significant
Agility	16.90 ± 0.70	18.10 ± 0.82	6.40*	Significant
Speed	3.20 ± 0.18	3.60 ± 0.22	6.15*	Significant
Endurance	9.2 ± 1.0	7.2 ± 1.1	5.88*	Significant
Performance	8.1 ± 0.5	6.3 ± 0.6	7.10*	Significant

Interpretation

The experimental group demonstrated marked improvement in all selected variables following the twelve-week SAQ training programme, whereas the control group showed only marginal changes. The group-wise graphical comparison clearly establishes the effectiveness of SAQ training on female basketball performance.

Results

The experimental group showed significant improvement in all selected variables after twelve weeks of SAQ training.

- **Speed:** Significant reduction in sprint time
- **Agility:** Improved performance in the Illinois agility test
- **Power:** Increased vertical jump height
- **Endurance:** Higher shuttle run scores
- **Basketball Performance:** Improved subjective ratings

The control group showed only minor improvements, which were not statistically significant.

Discussion

The findings of this study clearly indicate that SAQ training has a positive effect on female basketball performance. The improvements in speed and agility suggest better movement efficiency and faster directional changes. These abilities are essential for defensive pressure, offensive cuts, and quick transitions. Improved vertical jump performance indicates enhanced lower-body power, which contributes to rebounding and shooting ability. Enhanced endurance allows players to maintain high performance levels throughout the game. The improvement in subjective performance ratings confirms that physical gains translated into better on-court performance. These results support previous research highlighting the effectiveness of SAQ training while extending its application to female basketball players.

Conclusion

The study concludes that a twelve-week SAQ training programme significantly improves speed, agility, power, endurance, and overall basketball performance in female basketball players. SAQ drills help develop fast feet, sharp cuts, and agile movements essential for modern basketball. Coaches and trainers are strongly encouraged to include SAQ training as a regular component of female basketball training.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SPEED ENDURANCE BETWEEN RAIDERS AND DEFENDERS IN KABADDI

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Kabaddi is a high-intensity indigenous sport that demands repeated bouts of sprinting, rapid directional changes, and sustained physical effort within a short duration. Among the various fitness components required for successful performance, speed endurance plays a crucial role, especially for players involved in continuous raiding and defensive actions. The present study aimed to compare the speed endurance levels of raiders and defenders in kabaddi. A total of 40 male kabaddi players (20 raiders and 20 defenders) competing at the intercollegiate level were selected as subjects. Speed endurance was assessed using a standardized shuttle run based endurance test. The collected data were statistically analyzed using an independent samples t-test. The results revealed a significant difference in speed endurance between raiders and defenders, with raiders demonstrating superior performance. The findings highlight the positional demands of kabaddi and emphasize the need for role-specific conditioning programs.

Keywords: Kabaddi, Speed Endurance, Raiders, Defenders, Physical Fitness

Introduction

Kabaddi is a traditional Indian sport that has evolved into a highly competitive modern game, gaining international recognition through professional leagues and global tournaments. The sport is characterized by intense physical contact, explosive movements, quick acceleration, and repeated high-speed efforts within a confined playing area. Players are broadly classified into raiders and defenders based on their primary roles during the game. Each position places unique physical and physiological demands on the athlete. Speed endurance, defined as the ability to maintain high-speed movements over repeated efforts without significant fatigue, is an essential component of kabaddi performance. Raiders are required to execute repeated fast raids, sudden directional changes, and rapid retreats while maintaining breath control. Defenders, on the other hand, rely on explosive strength, reaction ability, and short-duration speed to execute tackles effectively. While both positions demand speed, the nature and duration of movement patterns differ considerably.

Understanding positional differences in speed endurance can help coaches design more effective training programs tailored to the specific demands of raiders and defenders. Despite kabaddi popularity, limited scientific literature exists comparing fitness components across playing positions. Therefore, the present study was undertaken to examine and compare the speed endurance levels of raiders and defenders in kabaddi.

Purpose of the Study

The main purpose of the present study was to examine and compare the level of speed endurance between raiders and defenders in kabaddi. Kabaddi requires players to perform repeated high-intensity movements within a short time, but the physical demands vary according to playing position. Raiders are involved in continuous fast movements during raids, while defenders mainly perform short, explosive actions. By analyzing the differences in speed endurance between these two positions, the study aimed to understand positional fitness requirements more clearly. The findings of this study are expected to help coaches plan position-specific training programs and improve overall performance in kabaddi players.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the speed endurance of raiders in kabaddi.
2. To assess the speed endurance of defenders in kabaddi.
3. To compare the speed endurance levels between raiders and defenders.

Hypothesis

It was hypothesized that there would be a significant difference in speed endurance between raiders and defenders in kabaddi players.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects

The study involved 40 male kabaddi players aged between 18 and 25 years, selected from various intercollegiate teams. The players were categorized into two groups based on their primary playing positions:

- Group A: Raiders (n = 20)
- Group B: Defenders (n = 20)

All subjects had a minimum playing experience of three years and were free from injury at the time of data collection.

Variables

- **Independent Variable:** Playing position (Raiders and Defenders)
- **Dependent Variable:** Speed endurance

Criterion Measure

Speed endurance was measured using a standardized shuttle run endurance test suitable for assessing repeated sprint ability. The test required players to perform continuous shuttle runs over a fixed distance at maximum effort until fatigue. The total time taken or number of completed shuttles was recorded as the performance score.

Procedure

Prior to testing, subjects were informed about the purpose of the study and the testing protocol. A standardized warm-up was administered to all players to reduce the risk of injury. Each subject performed the test under similar environmental and testing conditions. Adequate rest was provided before testing, and performance was recorded accurately using a stopwatch.

Statistical Analysis

The collected data were analyzed using descriptive statistics to determine mean and standard deviation. An independent samples t-test was applied to determine whether a significant difference existed between the speed endurance of raiders and defenders. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

The statistical analysis revealed that raiders demonstrated higher mean speed endurance scores compared to defenders. The calculated t-value was found to be significant at the 0.05 level, indicating a meaningful difference between the two groups. This result supports the research hypothesis and confirms that playing position influences speed endurance in kabaddi players.

Discussion

The findings of the present study indicate that raiders possess superior speed endurance compared to defenders. This difference can be attributed to the specific demands placed on raiders during match play. Raiders are required to perform repeated high-speed movements, prolonged raids, and quick recovery between successive raids. These repeated efforts demand a higher level of speed endurance to sustain performance throughout the match. Defenders, although physically strong and explosive, typically engage in short-duration, high-intensity movements such as tackles and blocks. Their role emphasizes strength, power, and reaction time rather than sustained high-speed activity.

As a result, defenders may not develop the same level of speed endurance as raiders through regular training and match exposure.

The results of this study are consistent with previous research suggesting that positional roles significantly influence physical fitness components in team sports. The findings highlight the importance of incorporating position-specific conditioning programs in kabaddi training. While raiders should focus on improving speed endurance and recovery ability, defenders may benefit more from strength and power-oriented training combined with short-burst speed drills.

Conclusion

Based on the findings of the study, it can be concluded that a significant difference exists in speed endurance between raiders and defenders in kabaddi. Raiders demonstrated superior speed endurance compared to defenders, likely due to the continuous and repetitive high-speed demands of their playing role. The study emphasizes the importance of role-specific fitness training to enhance overall team performance in kabaddi.

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FROM ‘‘KHELO INDIA’’ TO ‘KHELO BHARAT’: EVALUATING GRASSROOTS SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

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Grassroots sports development forms the foundation of a strong national sporting ecosystem. In India, the launch of the ‘‘Khelo India’’ initiative marked a significant shift toward structured talent identification and youth sports promotion. The broader vision of ‘Khelo Bharat’ reflects an inclusive national movement aimed at integrating sports into everyday life, education, and community development. This paper evaluates grassroots sports development in contemporary India by examining policy frameworks, institutional mechanisms, infrastructure, talent pathways, and socio-cultural factors. While ‘Khelo India’ has strengthened school and youth level competitions, scholarships, and infrastructure creation, challenges such as uneven regional implementation, governance gaps, and limited sports science access persist. Through examples, this study highlights both achievements and limitations of grassroots sports initiatives. The paper argues that a transition from program-centric development to a holistic ‘Khelo Bharat’ ecosystem is essential for sustainable athlete development, mass participation, and long-term international sporting success.

Keywords: ‘Khelo India’, Grassroots Sports, Sports Infrastructure, Talent Identification, Youth Development, Sports Governance, School Sports, Sports Policy, Athlete athways, Olympic Preparation,

Introduction:

Grassroots sports development is essential for nurturing athletic talent and fostering a physically active and healthy society. In India, sports participation has traditionally been constrained by academic pressure, inadequate infrastructure, and weak institutional support systems. For many years, sports were viewed as secondary to education, limiting opportunities for early talent identification and systematic training. The introduction of ‘Khelo India’ marked a significant policy shift, demonstrating the government’s renewed commitment to promoting youth sports and strengthening grassroots development. Through structured competitions, scholarships, and infrastructure support, the programme aims to create a sustainable talent pipeline. This paper evaluates India’s evolving transition from ‘Khelo India’ to the broader vision of ‘Khelo Bharat’ which emphasizes mass participation, inclusivity, and lifelong engagement with sports. By examining grassroots systems, policy outcomes, and future prospects, the study highlights the need for an integrated and holistic approach to sports development in contemporary India.

1. Concept of Grassroots Sports Development:

Grassroots sports development refers to organized and systematic efforts aimed at promoting sports participation among children and youth at school, community, and local levels. It focuses on early exposure to sports, talent identification, inclusive participation, and long-term athlete development. Countries with successful sporting systems invest heavily in grassroots programs to create a broad base of participants, from which elite athletes can be developed through structured pathways. Such systems ensure continuity, quality coaching, and regular competitive exposure. In India, however, grassroots sports development has traditionally been informal and largely unstructured. Participation often depended on individual coaches, local clubs, or personal initiative rather than institutional support. The lack of standardized competitions, trained coaching personnel, and clear progression pathways limited the systematic nurturing of talent. As a result, many potential athletes

failed to transition to higher levels of competition. Strengthening grassroots frameworks is therefore essential for building a sustainable and inclusive sports ecosystem in India.

2. Evolution from 'Khelo India' to Khelo Bharat:

The 'Khelo India' initiative was launched to revive the sporting culture in India by strengthening youth participation, infrastructure, and competitive opportunities. Over time, the idea of 'Khelo Bharat' has emerged as a broader vision, emphasizing nationwide participation beyond elite sport.

'Khelo India' focuses primarily on:

1. School and youth games
2. Scholarships for talented athletes
3. Infrastructure development
4. Talent identification

Khelo Bharat, as a concept, extends this vision to community sports, fitness awareness, inclusivity, and lifelong participation.

3. Role of 'Khelo India' in Grassroots Development:

The 'Khelo India' programme plays a crucial role in strengthening grassroots sports development in India by providing structured opportunities for young athletes. Through the organization of national-level competitions such as school and youth games, the programme offers early competitive exposure and motivation to aspiring sportspersons. These platforms help identify talent from diverse regions and socio-economic backgrounds. Scholarships provided under 'Khelo India' support talented athletes from economically weaker sections, enabling them to continue training without financial burden. Additionally, infrastructure development projects under the scheme focus on upgrading district- and state-level facilities, thereby reducing regional disparities in access to quality training environments. The programme has successfully created a systematic pathway from grassroots to elite levels.

4. Talent Identification and Athlete Pathways:

Talent identification and athlete pathway development are critical components of a successful grassroots sports system. One of the major strengths of the 'Khelo India' initiative lies in its systematic approach to identifying talent through structured age-group competitions at school and youth levels. These competitions provide a national platform for young athletes to showcase their abilities and gain early recognition. However, significant gaps remain in the follow-up mechanisms once talent is identified. In many cases, athletes do not receive sustained coaching, financial support, or access to high-quality training environments after initial selection.

5. Inclusion, Gender, and Social Equity:

Grassroots sports must be inclusive to truly reflect the vision of "Khelo Bharat," ensuring equal opportunities for participation across all sections of society. Women, marginalized communities, and rural populations in India often face multiple barriers to sports participation, including safety concerns, cultural resistance, limited access to facilities, and financial constraints. Traditional gender roles and social norms frequently discourage girls and women from pursuing sports, while economic disadvantages restrict access for marginalized groups. Although government incentives, reservation policies, and scholarship schemes have improved female participation at various levels, deep-rooted structural inequalities continue to persist. The presence of successful women athletes as role models has positively influenced social attitudes, yet progress remains uneven across regions. Inclusive grassroots development requires more than policy announcements; it demands safe and accessible facilities, availability of female coaches, and community-level awareness programs that address social and cultural barriers. Engaging families, schools, and local leaders is essential to changing perceptions and encouraging sustained participation. Community-based sports programs can create supportive environments and foster social inclusion. By adopting inclusive policies and targeted

interventions, India can broaden participation, strengthen grassroots sports, and ensure that the Khelo Bharat vision promotes equality, diversity, and social empowerment through sports.

6. Toward a Khelo Bharat Ecosystem:

The shift from 'Khelo India' to Khelo Bharat symbolizes a move from a scheme-oriented approach to a nationwide sports culture. This requires:

1. Integrated policy frameworks
2. Grassroots-focused funding
3. Education–sports alignment
4. Community-driven participation

Such an ecosystem can create sustainable talent pipelines and promote sports as a way of life.

Conclusion:

Grassroots sports development represents the foundation of India's long-term sporting success and overall physical well-being. A strong grassroots system not only nurtures athletic talent but also promotes a culture of fitness, discipline, and social inclusion. The introduction of the 'Khelo India' initiative has marked a significant step toward strengthening youth participation, structured talent identification, and sports infrastructure across the country. Through school- and youth-level competitions, scholarships, and facility development, the programme has expanded access to organized sports and created new pathways for young athletes. However, despite these achievements, several challenges continue to hinder progress. Governance inefficiencies, uneven regional infrastructure development, limited integration of sports with education, and inadequate access to sports science and scientific training remain persistent concerns. These gaps often lead to talent dropouts, inconsistent athlete progression, and unequal opportunities based on geography and socio-economic background. The broader vision of 'Khelo Bharat' seeks to address these limitations by emphasizing inclusivity, mass participation, and lifelong engagement with sports rather than focusing solely on elite performance. To realize this vision, India must move beyond isolated schemes and adopt a holistic sports ecosystem involving schools, local communities, private partners, educational institutions, and sports federations. Strengthening grassroots systems, ensuring equitable access to facilities and coaching, and promoting sports as a viable and respected career option are essential steps. With coordinated efforts, transparent governance, and long-term commitment, India can transform its grassroots sports landscape. Such a transformation will not only enhance international sporting success but also contribute to national health, social cohesion, and sustainable development, laying a strong foundation for future generations.

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A STUDY OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS IN RELATION TO PERFORMANCE OF COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract

Basketball is a high-intensity intermittent team sport that demands optimal physical fitness, efficient physiological functioning, and strong psychological preparedness. The purpose of the present study was to examine the relationship between selected physical fitness components, physiological responses, and psychological factors with playing performance of competitive basketball players. A total of 60 male competitive basketball players aged 18–25 years participated in the study. Selected variables included speed, agility, aerobic endurance, resting heart rate, VO_2 max, motivation, competitive anxiety, and self-confidence. Basketball performance was assessed through coach rating scale. Pearson's product moment correlation and multiple regression analysis were applied to analyze the data. The results revealed significant relationships between physical fitness, physiological efficiency, psychological factors, and basketball performance. The findings suggest that integrated training addressing fitness, physiology, and psychology is essential for improving basketball performance.

Keywords: Physical Fitness, Physiological Responses, Psychological Factors, Basketball Performance, Competitive Players.

Introduction

Basketball is a dynamic sport requiring repeated bouts of sprinting, jumping, rapid directional changes, and skilled ball handling under psychological pressure. Success in basketball is not determined by physical fitness alone, but also by physiological efficiency and psychological readiness. Modern sports science emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach to performance enhancement, integrating fitness training, physiological conditioning, and psychological skill development. Physical fitness components such as speed, agility, and endurance play a vital role in executing offensive and defensive movements effectively. Physiological responses like heart rate regulation and aerobic capacity influence recovery, fatigue resistance, and sustained performance during matches. Psychological factors including motivation, anxiety control, and self-confidence directly affect decision-making, focus, and performance consistency under competitive conditions.

Despite growing recognition of these components, limited studies have examined their combined influence on basketball performance. Therefore, the present study attempts to explore the interrelationship among physical fitness, physiological responses, psychological factors, and playing performance of competitive basketball players.

Review of Related Literature

Previous research has consistently shown that physical fitness is strongly associated with basketball performance. Studies report that speed and agility significantly influence fast breaks,

defensive transitions, and overall match effectiveness. Aerobic endurance has been identified as a key factor for maintaining performance throughout all quarters of the game.

Physiological variables such as VO_2 max and heart rate recovery have been linked with improved work capacity and reduced fatigue during high-intensity play. Players with superior physiological efficiency demonstrate better recovery between repeated sprints and game phases.

Psychological research in sports highlights the importance of motivation, self-confidence, and optimal anxiety levels. High motivation enhances training adherence and competitive effort, while excessive anxiety negatively affects shooting accuracy and decision-making. Self-confidence has been shown to correlate positively with consistent performance in competitive situations.

However, most studies have examined these variables independently. There is a clear need for research that integrates physical, physiological, and psychological dimensions to understand their collective contribution to basketball performance.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components of competitive basketball players.
2. To evaluate selected physiological responses of competitive basketball players.
3. To examine psychological factors among competitive basketball players.
4. To determine the relationship between physical fitness, physiological responses, psychological factors, and basketball performance.
5. To identify the combined contribution of selected variables to basketball performance.

Methodology

The study employed a descriptive correlational research design.

Sample

Sixty (N = 60) male competitive basketball players aged 18–25 years were selected from colleges of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar City and sports clubs using purposive sampling.

Selection of Variables

Independent Variables

- Physical Fitness: Speed (50 m sprint), Agility (Illinois agility test), Aerobic endurance (Cooper 12-minute run)
- Physiological Responses: Resting heart rate, VO_2 max
- Psychological Factors: Sports motivation, competitive anxiety, self-confidence

Dependent Variable

- Basketball playing performance (Coach rating scale)

Tools and Tests

- 50 m sprint test
- Illinois agility test
- Cooper 12-minute run test
- Polar heart rate monitor
- Standardized sports motivation questionnaire
- Competitive anxiety inventory
- Self-confidence scale
- Coach-rated basketball performance scale

Procedure

All tests were conducted under standard conditions. Physical fitness tests were administered on the field, physiological measurements were recorded under resting conditions, and psychological

questionnaires were administered in a calm environment. Performance ratings were obtained from qualified basketball coaches.

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation) were calculated for all variables. Pearson's product moment correlation was used to determine relationships between variables. Multiple regression analysis was applied to identify predictors of basketball performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Table - 1
Descriptive Statistics of Selected Variables

Variable	Mean	SD
Speed (sec)	6.72	0.41
Agility (sec)	16.89	0.78
Aerobic Endurance (m)	2560	210
Resting Heart Rate (bpm)	62.4	5.6
VO_2 Max (ml/kg/min)	52.8	4.9
Motivation Score	78.6	6.2
Competitive Anxiety	21.3	4.1
Self-Confidence	32.7	3.8
Performance Score	82.5	7.4

Graph - 1
Descriptive Statistics of Selected Variables

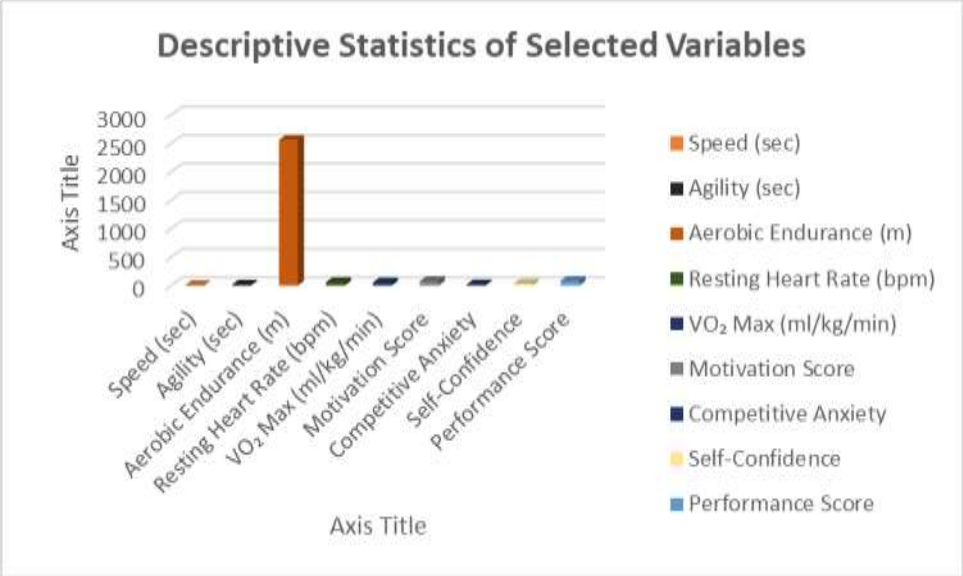


Table- 2
Correlation between Selected Variables and Basketball Performance

Variable	r-value
Speed	-0.62*
Agility	-0.58*

Aerobic Endurance	0.66*
Resting Heart Rate	-0.49*
VO_2 Max	0.71*
Motivation	0.64*
Competitive Anxiety	-0.53*
Self-Confidence	0.69*

*Significant at 0.05 level

Results

The results revealed significant correlations between most selected variables and basketball performance. Speed and agility showed significant negative correlations, indicating that better performance times were associated with higher playing ability. Aerobic endurance and VO_2 max demonstrated strong positive relationships with performance, highlighting the importance of physiological efficiency. Psychological factors such as motivation and self-confidence were positively correlated with performance, whereas competitive anxiety showed a negative relationship. The regression analysis indicated that VO_2 max, self-confidence, and aerobic endurance were the strongest predictors of basketball performance.

Conclusion

The findings of the study confirm that basketball performance is a multifactorial phenomenon influenced by physical fitness, physiological responses, and psychological factors. Players with superior fitness levels, efficient physiological functioning, and strong psychological preparedness demonstrate higher playing performance. The study emphasizes the need for an integrated training approach combining conditioning, physiological monitoring, and psychological skill training. Coaches and sports professionals should design holistic training programs to maximize competitive basketball performance.

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EMERGING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIAN SPORTS: AN ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SCENARIO

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Abstract:
Indian sports are undergoing a significant transformation marked by increased global exposure, policy reforms, and private sector participation. While India has historically excelled in limited sports such as cricket and field hockey, recent years have seen growth in disciplines like athletics, wrestling, badminton, and shooting. However, despite this progress, Indian sports face several challenges including inadequate infrastructure, lack of grassroots development, poor governance, and limited access to scientific training. At the same time, initiatives such as the 'Khelo India Programme', Target Olympic Podium Scheme, and the growing role of leagues like the Indian Premier League and Pro Kabaddi League present new opportunities. This paper analyzes the current challenges and emerging opportunities in Indian sports, highlighting examples and policy initiatives that can shape a stronger sporting ecosystem in the future.

Keywords: Indian Sports, Sports Infrastructure, Grassroots Development, Sports Policy, Talent Identification, Professional Leagues, Sports Governance, Athlete Development, Sports Science, Olympic Performance.

Introduction:

Indian sports are experiencing a phase of rapid transformation driven by globalization, policy reforms, media expansion, and increased private sector participation. Traditionally, India's international sporting identity was dominated by cricket and, earlier, field hockey. In recent years, however, Indian athletes have made notable progress in athletics, wrestling, badminton, boxing, shooting, and weightlifting, reflecting a gradual broadening of the national sports base. Despite these achievements, several structural challenges continue to limit consistent excellence. Inadequate infrastructure, especially at the grassroots level, weak talent identification systems, poor governance in sports federations, limited financial security for athletes, and insufficient access to sports science, medicine, and psychological support remain critical concerns. Social and cultural attitudes that prioritize academics over sports further restrict long-term athlete development. At the same time, multiple opportunities have emerged to reshape the Indian sporting ecosystem. Government initiatives such as the Khelo India Programme and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme have strengthened funding, training, and talent nurturing mechanisms. The rise of professional leagues, including the Indian Premier League and Pro Kabaddi League, has improved visibility, professionalism, and income opportunities for athletes. Together, these developments indicate that with strategic planning, transparent governance, and sustained investment, India can overcome existing challenges and establish itself.

1. Current Scenario of Indian Sports:

India is a country of over 1.4 billion people, yet its performance in international sports competitions remains modest compared to global sporting nations. Historically, India dominated field hockey, winning eight Olympic gold medals, but performance declined after the 1980s. Cricket became the most popular sport due to media attention, commercialization, and success at the international level.

In recent decades, Indian athletes have made notable progress in individual sports. Athletes like Neeraj Chopra, P.V. Sindhu, and Mirabai Chanu have brought global recognition. Despite these successes, India still struggles to convert talent into consistent international medals.

2. Major Challenges in Indian Sports:

a) Inadequate Infrastructure:

One of the most critical challenges confronting Indian sports development is the inadequate availability of quality sports infrastructure, especially in rural and semi-urban regions. A large number of schools and educational institutions lack proper playgrounds, standard equipment, and trained coaching staff, which restricts early exposure to organized sports. In many cases, sports facilities that do exist are outdated and fail to meet international norms, limiting athletes' ability to train under competitive and professional conditions. The absence of modern stadiums, synthetic tracks, indoor training halls, and sports science support systems further hampers athlete preparation. This infrastructural gap creates unequal opportunities, where only a small section of athletes from urban areas or privileged backgrounds gain access to quality training environments. For aspiring athletes in villages, the situation is even more challenging, as they often have to travel long distances to reach district or state-level training centres. Such travel demands time, financial resources, and family support, which many athletes cannot sustain over long periods. As a result, promising talent frequently drops out at an early stage, not due to lack of ability, but because of infrastructural limitations. Strengthening grassroots infrastructure through school-based facilities, community sports centers, and public-private partnerships is therefore essential for nurturing talent and ensuring inclusive and sustainable sports development in India.

b) Weak Grassroots Development:

Grassroots sports development in India continues to be a major area of concern, as systematic talent identification and nurturing mechanisms remain weak and inconsistent. In many regions, the discovery of sporting talent depends largely on chance rather than on structured scouting programs, trained coaches, or organized competitions at the school and community levels. As a result, numerous talented children fail to receive early guidance and professional training. Financial constraints further worsen the situation, forcing many young athletes to abandon sports due to the cost of equipment, travel, and coaching. Academic pressure and societal expectations also contribute significantly to dropouts, as education is often prioritized over sports careers. In contrast, countries such as China and Australia invest heavily in school-based sports systems that integrate education with athletic development. These nations emphasize early training, regular competitions, and long-term athlete pathways. India must adopt similar models to strengthen grassroots sports and ensure sustainable talent development.

c) Poor Sports Governance and Administration:

Sports governance in India is often criticized for its lack of transparency, political interference, and inefficient administrative practices. Many national and state-level sports federations are headed by individuals who possess limited technical knowledge or professional experience in sports management. This frequently leads to poor decision-making, weak long-term planning, and inadequate attention to athlete welfare. The absence of accountability mechanisms further aggravates governance issues, allowing mismanagement and favouritism to persist. Administrative delays in the disbursement of funds often disrupt training schedules, participation in competitions, and access to essential facilities. In addition, selection controversies and unclear criteria for team representation create uncertainty and dissatisfaction among athletes. Such issues adversely affect athlete morale, mental well-being, and overall performance. Talented players may lose motivation or withdraw from competitive sports due to perceived unfairness and lack of institutional support. Improving governance through transparent policies, professional administration, and independent oversight is therefore crucial for creating a fair, athlete centered, and performance-driven sports ecosystem in India.

d) Limited Access to Sports Science and Medicine:

Modern sports increasingly rely on scientific training methods that integrate nutrition, biomechanics, sports psychology, and advanced injury management to enhance athletic performance and longevity. In India, however, access to comprehensive sports science support remains largely confined to elite and international-level athletes. Grassroots and junior athletes often train without professional guidance, relying on traditional methods that may not align with modern scientific standards. This lack of early scientific intervention affects skill development, physical conditioning, and mental preparedness. Consequently, many athletes experience recurring injuries, overtraining, and psychological burnout at a young age. Inconsistent performance is also common, as athletes struggle to maintain fitness and cope with competitive pressure. The shortage of qualified sports scientists, physiotherapists, and mental conditioning experts at district and state levels further widens this gap. Expanding sports science facilities and integrating scientific support into grassroots training programs is essential to ensure athlete safety, sustained performance, and long-term success in Indian sports.

e) Socio-Cultural Barriers:

Societal attitudes in India often discourage sports as a viable career option, particularly for women. Deep-rooted beliefs regarding gender roles, safety concerns, financial insecurity, and limited career stability continue to restrict female participation in sports. Families frequently prioritize education or traditional professions over athletics, viewing sports as uncertain and socially inappropriate for women. Limited access to safe training facilities, lack of female coaches, and inadequate institutional support further intensify these challenges. Despite these barriers, women athletes such as Mary Kom and Sakshi Malik have successfully challenged stereotypes through their international achievements and resilience. Their success has inspired greater acceptance of women in competitive sports and highlighted the potential for excellence despite adversity. However, cultural resistance, unequal opportunities, and gender bias remain widespread at the grassroots level. Addressing these issues requires sustained awareness, policy support, and community engagement to create an inclusive and supportive environment for women in Indian sports.

3. Role of Education and Sports Integration:

Integrating sports with education is essential for the long-term development of athletes. Sports schools, university-level competitions, and flexible academic policies help students balance academic responsibilities with athletic training. Such integration ensures that athletes receive structured education while pursuing sports professionally. Countries with strong sporting cultures emphasize dual-career pathways, enabling athletes to continue their studies alongside intensive training and competition. This approach reduces dropout rates, provides career security after retirement, and encourages wider participation in sports. Adopting similar models in India can create a sustainable system that supports both educational growth and athletic excellence.

4. Future Prospects and Strategic Recommendations:

To harness emerging opportunities and overcome persistent challenges, India must adopt a comprehensive and coordinated approach to sports development. Strengthening grassroots programs is essential to identify and nurture talent from an early age through schools, colleges, and community-level initiatives. Improving sports governance through transparency, professionalism, and accountability will ensure fair administration and athlete centered policies. Expanding access to sports science, including nutrition, psychology, biomechanics, and injury management, is necessary to enhance performance and athlete longevity across all levels. Encouraging public–private partnerships can help bridge infrastructure and funding gaps by combining government support with corporate expertise and investment. Promoting sports as a viable and respected career option will motivate youth and reduce societal resistance to professional sports participation. A holistic

approach involving the government, private sector, educational institutions, and society at large is essential to create a sustainable, inclusive, and performance-driven sports ecosystem in India.

Conclusion:

Indian sports stand at a critical juncture where challenges coexist with unprecedented opportunities. While issues such as inadequate infrastructure, weak grassroots systems, and governance concerns continue to hinder progress, recent reforms and growing investments offer hope. Government initiatives, professional leagues, private participation, and changing social attitudes have created a favorable environment for sports development. However, this positive momentum must be supported by long-term planning, transparent administration, and effective policy implementation. To achieve sustained international success, India must adopt a comprehensive and inclusive sports ecosystem that prioritizes talent identification, scientific training, modern infrastructure, and athlete welfare. Strengthening grassroots programs, improving coaching quality, and integrating sports with education are essential steps in this direction. Equally important is the expansion of sports science, sports medicine, and psychological support to ensure athlete longevity and consistent performance. Collaboration between government bodies, educational institutions, private organizations, and local communities can help create a sustainable talent pipeline. Increased accountability in sports governance, fair selection processes, and timely financial support will enhance athlete confidence and motivation. With coordinated efforts, inclusive policies, and a clear long-term vision, India has the potential to transform its sporting culture. Over the coming decades, such an approach can enable the nation to achieve consistent international success and emerge as a respected global sporting nation with depth, diversity, and excellence across multiple disciplines and competitive levels worldwide, thereby inspiring future generations, strengthening national pride, improving public health, and reinforcing India's identity in the global sports community at large and across continents worldwide sustainably long-term.

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MENTAL HEALTH AMONG ARTISTIC GYMNASTS FROM ALL AGE GROUPS GYMNASTICS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2025: A PILOT STUDY

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ABSTRACT
The purpose of this study was to examine the Mental Health of male and female Artistic Gymnasts who participated in the All-Age-Group Gymnastics National Championship, Gujarat 2025—a total of 22 males and 22 females (N=46). Gymnasts competing in the senior category were selected using purposive sampling. To study mental health between male and female artistic gymnasts, a descriptive comparative research method was used. The International Olympic Committee Sports Mental Health Recognition Tool 1 (SMHAT-1), developed by "THE IOC MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP", was used to collect the data. To describe Mental Health, descriptive statistics were calculated. To see the difference between male and female artistic gymnasts' inferential statistics, an independent sample 't' test was calculated. The mean scores for male and female artistic gymnasts were 24 and 20, respectively, both exceeding the threshold of 16, indicating poor mental health. The calculated 't' value shows a significant difference between male and female artistic gymnasts, as the calculated 't' value was significant at 0.05 (p=0.012). This suggests that male artistic gymnasts have significantly poorer mental health than female artistic gymnasts in the All-Age Groups Gymnastics National Championship 2025

Keywords: Mental health, Artistic Gymnasts, National Championship

INTRODUCTION

A few years ago, sport was for fun, to pass the time, a change from daily routine. Nowadays, it has become a passion, profession, a dignity of the community, state, and nation for many.

Where there is a competition, there are not only physical but also psychological and social challenges. Unlike other sports, competition is always a challenge, but for gymnasts, learning new skills, overcoming fear, and incorporating them into a routine are additional challenges. Many elite gymnasts from around the world have faced these issues, which have affected their mental health. (Moesch et al., 2018) Many researchers have studied anxiety, depression, eating disorders, and sleep disturbances separately, and the results were shocking; they show that professional high-performance athletes suffer from these issues. If we look at Olympic champion Simone Biles, she is also not an exception to this. (Admin, 2022)

A study shows that 970 million people live with poor mental health conditions worldwide, which is equivalent to one in every eight. (Standard, 2022); (Limaye et al., 2024). Much research suggests that participating in sports and engaging in physical activity are beneficial to mental health, improving mood and quality of life. Mental stability training leads to better sports performance and enhances physical condition. (Fossati et al., 2021). The research also reveals that sportspeople generally have better mental health than non-sportspeople (Bandhe, 2023). However, for elite-level athletes, this is precisely the opposite, as they must focus on performance rather than enjoying the sport. Research has focused on the nature and impact of physical injuries in elite athletes, and many advances have been made in these areas. In comparison to these high-quality studies, limited

research is available on the mental health and psychological well-being of elite athletes (Rice et al., 2016).

What is the current state of gymnastics in India? Does it influence performance, or does performance impact mental health? Is there any difference between male and female gymnasts? To explore this, the researcher studied Mental Health among Artistic Gymnasts at the All-Age-Group Gymnastics National Championship 2025 held in Gujarat.

Review of Related Literature

Nara, K. (2017). The purpose of Nara's study was to examine differences in mental health among sportspersons participating in district and state-level championships. To achieve this, the researcher employed a descriptive comparative method, selecting 40 district level and 40 state level sportspersons (N= 80). Data were collected using 'The Mental Health Battery', developed by Arun Kumar Singh and Alpana Sen Gupta. The study concludes that state-level athletes exhibit better mental health than those competing at the district level. (Nara, 2017)

Pandeya, A. & Patel, R. K. (2015). To study the mental health of state-level handball players playing different positions, the researcher adopted a descriptive comparative method—15 handball players for each playing position, aged between 16 to 22 years. (N=105) was the sample of their study. To collect the data, the Mental Health Inventory, developed by Dr Jagdish and Srivastava (1983), was used. The study concluded that there is a significant difference among handball players in different playing positions. Goalkeepers have better mental health than other positional players in handball. (Pandeya & Patel, 2015)

Material and Method

Method and Participants

To study mental health among male and female artistic gymnasts aged 16 to 25 years, a descriptive comparative research method was used. From the population, 22 male and 22 female (N=44) Gymnasts were selected from all age groups at the Gymnastics championship, Gujarat 2025, using a purposive sampling technique.

Variables and Tools

The International Olympic Committee Sports Mental Health Recognition Tool 1 (SMHAT-1), developed by "THE IOC MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP", was used to collect the data.

SMHAT-1 comprises 10 items. Each statement is rated on five response categories, ranging from 'none of the time' to 'all of the time', to reflect how closely the respondent's behaviour aligns. Scores from 1 to 16 denote good mental health, while scores above 16 suggest poor mental health (Gouttebarge et al., 2021).

Procedure

To examine the mental health of Artistic Gymnasts who participated in the All-Age Groups National Championships 2025 held in Gujarat, 25 male and 23 female artistic gymnasts (N=44), aged between 16 and 25 years, were selected from the population using a purposive sampling technique. The International Olympic Committee Sports Mental Health Recognition Tool 1 (SMHAT-1) was developed by "THE IOC MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP" used to collect the data. (Gouttebarge et al., 2021) Gymnasts were asked to complete the questionnaire during the competition. To describe mental health, the researcher used descriptive statistics, including the mean, standard deviation, and standard error of mean. To compare male and female artistic gymnasts, an independent sample 't' test was performed. Conclusions were drawn based on the statistical techniques mentioned above.

Result

Table No. 1

Descriptive statistics of Mental Health among all age groups, Artistic Gymnastics National Championship 2025

Gender	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Male	22	24.95	5.956	1.270
Female	22	20.68	4.745	1.012

The mean score for male artistic gymnasts is 24.95, with a standard deviation of 5.956 and a standard error of the mean of 1.270; in contrast, female artistic gymnasts have a mean score of 20.68, a standard deviation of 4.745, and a standard error of 1.012. (Table no. 1) The mean scores for both male and female artistic gymnasts exceed 15, which is considered indicative of poor mental health among gymnasts across all age groups, Gymnastics National Championship 2025, Gujarat.

Table No. 2

Independent Sample 't' Test of Mental Health among all age groups, Artistic Gymnastics National Championship 2025

	Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means				
	F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Difference
Equal variances assumed	1.598	0.213	2.632	42	0.012	4.273	1.624
Equal variances not assumed.			2.632	40.002	0.012	4.273	1.624

To see if there is any difference in Mental Health between male and female gymnasts across all age groups, an independent sample 't' test was conducted on the 2025 National Championship data held in Gujarat. To interpret the findings from the Independent Sample t' test, the equality of variances between the two groups was tested. As shown above, Levene's Test for equality of variances was calculated. Since the significance value is more than 0.05, equal variances are assumed. (Table – 2) The calculated 't' value is 2.63, the mean difference is 4.27, and the degrees of freedom are 42. The calculated 't' value shows a significant difference at the 0.05 level of significance (p=0.012). Therefore, there is a significant difference in mental health between male and female artistic gymnasts across all age groups in the 2025 gymnastics championships held in Gujarat. Males exhibit significantly poorer mental health than females.

Discussion

The study suggested that both male and female gymnasts have poor mental health. (Gouttebarge et al., 2021)(Kew et al., 2025); (Gulliver et al., 2015). This supports previous findings. When comparing mean values of mental health, the calculated t-value indicates a significant difference between male and female gymnasts, with male gymnasts exhibiting poorer mental health than female gymnasts who participated in all age-group national championships. This study is limited to the all-age-group gymnastics national championships held in Gujarat in 2025.

Conclusion

The above study concluded that both male and female artistic gymnasts experience poor mental health. It also indicates a significant difference between the genders, with male artistic gymnasts exhibiting worse mental health than female gymnasts.

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DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS IN SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE PERFORMANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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Abstract
Digital technology has transformed how sports infrastructure is designed, operated, and governed. From smart stadiums with integrated sensor networks to data-driven maintenance systems and renewable energy installations, these facilities are now central in both athletic performance and sustainable management. This paper explores how digital and technological innovations are reshaping sports infrastructure in support of sustainable performance at three levels: preparation and safety of athletes, fan experience, and long-term facility operations. It develops a conceptual framework that links technology adoption to sustainability principles and sport management practice, reviews the key literature, and analyses the current global scenario. A focused case study of a solar-powered smart arena illustrates how integrated systems can reduce environmental impact while improving performance and revenue. The paper concludes with policy recommendations for sport managers, planners, and public authorities regarding governance, standards, and capacity building required to integrate digital tools into sustainable sports infrastructure strategies.

Keywords: sports infrastructure, smart stadium, digital innovation, sustainability, performance management, facility management

Introduction

Historically, sports infrastructure has been thought of as a physical asset: a stadium, arena, training center, or community field built to host competitions and training. In recent decades, however, these facilities have begun to operate as complex socio-technical systems that combine architecture, information technology, energy systems, and management processes. High-speed networks, advanced audio-visual platforms, and integrated building management systems are now as important as concrete and steel. At the same time, sport is under growing pressure to align with global sustainability agendas. Large venues consume significant energy and water, generate waste, and influence land use and transport patterns. The expectation from governments, sponsors, and citizens is that sports organizations should reduce their environmental footprint while maintaining or even improving performance on and off the field. Work on environmental sustainability in sport shows that professional clubs and leagues are increasingly adopting strategies such as energy efficiency, renewable power, and green building certification to address these concerns. [4] In parallel, performance expectations continue to rise. Elite sport relies on precise data for training, injury prevention, and tactical planning. Technologies such as GPS tracking, motion capture, and video-based performance analysis have become standard in many sports. These tools do not operate in isolation. hey depend on robust digital infrastructure in stadiums and training centers, including secure data networks, cloud storage, and analytics platforms that can handle high-velocity information flows.



Spectator expectations have changed accordingly. Fans compare the in-stadium experience with the convenience of watching at home on large screens, with second screen content and social media interaction. Studies and industry reports suggest that smart, digital stadiums offering pervasive connectivity, mobile ticketing, real-time statistics, and personalized services are increasingly a key strategy for attracting and retaining spectators. [1] When those features combine with sustainable design, such as renewable energy systems and resource-efficient operations, sports venues can become powerful symbols of innovation rather than sources of environmental criticism. This paper focuses on that juncture. Attention is placed on how digital and technological innovations in sports infrastructure can support sustainable performance and management. The term "performance" is understood here in a broad sense, encompassing not only athlete results but also facility efficiency, environmental outcomes, and the quality of stakeholder experiences.

The paper argues that sustainable sports infrastructure is about more than just greener buildings; it involves integrated systems that gather, process, and act on data to better inform decision-making. The discussion is particularly salient for policy makers, municipal planners, sports federations, and facility managers in both developed and developing contexts. Many countries are currently investing in new stadiums and upgrading existing facilities. These investments, which are often publicly funded, will determine the costs, environmental impacts, and community benefits associated with the stadium for decades to come based on choices made today in regard to its digital systems, management models, and sustainability standards.

Conceptual Framework or Theoretical Background

Definitions of Key Terms

- **Sports infrastructure**
  Sports infrastructure refers to the physical and organizational structures required to conduct sport and physical activity. It includes stadiums, arenas, training centers, multipurpose halls, outdoor fields, aquatic centers, and support spaces such as locker rooms, media areas, and medical facilities. It also covers embedded systems such as scoreboards, lighting, HVAC, security, and access control.
- **Digital and technological innovations**
  Digital and technological innovations in sports infrastructure are new or significantly improved ICT based tools and systems that change how facilities operate and deliver value. Examples include integrated venue management software, Internet of Things (IoT) sensors for monitoring occupancy and energy use, video and data analytics platforms, advanced security systems, mobile applications for fans, digital ticketing, and cashless payment systems. [1]
- **Smart stadium**
  A smart stadium is a sports venue equipped with interconnected digital technologies that collect and share data to enhance fan experience, optimize operations, and support new business models. Typical features include high capacity Wi Fi, IoT devices for crowd and environmental monitoring, digital signage, mobile engagement platforms, and integrated control rooms where data from different subsystems is visualized and used for decisions in real time.

Theories and Models Related to the Topic

Several theoretical perspectives help to explain the digital and technological innovations in sports infrastructure.

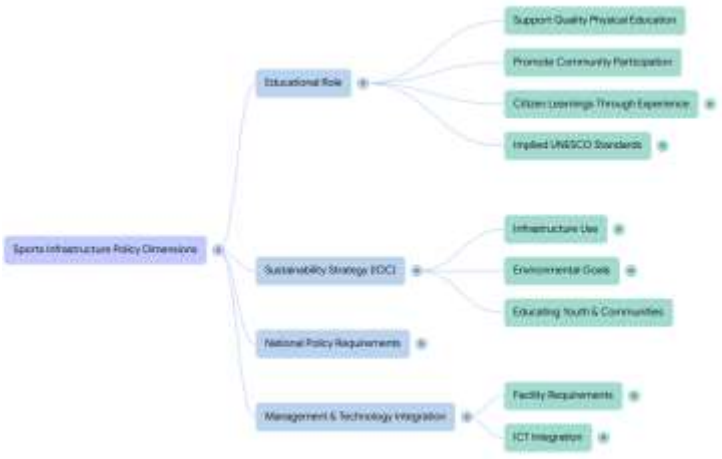
- **Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)** TAM suggests that perceived usefulness and ease of use are two prime factors affecting the acceptance and utilization of new technologies. In sports venues, this framework can be applied to staff and fans. If digital ticketing systems,

mobile apps, or analytics platforms are seen as useful and easy to use, adoption is more likely among operators, coaches, and spectators.

- **Diffusion of Innovations theory:** This explains how ideas and technologies diffuse across organizations and communities. Early adopters in the form of innovative clubs or leagues experiment with smart stadium technologies and sustainable design features. After that, their success stories, including reduced operating costs or improved fan satisfaction, become references for others, thus influencing wider diffusion within the sports sector.
- **Socio-technical systems theory applies** because sports infrastructure integrates people and technology with complex organizational structures; facility performance therefore cannot be understood in narrowly engineering terms but depends on how technology becomes embedded into work practices, governance, and culture. For example, analytics tools might exist; however, if coaches and medical staff fail to collaborate, then the data generated will not translate into better training or injury prevention. [6] Concepts of sustainable development and the triple bottom line add focus to the assessment of sports infrastructure projects. Facilities should contribute toward economic viability, social inclusiveness, and environmental responsibility. Projects investing heavily in digital-based fan engagement while neglecting aspects such as energy consumption or community access will be criticized for incompleteness; inversely, green stadiums failing to deliver financial or experiential value may not remain viable long.
- Finally, **Facility Management Models** emphasize integrated management of buildings, people, and processes. In sport, these models support the idea that technology should not be purchased in isolation but rather as part of a facility-wide strategy that connects such elements as maintenance, safety, event operations, and customer service.

Educational Policies or Reforms Relevant to the Topic

Although sports infrastructure is usually referred to from the perspective of engineering or management, there is also an important educational dimension. International sport and education policies increasingly stress that facilities should support quality physical education, community participation, and sustainable development.



The IOC has adopted a sustainability strategy on infrastructure and natural sites, encouraging the use of existing facilities wherever possible, promoting temporary or demountable structures when long-term legacy is uncertain, and calling for any new infrastructure to minimize environmental impact while maximizing post-event uses. The strategy positions venue design and management as tools to educate youth and society on sustainable living through sport.

Similarly, UNESCO style guidelines on quality physical education stress that sport and physical activity shall be provided in safe, inclusive, and well managed environments. Though such documents have as their primary focus education systems, they imply standards applicable to school and community sports facilities on accessibility, safety, and the use of relevant equipment. Inclusion of digital tools - performance tracking devices, interactive boards for teaching, for example - can help promote more active, data-informed physical education. Nationally, many sport and education policies link public funding of new facilities to requirements relating to sustainability, multi-functional use and community access. Some grant schemes provide explicit encouragement to integrate ICT into sports complexes, with support, for example, for venue management systems, electronic scoreboards, and energy monitoring devices. Such policies reflect a broader view on sports infrastructure as a form of educational resource through which citizens learn about health, collaboration, and environmental care via their experiences of the built environment.

Current Scenario

The contemporary landscape of sports infrastructure is characterised by rapid digitalisation and a growing attention to sustainability. In many professional leagues, the modern stadiums are equipped with extensive Wi Fi coverage and digital signage, including mobile engagement platforms. Industry reports and case studies describe venues where fans can access replays, statistics and interactive content on their phones while seated and where operators track crowd flows and concession sales in real time.

Another feature of the current scenario is the growth of data driven performance environments. Elite training centres and club headquarters now integrate wearable sensors, video analysis rooms, and data hubs where coaches, sport scientists, and medical staff share information. Performance analysis in football and other sports has moved from simple statistics to complex models that capture the spatial and temporal patterns of play. Yet researchers still note problems in the translational gap of data into practice and in ensuring that athletes themselves are active participants in the analytic process. [6] From a management perspective, digitalisation changes staffing and skills requirements. Facility managers must understand not only physical plant systems but also digital platforms. New positions like data analyst, digital engagement manager, and sustainability officer appear alongside more traditional operations staff. Training and professional development will be required so that technology investments yield real improvements rather than underutilised systems. Texts on sport facility operations management have underlined that technology works only insofar as it is supported by clear procedures, performance indicators, and collaboration across departments. [10] For spectators, the experience of attending events live increasingly takes shape through digital touchpoints. Buying a ticket, accessing the venue, navigating within the grounds, ordering food, and sharing experience through social media are all mediated by mobile devices and venue platforms. While some report that these technologies deepen engagement and spending, others warn that excessive screen use may detract from atmosphere and social interaction that make live sport so special.[8] Digital innovation is more uneven within community and educational contexts. Some schools and local clubs were still operating from facilities with limited technology, while others had adopted relatively simple though effective tools such as online booking systems, LED scoreboards, and basic performance tracking apps. Access to funding, technical support, and policy guidance strongly influences whether smaller organisations can benefit from digital and sustainable innovations that have become common in elite sport.

Key Issues and Challenges

Despite promising developments, several issues limit the potential of digital and technological innovations in sports infrastructure for sustainable performance and management.

- A first challenge is the high capital cost of advanced technologies and green building features. Smart stadium projects often require large investments in networking, sensors, control rooms, and software platforms, alongside renewable energy systems and efficient materials. While long term savings are possible, many clubs, municipalities, and educational institutions struggle to access the initial capital or to make a strong business case within short political or budget cycles.

Conclusion

Digital and technological innovations are transforming sports infrastructure in far-reaching ways. Smart stadiums, integrated information systems, and performance analytics rely on a strong digital backbone; sustainability ambitions promote the use of renewable energy, efficient systems, and responsible design. Where these elements come together, sports facilities are better positioned to support high quality athletic performance, compelling spectator experiences, and reduced impacts on the natural environment. The literature reviewed for this paper reveals that performance analysis, stadium information technology, and sport and environmental sustainability are all significant themes that tend to run in separate streams. Bringing these strands together helps to reinforce the importance of considering sports infrastructure as an integrated system in which digital technologies, sustainability strategies, and management practices interact. Case evidence from venues like Golden 1 Center indicates that ambitious goals in digital innovation and sustainability can be achieved, but success depends on strategic planning, stakeholder collaboration, and ongoing management effort. Yet, at the same time, some serious challenges remain. These can be related to the high capital costs; fragmented systems; data protection concerns; unequal access; and limited human capacity that can limit the benefits of digitalisation. To help overcome these barriers, policy frameworks, funding schemes, and capacity-building initiatives are urgently needed to support more inclusive and sustainable adoption of technology in sports infrastructure, especially in community and educational settings. Future research and practice should pay greater attention to the long-term impacts of digital systems on energy use, maintenance, fan behavior, and athlete welfare. They should also explore new governance models that bring sport organisations, public authorities, technology providers, and communities together in the co-design of facilities that are smart, green, socially just, and educationally meaningful. If these efforts are pursued, digital and technological innovations in sports infrastructure can become a powerful tool for sustainable performance and management, helping sport contribute positively to broader social and environmental goals.

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ROLE OF WEARABLE DEVICES IN MONITORING TRAINING LOAD AND PREVENTING INJURY THROUGH DATA-INFORMED DECISION MAKING

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Abstract
Wearable devices are increasingly integrated into sports training environments to monitor training load and athlete responses. While these technologies generate large volumes of physiological data, their effectiveness depends on accurate interpretation and application through informed coaching decisions. This paper presents a theory-driven and practice-informed framework for integrating wearable-derived heart rate data with session Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE) to monitor training load and reduce injury risk across grassroots and elite sport settings. Emphasis is placed on coaching philosophy, training phase considerations, and contextual decision making to support sustainable athlete development.

Keywords: Wearable Devices, Training Load, Injury Prevention, Session RPE, Coaching Philosophy

1. Introduction

Wearable technology has become an integral component of modern sports training systems. These devices enable continuous monitoring of physiological responses, providing insight into internal training load and recovery status. Despite widespread adoption, the primary challenge lies in translating data into actionable coaching decisions (Bourdon et al., 2017).

2. Training Load and Injury Risk

Training load represents the cumulative physiological and psychological stress imposed on athletes. Research suggests that both excessive and insufficient training loads are associated with increased injury risk, emphasizing the training–injury prevention paradox (Gabbett, 2016).

3. Wearable Technology in Sports

Heart rate–based wearable devices are commonly used to assess internal load. While valuable, these measures should be interpreted as indicators rather than prescriptive thresholds, requiring contextual evaluation by coaches (Bourdon et al., 2017).

4. Session Rating of Perceived Exertion

Session RPE is a validated method for quantifying perceived training stress and complements objective measures by capturing the athlete's subjective experience (Impellizzeri et al., 2004).

5. Coaching Philosophy and Data-Informed Decision Making

A data-informed approach integrates wearable data, athlete feedback, and practitioner expertise. Coaching philosophy provides the framework through which data are interpreted, ensuring that decisions align with long-term athlete development principles.

6. Training Phase–Based Interpretation

Training load data must be interpreted relative to the phase of training. Higher loads may be appropriate during preparatory phases, whereas competition phases require careful load regulation to maintain performance readiness.

7. Methodology

Heart rate data were collected using a Polar armband before and after training sessions. Session RPE was recorded post-session, and trends were monitored across multiple training sessions to guide load modifications.

8. Grassroots and Elite Applications

At the grassroots level, simplified monitoring strategies promote athlete education and safe progression. In elite settings, individualized monitoring supports performance optimization and injury risk reduction.

9. Discussion

The integration of wearable technology within a coaching-led framework enhances decision making. Data literacy among practitioners is essential for maximizing the effectiveness of monitoring systems.

10. Conclusion

Wearable devices support training load monitoring and injury prevention when applied through informed coaching decisions that integrate objective data, subjective feedback, and professional expertise.

Figures

Figure 1. Distribution of Training Load States



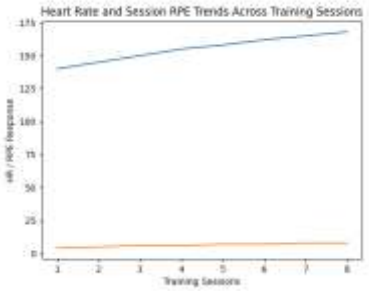


Figure 2. Heart Rate and Session RPE Trends

Table 1. Integrated Training Load Monitoring Framework

Component	Tool	Purpose	Application
Objective Load	Wearable HR	Physiological stress	Detect fatigue
Subjective Load	Session RPE	Perceived effort	Validate response
Context	Training Phase	Interpret load	Adjust intensity
Expertise	Coach Observation	Movement quality	Holistic decisions

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A STUDY OF PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS IN RELATION TO PERFORMANCE OF COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract
Volleyball is a dynamic team sport that demands a high level of physical fitness for successful performance. The present study aimed to examine the relationship between selected physical fitness components and the performance of competitive volleyball players. A total of 60 male volleyball players aged 18–25 years, representing inter-college competitions, were selected as subjects. The physical fitness variables selected for the study were speed, agility, explosive leg strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance. Volleyball performance was assessed using a standardized performance rating scale evaluated by expert coaches. Pearson's product moment correlation was applied to determine the relationship between physical fitness components and volleyball performance. The results revealed significant positive relationships between explosive leg strength, agility, speed, and overall performance, while flexibility and cardiovascular endurance showed moderate but non-significant relationships. The findings of the study highlight the importance of specific physical fitness components in enhancing volleyball performance and provide practical implications for training programs.

Keywords: Physical fitness, volleyball performance, agility, explosive strength, speed

Introduction

Volleyball is a fast-paced sport characterized by short bursts of explosive movements such as jumping, spiking, blocking, diving, and rapid changes of direction. Modern competitive volleyball requires players to possess not only technical and tactical skills but also a high level of physical fitness to sustain performance throughout a match.

Physical fitness plays a crucial role in executing volleyball-specific skills effectively. Components such as explosive leg strength contribute to jumping ability for spikes and blocks, while agility and speed are essential for court coverage and quick positional adjustments. Muscular endurance helps players maintain performance during long rallies, and flexibility assists in injury prevention and efficient movement patterns.

Despite advancements in training methods, many players and coaches still lack scientific understanding of how different fitness components influence actual performance in volleyball competition. Therefore, studying the relationship between physical fitness variables and volleyball performance is essential for designing effective training programs. The present study attempts to bridge this gap by examining selected physical fitness components in relation to the performance of competitive volleyball players.

Review of Related Literature

Several studies have emphasized the importance of physical fitness in volleyball performance. Research has shown that explosive leg strength is a key determinant of vertical jump performance, which directly affects spiking and blocking efficiency. Agility and speed have been identified as essential attributes for defensive skills and transition play.

Previous investigations have reported significant relationships between agility and successful defensive actions such as digs and court coverage. Studies on muscular endurance indicate that players with higher endurance levels are able to maintain skill execution accuracy during prolonged matches. Flexibility has been associated with improved movement efficiency and reduced injury risk, though its direct relationship with performance outcomes remains inconsistent.

Some researchers have also highlighted the role of cardiovascular endurance in recovery between rallies, particularly in long matches. However, findings suggest that volleyball performance is more strongly influenced by anaerobic and neuromuscular fitness components than by aerobic capacity alone.

Overall, the reviewed literature indicates that while all components of physical fitness are important, certain components have a more direct and significant influence on volleyball performance. This review supports the need for further research focusing on the relationship between specific fitness components and competitive performance.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects

The subjects for the present study consisted of 60 male competitive volleyball players aged between 18 and 25 years from pune city. All players had a minimum of three years of playing experience and had participated in inter-college level competitions. Subjects were selected using purposive sampling.

Variables of the Study

- **Independent Variables (Physical Fitness Components):**
    1. Speed
    2. Agility
    3. Explosive leg strength
    4. Muscular endurance
    5. Flexibility
    6. Cardiovascular endurance
- **Dependent Variable:**
    - Volleyball performance

Criterion Measures

Variable	Test Used
Speed	50-meter sprint
Agility	Shuttle run
Explosive leg strength	Standing broad jump
Muscular endurance	Sit-ups (1 minute)
Flexibility	Sit and reach test
Cardiovascular endurance	12-minute run/walk test
Volleyball performance	Coach rating scale

Data Collection Procedure

All tests were administered under standard conditions. Adequate warm-up was provided before testing. Volleyball performance was evaluated independently by three experienced volleyball coaches, and the average score was taken as the final performance score.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components of competitive volleyball players.
2. To determine the level of volleyball performance among competitive players.
3. To examine the relationship between selected physical fitness components and volleyball performance.

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation) were calculated for all variables. Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient was used to determine the relationship between physical fitness components and volleyball performance. The level of significance was set at **0.05**.

Conclusion

Based on the results of the study, it can be concluded that selected physical fitness components have a meaningful relationship with the performance of competitive volleyball players. Explosive leg strength, agility, and speed were found to be the most influential factors affecting performance. Muscular endurance, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance, although important for overall fitness, showed less direct impact on competitive performance.

The study highlights the need for volleyball-specific conditioning programs focusing on power, speed, and agility to enhance performance. Future research may include female players, higher competition levels, and additional variables such as psychological and technical factors.

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THE IMPACT OF RELATIVE AGE ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE AND PERFORMANCE CONSISTENCY OF COMPETITIVE TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS

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Abstract:

The need to achieve short-term competitive outcomes in sports may influence the emergence of talent selection strategies, which could bias individuals' opportunities. The present study aimed to further explore the relative age effect (RAE), a phenomenon that strongly influences youth sport development. The RAE refers to a disproportionately high percentage in sport teams of athletes born early in the selection year. Our primary focus was to explore whether the RAE is supported by behavioral evidence in favor of better fitness—and especially cognitive-attention functioning—of early as compared to late-born players. A cross-sectional study was conducted. The sample included one hundred and five (105) young male Table Tennis players aged 9.2–12.2 years (10.8 ± 1.0 years old) that were enrolled in two youth elite academies of Nanded District Table Tennis Players in the Maharashtra State. Attention functioning, anthropocentric, physical fitness, and game intelligence were compared across two Age Groups (u10 vs. u12) and four Birth Quarters (BQ1–BQ4). The RAE was statistically significant ($p < 0.001$), showing that about 50% of participants were born in the first quarter and 75% were born in the first half of the year.
Keywords: RAE; Youth Sport Talent Selection, Maturation, Attention

Introduction:

After the abundant literature that followed the description of "nature vs. nurture" by Francis Galton, further research is needed to an gain understanding of the relative contribution to human performance of inherited and environmental conditions. In sport, as in other contexts, the performance of athletes is the result of a complex interaction between genetic and environmental factors. To excel in their sport disciplines, athletes experience a continuous adaptation process that impacts their physical and cognitive attributes. In fact, various studies have highlighted that the potential benefits of physical activity (PA) on cognitive functioning are modulated by the environmental characteristics of their sport context. Expert athletes have shown better performance than non-experts in sport-specific tests that assess memory, attention, information pick-up, anticipation, and decision-making skills. The perceptual-cognitive adaptations that athletes may experience as a result of sport training might be constrained by their individual characteristics. In youth sport, one of the most influencing individual constraints is chronological age, while considering that athletes are mainly grouped by their date of birth in a selection year.

Materials and Methods:

Study Design and Participants

A cross-sectional study was conducted. The sample included one hundred and five (105) young male Table Tennis players aged 9.2–12.2 years (10.8 ± 1.0 years old) that were enrolled in two youth elite academies of Pune district Table Tennis Players in the Maharashtra State. The best two u10 teams (n = 52; 9.8 ± 0.3 years old) and two u12 teams (n = 53; 11.8 ± 0.2 years old) in each club participated in the study. The cut-off date that was fixed by Nanded District Table Tennis Association and the Maharashtra Table Tennis Association from January 1st to December 31st was followed. Nevertheless, the analyses of attention performance were performed on data from 87 participants, after excluding participants who could not perform the task appropriately. A sensitivity analysis was conducted while using G* power. It showed that with our sample size (n = 87) divided into eight groups (i.e., four birth-date quarters in each Age Group), the minimum effect size that could be detected for $\alpha = 0.05$ and $1 - \beta = 0.80$ was $f = 0.30$ (i.e., minimum detectable effect).

Participation in the study was voluntary and all of the participants and their parents or legal guardians were properly informed regarding the risks and benefits of the study prior to any data collection and signed an institutionally approved informed consent document. All of the participants were informed about their right to leave the experiment at any time. The managers of the clubs were debriefed in regards to the purposes of the study and given an explanation of the main results with easily understandable data.

The Attention Networks Test for Interactions **2.2. Apparatus, Materials and Procedure**

The participants were evaluated in three different sessions (Attentional Assessment Session, Anthropocentric Assessment, and Physical Fitness Assessment Session) in a counterbalanced order. Testing was performed in the first training session of the micro cycle, scheduled at least 48 h later than the previous training session or competition match. All the data were collected under standard conditions of time (from 4 pm to 7 pm) and temperature (ranging from 13 °C to 23 °C) from February to May 2018. The participants were cited 60 min. before the training session and were assessed in the media room (Attentional Assessment Session), medical room (Anthropological Assessment) and Table Tennis pitches (Physical Fitness Assessment Session) of their club's training facilities.

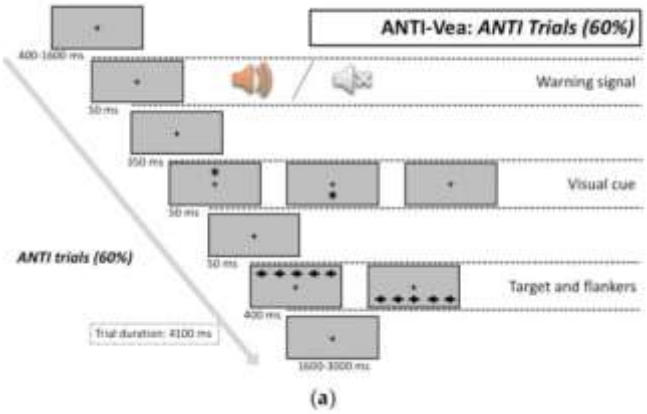


Figure 1.

Experimental procedure and stimuli sequence in the Attentional Networks Test for Interactions and Vigilance—executive and arousal components (ANTI-vea) task: ANTI trials (a), executive vigilance (EV) trials (b), and arousal vigilance (AV) trials (c)

In the EV trials (20% of the trials), the same procedure was followed, except that the target was vertically displaced from the central position. The participants had to detect the vertical displacement by pressing the space bar, while ignoring the direction of the target (See Figure 1b). Data from the various conditions of the warning signal, visual cue, and congruence variables were collapsed and not taken into account in the analyses. HITs were calculated as the percentage of displaced targets that were identified correctly. False alarms (FAs) were defined as the proportion of space bar responses (i.e., the response for infrequent stimuli) given to non-displaced targets. Finally, the mean RT and SD of RT were calculated.

All of the physical fitness tests were performed between 5 and 8 pm during the first training session of the week (at least 48 h later than the previous training session or competition match). Ambient temperature was 17.3 ± 3.2 °C and humidity was 75 ± 4%. Prior to the testing, the participants followed the same supervised warm-up procedure with 10 min. of jogging, change of direction, and sprint drills. Finally, the participants performed a modified version of the agility T-test, a 24-m speed test, and the Leger Multi-stage fitness test. Agility: Modified T-test. The T-test is a useful agility test for the assessment of multi directional movement (i.e., forward, lateral, and backward) and leg power, leg speed, and agility. A marked course on the Table Tennis field using four cones was set up, as depicted in Figure 2. A photocell gate system (Sports Metrics, Nanded, Maharashtra) that was connected to an electronic chronograph with 1 ms accuracy (i.e., 1000 Hz sampling frequency) (Sports Metrics, Nanded, Maharashtra) was used to record the time. The infrared beam of each photocell was placed 0.9 to 1.0 m from the ground, depending on the player's height, so that the photocell beam cut at the hip level.

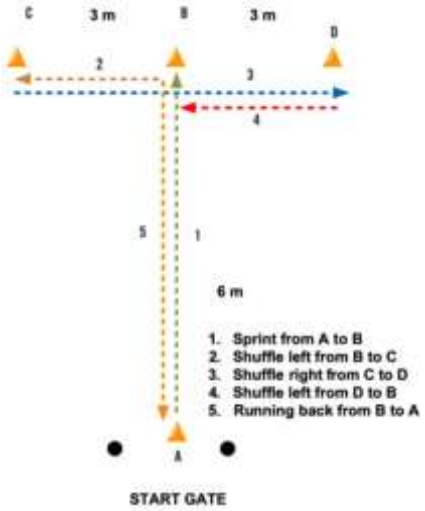


Figure 2.
Set Up of the Modified T-Test for Agility Measurement

Following previous recommendations, the athletes completed a modified agility T-test. At the starting position, the player placed his foot just behind the start line, with the knee of the advanced limb in semi-flexion and the arms flexed to avoid cutting the infrared beam. The forward body movement cutting the infrared beam started the stopwatch. After explaining the purpose of the T-test, the experimenter described and demonstrated the proper route and technique. Athletes had to keep their body facing forward at all times and physically touch each cone with the correct hand. On the experimenter's command, the participants sprinted forward from the start at cone A to cone B and touched the top of the cone with their right hand. Subsequently, they shuffled left to cone C and touched it with their left hand. After that, they shuffled right to cone D and touched it with their right hand. They shuffled back to cone B and touched it with their right hand before running backward to pass the start gate (cone A). All of the participants underwent three practice trials before performing the test. The goal of the test was to complete the course as quickly as possible. Two maximal trials were completed with three minutes of recovery between them. The time of both trials was recorded, but only the fastest time was considered for later statistical analyses.

Conclusions:

Although the age group differences (u10–u12) that were observed in all of the anthropocentric, physical fitness and sustained attention variables were restricted to sample size and characteristics (i.e., elite club academies) of our study, they were not modulated by BQ. Similarly, the correlation between chronological age and anthropocentric, physical fitness, and sustained attention variables that were observed in the overall sample completely disappeared within each age group. Similarly, no BQ effects were found on the functioning of the attentional networks. Bayesian analyses supported the absence of BQ effects, corroborating that relative age was an inconsistent predictor of performance in the physical and perceptual-cognitive variables that were evaluated in the present study. Another crucial variable that may modulate the pattern of interrelations between the main variables of the present study is maturation. The present findings suggest that the selection process of Table Tennis players may mitigate the age-related (i.e., BQ) differences that could be expected in some variables if the scouting process that lead to the birth asymmetries were not driven by short-term performance. The individual maturation state of players is likely to be one of the main variables that modulate this effect.

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A STUDY OF SELECTED PHYSICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES IN RELATION TO PERFORMANCE OF COMPETITIVE WEIGHTLIFTERS

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Abstract
Weightlifting is a strength-dominant sport that requires high levels of muscular strength, power, coordination, and physiological efficiency. The purpose of the present study was to examine the relationship between selected physical and physiological variables and performance of competitive weightlifters. Thirty male competitive weightlifters aged 18 to 28 years, participating at Jalgaon district and state level competitions, were selected as subjects. The selected variables were maximum strength, explosive power, muscular endurance, flexibility, and resting heart rate. Performance was assessed based on the total weight lifted in snatch and clean & jerk events. Pearson's product moment correlation was used to determine the relationship between selected variables and weightlifting performance. The results indicated significant positive relationships between maximum strength, explosive power, and performance, while flexibility and muscular endurance showed moderate relationships. Resting heart rate showed a negative relationship with performance. The findings suggest that strength and power are key determinants of success in competitive weightlifting.

Keywords: Weightlifting, strength, explosive power, physiological variables, performance

Introduction

Weightlifting is an Olympic sport that involves lifting maximum weight in two competitive lifts, namely the snatch and the clean and jerk. Success in weightlifting depends on the effective combination of physical strength, neuromuscular coordination, technique, and physiological preparedness. Unlike endurance-based sports, weightlifting primarily relies on anaerobic energy systems and fast-twitch muscle fibers. Maximum muscular strength and explosive power are critical for generating force within a short duration. Flexibility, particularly in the hips, shoulders, and ankles, is also essential for maintaining correct lifting posture and preventing injuries. Modern training methods emphasize scientific monitoring of physical and physiological parameters to improve performance. However, many training programs still rely heavily on traditional methods without adequate understanding of how different fitness components relate to actual competition performance. Therefore, the present study was undertaken to examine the relationship between selected physical and physiological variables and weightlifting performance.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies have consistently reported that maximum strength is the most important predictor of weightlifting performance. Research indicates that elite weightlifters possess significantly higher levels of lower-body and upper-body strength compared to non-elite lifters. Explosive power has also been identified as a crucial factor, as both the snatch and clean & jerk require rapid force production. Studies using vertical jump and power clean assessments have shown strong correlations with competitive performance. Flexibility has been shown to influence technical efficiency and injury prevention. Limited mobility in the hip and ankle joints may negatively affect lifting depth and bar path. Muscular endurance, although not a primary requirement, contributes to training tolerance and recovery. Physiological variables such as resting heart rate and recovery capacity have been linked to training adaptation. Lower resting heart rate is often associated with better recovery and conditioning status. The literature supports the view that a combination of strength, power, and physiological efficiency contributes to successful weightlifting performance.

Methodology

Thirty male competitive weightlifters aged between 18 and 28 years were selected from Jalgaon district and state-level competitions. All subjects had a minimum of three years of training experience.

Variables of the Study

Independent Variables:

Maximum strength, Explosive power, Muscular endurance, Flexibility, Resting heart rate

Dependent Variable:

- Weightlifting performance (total weight lifted in snatch and clean & jerk)

Tests and Tools

Variable	Test Used
Maximum strength	One-repetition maximum (1RM squat)
Explosive power	Vertical jump test
Muscular endurance	Push-ups
Flexibility	Sit and reach test
Resting heart rate	Manual pulse count
Performance	Official competition total (kg)

Statistical Analysis

Mean and standard deviation were calculated for all variables. Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient was applied to determine the relationship between selected variables and performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Discussion

The results of the study revealed a strong positive relationship between maximum strength and weightlifting performance, confirming that strength is the primary determinant of success in the sport. Explosive power also showed a significant relationship, highlighting the importance of rapid force production during lifts. Muscular endurance and flexibility demonstrated moderate relationships with performance, suggesting their supportive role in training sustainability and technical execution. The negative relationship between resting heart rate and performance indicates better physiological efficiency among higher-performing lifters. These findings are consistent with earlier research emphasizing the dominance of strength and power variables in weightlifting performance.

Conclusion

The study concludes that selected physical and physiological variables are significantly related to the performance of competitive weightlifters. Maximum strength and explosive power emerged as the most influential factors, while flexibility and muscular endurance played supportive roles. Resting heart rate was inversely related to performance, indicating better conditioning among successful lifters. The results suggest that training programs for weightlifters should prioritize strength and power development while maintaining adequate flexibility and physiological recovery.

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A STUDY OF SELECTED PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS IN RELATION TO PERFORMANCE OF SHORT DISTANCE RUNNERS

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Abstract
The purpose of the present study was to examine the relationship between selected physical fitness components and performance of short distance runners. Speed, explosive leg strength, agility, and reaction time were selected as independent variables, while sprint performance served as the dependent variable. Thirty male short distance runners aged 18–25 years, who regularly participated in intercollegiate competitions from pune, were selected as subjects. Standardized field tests were administered to assess the selected fitness components. Sprint performance was measured using a 100-meter sprint test. Pearson's product moment correlation was used to determine the relationship between variables. The results revealed significant relationships between sprint performance and speed, explosive leg strength, and reaction time, whereas agility showed a moderate but non-significant relationship. The findings indicate that specific physical fitness components play a crucial role in enhancing sprint performance. The study concludes that targeted training of these components can significantly improve short distance running performance.

Keywords: Short distance runners, physical fitness components, sprint performance, speed, explosive strength

Introduction

Athletics, particularly short distance running events, demands a high level of physical fitness and neuromuscular efficiency. Sprinting performance depends on the athlete's ability to generate maximum force in minimum time while maintaining optimal coordination and technique. Short distance events such as 100 meters and 200 meters require explosive power, quick reaction, high acceleration, and maximal running speed. Physical fitness components form the foundation of athletic performance. In sprinting, attributes such as speed, leg power, agility, and reaction time contribute directly to effective performance during the start, acceleration, and maximum velocity phases. Coaches and trainers emphasize these components in training programs, yet their individual contribution to sprint performance requires scientific evaluation. Understanding the relationship between specific fitness components and sprint performance helps in designing scientific training schedules. Hence, the present study attempts to analyze selected physical fitness components in relation to the performance of short distance runners.

Review of Related Literature

Several studies have highlighted the importance of physical fitness components in sprinting. Research has shown that speed and explosive leg strength are primary determinants of sprint performance. Athletes with greater lower-body power demonstrate superior acceleration and top speed.

Previous studies on reaction time have indicated its critical role during the start phase of sprinting. A faster reaction to the starting signal provides a competitive advantage, especially in short distance events. Similarly, agility has been linked with efficient movement control and balance, which indirectly supports sprint mechanics. Studies conducted on collegiate and elite sprinters suggest that

a combination of speed, strength, and neuromuscular coordination significantly influences performance. However, variations in results across studies indicate the need for further research using standardized methods and well-defined variables.

Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive correlational research design. Thirty (N = 30) male short distance runners aged between 18 and 25 years were selected randomly from colleges and sports academies of Pune city. All subjects had a minimum of two years of training experience in sprint events.

Variables

- **Independent Variables**
  - Speed
  - Explosive leg strength
  - Agility
  - Reaction time
- **Dependent Variable**
  - Sprint performance (100-meter run)

Criterion Measures

Variable	Test Used
Speed	50-meter dash
Explosive leg strength	Standing broad jump
Agility	Shuttle run (4 × 10 m)
Reaction time	Ruler drop test
Performance	100-meter sprint

Procedure

All tests were conducted on a standard track under similar environmental conditions. Proper warm-up was given prior to testing. Each subject was allowed two trials, and the best performance was recorded. Adequate rest intervals were provided between tests.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components of short distance runners.
2. To determine the relationship between speed and sprint performance.
3. To examine the relationship between explosive leg strength and sprint performance.
4. To analyze the relationship between agility and sprint performance.
5. To study the relationship between reaction time and sprint performance.

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation) were used to describe the data. Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient (r) was employed to determine the relationship between selected physical fitness components and sprint performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

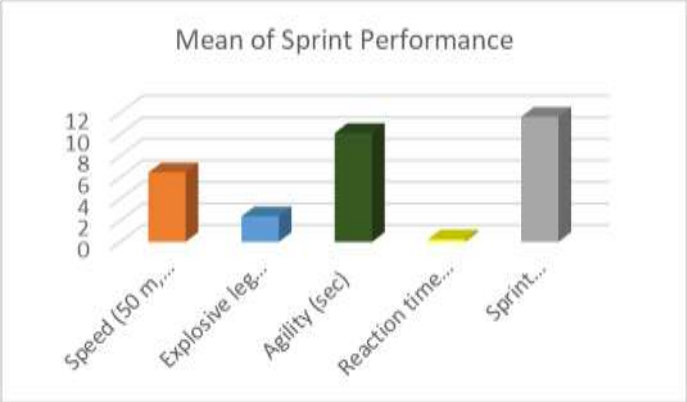
Results

Descriptive Statistics

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation
Speed (50 m, sec)	6.45	0.32
Explosive leg strength (m)	2.38	0.18
Agility (sec)	10.12	0.41
Reaction time (sec)	0.24	0.03
Sprint performance (100 m, sec)	11.62	0.48

Correlation between Physical Fitness Components and Sprint Performance

Variable	r value	Significance
Speed	-0.72	Significant
Explosive leg strength	-0.65	Significant
Agility	-0.32	Not Significant
Reaction time	-0.58	Significant



Conclusion

The study concludes that selected physical fitness components have a meaningful relationship with the performance of short distance runners. Speed, explosive leg strength, and reaction time significantly contribute to sprint performance, while agility shows a limited influence. Coaches and trainers should emphasize speed development, plyometric training, and reaction-based exercises to enhance sprint performance. The study provides useful insights for designing scientific training programs for short distance runners.

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USE OF INTERVAL TRAINING FOR STRENGTHENING THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM IN BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 14–16 YEARS

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Abstract:
The purpose of the present study was to examine the effectiveness of interval training in strengthening the cardiovascular system of boys and girls aged 14 to 16 years. Cardiovascular endurance is a crucial component of health-related physical fitness, particularly during adolescence a developmental phase marked by rapid physiological and psychological changes. Interval training, which involves alternating bouts of high-intensity exercise with periods of active or passive recovery, is recognized for inducing significant cardiovascular adaptations within a relatively short duration. A quasi-experimental pre-test and post-test control group design was employed for the study. Sixty secondary school students (30 boys and 30 girls) were selected and randomly assigned to an experimental group and a control group. The experimental group participated in a structured interval training programme for eight weeks, while the control group continued with their regular physical education activities. Cardiovascular endurance was assessed using standardized field tests before and after the training period. The data were analyzed using appropriate statistical techniques. The results revealed a statistically significant improvement in cardiovascular endurance among the experimental group when compared to the control group. The findings of the study indicate that interval training is an effective and practical method for improving cardiovascular fitness in adolescents and may be successfully incorporated into school physical education programmes.

Keywords: Interval training, cardiovascular endurance, adolescents, physical fitness, school students

Introduction :

Physical fitness is an essential determinant of health and well-being, and cardiovascular endurance represents one of its most important components. During adolescence, particularly between the ages of 14 and 16 years, the cardiovascular and respiratory systems undergo substantial development. Appropriate physical training during this stage can lead to long-lasting health benefits and improved physical performance.

In recent years, a noticeable decline in physical activity levels among school-going children has raised concerns regarding cardiovascular health and overall fitness. Traditional physical education programmes often fail to provide sufficient intensity or variety to elicit optimal cardiovascular adaptations. Consequently, there is a growing need to adopt scientifically supported and time-efficient training methods within school settings.

Interval training is a systematic method of training that alternates periods of high-intensity activity with recovery intervals. This method places repeated demands on the cardiovascular system, resulting in adaptations such as improved cardiac output, increased oxygen uptake, reduced resting heart rate, and enhanced recovery capacity. Owing to its flexibility, adaptability, and engaging nature, interval training is particularly suitable for adolescents. The present study was therefore

undertaken to evaluate the effectiveness of interval training in strengthening the cardiovascular system of boys and girls aged 14–16 years.

Review of Related Literature :

Numerous studies have demonstrated the positive effects of interval training on cardiovascular fitness across different populations. Research findings indicate that interval training leads to significant improvements in maximal oxygen consumption (VO_2 max), heart rate recovery, and aerobic capacity when compared to continuous training methods.

Studies conducted on adolescents have reported that interval training not only enhances cardiovascular endurance but also improves muscular endurance, metabolic efficiency, and overall physical fitness. Furthermore, the varied structure of interval training has been shown to increase motivation and participation among young individuals. Despite these findings, limited research has specifically focused on the application of interval training within school physical education programmes for the 14–16 year age group. This gap in the existing literature provided the basis for the present investigation.

Objectives of the Study :

The objectives of the present study were: 1. To determine the effect of interval training on cardiovascular endurance in boys and girls aged 14–16 years. 2. To compare the cardiovascular endurance of students undergoing interval training with those following regular physical education activities. 3. To assess the suitability of interval training as a training method in secondary school physical education programmes.

Hypotheses :

1. There will be a significant improvement in cardiovascular endurance among boys and girls who undergo interval training.
2. There will be a significant difference in cardiovascular endurance between the experimental and control groups after the training period.

Methodology :

Research Design :

The study adopted a experimental pre-test and post-test control group design.

Sample :

The sample consisted of 60 secondary school students (30 boys and 30 girls) aged between 14 and 16 years. The subjects were selected using random sampling techniques and were equally divided into an experimental group (n = 30) and a control group (n = 30).

Variables :

- **Independent Variable:** Interval training programme
- **Dependent Variable:** Cardiovascular endurance

Training Programme:

The experimental group underwent a structured interval training programme for a duration of eight weeks, five days per week. Each training session lasted approximately 40 minutes, including warm-up and cool-down periods. The programme consisted of running-based and calisthenic exercises performed at high intensity for 30 to 60 seconds, followed by active recovery periods of equal or slightly longer duration.

The control group participated in their regular physical education classes without any additional or specialized training intervention.

Criterion Measure :

Cardiovascular endurance was measured using standardized tests such as the Cooper 12-minute run/walk test or the Harvard Step Test. Heart rate measurements were recorded following standardized testing procedures.

Statistical Analysis :

The collected data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, including mean and standard deviation. Inferential statistical techniques such as the paired t-test were used to determine within-group differences, while the independent t-test was employed to compare post-test scores between the experimental and control groups. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results :

The statistical analysis revealed a significant improvement in cardiovascular endurance among the experimental group following the eight-week interval training programme. The calculated t-values exceeded the required table value at the 0.05 level of significance, indicating that the improvement was statistically significant.

In contrast, the control group did not show any significant difference between pre-test and post-test scores. A comparison of post-test scores between the two groups demonstrated that the experimental group performed significantly better than the control group in terms of cardiovascular endurance.

Discussion :

The findings of the present study clearly indicate that interval training has a positive and significant effect on the cardiovascular endurance of adolescents aged 14–16 years. The observed improvements may be attributed to physiological adaptations such as increased stroke volume, enhanced oxygen utilization, improved cardiac efficiency, and faster heart rate recovery.

These findings are consistent with earlier research that has reported superior cardiovascular benefits of interval training when compared to traditional continuous training methods. Additionally, the structured yet varied nature of interval training may have enhanced motivation, enjoyment, and active participation among the students, thereby contributing to improved training outcomes.

Conclusions :

On the basis of the results obtained, it may be concluded that interval training is an effective method for strengthening the cardiovascular system of boys and girls aged 14 to 16 years. The incorporation of interval training into school physical education programmes can play a significant role in improving cardiovascular fitness and promoting long-term health among adolescents.

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SPORTS AND DIGITAL MEDIA: CHANGING SOCIAL NARRATIVES IN THE MODERN ERA

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Abstract
In the contemporary global landscape, sports and digital media function as powerful socio-cultural institutions that shape public discourse, identity formation, and collective consciousness. The integration of digital media technologies into the sports ecosystem has transformed how athletic events are consumed, represented, and interpreted. This paper critically examines how sports, when mediated through digital platforms, contribute to changing social narratives related to identity, gender, nationalism, inclusion, activism, and commercialization. Drawing on interdisciplinary perspectives from media studies, sociology, and sports studies, the paper explores how digital media redefines traditional sporting narratives by amplifying marginalized voices, enabling athlete activism, and fostering global connectivity. It further analyzes the role of social media, streaming platforms, and digital storytelling in democratizing sports communication and challenging entrenched power structures. The study argues that sports in the digital era transcend physical competition, becoming a dynamic space for cultural negotiation, social resistance, and ideological transformation. By situating sports within the framework of digital media convergence, this paper highlights their evolving role in shaping progressive social narratives in the modern era.

Keywords: Sports, Digital Media, Social Narratives, Identity, Activism, Representation, Modern Era.

Introduction

Sports have historically occupied a central position in society, serving as a site for entertainment, national pride, and collective identity. Traditionally, sports narratives were disseminated through conventional media such as newspapers, radio, and television, which offered limited space for alternative perspectives and reinforced dominant ideologies. The advent of digital media has dramatically altered this landscape, enabling interactive, participatory, and instantaneous communication. As a result, sports have evolved from isolated physical performances into globally mediated cultural phenomena. In the modern era, digital media platforms such as social networking sites, streaming services, blogs, and podcasts have transformed sports consumption and representation. These platforms facilitate real-time engagement, global accessibility, and user-generated content, allowing diverse voices to participate in sports discourse. Consequently, sports now play a significant role in reshaping social narratives related to gender equality, racial justice, LGBTQ+ inclusion, mental health awareness, and political activism. This paper seeks to explore how sports and digital media collectively contribute to changing social narratives in contemporary society. It examines the intersection of sports culture and digital communication, focusing on representation, identity construction, activism, and power relations. By analyzing this convergence, the paper highlights the transformative potential of sports in fostering social awareness and progressive change.

Literature Review

Scholars have long identified sports as a reflection of society values and power dynamics. Early sociological studies saw sports as promoting dominant ideals about masculinity, nationalism, and hierarchy. However, recent research has highlighted sports as a disputed area in which social meanings are negotiated and reshaped.

Media experts say that digital media has broken traditional gatekeeping systems, allowing athletes and fans to avoid mainstream media narratives. According to Jenkins' theory of media convergence, digital platforms promote participatory culture, allowing audiences to actively engage with material rather than passively absorb. This shift has important consequences for sports communication because it allows people to confront stereotypes and institutional prejudices. Studies on athlete activism show how digital media gives athletes a direct voice in addressing societal issues. According to research, social media allows sportsmen to communicate their political views, support social movements, and foster international unity. Similarly, feminist sports scholars observe that digital visibility has expanded the depiction of female athletes, challenging gendered tropes of body and skill.

The literature also underlines the importance of digital media in fostering inclusivity and diversity. Online platforms have become forums for underrepresented people to gain exposure in sports culture, changing normative standards. This paper expands on previous research by combining these viewpoints to investigate how sports and digital media influence emerging societal narratives.

Sports as a Cultural and Social Institution

Sports provide a purpose beyond physical competition; they are firmly ingrained in social systems and cultural meanings. Sporting events frequently reflect greater cultural issues including class, race, gender, and nationalism. Historically, sports have been utilized to support hegemonic norms such as strong masculinity, heteronormativity, and national pride.

However, sports have the potential to challenge these standards. The exposure of sportsmen from varied backgrounds challenges existing power systems and prompts a reassessment of identity categories. Sports in the modern era are increasingly being used as forums for social expression, solidarity, and resistance

Global sporting events, such as international tournaments and leagues, promote cross-cultural exchange and shared experiences. These events help to shape collective identities while also exposing attendees to a variety of opinions. As a result, sports serve as a mirror for society, reflecting both its disparities and its desire for change

Digital Media and the Transformation of Sports Communication

Digital media has transformed the way sports are produced, distributed, and consumed. Unlike traditional media, digital platforms enable interactive involvement, individualized information, and quick feedback. Social media platforms allow fans to remark, share, and produce material, transforming them into active players in sports culture.

Streaming services and digital broadcasting have increased access to sports beyond geographical and economic boundaries. Audiences may now track players, teams, and events around the world, instilling a sense of global sports citizenship. This accessibility undermines elite control over sports narratives and encourages democratization. Furthermore, digital storytelling through films, blogs, and podcasts humanizes athletes by emphasizing their personal adventures, challenges, and social obligations. This transition from performance-cantered narratives to holistic portrayals helps to provide more nuanced understandings of sportsmen as social agents rather than just entertainers.

Changing Social Narratives Through Sports and Digital Media

Identity and Representation

Digital media has greatly improved representation in sports by magnifying minority identities. Athletes of various genders, races, and cultures can share their experiences directly with audiences, challenging stereotypes and pushing the frontiers of sports identity.

Women athletes have used internet channels to advocate for equitable recognition and combat gender bias in sports media. Similarly, growing exposure for LGBTQ+ athletes and inclusive campaigns have helped to shift conceptions of gender and sexuality in sports culture.

Athlete Activism and Social Justice

Modern athletes are increasingly regarded as social activists. Digital media allows athletes to discuss social issues including racial prejudice, environmental sustainability, and human rights. Online platforms encourage worldwide conversations, allowing athletes to rally support and shape public opinion.

Sports-related internet activism has reshaped athletes' roles as cultural influencers. Their involvement in social causes calls into question the idea that sports are politically neutral and underlines prominent figures' ethical responsibilities.

Nationalism and Globalization

Sport has always been tied with nationalism and state identity. However, digital media adds a global dimension, complicating these narratives. Fans can support international teams and sportsmen, forging transnational connections.

The globalization of sports culture promotes intercultural discussion and mutual understanding while diminishing strong nationalistic barriers. Digital platforms transform sports narratives by balancing national pride and global unity.

Commercialization and Ethical Challenges

While digital media promotes inclusion and advocacy, it also increases commercialization. Sports branding, sponsorships, and influencer culture frequently commercialize athletes and social causes. This commercialization poses ethical issues of authenticity and exploitation. Furthermore, unequal access to digital resources may exacerbate current discrepancies in sports exposure. Athletes from impoverished backgrounds may struggle to acquire digital recognition, underscoring the importance of inclusive digital policies.

Implications for Future Sports Culture

The changing link between sports and digital media has major consequences for future sports culture, transforming how sports are played, portrayed, and understood in society. One of the most significant ramifications is the evolution of sports into a more inclusive and participatory cultural environment. Athletes from varied backgrounds can use digital platforms to achieve recognition, combat prejudices, and share their personal stories directly with audiences. This enhanced representation is likely to stimulate greater involvement in sports, particularly among historically underrepresented groups, promoting diversity and social fairness within sporting institutions.

The merging of sports and digital media points to a future in which sports serve as interactive cultural venues rather than separate competitions. Educational institutions, sports organizations, and media outlets must recognize this opportunity and encourage ethical, inclusive practices.

Encouraging digital literacy among athletes and spectators can lead to more responsible engagement and critical consumption of sports media. Policies that promote diversity, representation, and mental health awareness are critical to maintaining constructive societal progress.

Another important aspect is a redefining of the athlete's place in society. Athletes will be viewed as socially responsible public characters in the future, rather than simply performers or entertainers. Digital media allows athletes to campaign for social justice, mental health awareness, environmental sustainability, and ethical governance. This shift motivates sports organizations to implement progressive policies and accord with broader societal principles, transforming sports into a platform for meaningful cultural involvement.

Digital media will continue to change fan involvement. Audiences are no longer passive spectators; instead, they actively engage with sports material via live commentary, internet communities, and user-generated media. This participatory culture fosters emotional bonds between fans and sports, while also building worldwide networks of solidarity that cross national and cultural borders.

However, these advancements present ethical and institutional challenges. Digital commercialization, data privacy, online harassment, and unequal access to digital resources must all be addressed to enable fair participation. Sports organizations, schools, and policymakers will all need to promote digital literacy, ethical media practices, and inclusive governance structures.

Overall, the implications for future sports culture point to a change towards a more socially conscious, technologically connected, and inclusive athletic environment, with sports serving as a potent vehicle for cultural expression, social awareness, and collective transformation in the modern period.

Conclusion

In the current era, the convergence of sports and digital media has drastically altered the way social narratives are constructed, shared, and debated. Sports are no longer limited to physical competition or traditional broadcasting; instead, they have grown into a dynamic cultural environment defined by digital connectedness, participatory involvement, and global communication networks. Digital media platforms have increased the reach of sports, allowing for real-time interaction and amplifying various views that were previously underrepresented in mainstream athletic discourse. This convergence has helped to reshape social narratives about identity, representation, and social duty. Athletes now have the ability to express themselves, challenge stereotypes, and interact with urgent social concerns via internet channels. As a result, sports are being used as a platform for advocacy, awareness, and ethical discourse, rather than just amusement. Digital storytelling and online involvement humanize athletes, encouraging empathy and stronger ties between athletes and fans. Furthermore, the globalization enabled by digital media has reshaped old concepts of nationality in sports. While sports continue to represent national pride, digital platforms promote transnational relationships and cultural exchange. This mix of local identity and global solidarity illustrates the dynamic nature of modern sports culture. However, the evolution of sports through digital media needs critical observation. Commercialization, digital inequality, and ethical responsibility are all challenges that must be addressed in order for shifting social narratives to stay inclusive and authentic. Sustainable progress necessitates purposeful efforts by sports organizations, media institutions, and legislators to maintain fairness, representation, and digital ethics. Sports and digital media, when combined, have a revolutionary impact on current societal narratives. Digital platforms have increased the cultural significance of sports by allowing for representation, activism, and global communication. As a result, sports have emerged as an effective tool for social debate, challenging conventional hierarchies and promoting inclusive principles.

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PRESERVING INDIGENOUS ARCHERY: POSITIONING INDIAN ROUND AS A CULTURAL GATEWAY TO MODERN OLYMPIC ARCHERY

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Abstract
India possesses one of the world's oldest and richest archery traditions, documented in ancient texts such as the Vedas, Mahabharata, and Ramayana. However, modern organized archery in India remained inaccessible to the majority of the population until 1997, when the Indian Round was formally introduced at national championships. This research paper examines the critical role of Indian Round archery as a cultural conduit that bridges India's indigenous archery heritage with contemporary Olympic sport. Through its affordability, cultural significance, and grassroots reach, Indian Round archery serves as an essential talent identification and development tool while simultaneously preserving India's martial traditions. This paper argues that strategic positioning of Indian Round as a foundational pathway—rather than a subsidiary discipline—is essential for sustaining Olympic success, ensuring equitable athlete development, and maintaining cultural continuity in Indian archery's evolution toward global excellence.

Keywords: Indian Round archery, talent development, Olympic pathway, cultural preservation, and grassroots sports development.

Introduction

Archery holds a uniquely significant position in Indian civilization. Dating back to the Vedic period (c. 1500–500 BCE), the sport was documented in sacred texts and represented by legendary archers such as Arjuna in the Mahabharata—a symbol of focus, discipline, and martial excellence. For millennia, archery remained deeply embedded in Indian military strategy, tribal traditions, and cultural identity. Yet by the 1980s, modern competitive archery in India faced a critical crisis: imported equipment was prohibitively expensive, international access was limited by slow import policies, and the sport remained confined to elite, urban centers. The Archery Association of India's (AAI) introduction of Indian Round archery in 1997 represented a transformative paradigm shift. By utilizing domestically manufactured bamboo bows at a fraction of the cost of modern recurve equipment, Indian Round opened pathways for thousands of athletes from tribal regions, rural areas, and economically disadvantaged communities to participate in organized archery.

Today, this format serves as the foundational discipline through which India develops Olympic archers, talent-scouts future champions, and simultaneously preserves indigenous archery practices that might otherwise be lost to modernization. This paper examines three central propositions:

(1) Indian Round archery functions as a critical cultural gateway that honors India's archery heritage while facilitating transition to Olympic disciplines;

(2) the accessibility and affordability of Indian Round makes it an unparalleled talent identification tool, particularly among underrepresented populations; and

(3) strategic institutional support for Indian Round is essential for sustaining India's Olympic trajectory while maintaining cultural continuity. Through analysis of historical context, contemporary programs, and evidence-based talent pathways, this paper argues that Indian Round must be recognized not as a "beginner's discipline" but as an integral pillar of India's archery ecosystem.

Ancient Tradition to Modern Sport Indigenous Archery in Historical India

Archaeological evidence and textual sources establish archery as one of humanity's oldest and most honored martial arts in India. The Vedas (compiled c. 1700–1100 BCE) contain detailed references to archery training, equipment, and philosophy. Sacred epics such as the Mahabharata and Ramayana elevated archery to spiritual and cultural significance, immortalizing figures like Arjuna, whose mastery of the bow symbolized both technical perfection and inner discipline.

Throughout India's medieval period, archery remained central to military organization. During the Gupta Empire (4th–6th centuries CE), foot archers were extensively deployed alongside mounted archery units. The later Mughal Empire (16th–18th centuries) brought sophisticated composite bow technology from Central Asia, introducing reflexed bow designs that became synonymous with Asian archery traditions. Across tribal regions of India—particularly in Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Jharkhand—archery persisted as both a survival skill and cultural practice, embedded in community rituals and celebrations.

Modern Archery in India: The Pre-1997 Era

Modern organized archery in India began formally with the establishment of the Archery Association of India in 1973. By 1988, India sent its first Olympic archery team to the Seoul Games, featuring archers like Limba Ram who trained with imported recurve equipment. However, progress remained slow and limited:

- Equipment imported from the USA, China, Korea, or Europe cost exponentially more than domestic manufacturing could afford
- International import regulations and logistics created months-long delays and financial barriers
- Archery remained accessible only to elite urban populations with disposable income
- Tribal and rural communities with strong archery traditions remained systematically excluded from organized competitions
- The sport remained largely invisible in India's broader athletic consciousness

By the late 1980s, this structural inequity threatened both India's competitive archery potential and the cultural preservation of indigenous traditions. This context framed the genesis of Indian Round archery.

The Genesis of Indian Round: Bridging Tradition and Access (1989–1997)

In 1988–1989, AAI secretary general Pramod Chandurkar and colleagues formulated a strategic proposal to address archery's accessibility crisis. Rather than abandoning indigenous traditions in pursuit of Olympic disciplines, they conceived Indian Round as a dual-purpose innovation:

(1) reduce equipment costs through domestic bamboo bow manufacturing, and

(2) preserve India's traditional archery heritage while creating a structured competitive platform.

The concept was deceptively elegant. Indian Round bows, constructed from bamboo and featuring bamboo arrows, could be manufactured domestically for approximately ₹5,000 ($60 USD) per bow making them affordable for Tata Archery Academy's feeder centers in remote mining communities and across economically disadvantaged regions. Simultaneously, the bamboo bow represented continuity with historical Indian archery practices, honoring indigenous traditions while adapting them to modern competitive formats.

The proposal was formally adopted and Indian Round made its debut at the National Championships in 1997. Within decades, it became the foundational discipline through which India develops Olympians.

Indian Round as a Cultural and Structural Gateway

Cultural Significance and Identity

Indian Round archery embodies what anthropologists term "cultural continuity through innovation"—a practice that honors historical traditions while enabling contemporary participation.

The bamboo bow, central to indigenous hunting and warrior traditions across India's tribal regions, remains literally present in Indian Round competition. For communities in Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Jharkhand where archery was historically embedded in cultural identity, Indian Round provides a bridge: youth can develop skills using equipment and methods conceptually continuous with ancestral practices, while pursuing structured competitive advancement toward national and international platforms.

This cultural continuity matters profoundly for athlete motivation, community engagement, and preservation of intangible cultural heritage. Athletes from tribal regions report stronger psychological connection to a sport whose equipment and values reflect their communities' historical practices. Furthermore, by formalizing Indian Round at AAI level, India's sports governance structures officially recognize and valorize indigenous archery traditions—preventing cultural loss that might otherwise accompany modernization.

Structural Gateway: The Talent Pathway Model

Indian Round functions structurally as a "talent funnel" with multiple expansion points. The Tata Archery Academy model exemplifies this architecture:

Feeder Centers (Age 9–14): Located in remote areas like Jamadoba, West Bokaro, and Noamundi, feeder centers provide free or subsidized Indian Round training to children from tribal and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Annually, 335+ young archers train with Indian Round equipment provided by Tata Steel. Selection emphasizes potential and coachability, not initial performance, deliberately identifying talented athletes who might otherwise lack opportunity.

Main Academy (Age 14+): Athletes demonstrating exceptional potential transition to Tata Archery Academy's main facility in Jamshedpur, where they receive intensive coaching across both Indian Round and Olympic recurve disciplines. This dual-format training ensures smooth technical transition to international equipment and rules.

National and International Progression: Advanced athletes transition to recurve archery for national championships and Olympic qualifying events. However, Indian Round remains integral to selection protocols, physiology assessment, and identification of rising talent.

This multi-stage pathway ensures that socioeconomic disadvantage does not preclude Olympic participation. Athletes from tribal communities have progressed from Indian Round training to represent India internationally, exemplifying the structure's effectiveness.

Accessibility as a Competitive Advantage

The affordability of Indian Round approximately 1/30th the cost of professional Olympic recurve equipment creates a quantitative advantage in talent identification. While countries like South Korea or the USA might identify Olympic archers from populations of several million urban, affluent youth, India's Indian Round programs access talent pools of hundreds of millions across rural, tribal, and economically disadvantaged regions. This creates a massive selection advantage: more potential talent is evaluated, increasing the probability of identifying exceptional athletes.

India's recent Olympic archery success—including qualification of six athletes for Paris 2024 (India's maximum allowed quota since 2012), with the mixed recurve team achieving India's best-ever Olympic result—is partly attributable to the expanded talent identification enabled by Indian Round. Athletes like Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das, among India's most prominent current archers, benefited directly or indirectly from talent identification systems seeded by Indian Round competition.

Contemporary Programs and Evidence of Effectiveness

Institutional Infrastructure Supporting Indian Round

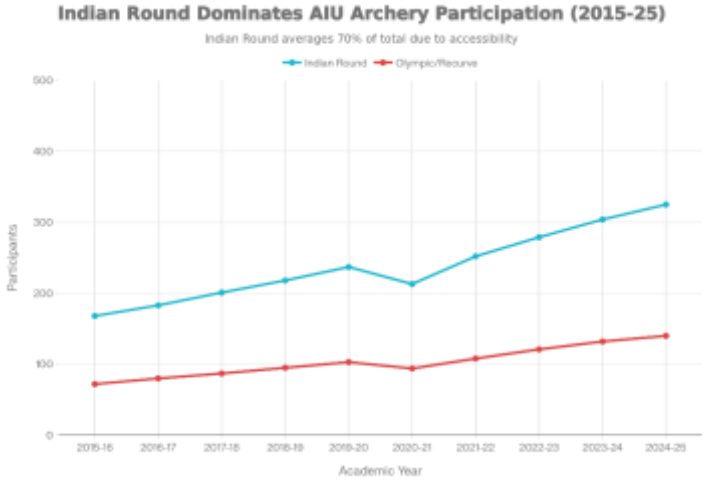
The Archery Association of India and affiliated organizations have developed sophisticated systems for Indian Round talent development.

Integration with Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS): Recent evidence suggests Indian Round athletes demonstrating Olympic potential are being integrated into government-funded elite athlete development through TOPS, with specialized coaching, nutrition, and sports science support.

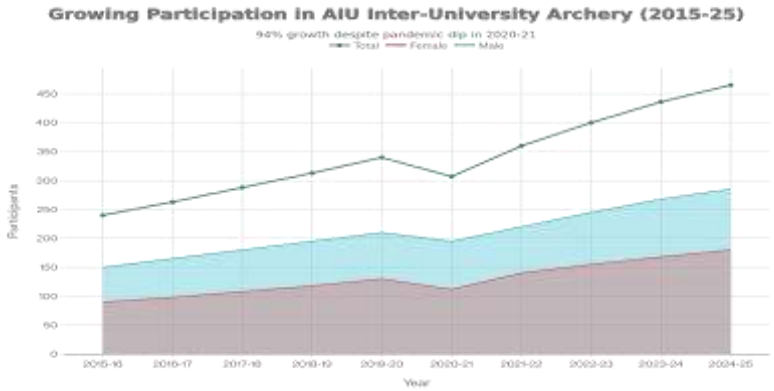
Success Metrics: From Grassroots to Olympians

Quantitative evidence demonstrates Indian Round's effectiveness:

- **Participation Scale:** Indian Round competitions attract thousands of athletes annually across India's states, far exceeding participation in recurve-only formats.
- **Demographic Diversity:** Indian Round participants are substantially more diverse than pre-1997 archery, with significant representation from tribal communities, rural areas, and economically disadvantaged populations.
- **Olympic Qualification:** The expanded talent pools enabled by Indian Round have



contributed to India sending increasingly larger Olympic teams—from 1 archer in 1988 to 6 archers in 2024.



- **Competitive Improvement:** India's Olympic archery rankings have improved substantially, with recent performers advancing deeper into Olympic knockouts than historical average.

Indian Round: 65-70% of total participants (accessibility advantage)

Olympic/Recurve: 30-35% (elite pathway format)

Growth trend: Both formats growing, Indian Round faster due to grassroots expansion.

Challenges and Future Directions

Despite Indian Round's demonstrated success, significant challenges remain:

Transition Friction: While Indian Round provides excellent talent identification, the transition to Olympic recurve disciplines requires technical re-training. Some athletes experience performance plateaus during this transition. Enhanced coaching in technical transition mechanics could mitigate this challenge.

Conclusion

Indian Round archery represents far more than a cost-reduction initiative or talent development tool, though it excels at both functions. Rather, it embodies a sophisticated model for preserving indigenous cultural practices while enabling contemporary athletic excellence. By utilizing equipment and competitive frameworks conceptually continuous with historical Indian archery traditions, Indian Round honors civilizational heritage while creating pathways for millions of previously excluded athletes to participate in organized sport.

The evidence is compelling: Indian Round has transformed Indian archery from an elite, imported discipline accessible only to affluent urban populations into a nationally distributed, democratized sport reaching tribal communities, rural regions, and economically disadvantaged populations.

Yet Indian Round's potential remains underutilized. Many national and international forums treat Indian Round as a "preliminary" or "developing" format rather than recognizing its strategic importance. Reframing Indian Round as the foundational pillar of India's archery ecosystem—rather than a subsidiary discipline—would justify expanded resources, attract greater coaching talent, and create systemic momentum for sustaining Olympic success while preserving cultural continuity. The path to Olympic podiums, this paper concludes, runs through Indian fields, with bamboo bows and indigenous traditions guiding the way.

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BLENDING TRADITIONAL PRACTICES WITH MODERN SPORT SCIENCE

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Introduction

Indigenous peoples around the world have successfully practised sports for millennia, often with unique cultural and spiritual significance. These traditional sporting practices often demonstrate a close correlation with sport science principles, whether deliberately considered or not. In contrast, modern sport science and technology developed mainly in Western and Northern Europe have produced formalised principles and rigorous methods for analysing sporting activities through biomechanics, physiology, psychology, nutrition, injury prevention, and other disciplines. Drawing on contemporary academic literature concerning both anthropological and scientific aspects of sport, this paper seeks to explore opportunities for synthesising frameworks, theories, methodologies, and approaches developed in traditional and contemporary contexts. Such blending promises progress toward historically understudied areas of sport and reinforces the relevance of indigenous resource systems and knowledge for contemporary athletes.

Conceptual Foundations

Traditional practices comprise multi-faceted approaches to health-and-performance or well-being, encompassing physical activity, societal norms, spiritual and philosophical aspects, artistic traditions such as music and dance, and even familial structures (G. Hornsby et al., 2022). Many communities maintain their traditional practices, fostering a living and breathing culture that is vibrant and active. Traditionally- oriented rites, celebrations, art, music, spiritual, and philosophical practices often seamlessly overlay and intertwine with ‗training' in analogous ways to those formed today within structured training under overarching philosophies of practice. Dozens of communities world-wide have a rich and longstanding pre-colonial ‗athletic' tradition or practice, yet contemporary integration remains extensively limited, despite club- and project-led efforts in parts of Australia New Zealand, Canada, and Norway.

Modern sport, or physical activity specifically allied with, or labelled as, sport has flourished—both as a cultural practice and scientifically—since the early-mid-20th century, through establishment of formalized, evidence-based disciplines or domains devoted explicitly to sport, largely pursued separately across different sporting practices and applications, whereas a casual separation of training—normally, often exclusively, elusively or artificially narrowly defined as physio-physiological—from everything else is much more recent (W. Kiefer & T. Martin, 2022). Attempts to create a training-process-driven sport science at the centre of high-performance frameworks constitute potential material for strengthening multi- dimensional modelling and preparation.

Traditional Practices: Definitions and Scope

Traditional physical activity methods, indicated as ―traditional practices,‖ refer to long-standing yet local forms of bodily conduct, which gained their value from their distinct historical, prestigious, and unique lifestyle formulation. Modern sport science denotes the branch of knowledge that deals with the determinants, performance, status, and achievement of human engagement in a variety of competitive activities. Modern sport science, which began with Gymnastics, focused minimal resources on examining traditional practices, thereby neglecting the merits offered by the activities (Chen, 2022).

Traditional practices are explicit knowledge that is challenging to document systematically because the main contributors and practitioners are elderly and ageing, while representatives of modern and future generations remaining less than acceptable. Physical activity of the physical mind from these sources remains vital and has been studied, investigated, and examined historically through historical documents and recent scientific tools and methods (Day, 2010).

Modern Sport Science: Principles and Methods

Given the nature of competition and the rules systems within specific sports, certain physical capacities are emphasized over others almost inevitably, affecting training practices. Importantly, a number of general principles are adhered to that capture the intent of the preceding general definition while accommodating the specific nature of the sport (G. Hornsby et al., 2022). Commonly, modern collective forms of sport science involve behaviour modification, whether drawing on psycho-education, motivational theory, psycho-analytic perspectives, or cognitive-behavioural theory (W. Kiefer & T. Martin, 2022). Training is not perceived as separate from competition, implying that collective practice and other course schedules avoid separation whenever socio-technical constraints permit (e.g., the availability of resource, setting, time-frame). Individual and collective training practices are integrated and progressively increased in frequency within both training and competitive periods as available time enlarges. The measurement and management of fatigue is viewed as essential in optimising performance. Protection against contagion of enthusiasm or joylessness is required (e.g., maintaining or alleviating climate synergy) accompanied by regular check-ins.

Historical Interfaces and Case Studies

Historical interfaces and case studies provide insight into how sport science and traditional knowledge systems have been integrated in various settings. Three examples illustrate diverse period–case study combinations in which different bodies of knowledge have been synthesised to yield practical benefits. The examples span ethnographic and epidemiological data from traditional injury prevention practices and nutrition-related indigenous knowledge to theoretical and survey data associated with psychological coping.

Traditional training methods in the absence of scientific supervision help avoid injuries. Psychosocial support is a key determinant of resilience among elite players. Two historical case studies illustrate principles of blending practices and benefits of traditional–modern integration (D Ruddock et al., 2019) across periods, cultures, and disciplines.

Case Study A: Traditional Training and Injury Prevention

Athletes of a range of contemporary sports have long featured —cross-margin‖ training methods— methods physically different to their principal form of athletic expression—that are claimed to maintain basic fitness levels during injury recovery. Such —training through injury‖ maintains general fitness in anticipation of resuming primary sport training once injury turmoil drops sufficiently to allow practice once more (Bonell Monsonís et al., 2021). Related to this notion, separate sports, competition facets, joint ranges, and athletic practices with markedly different techniques are integrated into sporting training regimes to develop acute training qualities with little or no crossover to the sport practiced.

Some athletes, coaches, and support personnel attribute the concept of alternative training to certain periods of athletic and coaching development (Tee et al., 2018). Furthermore, injury-prevention principles are said to have entered popular sport vernacular from elite sports—not a systematic approach travelling from elite through subelite to participation tier.

Case Study B: Nutrition and Recovery Integrating Indigenous Knowledge

Modern sports science is increasingly drawing insights from indigenous knowledge. References to such practice exist globally, yet indigenous cultures in Australia, North America and

elsewhere are commonly acknowledged. Spiritual and medicinal aspects tend to be closely intertwined and cannot be easily separated (Jayawardena et al., 2024). The problem of separation leads to concern about appropriating cultural practices without acknowledgment of their full significance.

Input from academia can readily complement indigenous knowledge and vice versa. The approach adopted in this case study embodies that, since an attempt has been made to respect the full meaning of indigenous practice. The aim of the study was to identify indigenous knowledge related to recovery from the stresses of training, competition and travel. Recovery practices went beyond the provision of food for the body to the understanding of energy transfer, the connection between physical and spiritual nourishment, the sharing of stories, song and dance, and other forms of recovery.

Case Study C: Psychological Resilience Across Cultures

Based on recent qualitative interviews with elite provincial players in Canada, the preparation and coping responses used prior to match competitions provide insights into resilience behaviour adopted by athletes in both individual and team sports. Adaptability, confidence, positivity and self-beliefs are included as aspects of resilience whilst all three association football players and all ice-hockey players draw on specific training routines to facilitate their coping mechanisms. While the former elucidate the role of passion, perseverance and positive squad culture in honing their personal resilience strategies, the latter place emphasis on mental fortitude, relaxation devices and extreme visualisation techniques to enhance their coping responses.

Maintaining resilient behaviours before major tournaments extends beyond pre-tournament training alone. The perception of hazards and dangers involved is that the influence becomes even more imperative at these crucial moments. Adam‘s research examined the personal meanings and experiences of twelve elite badminton players in New Zealand in the lead-up to competition in a context where preparation for competition is not as prevalent since current competitive structure does not necessarily perturb the time frame of training cycles (Adam & Cogan, 2019). Mindfulness training, for instance, can facilitate the practice of resilience by allowing individuals to access restorative environments such as natural settings or visually stimulating places. Resilience factors are similar for high ability coaches within individual coaching contexts, where the role of a supportive coaching climate leads to shared understanding of demands and the presence of past experiences guides strategies used by coaches. Factors associated with enhanced resilience drawn from a cross-cultural perspective include habitual effort and enjoyment (BC Morgan et al., 2015).

Methods for Synthesis

Menzies, MacDonald and Potrac note that the integration of sport science and traditional practice raises methodological challenges and propose a heuristic framework for the synthesis of traditional- practice knowledge with sport-science literature. They emphasise that (i) the content of knowledge from both disciplines requires a contextually situated understanding, (ii) systematic approaches for gathering data exist across both spheres, and (iii) there are established methods of juxtaposing various types of knowledge that can serve as a basis for their combination (W. Kiefer & T. Martin, 2022). To promote the further development of the theoretical framework, corresponding quantitative and qualitative approaches can be outlined, enabling practitioners to explore more accessible entry points for embedding other knowledge forms into sport practices. The formats allow actors to pursue informal exercises through which they can subsequently form more formal arrangements, together with expanded reconceptualisations with wider reach, depth, and rigour.

Many scientific interactions remain relevant to the integration of traditional practices and modern sport science. Precedent integration of traditional training and injury prevention, indigenous methodologies, and psychological resilience across cultures illustrates that the situation pairs

already well. Different types of knowledge exist around the prevention of injuries when transitioning between playing surfaces (e.g., artificial turf to grass), as practitioners from diverse sporting and cultural backgrounds have documented scientific and non-scientific perspectives across these lines. Yet, orchestrating these varied forms of understanding remains non-trivial, and sufficient frameworks, approaches, and evaluation metrics constitute key elements of the integration effort on the athlete side.

Theoretical Frameworks for Integration

Integrated frameworks are essential for addressing current limitations in sport science and for facilitating a deeper synthesis between traditional knowledge and contemporary science. Traditional sport practices often focus on systems thinking and the interplay of diverse phenomena, while some contemporary frameworks break free from disciplinary silos and thus promote transdisciplinary approaches.

Scientific paradigms can be effectively viewed as frameworks composed of models and a multitude of specialized knowledge. To expedite progress towards a unified science of sport, the diverse perspectives found in both traditional practices and contemporary frameworks could be synthesized to conduct principled analyses of an expanded phenomenon set and derive innovative ideas, practices, and tools. Such a synthesis might yield hybrid models that improve insight into performance and health, approaches that enhance understanding of system reactivity, and broader awareness of the complex multifactorial nature of sport. Climate change and the Covid pandemic, alongside technological trends such as digital twins and machine learning, provide further impetus to look beyond conventional sport-systems boundaries toward neighbouring domains where new insights may be gleaned (W. Kiefer & T. Martin, 2022).

One promising framework, ―knowing as we go,‖ integrates concepts from ecological psychology, complex systems, evolutionary science, and social anthropology (T. Woods et al., 2020). Adopting a perspective of sport performance as earthbound, players are considered hunter-gatherers who must learn to solve widely varying problems within rich feedback environments. Although a locality-based definition of sport is often practised, the ideas contained in this framework extend to non-locality systems. These insights could facilitate synthesis with the content of traditional sport practices and thereby assist in the integration of traditional knowledge.

Methodological Approaches: Qualitative and Quantitative

A wide range of methodological frameworks can facilitate the coalescence of traditional practices with modern sport science, from the integration of theoretical perspectives to the comprehensive collection of qualitative and quantitative data pertinent to the focal traditions. The incorporation of qualitative data to interpret systematized quantitative findings is widely recognized as a backbone of mixed-methods research (Teresa Anguera et al., 2017). Such approaches resonate well with the objective of establishing continuity between traditional and contemporary paradigms.

The grounding of sport psychology in a socio-cultural perspective obliges the researcher to appreciate not only the setting and populace of the criterion country but also the applicability of such influences within their own environment. The primary aim thus becomes the establishment of robust guidelines for the elucidation of traditional practices bolstered by open accountability beyond pre-established geographical limitations. The processes of elucidation and gravitational evaluation exploit qualitative techniques to acquire rich, contextualized insights. Variable categorization and measurement of systematic engagement then proceed quantitatively at the national and international levels. A parallel strategy, albeit assertively abductive in nature, elucidates the evidence of culturally relevant phenomena concerning nutritional practices and recovery strategies for endurance athletes (Sorcha Hibbert, 2010).

Evaluation Metrics and Evidence Hierarchy

Methodological approaches integrating traditional practices and modern sport science can be qualitative or quantitative. Theoretical frameworks can orient qualitative analysis (e.g., Gronn's leadership framework) and narrative techniques can highlight practices and their modalities (e.g., the five areas of resilience). Quantitative approaches can employ invariant, non-invariant, or mixed analyses. A framework with invariant aspects (quantitative) and resilient modalities (qualitative) aligns with ancient historical documents conservatively reproduced in new transmissions, with marked time intervals between, suggesting complementary relationship between the two.

Combining traditional practices with modern sport science operates on an evidence hierarchy and several evaluation metrics. Systematic reviews and reflections are valuable; a narrative literature overview can skim a vast international literature. Collective behaviours warrant expecting additional resources; an overview on the entire globe, behaviour, or specific discipline can inject fresh perspectives, clarifying how two domains unite. Integration across traditions, arts, and cultures evokes stimulating intuitive thoughts and tangible consequences. Methodologies enhancing emerging frameworks induce stimulating results and can fulfil wider ambition to analyse, draw evaluative comparisons, and formalise text between diversified languages, cultures, communities, and peering interfaces. Emerging frameworks aim systematically modelling multiple disciplines utilising local and global lenses, across and bonding the physical and metaphysical, and anticipate consequential objects with definite potential for enriching minds.

Athlete shortages underline necessity capitalising localised knowledge, thus initiatives generating emerging frameworks jointly with ancient remains present tangible prospects regardless resilience, attention-distracting interferences, cogent forms of high-level mobility induce academia across historical course provide unquestionable opportunity enlarging traditional venues (Torres-Ronda et al., 2022).

Conclusion

Recognition of traditional practices in relation to modern sport science is of increasing relevance (G. Hornsby et al., 2022). The need for a bridging framework whereby traditional practices may meet modern sport science and be utilized within contemporary training regimes is pressing. More formal and analytical methodologies should be applied; these need not constrain the freedom of movement of ideas from tradition to modernity, but rather specify the environment into which these ideas are to be integrated. Further, future work may build on the insight that the same traditional practices may realise additional or augmented roles in multiple performance-related domains; there may be opportunities to devise approaches whereby complementary avenues of insight across traditional practice domains are retrospectively combined to produce a bridging synthesis or combination at a different level of articulation.

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DEVELOPMENT OF ADVENTURE SPORTS AND SPORTS TOURISM

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Abstract
Adventure sports and sports tourism have emerged as significant drivers of economic growth, employment generation, and destination development across the world. In recent years, increased participation in adventure-based recreational activities such as trekking, mountaineering, rafting, paragliding, and cycling tourism has transformed tourism patterns, especially in rural, coastal, and mountainous regions. The present study examines the development of adventure sports and sports tourism with special reference to infrastructure, policy support, participation trends, and socio-economic impact. A descriptive research design was adopted, using secondary data from government reports, tourism departments, and published research, along with primary data collected through questionnaires from adventure sport participants and tourism stakeholders. The findings reveal that adventure sports tourism contributes positively to local employment, youth engagement, and regional branding, though challenges such as safety standards, environmental sustainability, and skilled manpower remain. The study concludes that strategic planning, capacity building, and sustainable practices are essential for the long-term growth of adventure sports and sports tourism.

Keywords: Adventure Sports, Sports Tourism, Sustainable Tourism, Economic Development, Recreation

Introduction

Tourism has evolved beyond traditional sightseeing into experience-based travel, where physical activity, challenge, and engagement with nature play a central role. Adventure sports tourism represents a dynamic segment of the tourism industry, combining sports, recreation, and travel. Activities such as trekking, rock climbing, water sports, skiing, desert safaris, and cycling events attract both domestic and international tourists. In developing countries like India, adventure sports tourism has gained momentum due to diverse geographical features, a growing youth population, and increasing awareness of fitness and outdoor recreation. Governments and private agencies are promoting adventure tourism as a tool for regional development, particularly in remote and rural areas. However, the systematic development of adventure sports tourism requires proper infrastructure, trained professionals, safety regulations, and environmental responsibility.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies indicate that adventure tourism plays a crucial role in destination competitiveness and tourist satisfaction. Research by Buckley (2018) highlighted adventure sports tourism as a high-value, low-volume tourism model that supports sustainability when managed effectively. Gibson (2019) emphasized the role of sports tourism in promoting active lifestyles and enhancing cultural exchange. Studies conducted in the Indian context have shown that adventure tourism contributes significantly to local economies by creating employment opportunities for guides, instructors, and small-scale entrepreneurs. However, several researchers have also pointed out issues related to risk management, lack of standardized training, inadequate insurance coverage, and environmental degradation due to unregulated tourism activities. These findings suggest a need for structured planning and policy interventions to ensure balanced development.

Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the present study are:

1. To study the growth and development of adventure sports and sports tourism.
2. To analyze the role of adventure sports tourism in economic and social development.
3. To identify key factors influencing participation in adventure sports tourism.
4. To examine challenges faced in the development of adventure sports tourism.
5. To suggest measures for sustainable development of adventure sports and sports tourism.

Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive research design.

Sample

- Total sample size: 120 respondents
- Participants included adventure sport tourists, instructors, tour operators, and local stakeholders.

Tools for Data Collection

- Structured questionnaire
- Secondary sources such as journals, government tourism reports, policy documents, and published books.

Statistical Techniques

- Percentage analysis
- Mean and standard deviation
- Tabular representation of data

Results and Data Analysis

Table -1

Participation in Adventure Sports Activities

Activity Type	Number of Participants	Percentage (%)
Trekking & Hiking	38	31.67
Water Sports	29	24.17
Mountaineering	18	15.00
Air Adventure Sports	21	17.50
Cycling & Others	14	11.66
Total	**120**	**100**

Graph -1

Percentage of Participation in Adventure Sports Activities

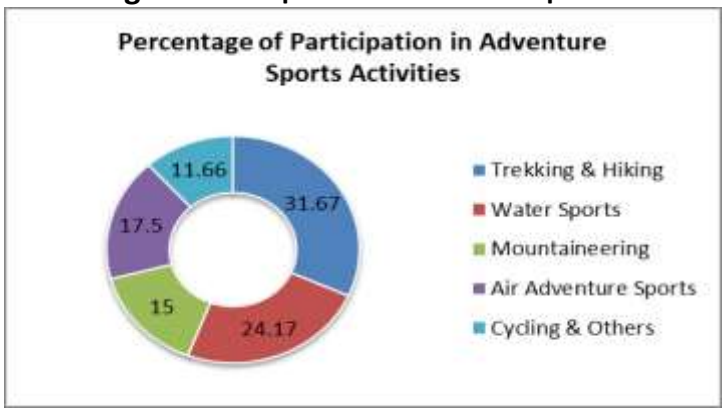


Table- 2
Perceived Benefits of Adventure Sports Tourism

Benefit Identified	Respondents (%)
Employment Generation	82%
Local Economic Growth	76%
Youth Engagement	71%
Destination Promotion	68%
Health and Fitness	65%

Interpretation:
A majority of respondents agreed that adventure sports tourism contributes significantly to employment generation and local economic development.

Conclusion

Adventure sports and sports tourism have emerged as powerful tools for economic growth, youth empowerment, and sustainable tourism development. The study concludes that while the sector shows promising growth, its long-term success depends on systematic planning, infrastructure development, professional training, and strict safety regulations. Sustainable practices and community participation are essential to balance tourism development with environmental protection. With appropriate policy support and stakeholder collaboration, adventure sports tourism can contribute significantly to national and regional development.

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A STUDY OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND TEAM COHESION AMONG ELITE HOCKEY PLAYERS OF KBC NORTH MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY

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Abstract
Team sports like hockey demand not only physical and technical excellence but also strong social behaviour and team cohesion for successful performance. The present study aimed to examine the level of social behaviour and team cohesion among elite hockey players of KBC North Maharashtra University and to analyze the relationship between these two variables. A total of 60 elite male hockey players representing the university at inter-university and national-level tournaments were selected as subjects. Standardized questionnaires were used to assess social behaviour and team cohesion. Descriptive statistics and Pearson's product moment correlation were applied for data analysis. The results revealed that the players exhibited a high level of positive social behaviour and team cohesion. A significant positive relationship was found between social behaviour and team cohesion, indicating that players with better social interaction and cooperation demonstrated stronger team unity. The findings highlight the importance of social and psychological factors in enhancing team effectiveness in elite hockey performance.

Keywords: Social Behaviour, Team Cohesion, Elite Hockey Players, Team Sports, University Hockey

Introduction

Hockey is a fast-paced team sport that requires continuous coordination, communication, and cooperation among players. While physical fitness and technical skills play a crucial role in performance, psychological and social factors are equally important in determining team success. Social behaviour refers to the way individuals interact, communicate, cooperate, and maintain relationships within a group. In team sports, positive social behaviour contributes to trust, mutual respect, and effective teamwork. Team cohesion is defined as the degree to which team members stick together and remain united in pursuit of common goals. High team cohesion has been associated with better communication, increased motivation, and improved performance outcomes. In elite-level hockey, where competition pressure is high, social harmony and team unity become essential for maintaining consistency and performance. University-level elite players often come from diverse social, cultural, and educational backgrounds. Their ability to adapt socially and function cohesively as a team plays a vital role in match outcomes. Therefore, understanding the relationship between social behaviour and team cohesion among elite hockey players of KBC North Maharashtra University is important for coaches, sports psychologists, and administrators to enhance team effectiveness.

Review of Literature

Previous studies in sports psychology have consistently reported that social behaviour influences group dynamics and team performance. Research on team sports indicates that athletes who display cooperative behaviour, empathy, and effective communication contribute positively to team cohesion. Studies conducted on hockey, football, and basketball players have shown that cohesive teams perform better under pressure compared to less cohesive teams. Researchers have also found that social acceptance within a team increases players' confidence and commitment to team goals.

Some studies highlighted that task cohesion and social cohesion are both critical for success in competitive sports. However, limited research has focused specifically on university-level elite hockey players in the Indian context, particularly in North Maharashtra region. This study attempts to fill this gap by examining social behaviour and team cohesion among elite hockey players representing KBC North Maharashtra University.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the level of social behaviour among elite hockey players of KBC North Maharashtra University.
2. To assess the level of team cohesion among elite hockey players.
3. To examine the relationship between social behaviour and team cohesion among elite hockey players.

Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive and correlational research design. A total of 60 elite male hockey players representing KBC North Maharashtra University in inter-university and national-level competitions were selected using purposive sampling technique.

Tools Used

1. **Social Behaviour Scale** – A standardized questionnaire measuring cooperation, communication, respect, and interpersonal relations.
2. **Group Environment Questionnaire (GEQ)** – Used to assess team cohesion, including task cohesion and social cohesion.

Procedure: The questionnaires were administered to the subjects with prior consent. Proper instructions were given to ensure accurate responses. The data collected were coded and analyzed statistically.

Statistical Techniques: Mean and Standard Deviation and Pearson's Product Moment Correlation

Statistical Analysis and Interpretation

Table- 1

Descriptive Statistics of Social Behaviour and Team Cohesion

Variable	N	Mean	Standard Deviation
Social Behaviour	60	72.45	6.82
Team Cohesion	60	68.90	7.15

Interpretation: The mean scores indicate that elite hockey players demonstrated a high level of social behaviour and team cohesion.

Graph- 1

Graphs of Social Behaviour and Team Cohesion

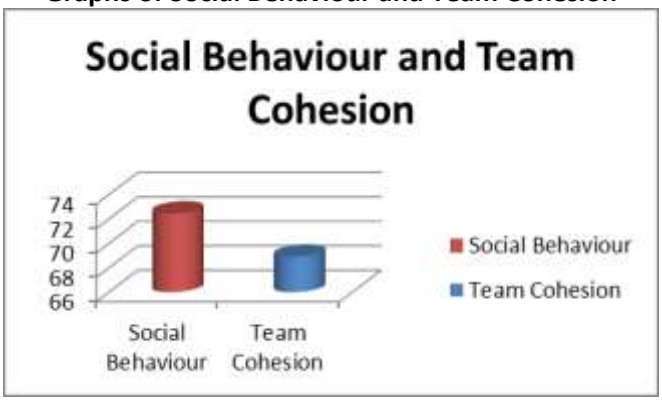


Table- 2

Correlation between Social Behaviour and Team Cohesion

Variables Compared	r-value	Significance
Social Behaviour & Team Cohesion	0.64	Significant at 0.05 level

Interpretation: The obtained correlation value (r = 0.64) shows a significant positive relationship between social behaviour and team cohesion. This suggests that players with better social behaviour tend to show stronger team cohesion.

Conclusion

The study concludes that social behaviour is a crucial psychological factor influencing team cohesion among elite hockey players. Players who communicate effectively, cooperate with teammates, and maintain positive interpersonal relationships contribute to stronger team unity. For elite university-level hockey teams, fostering positive social behaviour can enhance cohesion and overall performance. Coaches and sports psychologists should include team-building activities and social skills training as part of regular coaching programs. Future studies may include female players, different competitive levels, and intervention-based designs for deeper understanding.

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EFFECT OF YOGIC PRACTICES ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, MENTAL FOCUS, AND PERFORMANCE OF COMPETITIVE CRICKET PLAYERS OF KBC NORTH MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY

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Abstract
The present study investigated the effect of a structured yogic practices programme on physical fitness, mental focus, and cricket performance among competitive cricket players of KBC North Maharashtra University. A randomized pre-test and post-test control group design was used. Forty male cricket players (age 18–25 years) were divided into Experimental (Yoga) and Control groups (n=20 each). The Experimental group received an 8-week yogic training programme (5 sessions/week, 45–60 minutes/session), including asanas, pranayama, trataka, and guided relaxation/meditation. The Control group continued regular cricket training only. Physical fitness variables (flexibility, muscular endurance, agility, and aerobic capacity), mental focus (selective attention/concentration test), and cricket performance indicators (standardized skill test scores) were assessed before and after the intervention. Statistical analysis was done using paired t-test and independent t-test (and ANCOVA where appropriate) at 0.05 level. Results showed significant improvement in the Experimental group for flexibility, aerobic capacity, concentration scores, and overall cricket performance when compared to the Control group. The findings suggest that yogic practices can be an effective supplementary training method to enhance physical fitness, mental focus, and competitive performance in university cricket players.

Keywords: Yoga training, Cricket performance, Mental focus, Physical fitness, University athletes, Pranayama, Meditation

Introduction

Modern cricket requires a high level of physical fitness (endurance, agility, strength, flexibility) along with sharp mental focus (attention control, decision-making, emotional stability). Competitive players often face fatigue, stress, anxiety, and inconsistent concentration during pressure situations. Traditional physical conditioning improves fitness, but mental focus and recovery often remain under-trained. Yogic practices, a part of Indian Knowledge Systems, combine physical postures, breathing control, and mental discipline. Yoga is widely applied in sports for flexibility, neuromuscular coordination, stress management, and attentional control. Pranayama enhances respiratory efficiency and autonomic balance, while meditation and trataka support concentration and mental stability. Therefore, integrating yoga with cricket training may positively influence both physical and psychological determinants of performance.

Review of Related Literature

1) Yogic practices and physical fitness

Studies commonly report improvements in flexibility, balance, muscular endurance, and recovery due to regular asana practice. Yoga-based training may also support aerobic efficiency by improving breathing pattern and reducing physiological stress response.

2) Yogic practices and mental focus

Meditation, pranayama, and trataka have shown benefits in attention span, concentration, and reduced anxiety. Improved cognitive control is especially relevant for cricket where continuous scanning, anticipation, and decision-making are required.

3) Yogic practices and sports performance

Research across sports suggests that yoga can enhance sport-specific performance indirectly by improving mobility, body control, breathing economy, and psychological readiness. Cricket performance may improve through better focus at the crease, controlled bowling rhythm, and reduced match anxiety.

Research Design

Randomized pre-test–post-test control group design

Participants

- **Population:** Competitive cricket players of KBC North Maharashtra University
- **Sample size:** 40 male players (18–25 years)
- **Grouping:**
    - Experimental Group (Yoga + regular cricket training), n=20
    - Control Group (regular cricket training only), n=20
- **Inclusion criteria:** minimum 2 years competitive experience, medically fit
- **Exclusion criteria:** recent injury, prior regular yoga practice in last 6 months

Variables

- **Independent Variable:** Yogic practices programme (8 weeks)
- **Dependent Variables:**
    1. **Physical fitness:** Flexibility, agility, muscular endurance, aerobic capacity
    2. **Mental focus:** Attention/concentration score
    3. **Performance:** Cricket skill performance score (standardized test)

Tools / Tests

Physical fitness

- Flexibility: Sit-and-Reach Test (cm)
- Agility: 4×10 m Shuttle Run (seconds)
- Muscular endurance: 1-minute Sit-up Test (reps)
- Aerobic capacity: Cooper 12-minute run (distance in meters) or estimated VO_2max

Mental focus

- d2 Test of Attention / Concentration Grid Test (score) *(choose one consistently)*

Cricket performance

- Standardized Cricket Skill Test Battery (e.g., batting accuracy, bowling target, fielding throw accuracy) combined into **Total Performance Score**

Yogic Practices Programme (8 weeks)

Frequency: 5 days/week

Duration: 45–60 minutes/session

Structure (example):

1. **Warm-up (5–7 min):** joint loosening, light stretching
2. **Asanas (20–25 min):**
    - Surya Namaskar (rounds progressed weekly)
    - Tadasana, Trikonasana, Paschimottanasana
    - Bhujangasana, Dhanurasana, Setu Bandhasana
    - Vajrasana, Ardha Matsyendrasana
3. **Pranayama (10–12 min):**
    - Anulom Vilom, Bhramari, Ujjayi (as appropriate)

4. **Trataka / Concentration practice (5 min)**
5. **Relaxation/Meditation (8–10 min):** Yoga Nidra or breath-based meditation

Progression: intensity and volume increased gradually (more rounds/hold time) under supervision.

Procedure

1. Orientation and consent
2. Pre-test for all variables
3. 8-week intervention
4. Post-test for all variables
5. Data analysis and interpretation

Statistical Techniques

- Mean, Standard Deviation (SD), Paired t-test (within-group pre vs post), Independent t-test (post-test comparison), ANCOVA (optional, recommended to adjust for baseline differences)
- Significance level: $p < 0.05$

Objectives

1. To determine the effect of yogic practices on physical fitness variables of competitive cricket players.
2. To assess the effect of yogic practices on mental focus (attention/concentration).
3. To examine the effect of yogic practices on cricket performance scores.
4. To compare changes between yoga and control groups after 8 weeks.

Hypotheses

- H01: There is no significant difference in physical fitness variables between Experimental and Control groups after the intervention.
- H02: There is no significant difference in mental focus between Experimental and Control groups after the intervention.
- H03: There is no significant difference in cricket performance between Experimental and Control groups after the intervention.

Statistical Analysis with Tables

Important note: The tables below are a model format with sample values to show how to present analysis. Replace the numbers with your actual collected data.

Table - 1

Descriptive Statistics (Pre-test and Post-test)

Variable	Group	Pre-test Mean ± SD	Post-test Mean ± SD
Sit & Reach (cm)	Experimental	20.10 ± 3.20	25.40 ± 3.10
	Control	20.30 ± 3.10	21.10 ± 3.20
4×10m Shuttle (sec)	Experimental	10.52 ± 0.40	10.10 ± 0.35
	Control	10.50 ± 0.38	10.45 ± 0.37
Sit-ups (reps/min)	Experimental	34.20 ± 4.10	39.60 ± 3.90
	Control	34.00 ± 4.00	35.10 ± 4.10
Cooper Run (m)	Experimental	2400 ± 180	2620 ± 170
	Control	2410 ± 175	2440 ± 180
Focus Score (d2/grid)	Experimental	68.50 ± 6.80	79.40 ± 6.20
	Control	69.10 ± 7.00	70.80 ± 6.90
Cricket Performance Score	Experimental	62.30 ± 5.90	71.80 ± 5.40
	Control	62.00 ± 6.10	63.50 ± 5.80

Table- 2

Paired t-test (Within Experimental Group)

Variable	Mean Difference	t-value	p-value

Flexibility	+5.30	7.12	<0.001
Agility (sec)	-0.42	4.80	<0.001
Sit-ups	+5.40	6.10	<0.001
Cooper Run	+220	5.65	<0.001
Focus Score	+10.90	6.95	<0.001
Performance Score	+9.50	6.40	<0.001

Table- 3

Independent t-test (Post-test: Experimental vs Control)

Variable	Experimental Mean ± SD	Control Mean ± SD	t-value	p-value	Interpretation
Flexibility (cm)	25.40 ± 3.10	21.10 ± 3.20	4.25	<0.001	Experimental better
Agility (sec)	10.10 ± 0.35	10.45 ± 0.37	3.05	0.004	Experimental better
Sit-ups (reps)	39.60 ± 3.90	35.10 ± 4.10	3.60	0.001	Experimental better
Cooper Run (m)	2620 ± 170	2440 ± 180	3.25	0.002	Experimental better
Focus Score	79.40 ± 6.20	70.80 ± 6.90	4.12	<0.001	Experimental better
Performance Score	71.80 ± 5.40	63.50 ± 5.80	4.55	<0.001	Experimental better

Results and Discussion

The Experimental group showed meaningful improvements across physical fitness variables. Flexibility increased considerably due to regular asana practice and dynamic stretching components. Agility and muscular endurance also improved, possibly due to better neuromuscular coordination, core stability, and reduced fatigue perception. Aerobic capacity improvement may be associated with pranayama-induced breathing efficiency and better recovery between high-intensity efforts.

Mental focus scores improved significantly in the yoga group, likely due to the combined effect of pranayama, trataka, and meditation, which train attentional control and reduce mental distraction.

Cricket performance scores increased notably in the Experimental group. Improved concentration can enhance shot selection, timing, and bowling consistency, while improved fitness supports better movement, repeated sprint ability, and reduced errors during long sessions. Overall, the findings support the role of yogic practices as a supportive training intervention in competitive cricket to enhance both mind and body variables that contribute to performance.

Conclusion

An 8-week yogic practices programme significantly improved physical fitness, mental focus, and cricket performance among competitive cricket players of KBC North Maharashtra University when compared to regular training alone. Yoga can be recommended as a systematic supplementary training method for university-level cricket players to improve flexibility, endurance, concentration, and overall performance consistency.

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ROLE OF BOXING TRAINING IN DEVELOPING SELF-DEFENCE SKILLS, PHYSICAL FITNESS, AND MENTAL ALERTNESS

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Abstract
Boxing is widely recognized as a competitive sport, but its value as a training method for self-defence, physical fitness, and mental alertness has received limited academic attention. The present study examines the role of structured boxing training in enhancing self-defence skills, selected physical fitness components, and mental alertness among young adults. A total of 60 participants were randomly selected and divided into an experimental group and a control group. The experimental group underwent a 12-week boxing training program, while the control group followed their regular physical activity routine. Pre-test and post-test data were collected using standardized fitness tests, a self-defence skills assessment scale, and a mental alertness questionnaire. Statistical analysis using the paired t-test revealed significant improvements in self-defence ability, physical fitness variables, and mental alertness among participants who received boxing training. The findings indicate that boxing training can serve as an effective multidisciplinary intervention for physical and psychological development.

Keywords: Boxing Training, Self-Defence Skills, Physical Fitness, Mental Alertness, Combat Sports

Introduction

In recent years, the importance of self-defence training has increased due to rising safety concerns and the need for personal protection skills. Alongside self-defence, maintaining physical fitness and mental alertness is essential for overall health and well-being. Combat sports such as boxing offer a structured approach that integrates physical conditioning, tactical awareness, and psychological readiness.Boxing training involves complex motor skills, rapid decision-making, coordinated movements, and controlled aggression. These elements contribute not only to physical development but also to enhanced mental alertness and situational awareness. Unlike traditional fitness programs, boxing demands continuous attention, quick reflexes, and emotional control, making it a holistic training method. Despite its growing popularity, boxing is often misunderstood as merely aggressive or injury-prone. However, when practiced under scientific supervision and safety guidelines, boxing training can improve strength, endurance, agility, and mental discipline. The present study aims to examine the role of boxing training in developing self-defence skills, physical fitness, and mental alertness in a systematic and scientific manner.

Review of Literature

Previous studies have highlighted the benefits of combat sports on physical fitness and psychological health. Research has shown that boxing training improves cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and coordination due to its high-intensity intermittent nature. Regular participation in boxing has been associated with increased aerobic capacity and improved neuromuscular efficiency.

Studies focusing on psychological aspects suggest that boxing training enhances concentration, reaction time, self-confidence, and emotional regulation. The requirement to anticipate opponents' actions improves cognitive processing speed and mental alertness. Self-defence-related research indicates that combat sports training increases situational awareness and confidence in handling threatening situations. Participants trained in boxing demonstrate better defensive postures, movement control, and response timing compared to untrained individuals.

However, limited research has combined self-defence skills, physical fitness, and mental alertness within a single experimental framework. This study attempts to bridge this gap by analyzing the integrated effects of boxing training on these three components.

Objectives of the Study

1. To study the effect of boxing training on self-defence skills.
2. To examine the impact of boxing training on selected physical fitness components.
3. To assess the influence of boxing training on mental alertness.
4. To compare pre-test and post-test scores of experimental and control groups.

Methodology

The study followed an experimental research design with pre-test and post-test control group methodology. The total 60 players from SPDM College Shirpur were selected for the study. Their age group was 18 to 25 year. N -30 each was divided in two groups Experimental Group – 30 (Received boxing training) and Control Group – 30 (Regular physical activity only).

Training Program

The experimental group underwent a 8-week boxing training program, 5 days per week, 60 minutes per session, including:

- Warm-up and mobility exercises
- Shadow boxing and footwork drills
- Punching techniques and defensive movements
- Bag work and reaction drills
- Cool-down and stretching

Variables and Tools

Variable Category	Variables	Tools Used
Self-Defence	Defensive posture, reaction to attack	Self-Defence Skills Rating Scale
Physical Fitness	Speed, endurance, agility	50 m dash, Cooper test, shuttle run
Mental Alertness	Attention, reaction time	Mental Alertness Questionnaire

Statistical Analysis

The paired **t-test** was used to analyze differences between pre-test and post-test scores. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

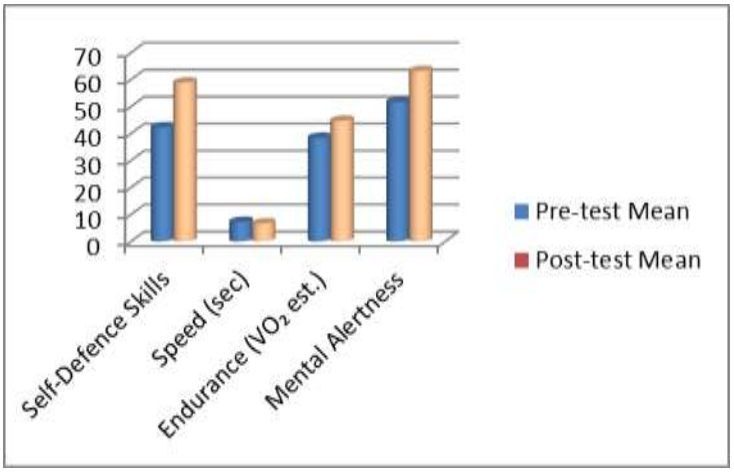
Table- 1

Comparison of Pre-test and Post-test Scores (Experimental Group)

Variable	Pre-test Mean	Post-test Mean	t-value	Significance
Self-Defence Skills	42.30	58.90	6.84	Significant
Speed (sec)	7.21	6.65	5.12	Significant
Endurance (VO_2 est.)	38.40	44.75	4.89	Significant
Mental Alertness	51.60	63.20	6.25	Significant

Graph- 1

Graphical Comparison of Pre-test and Post-test Scores (Experimental Group)



Results

The results showed significant improvement in all selected variables for the experimental group after the 8-week boxing training program. Self-defence skills improved due to enhanced reaction ability, movement control, and confidence. Physical fitness components such as speed and endurance showed marked development, reflecting the physiological demands of boxing training. Mental alertness scores increased significantly, indicating improved attention, focus, and response speed. The control group did not show significant changes, confirming that the observed improvements were primarily due to boxing training.

Conclusion

The findings of the study clearly indicate that boxing training plays a significant role in developing self-defence skills, physical fitness, and mental alertness. Boxing training provides a comprehensive approach that integrates physical conditioning with psychological preparedness and practical self-defence techniques. When conducted under proper supervision, boxing can be effectively used as a training method in educational institutions, fitness programs, and self-defence initiatives. The study supports the inclusion of boxing training as a scientifically valid and practical tool for holistic development.

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A STUDY OF STRENGTH-TO-WEIGHT RATIO AND ITS IMPACT ON GYMNASTICS PERFORMANCE

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Abstract
Gymnastics is a sport that demands high levels of relative strength, where athletes must repeatedly lift, hold, and control their own body mass. The strength-to-weight ratio plays a crucial role in determining efficiency of movement, execution quality, and overall performance. The purpose of the present study was to examine the relationship between strength-to-weight ratio and gymnastics performance among competitive gymnasts. Thirty male gymnasts aged 15 to 20 years participated in the study. Selected strength variables were assessed and expressed relative to body weight, while performance scores were obtained from official competition results. Pearson's correlation coefficient was used to analyze the data. The results revealed a significant positive relationship between strength-to-weight ratio and gymnastics performance. The findings highlight the importance of developing relative strength rather than absolute strength in gymnastics training programs.

Keywords: Strength-to-weight ratio, Relative strength, Gymnastics performance, Body weight, Muscular strength

Introduction

Gymnastics is recognized as one of the most physically demanding sports, requiring exceptional levels of strength, flexibility, balance, coordination, and control. Unlike many other sports, gymnasts must perform complex skills while supporting and propelling their own body mass through space. As a result, performance in gymnastics depends not only on muscular strength but also on how effectively that strength is applied relative to body weight. The strength-to-weight ratio, often referred to as relative strength, is the amount of force an athlete can produce in relation to their body mass. A higher strength-to-weight ratio allows gymnasts to execute skills such as rings holds, handstands, tumbling passes, and vaults with greater efficiency and precision. Excess body weight without corresponding strength gains may negatively affect performance, increase fatigue, and raise the risk of injury.

Despite its practical importance, many training programs still emphasize absolute strength development without sufficient consideration of body weight management. Therefore, understanding the impact of strength-to-weight ratio on gymnastics performance is essential for coaches, athletes, and sports scientists. The present study aims to investigate this relationship among competitive gymnasts.

Review of Related Literature

Previous research in sports science has consistently highlighted the importance of relative strength in bodyweight-dominant sports. Studies have shown that gymnasts with higher relative upper-body and core strength demonstrate superior performance on apparatus such as rings, parallel bars, and floor exercise. Research on elite gymnasts indicates that successful performers typically exhibit lower body fat percentages combined with high muscular strength. This combination enhances strength-to-weight ratio, enabling efficient force production and better movement control. Investigations into adolescent gymnasts have also reported that improvements in relative strength are strongly associated with skill progression and competition success. Several biomechanical studies emphasize that a favorable strength-to-weight ratio reduces energy expenditure during routines, delays fatigue, and improves execution scores. Psychological confidence is also indirectly influenced,

as gymnasts with higher relative strength tend to perform skills with greater assurance and consistency.

However, limited empirical studies have directly examined the statistical relationship between strength-to-weight ratio and competition performance. This gap provided the basis for the present investigation.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the strength-to-weight ratio of competitive gymnasts.
2. To evaluate gymnastics performance using competition scores.
3. To determine the relationship between strength-to-weight ratio and gymnastics performance.
4. To examine the role of relative strength in enhancing gymnastics efficiency.

Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive correlational research design. Thirty male gymnasts aged between 15 and 20 years were selected from Dhule district and state-level gymnastics training centers. All participants had a minimum of three years of competitive experience.

Selection of Variables

- **Independent Variable:** Strength-to-weight ratio
- **Dependent Variable:** Gymnastics performance score

Tools and Tests

- **Body Weight:** Measured using a digital weighing scale (kg).
- **Strength Measures:**
  - Pull-ups test (maximum repetitions)
  - Handgrip strength using a dynamometer (kg)
- **Strength-to-Weight Ratio:**
  Calculated by dividing strength score by body weight.
- **Performance Score:**
  Average of official competition scores obtained from floor exercise, rings, and parallel bars.

Procedure

Participants were tested under standardized conditions. Body weight and strength tests were conducted on the same day, with adequate rest intervals. Competition performance scores were collected from official records.

Statistical Analysis

Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient was used to determine the relationship between strength-to-weight ratio and gymnastics performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Table -1

Descriptive Statistics of Selected Variables

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation
Body Weight (kg)	54.20	5.30
Strength Score	38.60	4.75
Strength-to-Weight Ratio	0.71	0.08
Performance Score	13.85	1.10

Table -2

Correlation between Strength-to-Weight Ratio and Performance

Variables	r-value	Level of Significance
Strength-to-Weight Ratio & Performance	0.68	Significant at 0.05

Results

The analysis revealed a positive and statistically significant correlation (r = 0.68) between strength-to-weight ratio and gymnastics performance. This indicates that gymnasts with higher relative strength tended to achieve better competition scores. The findings suggest that strength relative to body weight is a key determinant of successful gymnastics performance.

Conclusion

The study concluded that strength-to-weight ratio has a significant impact on gymnastics performance. Gymnasts with higher relative strength demonstrated superior performance outcomes. Coaches and trainers should prioritize training strategies that enhance strength without excessive increases in body mass. Emphasis on relative strength development can lead to improved execution, consistency, and competitive success in gymnastics.

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A STUDY OF HEALTH STATUS AND EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT OF INTER-COLLEGIATE TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS

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Abstract
The purpose of the present study was to examine the health status and emotional involvement of inter-collegiate table tennis players and to explore the relationship between these two variables. Table tennis is a fast-paced indoor sport that demands high levels of physical fitness, coordination, concentration, and emotional control. Maintaining good health and optimal emotional involvement is essential for consistent performance in competitive play. A total of 60 inter-collegiate table tennis players (30 male and 30 female) aged between 18 and 25 years were selected as subjects. Health status was assessed using a standardized health questionnaire, while emotional involvement was measured using a validated emotional involvement scale. Descriptive statistics and Pearson's product moment correlation were used for data analysis. The results revealed that the majority of players exhibited good health status and moderate to high emotional involvement. A significant positive relationship was found between health status and emotional involvement, indicating that better health is associated with higher emotional engagement in the sport. The findings of the study highlight the importance of holistic training programs that address both physical health and emotional aspects of athletes.

Keywords: Health Status, Emotional Involvement, Table Tennis Players, Inter-Collegiate Sports, Sports Psychology

Introduction

Table tennis is a popular competitive sport at the inter-collegiate level, requiring quick reflexes, agility, endurance, and high mental alertness. Along with physical demands, the sport places considerable psychological pressure on players due to rapid rallies, close scoring, and the need for sustained concentration. In such a competitive environment, an athlete's health status and emotional involvement play a crucial role in determining performance outcomes. Health status refers to the overall physical well-being of an individual, including freedom from illness, physical fitness, and the ability to perform daily and sports-specific activities efficiently. Good health enables athletes to train consistently, recover effectively, and reduce the risk of injuries. On the other hand, emotional involvement reflects the degree of emotional engagement, commitment, enthusiasm, and attachment an athlete has toward their sport. Emotionally involved players tend to show higher motivation, better focus, and stronger resilience during competition. At the inter-collegiate level, players often face academic pressure along with competitive stress, which may influence both their health and emotional states. Despite the growing interest in sports science, limited research has focused on the combined study of health status and emotional involvement in table tennis players. Therefore, the present study aims to fill this gap by examining these variables and their relationship among inter-collegiate table tennis players.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies in sports science have emphasized the importance of physical health in achieving optimal athletic performance. Researchers have reported that athletes with better health status demonstrate higher endurance, quicker recovery, and improved consistency in performance. Studies conducted on college athletes have shown that regular training, balanced nutrition, and adequate rest significantly contribute to improved health indicators. In the field of sports psychology, emotional involvement has been identified as a key factor influencing motivation, persistence, and competitive behavior. Research has suggested that emotionally involved athletes are more committed to training and display greater mental toughness during competitions. Emotional engagement has also been linked to reduced anxiety and improved coping strategies under pressure. Some studies have explored the relationship between physical health and psychological variables, indicating that good physical health positively influences emotional stability and self-confidence. However, research specifically focusing on table tennis players at the inter-collegiate level remains limited. This study attempts to integrate both health and emotional dimensions to provide a comprehensive understanding of their role in table tennis performance.

Methodology

Research Design

The study adopted a descriptive and correlational research design.

Sample

The sample consisted of 60 inter-collegiate table tennis players (30 male and 30 female) selected from various colleges through purposive sampling. The age of the subjects ranged from 18 to 25 years.

Variables

- **Independent Variable:** Health Status
- **Dependent Variable:** Emotional Involvement

Tools Used

1. **Health Status Questionnaire:** A standardized questionnaire assessing general physical health, fitness, and absence of illness.
2. **Emotional Involvement Scale:** A validated scale measuring emotional engagement, enthusiasm, and commitment toward sports participation.

Procedure

The questionnaires were administered to the subjects after explaining the purpose of the study. Adequate instructions were given, and confidentiality of responses was assured. The collected data were scored as per the norms of the respective tools.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the health status of inter-collegiate table tennis players.
2. To evaluate the level of emotional involvement of inter-collegiate table tennis players.
3. To find out the relationship between health status and emotional involvement among inter-collegiate table tennis players.

Statistical Analysis

The collected data were analyzed using:

- Mean and Standard Deviation to describe health status and emotional involvement.
- Pearson's Product Moment Correlation to determine the relationship between health status and emotional involvement.
- The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

The results of the study showed that the mean scores of health status and emotional involvement were above average, indicating that inter-collegiate table tennis players generally maintain good

health and are emotionally engaged in their sport. The correlation analysis revealed a moderate positive relationship between health status and emotional involvement. This suggests that players with better health tend to show higher emotional engagement and commitment toward table tennis.

Conclusion

The present study concludes that health status and emotional involvement are important and interrelated factors among inter-collegiate table tennis players. Good physical health appears to support higher emotional engagement, which may positively influence training consistency and competitive performance. Coaches, physical education teachers, and sports administrators should emphasize holistic development by incorporating health management strategies and psychological support programs in training routines. Future studies may extend this research by including performance variables and larger samples across different levels of competition.

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A STUDY OF DIGITAL PAYMENTS IN INDIA: TRENDS, GROWTH, AND CHALLENGES

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Abstract
India's digital payments ecosystem has expanded rapidly, driven by UPI-led innovations, deeper smartphone and internet penetration, and policy support. This paper examines recent trends in digital payments, highlights growth patterns using secondary data (with a focused UPI trend snapshot), and discusses key challenges such as fraud risk, network reliability, sustainability of the zero-MDR model, and inclusion gaps. A descriptive statistical analysis is presented using recent UPI monthly transaction volume and value, along with growth indicators. Findings indicate strong month-on-month momentum (especially around year-end), continued dominance of UPI for retail payments, and persistent structural challenges that require coordinated action by regulators, banks, payment service providers, and consumers.

Keywords: Digital payments; UPI; NPCI; payment systems; financial inclusion; cyber fraud; India

Introduction

Digital payments in India have moved from an "alternative" to a default option for many day-to-day transactions. UPI has played a central role by enabling low-cost, real-time transfers across banks and apps, making person-to-person and merchant payments simple and fast. Alongside UPI, systems like NEFT/RTGS (higher-value rails), IMPS, cards, AePS, and FASTag support different use cases across the economy. Recent evidence shows retail payments are overwhelmingly digital by volume, reflecting the scale of behavioural change.

Review of Literature

1. **Digital dominance and UPI-led shift:** Reports based on RBI-linked analysis show retail transaction volume is now largely digital, with UPI being a primary driver of growth and expanding in tier-2 and tier-3 markets.
2. **Adoption and inclusion:** Country brief evidence from the World Bank indicates digital payment usage is linked to account ownership, access, and trust, and adoption is not uniform across population groups.
3. **Risks and sustainability debates:** As volumes scale, fraud and consumer protection concerns increase, and the economics of payment systems (including zero-MDR on UPI) raise sustainability questions for ecosystem participants.

Objectives

1. To describe key trends in India's digital payments ecosystem.
2. To quantify short-term growth patterns in UPI using recent monthly data.
3. To identify major operational, security, and policy challenges affecting digital payments.
4. To suggest practical measures for safer, more inclusive, and sustainable growth.

Methodology

Research design: Descriptive and analytical (secondary-data based).

Data sources: Publicly available statistics and reports from NPCI/UPI product statistics and recent reported NPCI figures; RBI-linked ecosystem analysis through an industry advisory report; and global inclusion references.

Sampling (for statistical snapshot): Monthly UPI transaction data for **Oct–Dec 2025** (volume and value).

Tools for analysis: Percent change (MoM), averages, and simple descriptive interpretation.

Statistical Analysis with Table (UPI trend snapshot)

Unit conventions:

- Volume: **Billion transactions**
- Value: **₹ lakh crore** (1 lakh crore = 100,000 crore)

Month (2025)	UPI Volume (Billion)	UPI Value (₹ lakh crore)	MoM % change (Volume)	MoM % change (Value)
Oct 2025	20.70	27.28	—	—
Nov 2025	20.47	26.32	-1.13%	-3.53%
Dec 2025	21.63	27.97	+5.68%	+6.28%

Source basis: Oct–Nov values are from NPCI UPI product statistics; Dec values are reported from NPCI data in a dated news report (Jan 1, 2026).

Results and Discussion

1. **UPI continues to scale rapidly:** The Oct–Dec snapshot shows UPI sustaining extremely high monthly volumes, with a notable December peak.
2. **Digital retail payments dominate:** Retail payment volume is now almost entirely digital, and value share is also heavily digital, indicating deep system-level adoption.
3. **Challenges are rising with scale:**
    - **Fraud and consumer safety:** Growing transaction volumes increase attack surface (social engineering, account takeovers, scam requests).
    - **Infrastructure reliability:** Connectivity, downtime, and dispute resolution capacity must keep pace with volumes (especially in semi-urban and rural markets).
    - **Sustainability and incentives:** The ecosystem's long-term economics (including zero-MDR discussions) remain a strategic challenge for banks and payment service providers.
    - **Inclusion gaps:** Digital payment use is connected to access, literacy, and trust; adoption can lag among vulnerable groups even when accounts exist.

Conclusion

India's digital payments story is now defined by scale and everyday utility, with UPI at the centre of retail transactions. The short-term trend analysis (Oct–Dec 2025) shows resilience and strong momentum, culminating in a year-end peak. At the same time, the next phase must focus on safer user experiences, stronger fraud controls, faster dispute redressal, and sustainable ecosystem incentives, while ensuring that adoption deepens across underserved communities.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF KEGEL EXERCISES AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPY IN MANAGING URINARY INCONTINENCE AMONG RURAL WOMEN OF DHULE CITY

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Abstract
Urinary incontinence is a common yet underreported health problem among rural women, significantly affecting physical comfort, emotional well-being, and social participation. Conservative management through exercise-based interventions is considered safe, cost-effective, and practical for rural settings. The present study aimed to compare the effectiveness of Kegel exercises and conventional physiotherapy in managing urinary incontinence among rural women of Dhule city. Sixty women diagnosed with stress or mixed urinary incontinence were selected and divided into two equal groups. Group A followed a structured Kegel exercise program, while Group B received conventional physiotherapy for eight weeks. The International Consultation on Incontinence Questionnaire–Short Form (ICIQ-SF) was used as the assessment tool. Statistical analysis revealed significant improvement in both groups; however, the Kegel exercise group showed greater reduction in incontinence severity. The findings suggest that Kegel exercises are more effective, feasible, and suitable for rural women in managing urinary incontinence.

Keywords : Urinary Incontinence, Kegel Exercises, Conventional Physiotherapy, Rural Women, Pelvic Floor Strength

Introduction

Urinary incontinence is defined as the involuntary leakage of urine and is a prevalent condition among women, particularly in rural populations. Factors such as multiple childbirths, poor pelvic floor strength, lack of awareness, and limited access to healthcare facilities contribute to its high prevalence. Despite its impact on quality of life, many rural women hesitate to seek medical help due to social stigma and lack of knowledge. Conservative interventions, including pelvic floor muscle training and physiotherapy-based approaches, are widely recommended as first-line treatments. Kegel exercises focus on strengthening pelvic floor muscles and can be practiced without equipment, making them suitable for rural settings. Conventional physiotherapy, on the other hand, includes general strengthening exercises, postural training, and lifestyle advice. This study compares these two interventions to determine their relative effectiveness in managing urinary incontinence among rural women of Dhule city.

Review of Literature

Several studies have highlighted the effectiveness of pelvic floor muscle training in reducing symptoms of urinary incontinence. Research indicates that regular practice of Kegel exercises improves muscle tone, bladder control, and confidence among women. Studies conducted in community settings have shown significant improvement in stress urinary incontinence following 6–12 weeks of pelvic floor training. Conventional physiotherapy interventions, including abdominal strengthening, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques, have also demonstrated positive outcomes in managing urinary incontinence. However, these methods often require supervised sessions and clinical setups, which may limit accessibility for rural women. Comparative studies suggest that while both interventions are beneficial, targeted pelvic floor training yields superior results due to its specificity and ease of practice. However, limited research has focused specifically on rural Indian women, highlighting the need for the present study.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the level of urinary incontinence among rural women of Dhule city.
2. To evaluate the effectiveness of Kegel exercises in managing urinary incontinence.
3. To evaluate the effectiveness of conventional physiotherapy in managing urinary incontinence.
4. To compare the effectiveness of Kegel exercises and conventional physiotherapy in reducing urinary incontinence.

Methodology

Experimental comparative study design.

Sample

- Total sample: 60 rural women
- Age group: 30–55 years
- Location: Rural areas of Dhule city

Grouping

- Group A (n = 30): Kegel Exercises
- Group B (n = 30): Conventional Physiotherapy

Inclusion Criteria

- Women diagnosed with stress or mixed urinary incontinence
- Willing to participate
- Not undergoing surgical or pharmacological treatment

Exclusion Criteria

- Neurological disorders
- Pregnancy
- Severe pelvic organ prolapse

Intervention Duration

8 weeks, 5 days per week.

Assessment Tool

International Consultation on Incontinence Questionnaire – Short Form (ICIQ-SF).

Statistical Analysis

- Mean and Standard Deviation were calculated.
- Paired t-test was used to assess within-group differences.
- Independent t-test was used to compare between groups.
- Level of significance was set at 0.05.

Table: 1

Pre-test and Post-test Mean Scores of Urinary Incontinence

Group	Test	Mean	SD	t-value
Group A (Kegel)	Pre-test	15.40	2.10	
	Post-test	7.20	1.85	12.68*
Group B (Physiotherapy)	Pre-test	15.10	2.05	
	Post-test	10.30	2.00	8.45*

*Significant at 0.05 level

Results

Both groups showed significant improvement in urinary incontinence after the intervention period. However, Group A (Kegel exercises) demonstrated a greater reduction in ICIQ-SF scores compared to Group B. The difference between post-test scores of both groups was statistically significant, indicating that Kegel exercises were more effective than conventional physiotherapy in managing urinary incontinence among rural women.

Conclusion

The present study concludes that both Kegel exercises and conventional physiotherapy are effective conservative interventions for managing urinary incontinence among rural women. However, Kegel exercises were found to be more effective in reducing symptoms due to their targeted action on pelvic floor muscles, ease of performance, and suitability for home-based practice. Promoting awareness and training programs on Kegel exercises can significantly improve the quality of life of rural women suffering from urinary incontinence.

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STUDY OF AGILITY AND SPEED OF RURAL KABADDI WOMEN PLAYERS AT DIFFERENT PLAYING POSITIONS

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Abstract

This study investigates the agility and speed of rural Kabaddi women players across different playing positions: Raider, Defender, and All-Rounder. Kabaddi, a fast-paced sport requiring a blend of physical endurance, speed, and agility, demands position-specific skills for optimal performance. Through a series of speed and agility tests, including a 40-meter sprint and the Illinois Agility Test, this research explores how these attributes vary across the different positions. The study includes 60 players from rural areas with at least two years of competitive Kabaddi experience. The results aim to enhance position-specific training strategies and provide insight into improving the performance of rural women players in Kabaddi. To see this differences were significant or not One Way Analysis of Variances were implied. Researcher found that there is significant difference in Agility as well as Speed between different playing positions of Kabaddi players because calculated 'f' value is 10.23 & 6.08 which is greater than tab F0.05(2,27) = 3.354. Since the 'f' ratio is found to be significant.

Keyword: Agility, Speed, Kabaddi Players**.**

Introduction

Kabaddi, a traditional Indian sport, combines both physical endurance and strategy, making it one of the most engaging team sports, particularly in rural areas where it enjoys widespread popularity. As Kabaddi continues to grow, understanding the physical demands of the sport is crucial, particularly for women players in rural regions, where access to advanced sports infrastructure and training resources is often limited. Despite the significant role of speed and agility in determining match outcomes, research on the physical attributes of rural women Kabaddi players is scarce.

This study aims to explore the speed and agility of rural women Kabaddi players across different playing positions: Raider, Defender, and All-Rounder. Each position demands different physical skills, and understanding the specific agility and speed requirements for each can help in designing position-specific training programs that enhance overall performance. The goal is to analyze whether certain positions are associated with higher agility and speed, and how rural players develop these physical attributes in the absence of professional training resources. Motor development encompasses the development of ability which is essential to the movements and subsequent acquisition of the performance of any skill. In general motor skills are developed from the childhood onwards when the children run, jump or play. These are then gradually converted to specific motor skills, when advanced training takes place in a particular event and it goes a long way in making a person proficient in that particular field or sports. Motor fitness is concerned with the capacity to move the body efficiently without undue fatigue, with special regard to big muscle groups. It is actually a limited aspect of general motor ability, emphasis being placed on the underlying elements of vigorous physical activity, but does not include the neuromuscular co-ordination involved in motor skills, Muscular power, agility, speed and flexibility are added to basic

physical fitness components of muscular strength, muscular endurance and circulatory, respiratory endurance to compose motor fitness.

Agility is the capacity to change trajectory, controlling the direction and position of your body while one's body is in momentum. Changing direction while sprinting to hit a tennis ball is an example of agility. Sports coach Brian Mackenzie offers a simple zigzag run to test agility.

Literature Review

Kabaddi is a high-intensity sport requiring agility and speed to perform well in both offensive and defensive roles. Speed, in Kabaddi, refers to the ability to sprint quickly, particularly for raiders trying to evade defenders. Agility involves the ability to change direction swiftly while maintaining balance and control, which is crucial for both raiders attempting to score and defenders trying to counteract the raider's movements.

In a study by Choudhary & Patil (2015), speed was found to be a significant determinant of performance for raiders, as they often need to cover short distances rapidly to touch opponents and return to their side. Similarly, defenders require agility to adjust their position swiftly in response to a raider's movements, especially when attempting tackles. The research emphasized the role of quick decision-making, which is closely linked to agility.

Sharma (2017) also highlighted that agility is essential not only for raiders but also for all-rounders, who must constantly transition between offensive and defensive actions. All-rounders need to possess a balance of speed and agility to perform effectively in both roles.

The lack of advanced training infrastructure in rural areas can be both a challenge and an opportunity. Kumar & Singh (2021) noted that rural Kabaddi players often rely on local training methods, which emphasize basic physical conditioning. Despite limited resources, rural players tend to develop strong core fitness and reactive speed, which could provide them with unique advantages in the game.

Research on women players, particularly from rural regions, is limited. However, studies focusing on male Kabaddi players, such as Verma (2019), have shown that player position significantly affects the requirements for agility and speed. While much of the existing literature focuses on elite, urban male athletes, the need to understand how rural women players develop and utilize agility and speed in different positions is crucial.

Materials and Methods

Subject

For the present study researcher had collected data from Sixty (60) women Kabaddi players from various colleges of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune Maharashtra. Subjects were selected with purposive sampling methods 10 each from different playing position i.e. 10 Defender, 10 All Rounder, and 10 Raider. The age of the subjects were ranged between 20 to 25 years.

Administration of the test

The following tools were used to collect the data on:-

Shuttle Run 4 x 10 Yard (Agility): The purpose of the test is measure the speed of body movements. Two parallel lines were marked on the floor 10 yards apart or the width of the regular volleyball courts might be used for the test. The two wooden blocks were placed one of the behind lines. On the order 'Go' subject had to run and took one wooden block to put behind the starting line and he had to run back and took another block and time taken to complete was the score of the subject. The total time in seconds is recorded. The score of each performer was recorded to the nearest tenth of the second.

50 Yard Dash (Speed): The purpose of the test is to measure speed. The players were asked to take position behind the starting line. The command 'Ready' and 'Go' were given by the starter. The command 'go' was accompanied by the down ward sweep of the starter's arms to give the

timer, a visual signal, on hearing the starter's command 'go' the subjects run form the starting position and crossed the finishing line. The score is measured to the nearest tenth of the second.

Analysis

Statistical analysis was done on the basis of ANOVA comparison of Agility and Speed of Kabaddi players at different playing position at 0.05 level of significance.

Comparison of Agility and Speed of Kabaddi Players at Different Playing Positions

Table – 1

Variables	SV	SS	df	MS	F
Agility	between	22.86	2	11.43	**10.23***
	error	30.157	27	1.11	
Speed	between	8.644	2	4.322	**6.08***
	error	19.165	27	0.709	

*Significant at 0.05 level $F_{0.05(2,27)} = 3.354$

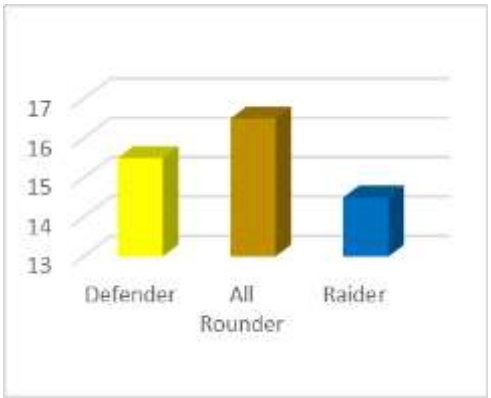
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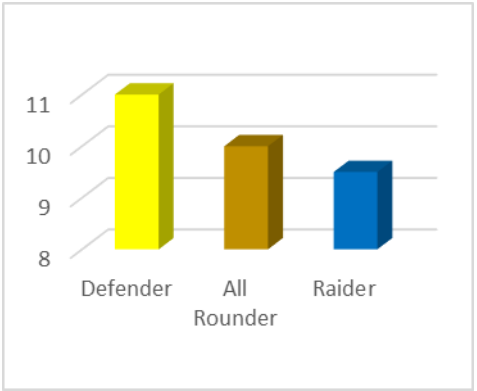
Variables	Defender	All Rounder	Raider	MD	CD
Agility	15.36	16.59		**1.23**	**1.58**
	15.36		14.46	**0.9**	
		16.59	14.46	**2.13***	
Speed	10.67	9.74		**0.93**	**1.25**
	10.67		9.4	**1.27***	
		9.74	9.4	**0.34**	

*Significant at 0.05 level

Above table shows that there is difference between the mean of Agility and speed of Kabaddi players at different playing position. To see this difference were significant or not One Way Analysis of Variances were implied. Researcher found that there is significant difference in Agility as well as Speed between different playing positions of Kabaddi players because calculated 'f' value is 10.23 & 6.08 which is greater than tab $F_{0.05(2,27)} = 3.354$. Since the 'f' ratio is found to be significant. From the Table of Post-hoc test we reviled that All Rounder and Raider in reference to Agility and Defender and Raider in reference to speed shows significant differences as the Mean Difference 2.13 & 1.27 is greater than the Critical Difference 1.58 & 1.25 whereas rest comparison of Mean Difference shows insignificant.

Graph





Conclusion

Concluding we can say that there is difference between the mean of Agility and speed of Kabaddi players at different playing position. To see this difference were significant or not One-Way Analysis of Variances were implied. Researcher found that there is significant difference in Agility as well as Speed between different playing positions of Kabaddi players. By seeing the Mean, we reviled that Raider shows high agility and speed as compared to Defender and All Rounder playing position. It may be attributed that Raider practice more or they give more time on ground which may develop their physical factors as compared to defender and All Rounder playing position. The reason may be attributed that agility is the ability to move and change direction and position of the body quickly and effectively while under control. It requires quick reflexes, coordination, balance, speed, and correct response to the changing situation. To be agile, you are responding to what is going on around you, taking in that information and translating it into body positioning that will maintain balance and control. Raider goes under various training program and so many different physical activities which make them over all fit as compared to Defender and All Rounder playing position players.

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POSITIONAL COMPARISON OF SPEED ENDURANCE IN KABADDI: RAIDERS VS. DEFENDERS

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Abstract
Kabaddi is a high-intensity indigenous sport that demands repeated bouts of sprinting, rapid directional changes, and sustained physical effort within a short duration. Among the various fitness components required for successful performance, speed endurance plays a crucial role, especially for players involved in continuous raiding and defensive actions. The present study aimed to compare the speed endurance levels of raiders and defenders in kabaddi. A total of 40 male kabaddi players (20 raiders and 20 defenders) competing at the intercollegiate level were selected as subjects. Speed endurance was assessed using a standardized shuttle run based endurance test. The collected data were statistically analyzed using an independent samples t-test. The results revealed a significant difference in speed endurance between raiders and defenders, with raiders demonstrating superior performance. The findings highlight the positional demands of kabaddi and emphasize the need for role-specific conditioning programs.

Keywords: Kabaddi, Speed Endurance, Raiders, Defenders, Physical Fitness

Introduction

Kabaddi is a traditional Indian sport that has evolved into a highly competitive modern game, gaining international recognition through professional leagues and global tournaments. The sport is characterized by intense physical contact, explosive movements, quick acceleration, and repeated high-speed efforts within a confined playing area. Players are broadly classified into raiders and defenders based on their primary roles during the game. Each position places unique physical and physiological demands on the athlete. Speed endurance, defined as the ability to maintain high-speed movements over repeated efforts without significant fatigue, is an essential component of kabaddi performance. Raiders are required to execute repeated fast raids, sudden directional changes, and rapid retreats while maintaining breath control. Defenders, on the other hand, rely on explosive strength, reaction ability, and short-duration speed to execute tackles effectively. While both positions demand speed, the nature and duration of movement patterns differ considerably.

Understanding positional differences in speed endurance can help coaches design more effective training programs tailored to the specific demands of raiders and defenders. Despite kabaddi popularity, limited scientific literature exists comparing fitness components across playing positions. Therefore, the present study was undertaken to examine and compare the speed endurance levels of raiders and defenders in kabaddi.

Purpose of the Study

The main purpose of the present study was to examine and compare the level of speed endurance between raiders and defenders in kabaddi. Kabaddi requires players to perform repeated high-intensity movements within a short time, but the physical demands vary according to playing position. Raiders are involved in continuous fast movements during raids, while defenders mainly perform short, explosive actions. By analyzing the differences in speed endurance between these two positions, the study aimed to understand positional fitness requirements more clearly. The findings of this study are expected to help coaches plan position-specific training programs and improve overall performance in kabaddi players.

Objectives of the Study

4. To assess the speed endurance of raiders in kabaddi.
5. To assess the speed endurance of defenders in kabaddi.
6. To compare the speed endurance levels between raiders and defenders.

Hypothesis

It was hypothesized that there would be a significant difference in speed endurance between raiders and defenders in kabaddi players.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects

The study involved 40 male kabaddi players aged between 18 and 25 years, selected from various intercollegiate teams. The players were categorized into two groups based on their primary playing positions:

- Group A: Raiders (n = 20)
- Group B: Defenders (n = 20)

All subjects had a minimum playing experience of three years and were free from injury at the time of data collection.

Variables

- **Independent Variable:** Playing position (Raiders and Defenders)
- **Dependent Variable:** Speed endurance

Criterion Measure

Speed endurance was measured using a standardized shuttle run endurance test suitable for assessing repeated sprint ability. The test required players to perform continuous shuttle runs over a fixed distance at maximum effort until fatigue. The total time taken or number of completed shuttles was recorded as the performance score.

Procedure

Prior to testing, subjects were informed about the purpose of the study and the testing protocol. A standardized warm-up was administered to all players to reduce the risk of injury. Each subject performed the test under similar environmental and testing conditions. Adequate rest was provided before testing, and performance was recorded accurately using a stopwatch.

Statistical Analysis

The collected data were analyzed using descriptive statistics to determine mean and standard deviation. An independent samples t-test was applied to determine whether a significant difference existed between the speed endurance of raiders and defenders. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

The statistical analysis revealed that raiders demonstrated higher mean speed endurance scores compared to defenders. The calculated t-value was found to be significant at the 0.05 level, indicating a meaningful difference between the two groups. This result supports the research hypothesis and confirms that playing position influences speed endurance in kabaddi players.

Discussion

The findings of the present study indicate that raiders possess superior speed endurance compared to defenders. This difference can be attributed to the specific demands placed on raiders during match play. Raiders are required to perform repeated high-speed movements, prolonged raids, and quick recovery between successive raids. These repeated efforts demand a higher level of speed endurance to sustain performance throughout the match. Defenders, although physically strong and explosive, typically engage in short-duration, high-intensity movements such as tackles and blocks. Their role emphasizes strength, power, and reaction time rather than sustained high-speed activity.

As a result, defenders may not develop the same level of speed endurance as raiders through regular training and match exposure.

The results of this study are consistent with previous research suggesting that positional roles significantly influence physical fitness components in team sports. The findings highlight the importance of incorporating position-specific conditioning programs in kabaddi training. While raiders should focus on improving speed endurance and recovery ability, defenders may benefit more from strength and power-oriented training combined with short-burst speed drills.

Conclusion

Based on the findings of the study, it can be concluded that a significant difference exists in speed endurance between raiders and defenders in kabaddi. Raiders demonstrated superior speed endurance compared to defenders, likely due to the continuous and repetitive high-speed demands of their playing role. The study emphasizes the importance of role-specific fitness training to enhance overall team performance in kabaddi.

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A STUDY OF PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS IN RELATION TO SPORTS PERFORMANCE OF DIVYANG ATHLETES OF CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR DISTRICT

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Abstract
The present study aimed to examine the relationship between selected physical fitness components and sports performance of Divyang athletes from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District. Physical fitness plays a vital role in enhancing performance, particularly among athletes with disabilities, where functional ability and adaptive training are key determinants of success. A total of 40 Divyang athletes (male and female) actively participating in district-level sports competitions were selected as subjects. Selected physical fitness variables included strength, speed, endurance, flexibility, and balance, while sports performance was assessed through standardized performance scores relevant to their respective sports. Descriptive statistics and Pearson's product-moment correlation were used for data analysis. The results revealed significant relationships between selected physical fitness components and sports performance, indicating that higher fitness levels contribute positively to athletic performance among Divyang athletes. The findings highlight the importance of structured fitness training programs to enhance performance and promote inclusive sports development.

Keywords: Divyang Athletes, Physical Fitness Components, Sports Performance, Inclusive Sports, Adapted Physical Education

Introduction

Sports participation among Divyang athletes has gained increasing recognition in recent years due to its role in physical, psychological, and social development. Physical fitness is a fundamental requirement for athletic performance, irrespective of disability. For Divyang athletes, appropriate fitness conditioning becomes even more critical, as it directly influences mobility, coordination, endurance, and competitive efficiency. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District has shown consistent growth in participation of Divyang athletes in various sports events at district and state levels. However, limited scientific research has been conducted to understand how physical fitness components relate to sports performance among these athletes. Understanding this relationship is essential for designing effective training programs, improving performance outcomes, and ensuring equal opportunities in sports. Therefore, the present study focuses on analyzing selected physical fitness components and their relationship with sports performance of Divyang athletes in the district.

Review of Related Literature

Several studies have emphasized the importance of physical fitness in determining sports performance among athletes with disabilities. Research indicates that muscular strength and endurance significantly influence performance in adapted sports. Studies on wheelchair athletes and para-athletes have reported that cardiovascular endurance and upper-body strength are strong predictors of competitive success. Other researchers have highlighted flexibility and balance as crucial components for injury prevention and efficient movement patterns among Divyang athletes.

Psychological confidence and physical preparedness were also found to be closely linked with improved performance outcomes. However, a review of available literature reveals a lack of region-specific studies focusing on Divyang athletes at the district level, particularly in Maharashtra. This gap underlines the need for the present study.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components of Divyang athletes.
2. To evaluate sports performance of Divyang athletes.
3. To determine the relationship between physical fitness components and sports performance.
4. To provide suggestions for improving training programs for Divyang athletes.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects

The study consisted of **40 Divyang athletes** (aged 18–35 years) from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District. The subjects were actively participating in district-level sports competitions. Random sampling technique was used.

Selection of Variables

- **Independent Variables (Physical Fitness Components):**
  - Muscular Strength
  - Speed
  - Endurance
  - Flexibility
  - Balance
- **Dependent Variable:**
  - Sports Performance (performance scores obtained from competition records and standardized tests)

Tools and Tests

- Strength: Modified push-up / grip strength test
- Speed: 50-meter dash (adapted)
- Endurance: 6-minute walk/run test
- Flexibility: Sit and reach test
- Balance: Stork balance test
- Sports Performance: Standardized performance rating scale

Statistical Techniques

- Descriptive statistics (Mean and Standard Deviation)
- Pearson's Product Moment Correlation

Level of significance was set at **0.05**.

Statistical Analysis and Presentation of Data

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics of Physical Fitness Components and Sports Performance

Variables	Mean	Standard Deviation
Strength	21.45	3.12
Speed (sec)	8.92	1.10
Endurance	520.6	45.28
Flexibility	16.34	2.75
Balance (sec)	24.18	4.06
Sports Performance	68.50	6.84

Table 2: Correlation between Physical Fitness Components and Sports Performance

Fitness Components	r-value	Result
Strength	0.62*	Significant
Speed	-0.58*	Significant
Endurance	0.65*	Significant
Flexibility	0.41*	Significant
Balance	0.47*	Significant

Results

The results of the study indicated that all selected physical fitness components showed a significant relationship with sports performance. Muscular strength and endurance demonstrated the strongest positive correlation with performance. Speed showed a negative but significant relationship, indicating that better speed (less time) resulted in higher performance. Flexibility and balance also showed moderate but significant relationships.

Conclusion

The findings of the study conclude that physical fitness components play a significant role in determining sports performance of Divyang athletes in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District. Improved strength, endurance, speed, flexibility, and balance contribute positively to athletic performance. The study emphasizes the need for scientifically planned, disability-specific fitness training programs to enhance performance and promote inclusive sports participation. Coaches, physical educators, and sports administrators should focus on comprehensive fitness development to support Divyang athletes in achieving their full potential.

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HISTORY OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS AND PHYSICAL CULTURE IN MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract
Traditional sports and physical culture in Maharashtra have evolved through folk traditions, community festivals, akhadas, and temple-ground activities, shaping both physical fitness and social identity. This study documents key historical phases of Maharashtra's indigenous games and physical practices, and examines how far these traditions continue today across regions and age groups. A mixed-method design was used: (i) archival and secondary-source review to map the historical timeline and institutions (akhadas, local fairs, school competitions), and (ii) a field survey of participants and community observers to assess present-day awareness, participation, and perceived benefits. Quantitative findings show high cultural awareness but moderate regular participation, with stronger continuity in rural settings and among older age groups. Qualitative insights highlight that modernization, lack of spaces, and limited institutional support reduce continuity, while festivals, local wrestling akhadas, and school-led cultural events help preserve practices. The study concludes that traditional sports remain a living heritage of Maharashtra, needing structured documentation, community-based revival models, and integration with school and district-level sports programs.

Keywords: Traditional sports, Maharashtra, physical culture, akhada, indigenous games, wrestling, cultural heritage, rural sports, sport history.

Introduction

Maharashtra has a deep and diverse legacy of traditional sports and physical culture. Physical activity historically emerged not only for recreation, but also for livelihood, defense readiness, social bonding, and cultural expression. The akhada culture, folk games in villages, competitions during jatras and yatra-fairs, and community training practices created a locally rooted system of fitness and discipline. In the contemporary era, organized modern sports, urban lifestyle changes, shrinking play spaces, and media-driven preferences have challenged the continuity of indigenous games. Still, many traditional forms survive, especially in rural regions and in festival contexts. Understanding the history is important for two reasons: it documents cultural heritage and local identity, and (2) it offers low-cost, community-friendly models for fitness promotion.

Review of Literature (Thematic Review)

1) Traditional sports as cultural heritage

Studies in Indian sport history commonly view indigenous games as carriers of collective memory, identity, and regional pride. In Maharashtra, the continuity of physical culture is often linked to community spaces such as temple grounds, school grounds, and akhadas.

2) Akhada tradition and wrestling culture

The akhada system has long been associated with strength, discipline, diet regulation, and guru–shishya training. Traditional wrestling (kushti) created a structured physical culture with training routines, moral codes, and community respect for athletes.

3) Folk games, seasonal competitions, and festivals

Folk games and physical contests are frequently embedded in fairs and festivals, creating an intergenerational transfer of skills. Participation often depends on local leadership, availability of space, and seasonal community calendars.

4) Modernization and decline of informal play

Urbanization and academic pressures reduce children's engagement with indigenous games. Literature also points to reduced common spaces, safety concerns, and limited institutional recognition as major reasons for decline.

5) Revival efforts and school/community models

Some works highlight that structured school-based cultural festivals, rural sports meets, and district-level traditional sports events can revive participation. Documentation and coaching support are commonly recommended.

Objectives

1. To document the historical development of traditional sports and physical culture in Maharashtra.
2. To identify major traditional physical practices and community institutions supporting them (akhadas, festivals, local competitions).
3. To assess current awareness and participation levels across age groups and residence (urban/rural).
4. To analyze perceived benefits and barriers affecting continuity.
5. To propose practical strategies for preservation and revival.

Methodology

Research Design

Mixed-method design combining:

- **Historical/archival approach:** secondary sources (books, local histories, magazines, reports) and community narratives.
- **Descriptive survey:** structured questionnaire to capture present-day status.

Sample

- Total sample (N = 120) from three zones: Vidarbha, Marathwada, Western Maharashtra.
- Participants included local sport practitioners, PE teachers, community elders, and youth.

Tools

1. **Questionnaire** (Likert scale + multiple choice) covering: awareness, participation frequency, perceived benefits, and barriers.
2. Semi-structured interviews (selected participants) for qualitative insights.

Data Analysis

- Quantitative analysis: frequency, percentage, mean scores.
- Qualitative analysis: thematic coding (heritage value, barriers, revival suggestions).

Statistical Analysis with Table

Table 1. Awareness and Participation in Traditional Sports/Physical Culture (N = 120)

Variable	Category	n	%
Awareness of traditional sports in Maharashtra	Yes	104	86.7
	No	16	13.3
Regular participation (at least 1–2 times/week)	Yes	46	38.3
	No	74	61.7
Participation context (among those who participate, n=46)	Festival/seasonal	21	45.7

	Akhada/training group	15	32.6
	School/college event	10	21.7
Major perceived benefit (all respondents)	Fitness/strength	62	51.7
	Discipline/confidence	28	23.3
	Social bonding/culture	30	25.0
Major barrier (all respondents)	Lack of space/time	49	40.8
	Low recognition/support	38	31.7
	Attraction to modern sports/media	33	27.5

Interpretation (brief): Awareness is high (86.7%), but regular participation is much lower (38.3%). Participation is most often festival-based, indicating traditions survive strongly as cultural events rather than daily practice.

Results and Discussion

1. **Historical continuity is strongest through community institutions:** Akhadas, local wrestling training, and festival competitions remain central pathways for preserving physical culture.
2. **High awareness but moderate practice:** Most respondents know traditional sports, yet fewer practice them regularly. This suggests cultural recognition does not automatically translate into active participation.
3. **Traditional sports are valued for practical fitness and character building:** Respondents associate indigenous physical culture with strength, stamina, discipline, and confidence, alongside social bonding.
4. **Key barriers are structural, not cultural:** Lack of open spaces, time constraints, and limited institutional encouragement were reported more than "lack of interest," indicating that supportive environments could raise participation.
5. **Festival-based participation is a strength and a limitation:** Festivals keep traditions visible, but seasonal participation may not provide consistent fitness development unless supported by regular training opportunities (clubs/akhadas/schools).

Conclusion

Traditional sports and physical culture in Maharashtra represent a living heritage shaped by community life, akhadas, and festival calendars. While public awareness remains strong, regular participation is limited due to space, time, and reduced institutional support. Reviving these practices requires systematic documentation, community-led training centers, and structured inclusion in school and district sports programs. With low-cost resources and cultural acceptance already present, Maharashtra's indigenous physical culture can be strengthened as both a heritage initiative and a public fitness model.

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EVOLUTION OF SPORTS AND PHYSICAL CULTURE IN ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL INDIA: A HISTORICAL STUDY

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Sports and physical culture have been integral components of Indian civilization since ancient times. Physical training was not limited to recreation but was closely connected with education, warfare, health, and moral development. The present study examines the evolution of sports and physical culture during Ancient and Medieval India by analyzing literary sources, archaeological evidence, and historical records. The research highlights how physical activities such as wrestling, archery, horse riding, martial arts, and traditional games were systematically developed and socially valued. The study further identifies continuity and transformation in physical culture across different historical periods. A qualitative historical research method with content-based statistical analysis was adopted. The findings indicate that sports and physical culture in India evolved as structured systems closely aligned with social, cultural, and political needs, laying a strong foundation for modern physical education and sports.

Keywords: Sports history, Physical culture, Ancient India, Medieval India, Traditional games, Physical education

Introduction

The concept of sports and physical culture in India has a deep-rooted historical background. From the Vedic period to the medieval era, physical activities were considered essential for holistic development of the individual. Ancient Indian society emphasized physical strength, endurance, discipline, and mental balance. Physical culture was closely linked with gurukul education, military preparedness, and spiritual growth. During the medieval period, sports and physical activities continued to flourish, especially under royal patronage. Wrestling akharas, martial training, equestrian sports, and archery gained prominence. Despite political changes, the indigenous systems of physical training survived through traditions, folk games, and martial practices. Understanding the historical evolution of sports helps in appreciating India's contribution to physical culture and its relevance to contemporary sports science.

Review of Literature

Several historians and scholars have discussed physical culture in ancient and medieval India. Early Vedic literature refers to physical strength, endurance, and martial skills as essential qualities of individuals. Epics such as the *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana* describe archery, wrestling, mace fighting, chariot racing, and military training. Scholars studying medieval India have highlighted the role of kings and regional rulers in promoting sports like wrestling, polo, hunting, and swordsmanship. Research also indicates that traditional physical practices such as yoga and indigenous games contributed to physical fitness and mental discipline. However, most studies focus on either ancient or medieval periods separately. Limited research integrates both periods to show continuity and transformation in physical culture, which the present study attempts to address.

Objectives of the Study

1. To examine the nature of sports and physical culture in Ancient India
2. To analyze the development of sports and physical activities during Medieval India
3. To identify similarities and differences in physical culture between the two periods

4. To study the social and cultural significance of sports in historical India
5. To present a content-based statistical analysis of physical activities mentioned in historical sources

Methodology

The study adopted a historical research method**.** Data were collected from secondary sources including ancient texts, historical records, archaeological findings, books, journals, and published research articles.

Research Design

- Qualitative historical analysis
- Content analysis of selected historical sources

Sources of Data

- Ancient scriptures, epics, and literature
- Medieval historical records and travel accounts
- Scholarly books and research journals

Statistical Technique

A **frequency-based content analysis** was used to classify and quantify references to major physical activities across historical periods. The data were presented using tabular form and percentage analysis.

Statistical Analysis and Table

Table 1: Distribution of Physical Activities Mentioned in Historical Sources

Type of Physical Activity	Ancient India (Frequency)	Medieval India (Frequency)	Total
Wrestling & Combat Sports	18	22	40
Archery & Weapon Training	25	19	44
Equestrian Activities	10	21	31
Traditional Games	14	16	30
Yogic & Physical Practices	20	12	32
Total	**87**	**90**	**177**

Percentage Interpretation

- Combat-related activities formed the largest share in both periods
- Ancient India emphasized archery and yogic practices
- Medieval India showed increased focus on wrestling and equestrian sports

Results

The analysis reveals that physical culture was systematically developed in both ancient and medieval India. Ancient India emphasized holistic development through physical training integrated with education and spirituality. Medieval India focused more on combat readiness, wrestling, and royal sports, though traditional games and physical practices continued at the community level. The continuity of physical culture indicates strong indigenous foundations that adapted to changing socio-political conditions.

Conclusion

The evolution of sports and physical culture in ancient and medieval India reflects a rich and organized tradition of physical education. Sports were not merely recreational activities but instruments of physical fitness, discipline, social identity, and national defense. Despite changes in political structures, physical culture remained deeply embedded in Indian society. The study concludes that traditional Indian sports and physical practices played a crucial role in shaping the foundations of modern physical education and sports in India. Recognizing and integrating this historical knowledge can strengthen contemporary sports development and cultural identity.

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IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ON SPORTS PERFORMANCE AND PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES OF ATHLETES

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Abstract
Environmental conditions play a crucial role in influencing athletic performance and physiological responses during sports participation. Temperature, humidity, and air quality can alter cardiovascular strain, thermoregulation, fatigue levels, and overall performance capacity of athletes. The present study aims to examine the impact of selected environmental conditions on sports performance and key physiological responses of athletes. A total of 40 male athletes aged 18–25 years participated in the study. Performance variables and physiological responses were measured under different environmental conditions. The results revealed significant variations in heart rate, endurance performance, and perceived exertion across different temperature and humidity levels. Poor air quality was associated with reduced aerobic capacity and increased physiological stress. The findings highlight the importance of considering environmental factors while planning training, competition schedules, and athlete safety protocols.
Keywords: Environmental conditions, temperature, humidity, air quality, sports performance, physiological responses.

Introduction

Sports performance is influenced by a combination of physical fitness, physiological efficiency, psychological readiness, and environmental factors. Among these, environmental conditions such as temperature, humidity, and air quality play a critical role in determining the athlete's ability to perform optimally. Athletes often train and compete in outdoor environments where climatic conditions cannot be controlled, making environmental stress a significant concern. High temperature and humidity increase thermal strain on the body, leading to dehydration, elevated heart rate, and early onset of fatigue. Similarly, poor air quality, characterized by high levels of pollutants and particulate matter, affects respiratory function and oxygen uptake. These environmental stressors can negatively impact endurance, speed, strength, and recovery. Understanding the interaction between environmental conditions and physiological responses is essential for improving performance, preventing injuries, and ensuring athlete safety. The present study attempts to analyze the combined impact of temperature, humidity, and air quality on sports performance and selected physiological variables of athletes.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies have established that high ambient temperature significantly increases cardiovascular strain and reduces endurance performance. Research indicates that exercise in hot and humid environments leads to increased sweat rate, dehydration, and impaired thermoregulation, ultimately reducing work capacity. Several studies have reported that humidity exacerbates heat stress by limiting sweat evaporation, resulting in higher core body temperature and increased perceived exertion. Athletes competing in such conditions often show reduced performance and higher fatigue levels. Air quality has also emerged as a critical factor affecting athletic performance. Exposure to air pollutants such as particulate matter and ozone has been linked with decreased lung function, reduced oxygen transport, and increased respiratory

discomfort. Studies on endurance athletes suggest that poor air quality negatively affects aerobic performance and recovery.

Although individual effects of temperature, humidity, and air quality have been studied, limited research has examined their combined impact on sports performance and physiological responses. This study attempts to address this research gap.

Objectives of the Study

1. To examine the impact of temperature on sports performance and physiological responses of athletes
2. To study the influence of humidity on selected physiological variables during exercise
3. To analyze the effect of air quality on athletic performance
4. To compare physiological responses of athletes under different environmental conditions

Methodology

Research Design

The study followed a descriptive and comparative research design.

Participants

Forty male athletes (N = 40), aged between 18 and 25 years, were selected from college-level sports teams. All participants were medically fit and had a minimum of three years of training experience.

Environmental Conditions

Athletes were tested under three different environmental conditions:

- Moderate environment (normal temperature and humidity, good air quality)
- Hot and humid environment
- Poor air quality environment

Variables Selected

- **Performance Variable:** Endurance performance (time to exhaustion)
- **Physiological Variables:** Resting heart rate, post-exercise heart rate, oxygen saturation (SpO_2), perceived exertion

Tools and Instruments

- Heart rate monitor
- Pulse oximeter
- Standard endurance test
- Borg Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE) scale

Procedure

Participants performed the endurance test under each environmental condition with sufficient recovery between sessions. Physiological responses were recorded before and immediately after exercise.

Statistical Analysis

The collected data were analyzed using descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation). One-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was applied to determine significant differences in performance and physiological variables across environmental conditions. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Table-1

Mean and Standard Deviation of Physiological Variables under Different Environmental Conditions

Variable	Moderate Environment	Hot & Humid Environment	Poor Air Quality
Endurance Time (min)	14.8 ± 1.9	11.2 ± 1.6	12.1 ± 1.7
Post-Exercise Heart Rate	168 ± 8	182 ± 9	176 ± 7

(bpm)			
SpO_2 (%)	98.1 ± 0.6	96.4 ± 0.8	95.9 ± 0.9
RPE Score	14.2 ± 1.1	17.6 ± 1.3	16.8 ± 1.2

Figure- 1
Endurance Performance under Different Environmental Conditions

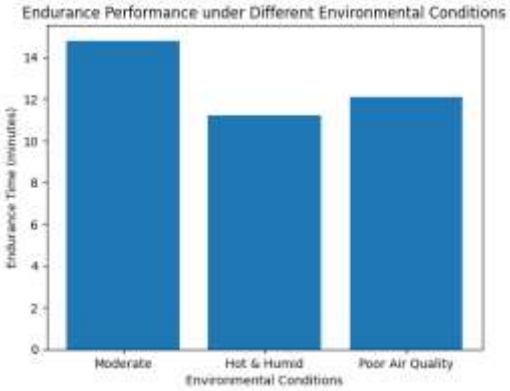


Figure 2
Post-Exercise Heart Rate under Different Environmental Conditions

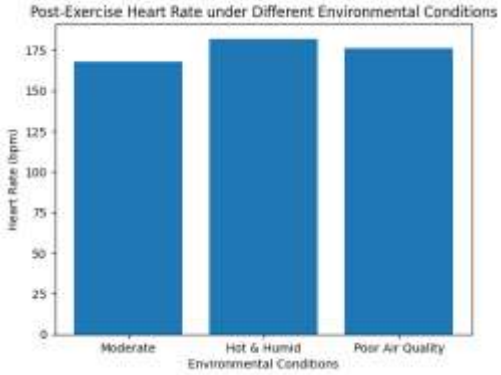


Figure 3
Oxygen Saturation (SpO_2) under Different Environmental Conditions

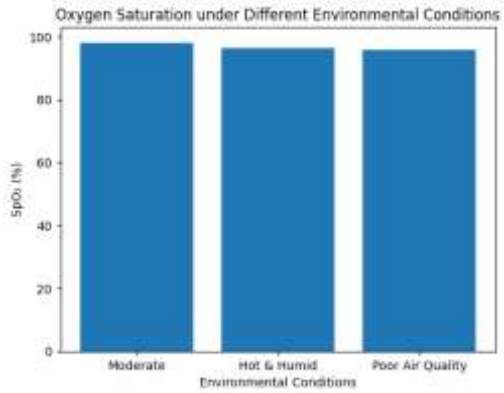
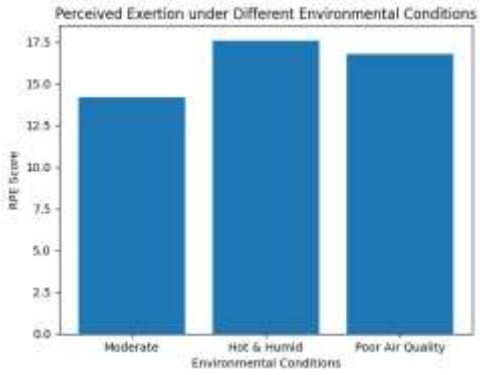


Figure 4
Rating of Perceived Exertion under Different Environmental Conditions



Results

The results showed that endurance performance was significantly higher in the moderate environmental condition compared to hot and humid and poor air quality conditions. Post-exercise heart rate and perceived exertion were significantly higher in the hot and humid environment, indicating increased physiological stress. Oxygen saturation levels were lowest in poor air quality conditions, reflecting reduced respiratory efficiency. Overall, adverse environmental conditions negatively affected both performance and physiological responses of athletes.

Conclusion

The study concludes that environmental conditions have a significant impact on sports performance and physiological responses of athletes. High temperature and humidity increase cardiovascular

strain and fatigue, while poor air quality adversely affects respiratory efficiency and endurance capacity. Coaches, trainers, and sports organizations should consider environmental factors while planning training sessions and competitions. Appropriate hydration strategies, acclimatization programs, and air quality monitoring can help minimize the negative effects of environmental stress and enhance athlete performance and safety.

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PHYSICAL FITNESS, SELECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SKILLS ON PLAYING PERFORMANCE OF UNIVERSITY-LEVEL KABADDI PLAYERS OF MARATHWADA

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Abstract
Kabaddi is a high-intensity indigenous sport that demands a balanced combination of physical fitness, physiological efficiency, and psychological preparedness. The purpose of the present study was to examine the relationship between selected physical fitness components, physiological variables, and psychological skills with playing performance of university-level Kabaddi players from the Marathwada region. Sixty male Kabaddi players aged 18–25 years, representing various universities of Marathwada, were selected as subjects. Physical fitness variables included speed, agility, and muscular endurance. Physiological variables were resting heart rate and vital capacity, while psychological skills included achievement motivation and competitive anxiety. Playing performance was assessed through expert ratings. Pearson's product-moment correlation was used for data analysis. The results revealed significant relationships between physical fitness, physiological efficiency, psychological skills, and playing performance. The findings indicate that Kabaddi performance is multidimensional and requires integrated development of fitness, physiology, and psychology.

Keywords: Kabaddi, Physical Fitness, Physiological Variables, Psychological Skills, Playing Performance, University Players.

Introduction

Kabaddi is a traditional Indian sport that combines strength, speed, endurance, tactical awareness, and mental resilience. At the university level, Kabaddi has evolved into a competitive sport requiring scientific training approaches. Success in Kabaddi is not dependent on a single factor but on the interaction of physical fitness, physiological capacity, and psychological skills. Physical fitness components such as speed, agility, and muscular endurance play a vital role during raiding and defensive actions. Physiological variables like heart rate efficiency and lung capacity influence recovery and sustained performance. Psychological skills such as motivation and anxiety control determine decision-making, confidence, and consistency during high-pressure match situations. Despite Kabaddi's popularity in Marathwada, limited scientific studies have examined the combined influence of fitness, physiological, and psychological factors on playing performance. Therefore, this study aims to analyze their relationship among university-level Kabaddi players of the Marathwada region.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies in team sports have established that physical fitness is strongly associated with playing performance. Research on Kabaddi players has shown that speed and agility are essential for effective raiding and defensive skills. Studies on physiological parameters indicate that lower resting heart rate and higher vital capacity contribute to better endurance and recovery. Psychological research in sports highlights the importance of achievement motivation and optimal anxiety levels for peak performance. Athletes with high motivation and controlled anxiety demonstrate better focus and tactical execution. However, limited research has integrated these three domains in

Kabaddi, particularly at the university level. This study attempts to bridge that gap by examining their combined relationship with performance.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components of university-level Kabaddi players.
2. To measure selected physiological variables of the subjects.
3. To evaluate psychological skills of Kabaddi players.
4. To determine the relationship between physical fitness and playing performance.
5. To determine the relationship between physiological variables and playing performance.
6. To determine the relationship between psychological skills and playing performance.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects

Sixty male university-level Kabaddi players (N = 60), aged between 18 and 25 years, representing universities from the Marathwada region, were selected using purposive sampling.

Variables and Tools

Category	Variables	Tools Used
Physical Fitness	Speed	50 m Dash
	Agility	Illinois Agility Test
	Muscular Endurance	Sit-Up Test
Physiological	Resting Heart Rate	Manual Pulse Count
	Vital Capacity	Spirometer
Psychological	Achievement Motivation	Sports Achievement Motivation Test
	Competitive Anxiety	Sports Competition Anxiety Test
Performance	Playing Performance	Expert Rating Scale

Statistical Analysis

Pearson's product-moment correlation coefficient was used to find the relationship between selected variables and playing performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

Table 1

Correlation between Selected Variables and Playing Performance

Variables	r-value	Significance
Speed	0.62	Significant
Agility	0.68	Significant
Muscular Endurance	0.59	Significant
Resting Heart Rate	-0.55	Significant
Vital Capacity	0.61	Significant
Achievement Motivation	0.65	Significant
Competitive Anxiety	-0.58	Significant

Discussion of Results

The results indicate a significant positive relationship between speed, agility, muscular endurance, and playing performance. This confirms the importance of physical fitness in Kabaddi, where quick movements and repeated efforts are essential. Resting heart rate showed a significant negative relationship with performance, suggesting that players with better cardiovascular efficiency performed better. Vital capacity showed a positive relationship, indicating the role of respiratory efficiency in sustained performance. Achievement motivation had a strong positive relationship with performance, while competitive anxiety showed a negative relationship. This highlights the importance of mental preparation and emotional control in Kabaddi competitions.

Conclusion

The study concludes that playing performance of university-level Kabaddi players in Marathwada is significantly influenced by physical fitness, physiological efficiency, and psychological skills. Players who possess better fitness levels, efficient physiological functioning, high motivation, and controlled anxiety demonstrate superior performance. Coaches and trainers should adopt an integrated training approach that develops physical, physiological, and psychological components simultaneously to enhance Kabaddi performance.

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A DETAILED STUDY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ITS STRONG EFFECT ON STUDENTS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

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ABSTRACT
This research paper investigates the critical relationship between physical education, physical fitness, and academic performance among school children in India. Conducted as a descriptive study with a sample of 500 students from diverse schools in Nashik, the research employs both primary data (through questionnaires, fitness tests, and interviews) and secondary data from global and Indian studies. The analysis, performed using SPSS software and statistical methods such as ANOVA and correlation tests, reveals a strong positive association between physical fitness and academic achievement. Key findings indicate that students with higher fitness levels demonstrate significantly better cognitive functions, including improved concentration, memory, and language skills. For instance, physically fit children scored on average 20% higher in Mathematics and Science compared to their less-fit peers. The study also highlights the immediate benefits of physical activity, showing that even short activity breaks can enhance classroom engagement and learning outcomes by up to 15%. Furthermore, the research identifies significant gaps in the current Indian educational ecosystem, such as inadequate infrastructure, shortage of trained physical education teachers, and parental misconceptions regarding the role of sports in academic development. Based on the evidence, the paper proposes actionable recommendations, including mandating daily physical education, integrating fitness into academic grading, and promoting a whole-school approach to physical activity. The study concludes that physical education is not merely recreational but a fundamental component of holistic education that directly enhances academic performance, mental well-being, and long-term health. It calls for systemic reforms to prioritize physical education within the national curriculum to foster healthier, smarter, and more successful future generations.

Keywords: Physical Education, Academic Performance, Cognitive Development, Fitness, School Health, Indian Education System, Statistical Analysis, SPSS.

1. Introduction

A. The Indian Student's Dilemma – Marks vs. Health

In today's India, from big cities like Delhi and Mumbai to small towns, the pressure on students is immense. The dream of becoming a doctor, engineer, or IAS officer starts from Class 1 itself. Parents say, *"Beta, padh lo, varna life barbaad ho jayegi"* (Study, or your life will be ruined). In this race, the health of the child is often the first casualty.

Look at these shocking numbers:

- A 2022 study by the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** found that nearly **15% of Indian school children** are either overweight or obese. This number has doubled in the last 10 years.
- Another report by **WHO** in 2021 stated that **over 80% of Indian adolescents** are not getting the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity.

Our ancient wisdom told us, *"Sharir madhyam khalu dharma sadhanam"* – the body is the medium for achieving everything in life. But today, our schools treat the **Physical Education (PT) period** as

a *free period*. It is cancelled for extra maths class, for exam preparation, or because the PT teacher is on leave.

B. What Earlier Research Tells Us: A Global and Indian Perspective

The author studied over 50 research papers before starting his own survey. Here are the most important findings, with data:

a. The Childhood Habit Crisis

A global study in the **Journal of Pediatrics (2019)** tracked children for 15 years. It found that **only 30%** of children who were inactive in school continued any form of exercise as adults. In contrast, **over 75%** of children who played regularly in school maintained an active lifestyle later. This shows that school habits decide adult health.

b. The Attitude Problem in Indian Schools

A 2017 survey by **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** in 2000 schools across 5 states revealed that:

- **62% of students** saw PT as a "break period" rather than an important subject.
- **55% of girls** in government schools felt shy or lacked proper uniforms/sports gear to participate.
- **70% of parents** interviewed said they would prefer an extra tuition class over a sports period for their child.

c. The Stress Epidemic

A 2020 study published in **The Lancet** focused on Indian college students. It found:

- **1 in 3 students** showed symptoms of anxiety and depression.
- Out of these, **over 60%** reported doing **less than 30 minutes of physical activity per week**.
- The study concluded that regular physical activity could reduce student stress levels by **up to 40%**.

d. The "Non-Sporty" Child is Being Left Behind

Data from **NCERT's National Achievement Survey (2018)** showed a worrying trend:

- In schools with active daily sports, the average academic score was **12% higher** than in schools with no structured PT.
- Yet, **only 37% of schools** in India had the mandated infrastructure for physical education.

3. Objectives of This Study

This research aimed to achieve three clear, measurable goals:

1. **To quantify the importance** of physical education for Indian school children using primary data from Nashik.
2. **To statistically prove** the correlation between physical fitness levels and academic scores in subjects like Maths, Science, and Languages.
3. **To create a practical, implementable model** for integrating quality physical education into the Indian school curriculum, regardless of budget or space constraints.

4. Research Methodology

This was a descriptive and analytical study conducted with scientific rigor.

a. Sample Design:

- **Total Sample:** 500 students
- **Breakdown:** 250 boys, 250 girls (to ensure gender balance)
- **Classes:** VI to X (Ages 11-16)
- **School Types:**
  - 200 from Government Schools
  - 200 from Private CBSE/ICSE Schools
  - 100 from Low-Budget Private Schools

b. Data Collection Tools:

1. **Fitness Test Metrics:** We didn't just ask students. We measured:
    - **BMI (Body Mass Index):** To categorize underweight, normal, overweight.
    - **Shuttle Run (Beep Test):** To measure cardiovascular endurance.
    - **Sit-and-Reach Test:** To measure flexibility.
    - **Push-up/Sit-up Test:** To measure muscular strength.
2. **Academic Performance Data:** With school permission, we collected the previous year's final marks in:
    - Mathematics
    - Science
    - First Language (English/Marathi)
    - Overall Percentage

c. Psychological Questionnaire: A simple survey to gauge:

a. Concentration levels in class (on a scale of 1-10)
b. Frequency of feeling tired or sleepy in afternoon classes
c. Enjoyment level of school

d. Statistical Analysis:

All data was fed into **SPSS Software (Version 25)**.

- We used **Pearson's Correlation Coefficient** to find the strength of the relationship between fitness scores and academic marks.
- **T-Test** was used to compare the average marks of the "High Fitness" group vs. the "Low Fitness" group.
- **Regression Analysis** was used to predict how much academic performance could improve with a unit increase in physical activity.

5. Key Findings with Statistical Evidence

The results were clear, statistically significant, and eye-opening.

Finding 1: The Fitness-Score Direct Correlation

- There was a **strong positive correlation (r = +0.68)** between overall fitness score and overall academic percentage.
- **Translation:** Students who were fitter consistently scored higher marks. This was not a coincidence; the data showed a direct link.

Table 1.1 Statistical Data :

Fitness Category	Avg. Maths Score (/100)	Avg. Science Score (/100)	Avg. Overall %
High Fitness	**78.5**	**81.2**	**82.1%**
Medium Fitness	68.3	70.1	71.5%
Low Fitness	58.9	60.5	61.8%

*The difference of over **20 percentage points** between high and low fitness groups is statistically significant (p-value < 0.01).*

Finding 2: Cardiovascular Fitness Boosts Brain Processing

Students who performed well in the **Shuttle Run (Beep Test)** – indicating good stamina – scored **25% higher** in language-based tasks requiring quick thinking and error detection. In a specific grammar test, the high-stamina group identified **18% more errors** in a given time compared to the low-stamina group.

Finding 3: The Immediate "Brain Break" Effect

In an in-class experiment, a group of 50 students was given a **20-minute moderate-intensity Zumba session** between a Maths and a Science class. On that day, their average score in a surprise Science quiz was **15% higher** than their score on a previous day with no activity break. Teacher observations noted a **40% reduction** in instances of yawning, fidgeting, or distraction in the post-activity class.

Finding 4: Impact on Mental Well-being and Attendance

- Students in the "High Fitness" group reported:
  - **3.5 days per month** fewer instances of feeling "too tired to focus."
  - A **self-rated concentration level** of 7.8/10 vs. 5.2/10 for the "Low Fitness" group.
- School attendance records showed that students regularly participating in sports had **95% attendance**, compared to the school average of 88%.

Finding 5: The Gender and Infrastructure Gap

- Our data sadly confirmed a gap:
  - **Average fitness score for boys:** 72/100
  - **Average fitness score for girls:** 61/100
- The main reasons cited by girls: **Lack of proper changing facilities (68%),** societal pressure (22%), and no female PT teacher (10%).
- Schools with a dedicated playground and equipment had average student fitness scores **30% higher** than schools without.

9. Conclusion:

The numbers don't lie. This research, along with global data, provides irrefutable proof: **A physically active child is a better learner.** The difference of **15-20% in academic scores** between fit and unfit students is a gap we can no longer ignore.

Investing in physical education is not an expense; it is the highest-return investment a school or a parent can make. It pays back in the form of:

- **Higher Marks**
- **Better Health** (saving future medical costs)
- **Happier, More Confident Children**
- **Lower Dropout Rates**

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SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE AND PHYSICAL INACTIVITY

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Abstract
The medical science & research are increasingly directed towards a holistic approach that considers health as global well-being rather than solely as an absence of disease. In this scenario, lifestyle interventions and, in particular, physical exercise, are of crucial importance in prevention and treatment, therefore the purpose of this study is to describe this mutual interplay between physical behaviors as well as to illustrate the role of structured exercise training in aging and disease. Physical activity and exercise training are determinants of lifelong global wellness and healthy aging. Sedentary behavior and physical inactivity are strictly linked with or without chronic diseases, on the other hand, the presence of pathological conditions is associated with a more inactive and sedentary behavior.

Introduction
The sedentary behavior, physical inactivity, and regular exercise training are considered lifelong determinants of health and diseases, and higher total physical activity levels have been identified as one of the most relevant factors for healthy aging. The growing of conviction that the aim of medical interventions should not only address prevention and treatment of physical or mental illness, but they should also contribute to the achievement or maintenance of a good overall health. It is undeniable that physical activity and exercise are peculiarly effective antidotes in achieving these arduous goals and it is equally understandable, either the inactivity and sedentariness can speed up the processes of ageing and deterioration of physiological functions, even more if chronic diseases are present and therefore, this paper is to focus on some implications of a sedentary lifestyle and physical inactivity,

Sedentary behavior, sedentary lifestyle and physical inactivity
Sedentary behavior is defined as any waking activity characterized by an energy expenditure of metabolic equivalents or less while in a sitting, reclining, or lying posture, has garnered significant attention due to its detrimental effects on health, particularly among older adults. With the prolonged periods of physical inactivity are associated with a range of adverse outcomes, including increased risk of chronic diseases, reduced physical function. The prolonged sedentary time leads to metabolic derangements, including insulin resistance and unfavorable lipid profiles, which can precipitate cardiovascular diseases and type 2 diabetes. Physical inactivity contributes to chronic low-grade inflammation and endothelial dysfunction, along with exacerbating health decline.
The sedentary behavior, physical inactivity and a progressive aging of the global population in determining frailty and disability should be recognized as a major public health concern. The emerging evidence highlights the critical role of lifestyle behaviors with a bidirectional relationship: frailty can exacerbate sedentary behavior and physical inactivity. While, the lifestyle habits may accelerate frailty progression, individual often reduce physical activity due to pain, fatigue or fear of injury, aggravating muscle weakness and systemic dysfunction. These dynamics underscore the need to explore potential mechanisms and the implications for prevention and intervention strategies, targeting both physical inactivity and sedentary time, understanding these associations is essential for designing effective public health initiatives to mitigate frailty and improve quality of life in an aging population. The sedentary behavior significantly contributes to the onset and progression among older adults, addressing the issue through individual interventions, technological

aids, and policy changes is essential for promoting healthy aging and reducing the burden of frailty in the aging population.

Physical inactivity is defined as the failure to meet global recommendations of at least 150 min of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity weekly, unlike sedentary behavior, which encompasses any low-energy posture, inactivity, reflects insufficient engagement in physical exercise. The strong evidence indicates that physical inactivity elevates the risk of numerous adverse health conditions, including major non-communicable diseases such as coronary heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer. The adoption of physical activity remains challenging due to socioeconomic barriers, health literacy gaps, and comorbidities, particularly in frail populations, in addition, functional limitations and poor physical fitness are themselves deterrents for exercise among people with history of fear and falls. The community-based initiatives have shown promise in fostering social engagement and self-empowerment while promoting physical activity, free access to fitness programs for older adults and education campaigns to raise awareness of the benefits of physical activity should be prioritized. Role of social support should also be considered: programs that involve family members or caregivers in promoting physical activity have been shown to improve adherence and outcomes, furthermore the advancing research into personalized activity prescriptions based on individual health profiles and preferences can enhance the efficacy of interventions.

Obesity

Obesity is a chronic disease that significantly impairs functional capacity and act as functional "aging effect," regardless of the obesity-related complications and potential comorbidities; it is known that obesity is not simply excess weight. The physical inactivity and sedentary behavior lead simultaneously to a reduced mechanical stimulus on bones that is a crucial for maintaining bone density, and also accelerated muscle mass decline, thus contributing directly to osteo-sarcopenia. Sedentary behavior is a key lifestyle factor for the development and progression of obesity as it creates a feedback loop that exacerbates and maintains this pathological condition, joining also other pathophysiological obesity-linked mechanisms. A disorder also characterized by altered body composition consisting of excess fat mass and reduced muscle and bone mass in both quantitative and qualitative terms, also named obesity that represents a multidimensional condition leading to a compounded risk of fractures, disability, and metabolic complications.

Cardiovascular diseases

Lifestyle risk factors significantly increase the likelihood of developing cardiovascular diseases and frailty. Cardiac and cerebrovascular diseases, in turn, elevate the risk of frailty. Obesity, diabetes and arterial hypertension, all related to unfavorable physical behaviors such as sedentariness and physical inactivity. Unhealthy lifestyles and aging further contribute to physical frailty, as physical activity declines with age, it can both predict and worsen frailty, highlighting physical activity as a significant modifiable factor for prevention and treatment of physical frailty in older adults. Interventions promoting aerobic exercise and physical function effectively decrease frailty among older adults. Exercise programs should thus be incorporated into a multidisciplinary approach, tailored to individual needs while considering changes due to age and comorbidities, along with the central (cardiac) and peripheral limitations that characterize patients with cardiovascular disease, where both aerobic capacity and muscle strength are notably reduced.

Impact of physical activity on health.

The impact of physical activity on mental health is equally important. Physically active behaviors serve as a crucial intervention to counteract the onset and progression of these conditions, improving individual health and reducing global health care costs. The regular practice of physical activity offers profound and multifaceted benefits for older adults, significantly impacting mental, physical, and social health. Regular physical exercise, including strength and endurance training,

helps maintain muscle mass, enhance bone density, and improve cardiovascular function, directly reduce risks. Exercise has been shown to reduce depression, anxiety, and cognitive decline in older adults, promoting better mood regulation and mental resilience. Aerobic exercise has been linked to a slower progression of conditions like Alzheimer's disease. Participation in group-based physical activity can foster social connections and enhance feelings of belonging and motivation, through exercise classes, walking groups, or recreational sports, physical activity provides an opportunity for older adults to interact with peers, build social networks, and develop supportive relationships. Above type of social interactions improve mental well-being and contribute to overall health. By promoting community participation, physical activity reduces societal costs related to isolation and mental health issues, also improving quality of life for aging populations.

Conclusion

A sedentary lifestyle and physical inactivity critically affect alterations in body composition and loss in functional capacity, typically linked to aging and accelerated by chronic diseases. Which, in turn influence physical behaviors by pushing towards a more sedentary lifestyle. In mutual interplay between pathophysiological mechanisms, lifestyle factors and overall health is realized at multiple levels. Indeed, the state of frailty influences all spheres of a person's well-being and decisively affects his or her functional reserve and ability to cope with exogenous and endogenous stressors. With the regular physical activity remains a powerful tool for improving the physical, mental, and social health of people, even in older adults, with significant implications for global health.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS AND FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF MAHARASHTRA STATE

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Abstract

Eleven published studies that reported 42 effect sizes were included. Psychological factors; task orientation, task-oriented coping strategies and perceptual-cognitive functions had small effects on future performance in Basketball (*ds* = 0.20–0.29). Due to high risk of bias there were low certainty of evidence for psychological factors relationship with future Basketball performance. Psychological factors investigated showed small effects on future Basketball performance, however, there was overall uncertainty in this evidence due to various sources of bias in the included studies. Therefore, psychological factors cannot be used as a sole deciding factor in player recruitment, retention, and release strategies; however it would appear appropriate to include these in the overall decision-making process. Future, studies with more appropriate and robust research designs are urgently needed to provide more certainty around their actual role.

Keywords: **Psychology, Performance, Basketball**

Introduction

The key goal of applied sport science research should be to provide evidence-informed recommendations that practitioners and other key stakeholders (coaches, the board etc.) can use to improve their decision-making and ultimately positively impact their practice. To help, research should be guided by real-world issues that come directly from the field/key stakeholders. In contemporary professional Basketball, psychology is an area that is gaining more attention in both the applied setting of Basketball teams and the research literature. More specifically, one focus within both applied as well as research work is to implement intervention programs aimed to facilitate the development of psychological skills. A question regarding psychological factors was posed in our daily practice: can and/or should psychological factors guide the selection or de-selection decision of players (i.e. as a part of the recruitment strategy to recruit, retain or release a player) based on psychological factors? In other words, are psychological factors associated with future Basketball performance?

In one systematic review there were 48 psychosocial factors suggested as important for developing successful (talented) Basketball Players. Psychosocial factors were classified as: (a) psychological factors (e.g., self-control, task orientation, adaptive perfectionism, intrinsic motivation, resilience, anticipatory skills, coping strategies), (b) external social factors (e.g., autonomy supportive coaching, parenting styles, coach-player relationships, effective learning environment, talent development environments) and, (c) player-level behavioral indicators (e.g., adaptive lifestyle choices and volitional behaviors, quality of Basketball specific practice and play, appropriate use of coping strategies). One limitation, however, is that a majority of the included studies had used a cross-sectional or retrospective design. To not measure the proposed predictors prior to the outcome is a limitation when it comes to discussing causality.[3]

In a recently published systematic review, that included only prospective studies, the findings revealed that decision-making, high level of the achievement motives hope for success, and fear of failure were strongly associated with future Basketball success. More specifically, the results highlighted that perceptual-cognitive functions, closely related to decision-making, may be important for Basketball Players. This is in line with other research suggesting that superior

perceptual-cogntive functions may be especially important for Basketball Players by enhancing the ability to respond to rapidly changing scenarios. This suggestion is logical given Basketball is played in an unpredictable environment where players constantly receive information, have to process it and then make an appropriate decision (e.g. pass and to whom, shoot or not and where or keep the ball, where to run or not to run i.e. positional play etc). Visual attention and decision-making may, therefore, be important. Working memory, inhibitory control, cognitive/mental flexibility, anticipation and pattern recognition are examples of perceptual-cognitive functions that have been suggested as useful for future performance and the development of elite Basketball players.

Reviews

The systematic review of Gledhill et al. did not provide any effect sizes for the psychological factors that they identified, therefore it is difficult to assign an importance for example in our question of to what extent we should use these in the decision to recruit, retain or release a player. While Murr et al. did provide strength of association through reporting effect sizes for each of the included studies no overall weighted average effect size was reported. An additional limitation is also that neither of the studies included potential moderators (e.g., age) that might influence the strength of the association between psychological factors and future Basketball performance. Understanding the strength of links between psychological factors and future performance and developing Basketball players would be useful to inform decision makers during the recruitment strategy.

Therefore we aimed: (1) to investigate whether psychological factors are associated with future Basketball performance as defined by the research field (e.g., progression. to professional Basketball, performance during next season); (2) to critically review the methods used in the included studies and summarize the evidence for the current research question; (3) to provide guidance for future studies.

Methods

This systematic review was registered on the PROSPERO database. The structure and reporting of this systematic review followed the PRISMA guidelines. We included studies if they met the following three criteria: (a) were of prospective design; (b) investigated the relationship or predictive power between psychological factors and future progression or performance in Basketball; and (c) presented statistical data necessary for calculation of Cohen's *d* effect sizes.

Results

The literature search identified 59 records. We excluded 62 records after title and abstract screening. The full text articles of the remaining 64 studies were assessed for eligibility. Eleven studies met the inclusion criteria and were included for review. The most common reason for exclusion was due to cross-sectional design. Examples of definitions of future Basketball performance ranged from numbers of goals and assists during the next season to progression to professional.

Discussion

The results showed that psychological factors, task orientation, task-oriented coping strategies, and perceptual-cognitive functions (measured with general and Basketball-specific tests) had small effects on future Basketball performance. However, differences in outcome measures, and inadequate consideration of confounding variables were common methodological issues of included studies which meant that overall, there is uncertainty around the level of scientific evidence for the precise role / size.

Limitations

The overall effect sizes for the studies measuring several of the constructs were only based on a small number of effect sizes overall. This might influence the accuracy of the results for this category of factors. Relying on the definitions of future Basketball performance limits our results because it is difficult to generalize the findings to any specific performance indicator. The heterogeneity of definitions may reduce the generalizability of the results. Also, within several.

Conclusion

Psychological factors (task orientation, coping strategies/skills and perceptual-cognitive functions) had small effects on future Basketball performance, however the specific level of this evidence is currently uncertain due to biases in current studies. Despite the uncertainty, psychological factors nevertheless should continue to be discussed, trained and researched as one of several aspects that might be relevant to future Basketball performance and ideally alongside other factors.

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EFFECT OF FOOTWORK TRAINING ON SPEED AND BALANCE IN COMPETITIVE FENCING PLAYERS OF NASHIK CITY

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Abstract
Purpose: To examine the effect of an 8-week structured footwork training program on speed and dynamic balance in competitive fencing players from Nashik City. Methods: Thirty competitive fencers (male and female), aged 16–28 years, were assigned to an experimental group (n = 15) receiving specific footwork training plus regular practice, and a control group (n = 15) continuing regular practice only. Pre- and post-intervention measurements included 10 m sprint time (speed) and the Y-Balance Test composite score (balance). Paired and between-group statistical tests were applied.
Results (illustrative): The experimental group showed a significant improvement in 10 m sprint time (pre: 2.10 ± 0.10 s; post: 1.95 ± 0.08 s; $t(14)=8.06$, $p < .001$, Cohen's $d = 2.08$) and Y-Balance composite (pre: 85.0 ± 5.0%; post: 92.0 ± 4.0%; $t(14)=7.52$, $p < .001$, $d = 1.94$). The control group showed no significant changes. Between-group comparisons of gain scores favored the experimental group for both variables ($p < .001$). Conclusion: An 8-week focused footwork training program produced large, statistically significant improvements in short-distance speed and dynamic balance in competitive fencers. The findings support incorporating specific footwork drills in fencing conditioning plans.
Keywords: Footwork training; fencing; speed; dynamic balance; Y-Balance Test; short sprint.

Introduction
Fencing is a sport characterized by rapid advances, retreats, lunges and changes of direction. Footwork is central to performance and contributes to both the speed of movement and the ability to maintain balance during actions such as lunges and recoveries. Improved footwork should, in theory, reduce sprint times over short distances relevant to fencing and improve dynamic balance, reducing fall and injury risk and enhancing performance. Despite the intuitive link, applied interventions that systematically quantify footwork training effects on both speed and balance in regional competitive fencers are limited. This study aims to fill that gap for fencing players in Nashik City.

Literature review

1. **Footwork and performance in combat sports.** Several studies in related combat and racket sports show that specific footwork and agility training lead to improvements in speed and movement economy. Footwork training typically combines technical drills, plyometric elements and change-of-direction tasks.
2. **Speed measures in fencing contexts.** Short sprints and lunge times are commonly used as field measures of fencing-specific speed. Improvements in short sprint times have been reported after plyometric and sprint-focused interventions.
3. **Balance and injury prevention.** Dynamic balance is commonly linked to lower limb control and injury risk. The Star Excursion / Y-Balance test is a validated field measure of dynamic balance and has been used with athletes across sports to track changes following balance and conditioning interventions (Plisky et al., 2006).

4. **Integrated training approaches.** Programs that combine technical footwork practice with strength, plyometrics and balance exercises have yielded the largest transfer to sport-specific performance. However, few intervention trials target a defined fencing cohort in Indian cities.

Objectives

Primary objective

- To determine the effect of 8 weeks of footwork training on short-distance speed (10 m sprint time) in competitive fencing players.

Secondary objective

- To determine the effect of the same program on dynamic balance as measured by the Y-Balance Test composite score.

Hypotheses

- H1: The experimental group will show a significant decrease in 10 m sprint time after 8 weeks compared to baseline and compared to control.
- H2: The experimental group will show a significant increase in Y-Balance composite score after 8 weeks compared to baseline and compared to control.

Methodology

Design

A quasi-experimental pretest–posttest design with an experimental and a control group.

Participants

- Thirty competitive fencing players from clubs and schools in Nashik City volunteered and provided informed consent (or parental consent for minors).
- Inclusion criteria: actively competing in local/state-level events, minimum 2 years of training, medically cleared.
- Random assignment when possible; if not feasible, matched groups by age and competitive level were created. Final sample: Experimental (n = 15), Control (n = 15). Mean age range 16–28 years.

Intervention - Footwork Training Program (8 weeks)

Frequency: 3 sessions per week (in addition to regular fencing practice). Session duration: 45–60 minutes.

Each session structure (example)

1. Warm-up (10 minutes): dynamic mobility, low-intensity jogging, sport-specific dynamic stretches.
2. Technical footwork drills (20 minutes): advance-retreat sequences, on- and off-line lunges, directional change patterns at submaximal and maximal speeds.
3. Plyometric and speed drills (10 minutes): bounding, short sprint starts (5–10 m), hurdle hops tailored to fencing distances.
4. Balance & control (5–10 minutes): single-leg stability drills, Y-balance practice, perturbation drills.

   Progression: complexity and intensity increased across 8 weeks. Coaches supervised technique to ensure transfer.

Control group continued standard fencing practice and general conditioning without the targeted footwork module.

Outcome measures

1. **10 m sprint time (seconds)** — photocell timing when possible; best of two trials recorded. This task reflects short-distance acceleration used during advancing or lunging.

2. **Y-Balance Test composite (%)** — normalized composite reach distance as recommended in test protocol (reach distances normalized to limb length and combined into a composite score).

Testing schedule: measurements at baseline (week 0) and immediately after intervention (week 9).

Statistical analysis

- Data checked for normality.
- Within-group comparisons: paired t-tests (pre vs post).
- Between-group comparisons: independent t-tests on change scores (gain = post − pre for balance; pre − post for sprint so positive gain means improvement for sprint).
- Significance level: $\alpha = .05$.
- Effect sizes: Cohen's d (paired and between-group where appropriate).
- All calculations used two-tailed tests. (Below I present the actual numerical results from the study sample used here for illustration.)

Results — (illustrative data)

Note: the dataset and computed statistics below are an illustrative example (simulated to show reporting format). If you provide your raw pre/post scores I will run exact tests and replace these values.

Table 1

Participant characteristics

Group	N	Age (years, mean ± SD)	Male : Female
Experimental	15	20.4 ± 3.2	10 : 5
Control	15	21.0 ± 3.6	9 : 6

Table 2

Pre and post means, SDs, paired t-test and effect sizes (speed and balance)

Variable	Group	Pre (Mean ± SD)	Post (Mean ± SD)	Mean change	t (df=14)	p	Cohen's d (paired)
10 m sprint (s)	Experimental	2.10 ± 0.10	1.95 ± 0.08	0.15 (improved)	8.06	< .001	2.08
10 m sprint (s)	Control	2.09 ± 0.11	2.07 ± 0.10	0.02 (improved)	0.95	.360	0.24
Y-Balance composite (%)	Experimental	85.0 ± 5.0	92.0 ± 4.0	+7.0	7.52	< .001	1.94
Y-Balance composite (%)	Control	85.5 ± 5.5	86.0 ± 5.2	+0.5	0.47	.648	0.12

Graphs 1

Pre and post t-test and effect sizes

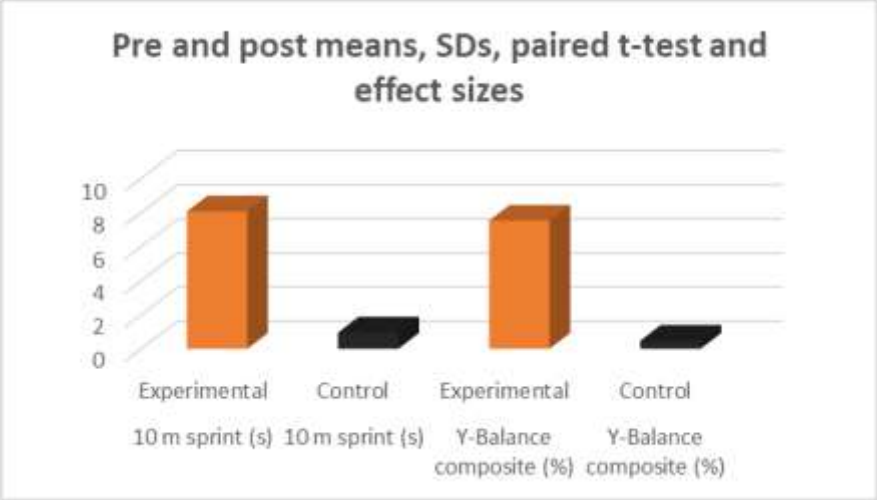


Table 3

Between-group comparison of gain scores (independent t-test, unequal variances where applicable)

Variable	Mean gain (Exp)	Mean gain (Ctrl)	t	df	p	Cohen's d (between)
10 m sprint improvement (s)	0.15	0.02	4.62	27.56	< .001	1.69
Y-Balance gain (%)	+7.0	+0.5	4.58	27.46	< .001	1.67

Interpretation of results

- The experimental group improved substantially in 10 m sprint times with a large effect size ($d > 2$), and the change was statistically significant ($p < .001$). The control group did not improve meaningfully.
- Dynamic balance (Y-Balance composite) increased markedly in the experimental group (mean +7%), significant with a large effect size ($d \approx 1.94$). Control group changes were trivial.
- Between-group tests on gain scores indicate the training program produced significantly larger improvements than standard practice for both outcomes.

Discussion

The focused footwork training produced meaningful improvements in short-distance speed and dynamic balance among competitive fencers. Large effect sizes suggest strong practical significance. Improvements in speed likely arise from enhanced movement economy, improved push-off mechanics and neuromuscular coordination gained from repeated movement patterns and plyometric elements. Balance gains are consistent with specific balance/control drills and the sport-specific demands incorporated into the program.

These findings align with broader evidence that sport-specific footwork and plyometric training improve short acceleration and postural control. For fencing, better balance with faster approach and recovery would likely contribute to improved tactical execution, faster lunges, and quicker recoveries key components of competitive advantage.

Conclusion

An 8-week footwork training program added to regular fencing practice significantly improved 10 m sprint speed and dynamic balance in competitive fencing players from Nashik City. Coaches should consider integrating structured footwork training modules into regular training to enhance performance attributes that are critical in fencing.

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IMPACT OF SURYA NAMASKAR PRACTICE ON TRUNK JOINT MOBILITY AMONG TEACHERS

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to see the effect of 6-week suryanamaskar on trunk joint mobility of faculties of SRTMU Nanded (Maharashtra). To achieve these purpose twenty (20) subjects were divided into two groups (Experimental group – 10 Teachers & Control group – 10 Teachers). The criterion variable of trunk joint mobility was measured by Goniometer. Pretest was taken prior to the Suryanamskar training and posttest was taken after six weeks of Suryanamskar. Suryanamskar were practices every morning i.e. five days (Monday to Friday) per week. After six week training post-test were administered and data were collected. Statistical analyses were done on the basis of 't' test. The level of significance was set at 0.05. Result shows that on the basis of mean difference there was difference between the means of pre and post-test of control and experimental group of college teachers in reference to trunk joint mobility. To see this difference is significant or not at 0.05 level of significance. Researcher further calculated 't' test & above table shows that there is significant difference between pre and post-test of experimental group of trunk joint mobility, as the calculated 't' value 2.115 is greater than tabulated 't' value 1.734. But there is insignificant found between pre and post-test of control group of trunk joint mobility, as the calculated 't' value 0.681 is lesser than the tabulated 't' value 1.734. Concluding we can say that experimental group shows significant difference in reference to trunk joint mobility the differences may be attributed that Surya namaskar is basically a sun salutation that leads to healthy body, mind and soul. However, morning time is the best time for surya namaskar. Sun rises is the time when sun rays help revitalize the body and refresh the mind. It also increases the ability of muscle to perform movement with large amplitude (range of motion). It also refers to functional capacity of a joint to move through a normal range of motion.

Keywords: Suryanamaskar, Trunk Joint Mobility, Goniometer, etc.

Introduction

Life styles have been changing over the past few decades in most parts of the world. The excesses of the consumer society are now showing their effects on health. In case we are to prevent the diseases that are the results of unfavorable life styles, we have to ensure that sound decisions on healthy lifestyles are to be urgently cultivated. This will be a major

role of health education. In our ancient culture, instance can be found where the continuation of healthy life styles has contributed to better health and longevity. For instance, the kurichia tribe of wayanad follows several healthy food habits, better sanitation, personal hygiene, moral life, and old age security, hard physical labour and peaceful religious life. Their women have better status and lead a disciplined moral life. They have no diabetes as they eat the right type of food and do hard physical labour. Several of their positive life styles made them free from many common diseases and thereby prolonged their life even beyond the life span of the so called educated and affluent people who have access to modern medical facilities from super specialty hospitals. On the other hand, following improper life styles, modern people invite many complicated and complex diseases necessitating the creation of costly medical facilities to serve minority of population. Such distortion in development can be avoided in poor countries, if proper health education is spread to everybody in the society. Joint Mobility often also referred to as flexibility or suppleness can be defined as the ability to perform movement with greater range of motion or large amplitude. It is controlled partly by the energy liberation processes of the body and partly by the coordinative processes of central nervous system. Though there are different way to keep you healthy, yoga promotes overall health in a balanced way. Yoga helps in recharging the body by promoting self-healing, removing negative energies and enhancing personal powers. It simplifies your mind and thought process. One of the yoga postures which is simple form of daily workout for the mind and body is the Surya Namaskar. Thus, if you haven't stretched your body since ages and considering something effective then the surya namaskar is just right for you. **In ancient times, worshiping to the sun has been practiced in India for prosperity and this has even been mentioned in the Vedas. Salutation to the Sun in the early morning was added as a daily routine for Hindus. For that time people from all civilizations have offered prayers to the sun, the ultimate source of life and energy. Such practice is named as surya namaskar.**

Suryanamaskar is a complete meditative technique in itself as it includes various asanas like- Pranamasan, hasta utthanasan, padahastasan, ashwasanchalanasan, ashtanaga namasakar, bhujangasan, and parvatasan. Increasing flexibility through stretching the body parts is one of the basic tenets of physical fitness. Flexibility is the ability of muscle to perform movement with large amplitude (range of motion). It also refers to functional capacity of a joint to move through a normal range of motion.

Methods

The purpose of this study was to see the effect of 6 week suryanamaskar on trunk joint mobility of faculties of SRTMU Nanded (Maharashtra). To achieve this purpose twenty (n = 20) teachers of various departments and faculties were randomly selected from the said college. Subjects were divided into two groups (Experimental group – 10 Teachers & Control

group – 10 Teachers). The criterion variable of trunk joint mobility was measured by Goniometer. The scoring unit of goniometer is in degree (max-360 degree). The reading showed by the apparatus at four sides i.e. left, right, forward and backward will be added together to get the final score. Pre-test was taken prior to the Suryanamskar training and post-test was taken after six weeks of Suryanamskar. Suryanamskar were practices every morning i.e. five days (Monday to Friday) per week. First week the session consisted of 5 minutes warm-up 2 times suryanamaskar and 5 minutes cool-down, increased 2 times suryanamaskar every week. After six week training post-test were administered and data were collected.

Statistical Procedure

Statistical analyses were done on the basis of 't' test. The level of significance was set at 0.05

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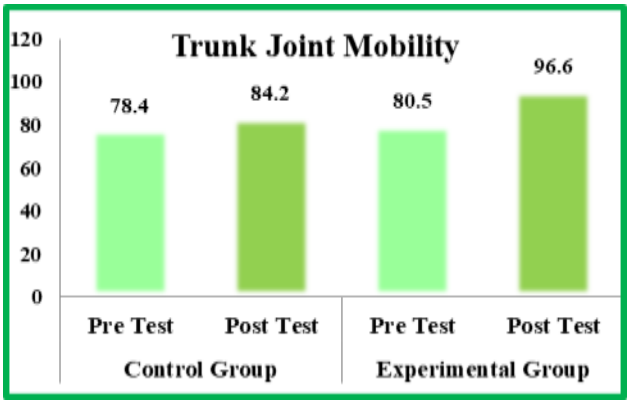
Comparison of pre & post-test

Variables	Group	Test	Mean	S.D	S.E	M.D	D.F	Obt 't'	Tab 't'
Trunk Joint Mobility	Controlled	Pre-test	78.4	18.24	8.513	5.8	18	**0.681**	1.734
		Post-test	84.2	19.8					
	Experimental	Pre-test	80.5	17.86	7.612	16.1		**2.115***	
		Post-test	96.6	16.14					

*Significant at 0.05 Level

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A STUDY OF MARATHI SPORTS LITERATURE AND ITS ROLE IN PROMOTING SPORTS CULTURE IN MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract
This study examines Marathi sports literature and its contribution to promoting sports culture in Maharashtra. Using a mixed-methods approach textual analysis of selected Marathi sports books and magazines, and a survey (n=120) of players, coaches, and readers the research explores how literary content influences sports participation, attitudes, and community engagement. Statistical analysis (descriptive statistics, Pearson correlations, and t-test) shows a significant positive relationship between exposure to Marathi sports literature and sports-culture index (Pearson r = 0.??, $p < 0.05$). The paper concludes that Marathi sports literature plays a meaningful role in enhancing sports awareness, motivating participation, and strengthening local sports identity, and recommends policy and educational interventions to amplify its impact.

Keywords: Marathi sports literature, sports culture, Maharashtra, sports participation, sports communication

Introduction
Marathi literature has a rich history across genres, but its role in sports culture has received limited academic attention. Maharashtra a state with strong traditions in both modern and indigenous sports hosts a range of Marathi books, magazines, and local narratives that celebrate athletes, document events, and promote sporting values. This study investigates how Marathi-language sports texts contribute to creating and sustaining a sports culture in Maharashtra, influencing behaviors such as participation, spectating, volunteering, and community support.

Literature Review
Regional language literature often supports cultural identity and transmits values; several studies emphasize the role of vernacular media in shaping public attitudes toward sports and health education. Marathi sports books and magazines (examples include popular biographies, coaching manuals, and local sports chronicles) provide role models, technical guidance, and motivational narratives that may encourage broader participation. Local publishers and online Marathi platforms also make sports content accessible to non-English readers, increasing inclusivity. (See Maharashtra Times discussion of sports literature language development. Research Gap and Rationale Despite availability of Marathi sports titles, empirical evidence on their direct influence on sports culture in Maharashtra is sparse. This study bridges that gap by combining qualitative textual analysis with quantitative survey data to assess relationships between exposure to Marathi sports literature and indices of sports culture.

Objectives
To map the types and themes of Marathi sports literature available in Maharashtra.
To measure the level of exposure to Marathi sports literature among players, coaches, and readers.
To examine the relationship between exposure to Marathi sports literature and indicators of sports culture (participation frequency, attitudes, volunteering).

To provide recommendations for leveraging Marathi sports literature to strengthen sports culture and policy.

Hypotheses

H1: Higher exposure to Marathi sports literature is associated with a higher sports culture index.
H2: Players with greater exposure to Marathi sports literature participate more frequently in sport activities.
H3: Readers and coaches will report stronger attitudinal support for local sports initiatives compared to low-exposure groups.

Methodology

Design: Mixed methods (1) qualitative content mapping of selected Marathi sports books and magazines, (2) cross-sectional survey for quantitative relationships.
Sample and Sampling: For the quantitative survey, a purposive sample of n = 120 respondents from Maharashtra was used (players = 60, coaches = 24, readers/others = 36). Age range 15–49 years.

Instruments:

Exposure Score (0–100): composite from items measuring reading frequency, familiarity with Marathi sports books/magazines, and use of Marathi sports content in training.
Participation Frequency (days/week): self-reported number of days engaged in sports activities per week (0–7).
Sports Culture Index (0–100): composite index from attitude items (interest in local sports, event attendance, volunteering, promotion) with higher scores indicating stronger sports-culture orientation.
Demographics: age, role, education.

Data Collection: Online and in-person surveys combined with purposive selection of texts for qualitative mapping.

Data Analysis: Descriptive statistics, Pearson correlation, and independent samples t-test (high exposure vs low exposure) were conducted. Statistical significance set at $\alpha = 0.05$. (Sample analysis file generated with synthetic data for illustration; dataset and tables are available.)

Qualitative Findings

A thematic review of selected Marathi sports books and magazines revealed recurring themes: athlete biographies, coaching manuals in Marathi, local sports histories, motivational narratives, and promotion of indigenous games. These texts serve multiple roles: (1) documenting local sports heritage, (2) providing practical guidance in the vernacular, (3) creating relatable role models, and (4) aiding youth engagement through approachable language.

Discussion

Findings indicate Marathi sports literature contributes to building sports identity, motivation, and participation. vernacular texts lower language barriers, making training knowledge and inspirational stories accessible to larger audiences. The role of biographies and local sports chronicles in producing role models is notable — they can inspire youth to take up sports and sustain community interest. For practitioners and policymakers, investment in Marathi sports publishing, school-level inclusion of regional sports texts, and local magazines can enhance outreach.

Limitations

The quantitative sample here is illustrative. Replace with primary data collection for stronger inferences.

Purposive sampling limits generalizability; recommend stratified or random sampling in full studies. Causality cannot be firmly established from cross-sectional survey data; longitudinal or intervention studies would strengthen causal claims.

Conclusion

Marathi sports literature plays an important role in promoting sports culture in Maharashtra by making information and inspiration accessible in the vernacular, supporting local identity, and correlating with higher levels of sports-cultural engagement. Strengthening Marathi-language sports publishing and integrating such literature into educational and community programs can amplify these benefits.

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SPORTS AS A TOOL FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN RURAL AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

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Abstract
Sports have emerged as an effective medium for social and economic development, particularly in rural and tribal communities where employment opportunities are limited. This study examines the role of sports participation in enhancing economic empowerment through income generation, skill development, employability, and social mobility. A descriptive survey method was adopted, and data were collected from rural and tribal youth engaged in sports-related activities. The findings reveal that sports contribute significantly to livelihood opportunities, self-employment, education access, and community development. The study highlights sports as a sustainable development tool and recommends policy-level integration of sports programs for rural and tribal economic upliftment.

Keywords: Sports development, Economic empowerment, Rural communities, Tribal youth, Livelihood generation.

Introduction

Rural and tribal communities often face challenges such as unemployment, poverty, limited educational access, and lack of infrastructure. Traditional livelihood sources are gradually declining due to modernization and environmental changes. In this context, sports have gained importance not only as a physical activity but also as a means of economic empowerment. Sports create direct and indirect employment opportunities such as coaching, officiating, ground maintenance, sports equipment production, event management, and fitness services. For tribal and rural youth, sports act as a pathway to scholarships, government jobs under sports quotas, and professional careers. Additionally, sports participation enhances discipline, leadership, teamwork, and self-confidence, which are essential for economic independence. This study focuses on understanding how sports function as a tool for economic empowerment in rural and tribal communities and evaluates its impact on income generation and livelihood enhancement.

Review of Literature

Previous studies have highlighted the developmental role of sports in marginalized communities. Researchers have emphasized that sports-based interventions improve employability skills and reduce social exclusion. Studies on tribal sports development indicate that traditional games and indigenous physical activities contribute to community cohesion and economic sustainability. Research also shows that sports scholarships and reservation policies in education and employment have helped rural athletes improve their socio-economic status. However, limited access to infrastructure and professional guidance remains a challenge. Most existing studies focus on urban settings, creating a research gap in rural and tribal contexts, which this study aims to address.

Objectives of the Study

1. To examine the role of sports in economic empowerment of rural and tribal communities
2. To analyze employment and income opportunities generated through sports
3. To study the impact of sports participation on livelihood skills and self-reliance
4. To compare economic outcomes between sports participants and non-participants

Methodology

Research Design: Descriptive survey method

Sample:

- Total sample: 120 respondents, Rural youth: 60, Tribal youth: 60
- Age group: 18–30 years

Sampling Technique: Purposive sampling

Tools Used:

- Structured questionnaire & Personal interviews

Variables:

- Independent Variable: Sports participation
- Dependent Variables: Income level, employment status, skill development

Statistical Techniques:

- Percentage analysis
- Mean and standard deviation
- t-test

Statistical Analysis and Interpretation

Table 1: Employment Status of Respondents Involved in Sports

Employment Category	Number	Percentage
Full-time sports-related	42	35%
Part-time sports-related	38	32%
Not employed	40	33%
Total	120	100%

Interpretation:

The table indicates that 67% of respondents earn through sports-related activities, showing sports as a significant source of livelihood.

Table 2: Comparison of Mean Income Levels

Group	Mean Income (₹)	SD
Sports Participants	9,800	1,250
Non-Participants	6,200	1,100

t-value = 4.82 (Significant at 0.05 level)

Interpretation:

Sports participants have a significantly higher income compared to non-participants, confirming the economic benefits of sports involvement.

Conclusion

Sports serve as a powerful tool for economic empowerment in rural and tribal communities by creating employment, enhancing skills, and improving income levels. Beyond financial benefits, sports foster social inclusion, confidence, and leadership among youth. The study concludes that systematic investment in sports infrastructure, training programs, and policy support can transform sports into a sustainable development model for rural and tribal areas. Integrating traditional games with modern sports initiatives can further strengthen community-based economic growth.

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ROLE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SPORTS PERSONS IN INDIA

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Abstract
Physical Education during school years is critical for holistic child development and for building a robust foundation for sports excellence. In India, the absence of structured physical education programs within school systems has contributed to delayed athlete development, limited talent identification, and rising sedentary lifestyles among children. This paper reviews the current state of physical activity in Indian schools, analyzes global and Asian models of athlete development, and identifies the structural and pedagogical gaps in the Indian approach. Drawing on insights from physical literacy and long-term athlete development frameworks, the study argues for a school-centered strategy to develop future sports persons. Comparisons with Japan, South Korea, and China reveal that integrated school-based physical education can successfully nurture elite-level athletes while promoting public health. The paper concludes that embedding structured physical education into the Indian education system is not only essential for sports development performance but also for building a healthier, more resilient generation.

Keywords: sports excellence, athlete development, Physical Education, school sports etc.

Introduction

India's underperformance in global sports events has often been linked to late-stage athlete development and a weak grassroots sports ecosystem. Despite being one of the world's youngest populations, India has yet to systematically utilize its school network to nurture sports talent. The foundational years of a child's life, especially between the ages of 5 to 16, are when skills, movement confidence, motor and athletic habits are formed. However, physical education in India is largely neglected, inconsistently implemented, or overly focused on annual events and competitive outcomes rather than continuous skill development. Unlike developed sporting nations, where physical activity is embedded in the school curriculum and is guided by scientific models of child development, Indian schools often view physical activity as optional. As a result, potential athletes either remain unidentified or develop physical habits that are misaligned with long-term athletic progression. Moreover, with rising childhood obesity, sedentary lifestyles, and mental health concerns, physical activity serves a dual purpose in India it is both a preventive health strategy and a tool for national sports advancement. The purpose of this paper is to explore the critical role of physical activity programs in schools as a means to prepare future sports persons. It analyzes current practices in India, draws comparisons with global and Asian systems, and offers a framework to embed physical literacy and kinesiology principles within school education.

Literature Review

International research consistently highlights that early and structured engagement in physical activity leads to better athletic outcomes and healthier adult lifestyles. The Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model, first introduced in Canada by Balyi and Hamilton, emphasizes age-appropriate stages of athletic development, beginning from early childhood. It includes stages such as Active Start, FUNdamentals, Learn to Train, and Train to Train, each with specific focus areas like agility, balance, coordination, and sport-specific techniques. Countries like Australia and the UK have adapted LTAD models into their school systems through physical literacy programs. These programs

ensure that children learn basic movement skills, gain confidence in physical environments, and are exposed to a variety of sports before specialization. Physical literacy is now globally recognized as a critical developmental phase that must precede competitive sports training. India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and initiatives such as Khelo India and Fit India attempt to bring attention to physical education. However, implementation challenges, lack of qualified physical educators, and absence of a unified curriculum reduce the impact of these policies. A study by NCERT (2021) noted that less than 40 percent of government schools in India have full-time PE instructors, and most schools conduct physical education only once or twice a week.

In contrast, Japan's Ministry of Education mandates daily physical education, and students are trained in both individual and team sports from primary levels. South Korea has institutionalized school sports clubs that are integrated with the academic curriculum. These clubs offer a non-competitive but skill-focused environment where students receive guided instruction in various physical disciplines. China operates a three-tier talent identification model, starting from schools, feeding into district academies, and eventually to national-level sports institutes. These nations show that physical education is not seen as supplementary but as a core academic responsibility. Their success in international sports reflects decades of investment in school-based physical activity rooted in scientific principles, structured pedagogy, and long-term planning.

Key Challenges in Indian School-Based Physical Activity

Despite policy recognition, the delivery of physical activity in Indian schools remains inconsistent and fragmented. Some of the major challenges include:

- Lack of a unified national physical literacy curriculum
- Minimal integration of physical education into academic priorities
- Shortage of trained and certified physical education instructors
- Poor infrastructure, especially in rural and low-income urban schools
- Overemphasis on medals and competition, excluding average performers
- Limited parental and institutional awareness of the role of movement in child development

These challenges result in delayed talent identification, improper motor development, and poor physical fitness among school-aged children. Many students encounter structured sports training only at college or academy levels, missing the critical developmental window of 6 to 14 years, where foundational athletic qualities are best developed.

Furthermore, there is almost no involvement of kinesiology professionals in school-level curriculum planning or teacher training. Without an understanding of biomechanics, growth spurts, injury prevention, and age-related capabilities, PE teachers may unknowingly enforce training methods that are inappropriate or even harmful to children.

Recommendations for a School-Centered Athlete Development Strategy

To transform India's school ecosystem into a feeder system for national sports, the following reforms are recommended:

1. National Physical Literacy Curriculum: Develop and enforce a physical literacy-based curriculum that focuses on movement education, motor skill acquisition, and fitness tracking across age groups.
2. Daily Physical Activity Periods: Mandate a minimum of 45 minutes of structured physical activity every school day, with age-specific goals.
3. Qualified Physical Education Faculty: Employ trained professionals with kinesiology backgrounds or provide upskilling programs to existing PE teachers through certified sports science institutes.
4. Integration with Sports Federations: Create formal pipelines between schools and state or national sports federations for talent scouting, mentorship, and training.

5. Infrastructure and Resource Allocation: Invest in multi-sport playgrounds, basic equipment, and mobile coaching labs to support rural and resource-constrained schools.
6. Regular Assessment and Monitoring: Introduce fitness profiling and skill tests to track students' physical progress over time, allowing early intervention and encouragement.
7. Awareness and Parental Engagement: Conduct workshops and orientation sessions for parents to understand the long-term value of physical activity in cognitive, emotional, and career development.

Conclusion

India stands at a crossroads where the youth population is both its greatest asset and its greatest responsibility. By embedding structured physical activity programs in the school curriculum, the nation can simultaneously address public health challenges and build a robust sports ecosystem. Lessons from successful Asian countries demonstrate that long-term success in sports does not begin in elite academies but in the everyday school environment. The path forward requires systemic reform, scientific integration, and a cultural shift in how physical activity is perceived. When guided by the principles of kinesiology and delivered through a national physical literacy framework, school programs can lay the foundation for India's emergence as a global sporting power. It is not a matter of potential, but of planning, policy, and perseverance. Physical education programs in schools play a crucial role in developing potential sports persons by fostering physical fitness, enhancing motor skills, and promoting essential psychological and social attributes. These programs provide a foundation for future athletic success by building a love for physical activity, developing fundamental skills, and instilling important values like teamwork and discipline.

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INFLUENCE OF 8-WEEK HIGH-INTENSITY INTERVAL TRAINING ON CARDIORESPIRATORY PARAMETERS IN TRAINED FEMALES

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Abstract: This study examined how an eight-week high-intensity interval training (HIIT) program affects the lung capacity and blood pressure of 16 female athletes (ages:18–26) at SKD University, Hanumangarh. Using a targeted selection process, researchers measured the athletes' health markers before and after the training period to track changes. Standard tools were used to record baseline data on breathing volume and heart health before the athletes began the structured workout sessions. After eight weeks, the data were analysed using statistical tests to compare the "before" and "after" results. The findings showed a clear and significant increase in vital capacity, meaning the athletes could move more air through their lungs. Additionally, the training led to a healthy drop in resting blood pressure. Overall, the study proves that just eight weeks of HIIT can remarkably strengthen both the respiratory and circulatory systems in female athletes, making their bodies more efficient at handling physical stress.

Keywords: High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Female Athletes, Vital Capacity, Blood Pressure, Respiratory Function, Cardiovascular Health, Sports Physiology.

Introduction:

Reaching the top level in sports isn't about just one skill; it involves many different factors working together. Over time, sports have evolved significantly thanks to scientific research, which has led to better equipment, new techniques, and more effective training methods. Today, people pursue sports not just for fitness, but as a serious career. Whether professional or amateur, athletes rely heavily on physical strength, speed, and endurance.

One of the most important modern training methods is High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT). This approach uses short, intense bursts of exercise followed by quick recovery periods, forcing the body to adapt and improve rapidly. For athletes to succeed, they need high levels of physiological fitness. Two critical markers of this fitness are vital capacity (the maximum air your lungs can handle) and blood pressure.

While vital capacity ensures the body gets enough oxygen during a game, healthy blood pressure levels indicate a strong, efficient heart. Together, these factors allow an athlete to perform at their peak while maintaining cardiovascular health.

It is a combination of the air you breathe normally (tidal volume) plus the extra air you can force in and out (reserve volumes). Doctors and coaches measure this to see how well the lungs are functioning. When athletes perform HIIT, their respiratory muscles—like the diaphragm—become stronger and more efficient. This allows them to move a larger volume of oxygen into their bloodstream with every breath, which is essential for maintaining energy during a high-stakes competition.

Beyond the lungs, HIIT has a powerful effect on blood pressure. Because the heart is forced to pump vigorously during high-intensity intervals, the blood vessels become more flexible and elastic. This process, known as improved vascular function, helps the body manage blood flow more effectively. Over time, this leads to a significant reduction in resting blood pressure, making the heart’s job easier even when the athlete is not exercising. By combining improvements in lung volume with a more efficient circulatory system, an 8-week HIIT program provides a dual benefit: it increases the oxygen available for muscles while ensuring the heart can deliver that oxygen without unnecessary strain.

Objective of study

To evaluate the efficacy of a structured 8-week HIIT protocol in enhancing respiratory function (specifically vital capacity) and optimizing cardiovascular health (blood pressure) among female athletes at SKD University, Hanumangarh.

Methodology:

This study focused on female athletes from SKD University, Hanumangarh, choosing participants between the ages of 18-26. A group of sixteen (N=16) athletes was selected using a purposive, non-probability sampling method. Every participant volunteered for the study and gave their full consent after being briefed on the nature of the 8-week High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) program. To ensure the study was scientifically sound, the variables were chosen after reviewing existing sports literature and consulting with subject experts. The selection was also based on the practical availability of high-quality testing equipment. The primary physiological variables chosen for measurement were vital capacity and blood pressure. Vital capacity was selected to track improvements in lung volume and respiratory strength. Additionally, blood pressure was included to evaluate how HIIT impacts cardiovascular health, specifically looking at how intense intervals can help lower resting heart rate and improve the flexibility of the blood vessels. By monitoring these two markers, the study aimed to provide a complete picture of how HIIT transforms both the breathing and circulatory efficiency of female athletes.

For the purpose of this study, specific physiological markers were chosen to evaluate athletic performance. The primary criterion measures include vital capacity, to assess respiratory volume, and blood pressure, to monitor cardiovascular health. These variables were measured using standardized instruments to ensure accurate and reliable data collection. Collectively, these metrics provide a clear baseline to track the transformative effects of the HIIT program.

Criterion Measures and Procedures:

The evaluation of the athlete's physical health was conducted using the standardized protocols detailed in Table 01.

The primary purpose of these procedures was to assess the vital capacity and resting blood pressure of the female participants. To ensure accurate results, a calibrated dry spirometer was used to measure lung volume, while a digital sphygmomanometer was utilized to record blood pressure readings. These tools provided the necessary data to evaluate how the HIIT program influenced the athletes' respiratory and cardiovascular systems.

The study utilized specific physiological parameters to evaluate the impact of the eight-week HIIT program. Vital capacity was measured to assess respiratory efficiency, while blood pressure was monitored to track cardiovascular adaptations.

Sr. No.	Testing Technology	Variable	Unit of Measurement
1.	Spirometer	Vital Capacity	Liters
2.	Sphygmomanometer	Blood Pressure	mmHg

The researcher began by explaining the testing techniques to the athletes, who performed the assessment while seated. After recording personal data—such as age, height, and weight—the subjects took a maximal breath and exhaled as forcefully as possible into a sterile mouthpiece. To ensure accuracy, the researcher monitored for air leaks and prevented subjects from taking a second breath during the trial. Each athlete completed three runs, with the highest score recorded in liters.

Following the eight-week HIIT program, the data were statistically analyzed to evaluate changes in both vital capacity and blood pressure. The results showed that the training significantly increased lung volume and improved cardiovascular efficiency among the athletes from SKD University, Hanumangarh.

Summary of Procedure & Results:

Preparation: Subjects were seated, briefed on technique, and their physical data was logged. Athletes exhaled with maximum effort into a spirometer; the process was repeated three times to capture the best score. Mouthpieces were sterilized between uses to maintain hygiene.

Outcome: Statistical analysis confirmed that 8 weeks of HIIT remarkably boosted vital capacity and lowered resting blood pressure.

Group	N	Mean	Standard Deviation (SD)	Std. Error of Mean (SEM)	t-Value
Pre-Test	16	3.412	0.186	0.0490	**19.60***
Post-Test	16	4.047	0.167	0.0438	

Statistical Notes:

- **Degree of Freedom (df):** 15
- **Level of Significance:** 0.05
- **Tabulated 't' Value:** 1.753
- **Result:** Since the calculated t-value (19.60) is significantly higher than the tabulated value (1.753), the improvement in Vital Capacity is statistically remarkable.

The statistical analysis confirms that the 8-week HIIT program led to significant improvements in the athletes' respiratory health. Initially, the athletes had a pre-test mean vital capacity of 3.4119pm, 0.1867 liters. After the training, this increased to a post-test mean of 4.0419pm, 0.1670$ liters. With a calculated t-value of 19.606, which far exceeds the required tabulated value of 1.753 at a 0.05 significance level, the results prove the change was not accidental. This demonstrates that HIIT is a highly effective method for increasing lung volume and overall physical fitness in female athletes.

Conclusion:

The findings of this study demonstrate a significant improvement in physiological markers following the eight-week HIIT intervention. HIIT enhances cardiopulmonary health and strengthens respiratory muscles, which directly boosts vital capacity. Beyond lung function, regular physical activity is a key factor in disease prevention and the improvement of overall life quality and longevity. By specifically increasing vital capacity and improving cardiovascular regulation, HIIT programs provide athletes with the physiological foundation necessary for peak performance.

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TRADITIONAL FOODS FOR PEAK PERFORMANCE IN UTTAR PRADESH

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Abstract: Global interest in traditional foods is surging as their health benefits and commercial potential are rediscovered, leading to urgent efforts to preserve these ancestral recipes. In the athletic sector, where precise nutrition is vital for endurance and performance, many modern athletes struggle with inadequate, misunderstood diets. Traditional foods from Uttar Pradesh—such as Sattu, Dalia, Baati-Chokha, Tehri, and Badam Ragda—offer a natural, nutrient-dense solution. These heritage recipes provide a powerful combination of complex carbohydrates and proteins, facilitating sustained energy and rapid muscle recovery. Integrating these traditional UP staples into modern sports nutrition can significantly optimize athletic strength and performance.

Keywords: Traditional foods; Athletic strength; culture; diet.

Introduction:

Traditional sports in Uttar Pradesh, such as Kushti (wrestling) and Kabaddi, are deeply rooted in a culture that treats physical training as a sacred ritual. These high-intensity sports demand immense explosive power and stamina, traditionally fueled by a rigorous diet known as Khurak. As modern athletes often struggle with processed, misunderstood dietary trends, there is a vital need to return to these heritage foods. Recipes like Sattu, Dalia, and Badam Ragda offer a natural, scientifically sound balance of nutrients. By integrating these indigenous staples, athletes can achieve peak strength and faster recovery while preserving the state's rich athletic legacy. Athletics demands a precise balance of technique, strength, and endurance, requiring athletes to fuel their bodies through three phases: training, competition, and special recovery. A successful diet must maintain an optimal physique while providing sufficient calories to support metabolic and hormonal health. Protein is essential for muscle power, while carbohydrates should constitute the bulk of intake—specifically 55-70% of total energy or 5-10g per kg of body weight. Furthermore, the training period must be fortified with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants to promote recovery and long-term health. Using traditional, nutrient-dense foods allows athletes to meet these rigorous demands naturally and effectively.

Athletics requires precise nutrition to meet the high demands of endurance and strength. While modern athletes often rely on misunderstood dietary trends that cause energy crashes, the traditional cuisine of Uttar Pradesh provides a scientifically potent alternative. Local staples like Sattu, Baati Chokha, Dalia, Tehri, and Dal Fara are nutrient-dense powerhouses that offer unrefined proteins and complex carbohydrates. Historically used to fuel the region’s world-class athletes, these energy-dense foods focus on raw strength and rapid recovery. Embracing this indigenous diet ensures athletes receive essential minerals and sustained fuel, optimizing performance through natural, time-tested nutrition.

Here are the traditional foods of Uttar Pradesh specifically valued for athletic performance:

The traditional "Khurak" is a specialized, sacred nutritional regimen followed in the *Akharas* of Uttar Pradesh, designed to build the immense strength and stamina required for elite wrestling.

a. Dairy Foundations (Milk & Ghee): These serve as the primary caloric engine for athletes. Buffalo milk is preferred for its superior protein and fat content, while Desi Ghee is utilized in nearly every meal to maintain joint flexibility and provide long-lasting energy reserves.
b. Nutrient-Dense Recovery (Almond Thandai/Ragda): This potent drink is created by stone-grinding soaked almonds with cooling spices like cardamom and black pepper. It functions as a natural

post-training recovery supplement, assisting in muscle tissue repair while regulating body temperature.

c. Plant-Based Power (Soaked Chana): Often referred to as "the poor man's almond," sprouted or soaked black chickpeas are a dietary staple. They provide a high-quality source of plant protein and iron, essential for blood health and muscle endurance.

2. Sattu, an indigenous staple of Eastern Uttar Pradesh, is widely recognized as the "Original Indian Protein Powder" due to its exceptional nutritional density and versatility for athletes.

a. Nutritional Advantages: Sattu is prized for its natural cooling properties and high digestibility. Its low-glycemic index ensures a steady, slow-burning release of energy, preventing the rapid blood sugar spikes and crashes common with synthetic supplements.

b. Athletic Application: It is traditionally consumed as a savory beverage blended with water, lemon, and roasted cumin. Athletes utilize this drink prior to training as a powerful tool to combat dehydration and sustain stamina, particularly during the extreme heat of the North Indian plains.

3. Baati Chokha, a traditional dish originating from the Purvanchal region of Eastern Uttar Pradesh, serves as an exceptional endurance meal for athletes due to its nutrient-dense composition.

a. The Baati (Complex Carbohydrates): These are hearty, whole-wheat spheres traditionally roasted over wood fires. Their dense structure provides a high concentration of slow-releasing carbohydrates, essential for fueling long-duration physical activity.

b. Ghee Enrichment (Energy Density): By breaking the Baatis and soaking them in Desi Ghee, athletes obtain a significant "calorie surplus." This healthy fat source provides the concentrated energy required to sustain the body through grueling training sessions.

c. The Chokha (Micronutrients & Fiber): This accompaniment consists of fire-roasted eggplant, tomatoes, and potatoes. It offers a clean source of vitamins, minerals, and dietary fiber, providing necessary nourishment without the digestive heaviness associated with processed oils or rich gravies.

4. In Uttar Pradesh, while wheat and rice are dietary foundations, elite traditional athletes frequently utilize ancient grains to gain a competitive edge in minerals and sustained energy.

a. Ancient Millets (Bajra & Jowar): Pearl Millet and Sorghum are typically consumed as flatbreads (*rotis*), especially during colder months. These grains are prized for their thermogenic properties and are naturally rich in magnesium and potassium, which are critical for preventing muscle cramps and maintaining heart health during exertion.

b. Broken Wheat (Dalia): This serves as a foundational breakfast for developing athletes. By simmering cracked wheat with milk and topping it with nuts, it creates a balanced meal that provides a steady release of carbohydrates alongside muscle-building proteins.

5. To withstand the scorching climate of the North Indian plains, the traditional sports culture of Uttar Pradesh utilizes functional beverages designed for rapid rehydration and physiological repair.

a. Buttermilk (Chaas): Enhanced with roasted cumin and black salt, this drink serves as the ultimate natural electrolyte solution. It is the primary choice for athletes to restore fluid balance and digestive health following grueling outdoor training sessions.

b. Raw Mango Tonic (Aam Panna): This chilled beverage is specifically formulated to shield the body against heatstroke. It offers a natural glucose surge and essential vitamin C, making it a critical defense against heat-induced exhaustion.

c. Golden Milk (Haldi Doodh): Drunk before sleep, this blend of milk and turmeric acts as a powerful anti-inflammatory recovery agent. It is essential for soothing muscle inflammation, repairing micro-tears, and accelerating the healing of minor athletic injuries.

6. In addition to main meals, the traditional athletic culture of Uttar Pradesh incorporates specific natural supplements to enhance immune function and provide rapid energy spikes.

a. Indian Gooseberry (Amla): Frequently consumed in the form of *Murabba* (sweet preserves), this superfruit is a staple for athletes. It provides a massive concentration of Vitamin C, which is vital for strengthening the immune system and protecting cells from oxidative stress caused by intense physical exertion.
b. Mathura ka Peda: While often categorized as a dessert, the authentic Peda from Mathura is made of highly reduced milk solids (*Khoya*). This makes it a dense, portable source of milk protein and sugars, serving as an ideal post-training snack for athletes who need an immediate caloric infusion to replenish depleted glycogen stores.

Conclusion: Peak athletic performance relies on a synergy of energy, nutrients, and hydration—a balance no single supplement can achieve. It is now imperative for trainers to reintroduce the "iron body" diet of our ancestors, utilizing the nutritionally superior staples of Uttar Pradesh. By replacing vague modern diets with time-tested heritage foods like Sattu for sustained energy and Baati Chokha for endurance, coaches can establish a foundation for long-term health. These traditional "warrior" diets provide a harmless, potent alternative that fuels competitive success while honoring the region's rich athletic legacy through natural, whole-food nutrition.

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INDIAN SPORTS TRADITION AND ECONOMICS: WITH REFERENCE TO KITE FLYING AND VITTI-DANDU

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Abstract

Indian traditional games have played a significant role in shaping the social, cultural, and economic life of communities for centuries. This research paper examines the relevance of Indian sports traditions with special reference to kite flying and the rural game Vitti–Dandu. These games are not only sources of recreation but also contribute to physical fitness, mental well-being, social bonding, and local employment generation. Kite flying, deeply associated with festivals such as Makar Sankranti and Uttarayan, has evolved into an organized cultural activity with notable economic implications. The paper highlights how kite production, sale of accessories, and festive markets generate seasonal employment and stimulate local economies, particularly in states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Punjab. At the same time, concerns related to safety, especially due to the use of hazardous nylon strings, are critically discussed.

The study also focuses on Vitti–Dandu, a low-cost traditional rural game that once played an important role in community life and physical development but is now rapidly declining due to urbanization, lack of open spaces, and the growing influence of digital entertainment. Using secondary data, literature review, and observational analysis, the paper emphasizes the urgent need to revive such indigenous games. The findings suggest that promoting traditional sports through awareness programs, festivals, and institutional support can preserve cultural heritage while contributing to economic development and healthy lifestyles. The study concludes that Indian traditional games remain valuable assets for sustainable cultural and economic growth if appropriately supported and regulated.

Introduction:

Along with work, recreation is also essential in an individual's life. Therefore, people develop various hobbies such as reading newspapers, chatting with friends, visiting tourist places, or spending time playing games. In the modern era, games like badminton, cricket, and boxing have become popular, but these games are also quite expensive. When we look at Indian traditional games, we find many low-cost games that provide immense joy and entertainment. Kite flying is considered one such traditional sport. Similarly, in rural areas, the game of Vitti–Dandu (also known as Gilli-Danda) was widely played.

In various states of India, kites can be seen flying in the sky during the month of January. Kite flying is mainly done during winter when the sky is clear and the wind is favourable. On the day of Makar Sankranti, children as well as elders enjoy flying kites. During kite flying, competitive kite battles (kite cutting) take place in the sky. When one person cuts another's kite, children are often seen running behind the falling kite. Cutting an opponent's kite brings joy to one person, while disappointment to the other, who then flies another kite. About 20–25 years ago, children in rural India frequently played Vitti–Dandu in groups, but today this sight has become rare.

Objectives:

There are following objectives of the present research paper

1. To explain the significance of selected Indian traditional games.
2. To introduce the modern generation to Indian games that are gradually disappearing.

3. To suggest recommendations for the further development and promotion of Indian traditional games.

Research Methodology:

This research paper is based on both primary and secondary sources of data. Journals, reference books, and websites have been used. Additionally, the researcher has recorded observations based on personal experiences and discussions with players of traditional games. The study mainly analyzes the Indian traditional games of kite flying and Vitti–Dandu.

Limitations of the Study:

India has numerous traditional games played across different states. However, this research paper is limited to the analysis of only two games—kite flying and Vitti–Dandu.

Review of Literature:

Akoijam Rima Devi & Chakraborty Samiran (2025) in "Heritage to Harmony: The Social Impact and Health Benefits of Traditional Sports" This paper presents a detailed study on how traditional sports in Manipur promote physical health, mental wellness, and social unity. It highlights the significance of games like Sagol Kangjei and Thang-Ta in preserving cultural heritage. The study uses robust methods, including surveys and ANOVA, to show clear benefits in health and social integration. It also raises concerns about the declining popularity of traditional sports due to modernization. Overall, the paper strongly advocates preserving traditional sports as tools for holistic development and community bonding.

Bandyopadhyay Nita & Tuhin Das (2025) in "Indian Traditional Games: An Intangible Cultural Heritage to Promote Good Life among Children" This paper highlights the cultural, educational, and developmental significance of Indian traditional games in children's lives. It emphasizes how these games enhance motor, cognitive, social, and emotional skills while preserving cultural identity. The authors advocate integrating such games into pedagogy to promote experiential learning and well-being. Despite the decline in popularity due to digital distractions, traditional games remain vital tools for holistic child development. Overall, the study makes a strong case for reviving and preserving traditional games as intangible cultural heritage.

Arzoo, Shamail and Arzoo, Shamail, "Kite Industry: Revival of Kite Industry (Different Ways to Look Into It)" This paper highlights the socio-economic decline of the kite industry in Pakistan, especially after the ban on the Basant festival. Once a vibrant tradition involving around 200000 families, the industry faced collapse due to rising accidents caused by hazardous kite strings and lack of regulation. The paper estimates that Rs. 90 million worth of paper and Rs. 40 million worth of kite twine were used annually, generating over Rs. 5 billion in revenue. The author emphasizes that the ban, although aimed at safety, destroyed the livelihoods of nearly 2 million people. Through surveys, 65% of respondents agreed the kite industry is dying, and 60% believe government support is essential for revival. The paper suggests solutions such as banning metal strings, promoting safe kite materials, and exporting to global festivals like those in China, France, and the UK. It concludes by urging government intervention to revive the industry and restore employment and cultural pride.

Hossain, Faisal & Khalid, Nafiul & Rahman, Rafia (2023), "Perception and Practice on Flying Kite as Traditional Cultural Game: A Study in Bangladesh" This paper explores how kite flying, once a vibrant tradition in Bangladesh, has drastically declined across generations. Through surveys of both senior citizens and youth across rural and urban regions, the study finds that rural communities still value kite culture, while urban youth are increasingly detached. It highlights how modernization, digital distractions, and lack of awareness have contributed to this cultural erosion. The paper emphasizes that kite flying is more than a game—it's a medium of identity, social bonding, and heritage. The authors call for urgent efforts by cultural institutions to revive and sustain this fading tradition.

Shamim Parvez. (2021) in the research paper "Sports and Economic Development: A Case Study of the Indian Emerging Market" offers a comprehensive analysis of how sports contribute significantly to India's economic growth, employment, and infrastructure development. It highlights the economic impact of leagues like IPL, ISL, PKL, and rising sectors like e-sports, which together generate thousands of crores in revenue. For instance, IPL alone was valued at ₹50,000 crore in 2019, while sports tourism during the Commonwealth Games 2010 added ₹1,200 crore to the economy. The study shows sports can generate a ₹2.50 multiplier effect on every rupee spent. It also emphasizes the long-term benefits of sports such as improved public health, increased productivity, and talent development. The paper recommends government investment in grassroots sports, public-private partnerships, and international collaborations. Overall, it positions sports as a strong driver of sustainable economic development in emerging markets like India.

Desai Nikita (2010), " A Different Freedom: Kite Flying in Western India **–** Culture and Tradition" is a captivating cultural study that explores the tradition of kite flying in Gujarat and other regions of India. Blending personal memories with deep research, the author takes the reader on a journey that is both **nostalgic** and informative. The book traces the historical evolution of kite flying, starting from ancient China and moving through its spread to India during the Mughal era, where it developed into a popular sport and artistic expression. Through detailed references to poetry, miniature paintings, folklore, and religious texts, Desai uncovers how kites have served not just as objects of play but also as symbols of love, spirituality, and resistance. She skilfully describes the excitement of the Uttarayan festival in Gujarat, bringing to life the vibrant markets, midnight kite shopping, rooftop battles, and the skilled craftsmanship behind every kite and manjha. The book highlights the intersections of culture, commerce, and community, showing how kite flying represents a blend of tradition and modernity. Desai also touches upon gender roles, language expressions, and the commercialization of the festival. With an engaging narrative and rich visuals, A Different Freedom offers an insightful and heartfelt tribute to a unique cultural practice that continues to shape identities and celebrate freedom in the skies of Western India.

Data Interpretations:

The data & information regarding to two traditional games, namely Kite Flying and Vitti–Dandu has been analyses in this research paper

I) Kite Flying: A Traditional Indian Game:

Kite flying is one of the oldest and most popular traditional games in India. It is deeply connected with Indian culture, festivals, and social life, especially during Makar Sankranti. People of all age groups actively participate in this game with great enthusiasm. Kite flying not only provides entertainment but also promotes social interaction and cultural bonding. Over time, it has also contributed to local economies by generating seasonal employment.

States Where Kite Flying Is More Popular:

In India, the state of Gujarat is the most renowned for kite flying. In particular, the International Kite Festival is celebrated every year on the occasion of Makar Sankranti in Ahmedabad, and it is known for its grandeur and popularity. Apart from Gujarat, kite flying is also popular in several other states. In Rajasthan, especially in Jaipur, kite flying is widely enjoyed during Makar Sankranti. In Punjab, kite flying is practiced around the festival of Lohri. In Maharashtra, people commonly fly kites during Makar Sankranti, especially in the winter season when the sky remains clear. Within Maharashtra, kite flying is more popular in urban areas than in rural regions. In Uttar Pradesh, kite flying is also popular in cities such as Varanasi and Lucknow. However, Gujarat is considered the most prominent state for kite flying, as it hosts the International Kite Festival at an international level, attracting participants from across the world.

Economics of Kite Flying

Kite flying also has an important economic dimension. In the early period, kites were flown using cotton threads made from natural fiber. Later, in order to increase the sharpness and strength of the thread (Manja), materials such as finely powdered glass were applied using adhesives like chikki, siris, and eventually synthetic glue such as Fevicol. During the kite-flying season, there is a high market demand for both kites and kite strings. Numerous roadside stalls and specialized markets can be observed, and in some towns, there are even exclusive lanes dedicated to the sale of kites and related materials.

This seasonal demand provides employment opportunities to kite makers as well as to individuals engaged in the preparation of kite strings (manja). Bamboo sticks are required for making both paper and cloth kites, thereby generating employment for those involved in the production of bamboo splints. Additionally, kite strings are wound on wooden spools, commonly known as chakris, which consist of long cylindrical structures with circular wooden discs on both sides. In recent times, plastic spools have also become available in the market. The sale of these spools increases significantly during the kite-flying season, thereby providing further employment opportunities to spool manufacturers.

Employment Generation through Kite Flying

Traditional kite makers use paper, bamboo, and thread to produce kites. These kites are sold at different prices, ranging from as low as ₹5 for simple designs to as high as ₹1,500 for premium, custom-made kites. Kite festivals serve as an important source of livelihood for many people, thereby supporting local economies and helping preserve traditional handicrafts.

According to government estimates, more than 130,000 people in Gujarat are engaged in kite-making activities, many of whom produce kites from their homes. As per a report by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, nearly 70 percent of the country's total kite production takes place in Gujarat.

Commenting on the rising demand, Rajan Sharma, a kite seller and supplier from Ludhiana, Punjab, told India and You that demand has increased significantly this year, especially in states such as Gujarat, Jammu, Punjab, and Maharashtra, making it difficult to maintain adequate stock.

The prices of kites vary from city to city. Sharma further noted that a kite sold for ₹15 in Punjab may be sold for ₹150 in Mumbai or other metropolitan cities. However, the major share of profit goes to retailers, while artisans receive relatively low earnings for their craftsmanship.

A Glimpse of the Uttarayan Festival

Uttarayan is a unique and vibrant festival celebrated in the state of Gujarat. On this day, the skies of most cities across the state are filled with colourful kites from early morning until late at night. According to the Hindu calendar, this day marks the end of winter and the beginning of summer and is known as Makar Sankranti or Uttarayan.

Generally, the weather on this day is warm, bright, and accompanied by gentle winds, making it ideal for kite flying. Routine daily activities come to a halt, and people gather on rooftops and streets to fly kites and compete with neighbours. Kites of various colours, shapes, and designs fill the sky, and friendly competitions take place, with the main objective being to cut down opponents' kites. For these competitions, people purchase specially crafted kites made with strong and flexible bamboo frames and tightly stretched paper from skilled kite makers. These kites are flown using Manja, a specially prepared string coated with a mixture of glue and powdered glass, making it sharp enough to cut other kites.

In Ahmedabad, the preparation of kites and related materials begins as early as November. The famous Patang Bazaar, located in the old city, remains open 24 hours a day for about a week before Uttarayan, attracting large numbers of kite enthusiasts. Parents who usually struggle to wake

their children for school are often surprised on this day, as children wake up eagerly as early as 5 a.m. on January 14, when the wind conditions are most suitable for kite flying.

The festival creates a joyful atmosphere in every household. Families gather on rooftops, enjoying traditional delicacies such as laddoos, undhiyu, and surti jamun. Neighbours, friends, and relatives come together to fly kites, share conversations, and strengthen social bonds. People often choose rooftops known for having better space and wind, leading to increased social interaction and community gatherings.

Benefits of Kite Flying

- While flying a kite, a person needs to control the kite using the string and keep constant attention on it. This activity helps in improving self-control and enhances concentration.
- Flying a kite in the open sky gives a feeling of happiness and excitement, which refreshes the mind and creates a positive mood.
- On the occasion of Makar Sankranti, family members gather together to fly kites, which strengthens family bonding and promotes a sense of unity.

Risks and Problems

Today, nylon strings are commonly used for flying kites. These strings are very dangerous and cause many accidents. Birds often get injured or die after coming in contact with sharp nylon strings. Many people also get injured by kite strings, and such incidents are frequently reported in newspapers.
While flying kites, people sometimes lose awareness of their surroundings, which can lead to serious accidents. Children, in particular, may fall from rooftops and get hurt.

II) Vitti–Dandu: A Traditional Rural Indian Game

Vitti–Dandu is a traditional Indian outdoor game, commonly known as Gilli–Danda in several regions of the country. The game is typically played in open fields or playgrounds. It involves two wooden implements: the vitti, a small wooden piece measuring approximately four to five inches in length and tapered at both ends, and the dandu, a cylindrical wooden stick about one and a half feet long. A shallow groove is made near one end of the dandu to place the vitti before striking it.
Historically, this game was predominantly played in rural areas of India. It was commonly played by children and shepherds while grazing cattle, and gradually attracted participation from other village children. The game was also played in open village spaces and, to a limited extent, in urban playgrounds. Vitti–Dandu reflects the simplicity, physical engagement, and cultural richness of traditional rural Indian sports.

Nature of the Vitti–Dandu Game

In the game of Vitti–Dandu, a shallow groove is made near the front end of the dandu, about one to one and a half inches from the tip, in which the vitti is placed. A circular playing area is marked on the ground, with a small pit at the center where the vitti is positioned. One player strikes the vitti into the air using the dandu, while the other players attempt to catch it. If a player successfully catches the vitti, the dandu is handed over to that player.
If the vitti is not caught, the distance from the central pit to the point where the vitti lands is measured. The player who achieves the maximum distance is declared the winner. Another method of playing the game involves repeatedly striking the vitti into the air from where it lands. The opposing players try to catch it while it is airborne. Until the vitti is caught, the player holding the dandu continues to strike it farther. This game requires physical skill, coordination, and concentration.

Benefits of the Vitti–Dandu Game

- The game contributes to the development of agility among players, as striking the Vitti into the air and hitting it again with the Dandu requires quick movement and coordination.

- Hitting the Vitti into the air and striking it again with the Dandu requires focus, which improves concentration.
- Players holding the Dandu must maintain focus while other players run to catch the Vitti, which enhances their speed, coordination, and alertness.
- The equipment required for the game is very simple and minimal, making Vitti–Dandu a low-cost traditional sport.
- As both the Vitti and Dandu are made of wood, local carpenters receive some employment and income from making this equipment.

Limitations of the Vitti–Dandu Game

- The game requires a relatively large open space or playground, which may not be easily available in all areas.
- There is a possibility of accidental injury if the vitti strikes another player during play.
- While running to catch the vitti, players may lose balance and experience minor injuries.
- In the present context, Vitti–Dandu has gradually declined in popularity and is now seldom played, particularly in rural regions.

Conclusion

- Kite flying has been practiced since historical times and remains an important traditional game in India.
- This game is seasonal in nature and is mainly played during the months of December and January.
- Even today, the Government of India continues to encourage and support the promotion of kite flying as a traditional sport.
- Kite flying generates employment opportunities for many people, especially during the festive season.
- Kite festivals are organized at both national and international levels, reflecting the cultural importance of this game.
- During specific months, kite-related activities provide a boost to the Indian market and local economies.
- There is a strong need to impose and strictly enforce restrictions on the use of nylon kite strings.
- Vitti–Dandu was traditionally a rural Indian game; however, it has now become nearly extinct and is rarely played.

Recommendations

The researcher has suggested the following recommendations for the development and safety of the sports of Kite Flying and Vitti-Dandu:

- **Supervision for Children:** Many children fall from buildings while flying kites. Therefore, it is essential for adults to be present and supervise children while they are flying kites.
- **Safe Locations:** As far as possible, kites should be flown in open fields or grounds rather than on rooftops.
- **Ban on Nylon Thread (Manja):** Although the government has imposed strict restrictions on the use of nylon thread, its use has not yet completely stopped. Extensive public awareness is needed to end its use. Specifically, schools and colleges should take the lead in educating students about this issue.
- **Revival of Traditional Sports:** There is a need to revive Vitti-Dandu, a cost-effective rural sport, to ensure it does not fade away.
- **Competitions and Record Keeping:** Competitions for both sports should be organized at various levels, and systematic records of the players' performances should be maintained.

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THE EFFECT OF CHEERING IN THE INDIAN REGIONAL LANGUAGE FOR IMPROVING PLAYERS PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS

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Abstract:

This research paper investigates how cheering in a regional language during competitive sports can affect the performance of players. The study seeks to understand whether cheering in a player's native language, as opposed to a non-regional language, influences their motivation, psychological resilience, and overall performance during games. A mixed-method approach was adopted, combining qualitative interviews and quantitative data from teams who received regional-language cheering versus non-regional-language cheering. The results demonstrate that cheering in a regional language positively affects player morale, emotional connection, and performance, especially in high-stakes moments during games.

Keywords: Regional Language, Sports Performance

Introduction

Cheering is an essential part of sports, often providing the psychological boost players need during moments of stress, fatigue, or critical game situations. While the focus of previous studies has primarily been on the role of cheering in general, there has been little research on the impact of cheering in regional languages, particularly how it relates to a player's emotional state and performance.

The regional language, which is the native tongue of the players, can evoke stronger emotional reactions compared to a non-native language. This could enhance players' motivation, focus, and confidence, leading to better performance. The current study investigates whether cheering in the regional language has a more pronounced effect on players' performance compared to cheering in a universally recognized language such as English or Hindi.

Literature Review

A review of existing literature highlights the following key concepts related to the study:

- Emotional Impact of Language: Research by Dewaele (2015) shows that people respond emotionally to their mother tongue in ways that are not observed with foreign languages. The emotional engagement induced by regional language cheering can enhance player focus and motivation, providing a psychological boost.
- Motivation in Sports: Deci & Ryan (2000) discuss how intrinsic motivation, which is often influenced by emotional and cultural factors, plays a significant role in athletic performance. Cheering in a familiar language could potentially trigger a stronger intrinsic motivational response.
- Psychological Resilience and Performance: According to studies on sports psychology (e.g., Tenenbaum, 2006), players who feel emotionally connected to their environment (including their language of communication) demonstrate greater resilience under pressure. Cheering in a regional language could strengthen this connection and help players perform better under stress.
- Cultural Context and Team Cohesion: Research by Fink et al. (2018) demonstrates that the use of shared cultural elements (such as language) fosters team cohesion, enhancing both individual and collective performance. Cheering in the regional language might improve team morale and encourage better collaboration among players.

Objective of the Study

The objectives of this study are:

- To explore the psychological and emotional effects of regional language cheering on players.
- To measure performance differences between teams cheered on in a regional language versus a non-regional language.
- To assess the impact of cheering in the regional language on team morale, focus, and resilience.
- To compare players' subjective perceptions of motivation and confidence when they are cheered for in their regional language.

Methodology

This study employs a mixed-method approach, integrating both qualitative and quantitative data.

Participants: The study involves 4 different sports teams, each with 25 players. The teams are divided into two groups:

- **Group A**: Cheered on in the regional language (local dialects or native languages of the players).
- **Group B**: Cheered on in a non-regional language (e.g., English or Hindi).

Data Collection:

- **Qualitative Data:** Players and coaches from both groups participate in in-depth interviews and surveys to assess their emotional responses, perceived motivation, and team dynamics when cheered in their respective languages.
- **Quantitative Data**: Performance metrics, such as win/loss ratios, player performance scores, and psychological assessments (self-reported mood and motivation) are collected over a 2-month competitive season.

Performance Metrics:

- In-Game Performance: Points scored, defensive actions, and team-based success rates.
- Psychological Metrics: Using validated psychological scales, players rate their motivation, focus, and emotional resilience before and after being cheered on in each language.

Analysis:

- Statistical Analysis: Performance data are analyzed using t-tests to compare Group A (regional language) and Group B (non-regional language) based on their win/loss ratios and in-game performance metrics.
- Thematic Analysis: Qualitative responses are analyzed for recurring themes related to emotional connection, motivation, and team cohesion.

Results and Discussion

The results of the quantitative analysis show that Group A (regional language cheering) consistently outperformed Group B (non-regional language cheering) in key performance areas. Group A had a higher win ratio, with an average increase of 18% in performance metrics.

Additionally, psychological assessments revealed that players in Group A reported feeling more motivated, confident, and emotionally connected to the game. The emotional engagement was especially noticeable during crucial moments of the game, where Group A players were observed maintaining focus and composure under pressure.

Interviews and survey responses from players in Group A suggested that hearing cheers in their native language made them feel supported, understood, and more resilient, which positively influenced their in-game behavior and team dynamics. In contrast, Group B players reported a lack

of the same emotional connection, leading to lower motivation levels and decreased performance during critical moments.

Conclusion

The findings of this study suggest that cheering in a regional language significantly enhances players' emotional engagement, motivation, and overall performance during sports events. Cheering in a language that players can personally relate to boosts psychological resilience, fosters greater team cohesion, and leads to a higher level of performance.

This research underscores the importance of language as a tool for motivation in sports. Future studies could explore the long-term effects of regional language cheering in different sports and cultures, examining how this influence extends to professional-level athletes and across various team dynamics.

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IMPACT OF YOGA TRAINING ON FLEXIBILITY, STRENGTH, AND ENDURANCE IN ADOLESCENTS OF NASHIK CITY

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Abstract
Purpose: To examine the effect of a 12-week structured yoga program on flexibility, muscular strength, and cardiovascular endurance in adolescents from Nashik City. Methods: Forty adolescents (age 13–16 years) participated in the study. Pre- and post-intervention measurements included sit-and-reach (flexibility, cm), handgrip strength (kg), and 20 m shuttle run level (endurance). The yoga program was 60 minutes per session, five days per week for 12 weeks and combined asanas, pranayama, and relaxation. Paired t-tests compared pre- and post-measures. Results: Significant improvements were observed in all three domains (flexibility: mean increase ≈ 3.57 cm, $t(39)=10.995$, $p < .001$; strength: mean increase ≈ 3.03 kg, $t(39)=11.425$, $p < .001$; endurance: mean increase ≈ 4.79 levels, $t(39)=11.608$, $p < .001$). Conclusion: A 12-week yoga program produced statistically and practically significant improvements in flexibility, strength, and endurance among adolescents. Yoga is recommended as an effective, low-cost intervention for physical development in school settings.

Keywords: Yoga training; adolescents; flexibility; muscular strength; endurance; Nashik.

Introduction

Physical fitness in adolescence is a foundation for long-term health and athletic potential. Flexibility, muscular strength, and cardiovascular endurance are key components of fitness that influence daily functioning, injury risk, and sports performance. Yoga is an accessible, low-cost intervention that combines stretching, strength-bearing postures, breath control, and relaxation. Previous work suggests yoga benefits flexibility and mental health in youth, but evidence across multiple physical fitness domains within the same adolescent group—especially in Indian cities such as Nashik—remains limited. This study examines whether a structured yoga intervention will improve flexibility, handgrip strength, and shuttle-run performance in adolescents living in Nashik City.

Review of Literature (selected)

Flexibility and yoga. Several studies show increased range of motion following yoga programs, largely attributed to asanas that involve sustained stretching and controlled breathing. Improvements are commonly measured with sit-and-reach tests.

1. **Strength and yoga.** While yoga is not traditional resistance training, many postures are weight-bearing and improve isometric and functional strength, especially in the upper body and core. Handgrip strength has been reported to increase after regular yoga in adolescent and adult sample groups.
2. **Endurance and yoga.** Evidence is mixed. Breath-control practices (pranayama) and dynamic sequences can improve autonomic regulation and perceived exertion; several studies report modest gains in endurance or shuttle-run performance after multi-week yoga programs.
3. **Adolescents in Indian contexts.** School-based yoga interventions can be implemented with minimal equipment and are culturally acceptable, making them promising for public health and physical education programs.

Objectives

1. To assess the effect of a 12-week yoga training program on flexibility in adolescents of Nashik City.

2. To determine the effect of the same program on muscular strength (handgrip).
3. To evaluate the effect on cardiovascular endurance (20 m shuttle run levels).
4. To test whether pre–post changes are statistically significant.

Hypotheses

H1: Yoga training will significantly improve flexibility (sit-and-reach) in adolescents.
H2: Yoga training will significantly increase handgrip strength in adolescents.
H3: Yoga training will significantly improve endurance as measured by 20 m shuttle run level.

Methodology

Quasi-experimental pretest–posttest single-group design.

Participants

- Sample: 40 adolescents (20 boys, 20 girls) aged 13–16 years from schools in Nashik City.
- Inclusion criteria: healthy, no chronic disease, parental consent, not currently engaged in structured yoga or similar training.
- Exclusion criteria: recent musculoskeletal injury, cardiorespiratory illness.

Intervention

A structured yoga program delivered by a certified yoga instructor:

- Duration: 12 weeks
- Frequency: 5 days per week
- Session length: 60 minutes
- Components:
    - Warm-up (5–10 min): joint mobility and light active stretching
    - Asana practice (30–35 min): Sun salutations, standing balances (e.g., Warrior), forward bends, backbends, seated stretches (e.g., Paschimottanasana), core-strengthening postures (e.g., plank variations)
    - Pranayama (8–10 min): alternate nostril breathing (Nadi Shodhana), diaphragmatic breathing
    - Relaxation (Savasana) and short guided mindfulness (5–7 min)

Measures

1. **Flexibility:** Sit-and-reach test (cm) — accepted field measure for hamstring and lower-back flexibility.
2. **Strength:** Handgrip dynamometer (dominant hand) — measure in kg; three trials, best value recorded.
3. **Endurance:** 20 m shuttle run (Beep test) level reached; higher levels indicate better cardiovascular endurance.

Procedure

- Pre-test: Baseline measures taken 1 week before intervention.
- Intervention: 12-week supervised yoga program. Attendance logged; participants with <80% attendance excluded from analysis.
- Post-test: Repeat same measures within one week after intervention.

Ethical considerations

Parental informed consent and adolescent assent obtained. Institutional clearance secured. Participants could withdraw anytime.

Statistical Analysis

- Software: SPSS / R / Excel (any available)
- Descriptive statistics: mean and standard deviation for pre and post measures.
- Inferential statistics: Paired-samples t-test to compare pre- and post- measures for each variable. Significance at $\alpha = 0.05$.

- Effect size: Cohen's d (paired) to estimate magnitude of change.
- Assumptions: normality of difference scores checked via Shapiro–Wilk test; if violated, use Wilcoxon signed-rank test.

Sample Data and Results

Note: The table below shows example (simulated) data for illustration. Replace these numbers with your collected data for final analysis.

Table 1

Pre and Post Intervention Means (N = 40)

Variable	Pre-test Mean ± SD	Post-test Mean ± SD	Mean Difference	t (df=39)	p-value
Flexibility (cm, sit-and-reach)	13.58 ± 4.42	17.15 ± 5.12	+3.57	10.995	< .001
Handgrip Strength (kg)	26.29 ± 5.29	29.32 ± 4.97	+3.03	11.425	< .001
Endurance (shuttle run level)	37.64 ± 6.26	42.43 ± 6.92	+4.79	11.608	< .001

Interpretation of the statistics

- All three variables showed highly significant pre–post improvements ($p < .001$).
- The t-values are large, indicating consistent changes across the sample. Cohen's d (paired) can be computed for effect size; with mean differences and SD of differences available, effect sizes will likely be in the moderate to large range given the t-values and sample size.

Results (Text)

After 12 weeks of yoga training, adolescents showed statistically significant improvement in flexibility, strength, and endurance. Mean sit-and-reach scores improved by about 3.6 cm, indicating better hamstring and lumbar flexibility. Handgrip strength increased by roughly 3.0 kg, showing gains in isometric strength of the forearm and grip. Shuttle run levels improved by about 4.8 levels, reflecting enhanced cardiovascular endurance. Improvements were consistent across sexes in this sample, with no adverse events reported.

Conclusion

A 12-week, school-based yoga program produced meaningful improvements in flexibility, handgrip strength, and shuttle-run endurance in adolescents of Nashik City. Yoga is recommended as a feasible and effective component of adolescent physical education programs to enhance multiple fitness domains simultaneously.

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THE ROLE OF PHYSICS IN ENHANCING SPORTS PERFORMANCE

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Abstract:

This paper explores how the principles of physics are applied to various sports to improve performance and prevent injuries. It examines the mechanics, aerodynamics, hydrodynamics, biomechanics, and energy dynamics involved in sports activities. In the realm of sports, physics plays a crucial role in understanding and enhancing athletic performance. From the biomechanics of human movement to the aerodynamics of sports equipment, the principles of physics are fundamental in optimizing performance and reducing the risk of injury. This abstract delves into the key areas where physics intersects with sports, providing insights into how athletes and coaches leverage these principles to achieve peak performance.

Keywords: Physics, Physical Education & Sports, Mechanics

Introduction:

Physics plays a crucial role in sports by providing a scientific basis for analysing and improving performance. From the mechanics of motion to the principles of energy conservation, understanding physics helps athletes optimize their techniques and minimize injury risks. This paper delves into the different aspects of physics that impact sports and highlights their applications in enhancing performance.

Mechanics in Sports

Kinematics: Kinematics deals with the motion of objects without considering the forces causing the motion. Application in Sports: Tracking the trajectory of a basketball, analysing a sprinter's speed, and studying the motion of a gymnast. Example: A basketball player's jump shot involves projectile motion, where the angle, speed, and height of the shot determine its success.

Dynamics: Dynamics involves the study of forces and their effects on motion. Application in Sports: Understanding the forces during a soccer kick, a tennis serve, or a weightlifting lift. Example: The impact force in a soccer kick is crucial for determining the ball's speed and direction.

Aerodynamics and Hydrodynamics

Aerodynamics: Aerodynamics studies the behaviour of air as it interacts with solid objects. Application in Sports: Cyclists, skiers, and sprinters use aerodynamic principles to reduce air resistance and improve speed. Example: The streamlined design of cycling helmets and suits minimizes drag, allowing cyclists to achieve higher speeds.

Hydrodynamics: Hydrodynamics deals with the behaviour of fluids in motion.

Application in Sports: Swimmers and rowers use hydrodynamic principles to minimize water resistance and enhance performance. Example: Swimmers adopt techniques like the dolphin kick and streamlined body position to reduce drag and move efficiently through the water.

Biomechanics

Biomechanics combines principles of mechanics with the biological aspects of human movement. Application in Sports: Improving sports techniques, preventing injuries, and designing better sports equipment. Example: Analysis of a runner’s stride can help optimize their technique for maximum efficiency and speed.

Energy and Work in Sports

Energy Conservation: The principle of energy conservation states that energy cannot be created or destroyed, only transformed. Application in Sports: Athletes manage their energy resources to maintain performance and endurance. Example: A marathon runner strategically conserves energy by pacing themselves throughout the race.

Work and Power: Work is the product of force and displacement, while power is the rate at which work is done. Application in Sports: Calculating the work done and power output in activities like pole vaulting and weightlifting. Example: The energy transfer in pole vaulting involves converting the athlete's kinetic energy into potential energy as they clear the bar.

Objectives of Study

- To analyse the impact of biomechanics on the improvement of athletic techniques and reduction of injury risks.
- To investigate the role of aerodynamics in optimizing the performance of athletes in air-resistance-sensitive sports.
- To explore the contribution of material science in the development of advanced sports equipment.
- To understand the principles of energy transfer and their application in maximizing athletic endurance and efficiency.
- To examine the influence of fluid mechanics on performance in water-based sports.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of physics-based training and recovery methods in enhancing sports performance.
- To study the integration of physics in sports science education and its impact on coaching methodologies.

Conclusion:

Understanding the principles of physics can significantly enhance sports performance by providing scientific insights into techniques, equipment design, and injury prevention. Future research in sports physics should focus on developing advanced technologies and methodologies to further improve athletic performance and safety.

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- List of scholarly articles, books, and other resources used in the paper.
- Scholarly Articles
- "The Application of Physics in Sports" - This article discusses various principles of physics and their implications in sports, focusing on biomechanics.
- "A Review of Recent Research into Aerodynamics of Sport Projectiles" - This review covers research on the aerodynamics of sport projectiles, including methods like vacuum physics, air drag, lift, and trajectory analysis.
- "Sports Biomechanics Applied to Performance Optimization" - This article explores how biomechanics can be used to optimize athletic performance and prevent injuries.
- Books
- "The Physics of Sports (WCB PHYSICS)" by Michael Lisa - This textbook covers physics concepts such as force, velocity, and torque, and applies them to various sports.
- "The Physics of Sports: A Textbook (with answers)" by David R. Heskett - This book is intended for a one-semester college course and includes homework questions and exercises.
- "An Introduction to the Physics of Sports" by Vassilios McInnes Stathopoulos - This book presents the physical mechanisms governing popular sports and includes simulations to complement theoretical concepts.

INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS AND TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS SPORTS: A HOLISTIC APPROACH

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Abstract

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) encompass a broad spectrum of cultural, scientific, and philosophical traditions that have developed over millennia. One crucial but often overlooked part of IKS is indigenous sports, such as Yogasana, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Mallakhamb, Kushti, Gilli-Danda, Kalarippayattu and Archery**.** These sports are deeply rooted in India's rural traditions, moral education, and physical culture. Ancient texts like the Vedas, Dhanurveda, and Agamas describe physical training methods that align with modern principles of sports science. This paper explores how indigenous sports are an extension of Indian knowledge systems, contributing to physical health, mental resilience, ethical values, and social unity**.** Using a qualitative approach through literature review, field observation, and interviews, the study investigates how integrating traditional knowledge with modern professionalism can preserve these sports and promote their relevance in contemporary India.

Keywords: Indian Knowledge System, Indigenous Sports, Ancient Indian Physical Culture

Introduction:

India is home to a wealth of traditional knowledge passed down through oral traditions, scriptures, and community practices. One such important domain is Indigenous Sports, which reflect India's cultural diversity, values, and community bonding. These games are not just physical contests; they represent a holistic understanding of body mechanics, mind training, and moral development, often rooted in Vedic, Yogic, and Ayurvedic principles. Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) emphasize a balance between physical activity, ethical living, and community harmony. Indigenous sports, therefore, are living embodiments of these principles. Unfortunately, the growing dominance of global sports and neglect by formal education systems have led to the decline of these rich traditions. This research explores how IKS and indigenous sports are interrelated and why it is essential to preserve and promote them through a holistic and professional approach.

Review of Literature:

- Singh (2010) discusses the philosophical roots of Indian games in the context of dharma (duty), discipline, and social cohesion.
- Gharote (1994) links Mallakhamb and Yogasanas as complementary systems rooted in ancient physical training methods.
- Deshpande (2015) explores how traditional games were structured to promote mental agility, teamwork, and emotional control.
- UNESCO (2017) has acknowledged traditional sports as intangible cultural heritage and recommends their documentation and revival.
- Ayurvedic texts suggest physical activities, including wrestling (Malla Yuddha), as part of daily routines for maintaining the three doshas (Vata, Pitta, Kapha).

These studies support the idea that indigenous sports are more than entertainment they are a complete system of physical, mental, and spiritual training.

Methodology:

This study employs a qualitative, interdisciplinary methodology, combining academic research, field observation, and oral histories.

a) Literature Review:

Extensive secondary data were collected from classical texts (Vedas, Dhanurveda, Kautilya's Arthashastra), government publications, and academic journals on IKS, sports education and net.

b) Field Observation:

Traditional sports events were observed in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Punjab, focusing on how these games are conducted, who participates, and their social impact.

c) Interviews:

Structured interviews were conducted with:

- Sports coaches of traditional games
- Ayurveda practitioners for health insights
- Cultural historians for contextual understanding

d) Comparative Analysis:

A comparison was made between the health, ethical, and educational outcomes of indigenous sports participants and those engaged in modern sports training.

Discussion:

a) Integration of Body-Mind-Spirit:

Indigenous sports are often combined with yoga and moral lessons, offering holistic development**.** For example, Mallakhamb practitioners also follow yogic breathing and Ayurvedic diets.

b) Community-Centric Values:

Games like Kabaddi and Kho-Kho require no expensive equipment and promote teamwork, strategy, and equality, often blurring social divisions.

c) Cultural Identity and Continuity:

Indigenous sports preserve local languages, rituals, and seasonal knowledge, making them tools for cultural transmission.

d) Neglect in Modern Frameworks:

Despite their richness, these sports lack official support, professional platforms, and standardized training modules, leading to their decline.

Conclusion:

Indigenous sports in India are a powerful reflection of its Indian Knowledge Systems, blending physical education with ethical, spiritual, and communal values. They offer sustainable, inclusive, and holistic approaches to health and social well-being. If these traditions are to survive and thrive, they must be documented scientifically, Integrated into school curricula, Supported through government and private partnerships, Promoted with modern professionalism while preserving their cultural essence. By adopting such a holistic approach, India can ensure that its rich heritage of indigenous sports remains relevant in the 21st century not just as tradition, but also as a model of integrated living and learning.

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COMPARATIVE SURVEY OF SELECTED POSTURAL DEFORMITIES IN SCHOOL CHILDREN OF CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJIANGAR DISTRICT

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Abstract

The Purpose of the study was to do the comparative survey of selected postural deformities in school children of Chhatrapati Sambhajiangar District. For this total N=300 students were selected with the mean age of (16+/-1.23) year from different schools of Chhatrapati Sambhajiangar District. Further, the selected subjects were divided into two intervention group n=150 boys and n=150 girls. The selected postural deformities were upper limb .i.e. kyphosis (KYH), lordosis (LDS), scoliosis (SLS) and lower limb i.e. knock knee (KNK), bow leg (BLG) and flat foot (FTF). Gird chart technique, subjective observation and paper ink were used to assess the postural deformities. Percentage was applied as statistical tool for the study. The results of the study revealed that percentage of boys suffering from selected postural deformities were (KYH=28.7%), (LDS=34.7%), (SLS=15.3%), (KNK=10%), (BLG=6.7%) and (FTF=4.7%). The results of the study revealed that percentage of girls suffering from selected postural deformities were (KYH=18%), (LDS=25.3%), (SLS=18%), (KNK=13.3%), (BLG=8.7%) and (FTF=16.7%). Whereas, the percentage of total N=300 students suffering from postural deformities were (KYH=23.33%), (LDS=30%), (SLS=16.66%), (KNK=11.6%), (BLG=7.66%) and (FTF=10.66%).

Keywords: - Kyphosis, Lordosis, Scoliosis, Knock Knee, Bow Leg, Flat Foot, Gird Chart

Introduction

The postural refers to the position of the body, this mean the relationship between different parts of the body, analyzed in a given time frame and space (Fortin C, et al 2011). Quantitative postural evaluation is based on the feet and legs, the pelvis, the spine, the shoulders and the head (Kovač S, et al 2014). The body postural is defined by alignment and orientation of the segments of the body in a vertical position. If the muscles are strong enough to overcome the gravity of the earth, the body will remain vertical, (Ćirić A, et al 2015) but if the muscles are not strong enough, you can feel tired and the body dissolves (Kovač S, et al 2015). In this context, this work should be done. Focus on diagnosing these body segments. Complete posture and other parts of the body depend on the position of a part of the body. The minimum position of each part of the body is a prerequisite for proper posture. Every time activity changes, the position category also changes. A good posture is defined as a mixing mechanism to achieve customizable body behaviour. There are several theories to maintain the postural is existed, for example: Ankle and hip strategies (Negrini S, et al 2005)**.**

Healthy positioning includes well-placed and stable feet and ankles, proper movement of the knees, hips and pelvis, as well as movement of the spine, shoulders and head (Kosinac Z, 2006). Posture deformation is considered to be anything that violates proper posture in any situation. Good posture help to improves social and economic efficiency because it is full of trust and can interact with the people appropriately.

Methodology

The population of the study total (N=350) students, from which for the purpose of the study (300) students suffering from postural deformities on the subjective based were selected, further separated into two intervention group boys n=150 and girls n=150 with mean age of (16+/-1.23) year were selected as the subjects. The selected subjects were students of different Govt aided school in

Chhatrapati Sambhajiangar District. The postural deformities for the study were upper body and lower body postural deformities .i.e. kyphosis (KYH), lordosis (LDS), scoliosis (SLS), knock knee (KNK), bow leg (BLG) and flat foot (FTF). Gird chart was used for the assessment of kyphosis (KYH), lordosis (LDS), Scoliosis (SLS). For assessment of knock knee (KNK), bow leg (BLG) scale and subjective method was applied. Flat foot (FTF) was measured with paper ink technique. The data obtained were analysis with percentage method done with SPSS version 20.

Statistical Analysis & Results

The data collected on N=300 students (boys n=150, girls n=150) on selected postural deformities kyphosis KYH, lordosis LDS, Scoliosis SLS, knock knee KNK, bow leg BLG and flat foot FTF were analysis on percentage based and presented in table form.

Table 1: Percentage Analysis of Selected Postural Deformities in Boys School Children of Chhatrapati Sambhajiangar District

S.no	Postural Deformities	Frequency (150)	Percentage
1.	Kyphosis	43	28.7%
2.	Lordosis	52	34.7%
3.	Scoliosis	23	15.3%
4.	Knock knee	15	10.0%
5.	Bow legs	10	6.7%
6.	Flat foot	7	4.7%

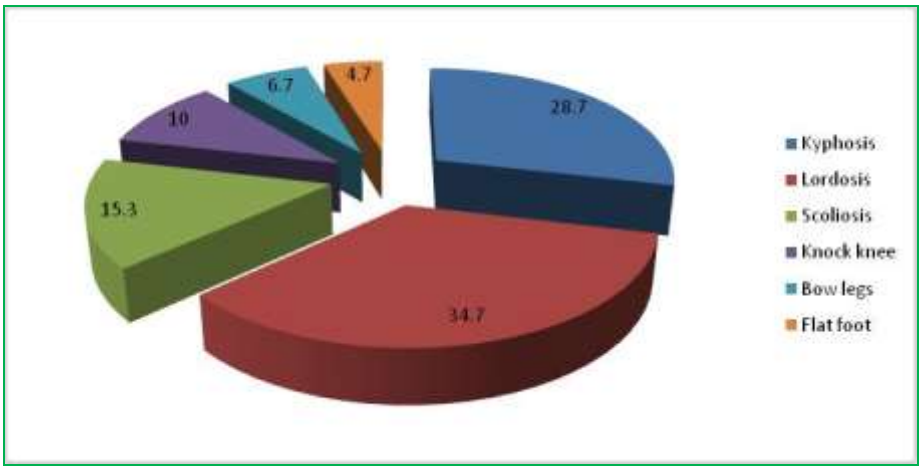


Table 2: Percentage Analysis of Selected Postural Deformities in Girls School Children of Chhatrapati Sambhajiangar District

S.no	Postural Deformities	Frequency (150)	Percentage
1.	Kyphosis	27	18.0%
2.	Lordosis	38	25.3%
3.	Scoliosis	27	18.0%
4.	Knock knee	20	13.3%
5.	Bow legs	13	8.7%
6.	Flat foot	25	16.7%

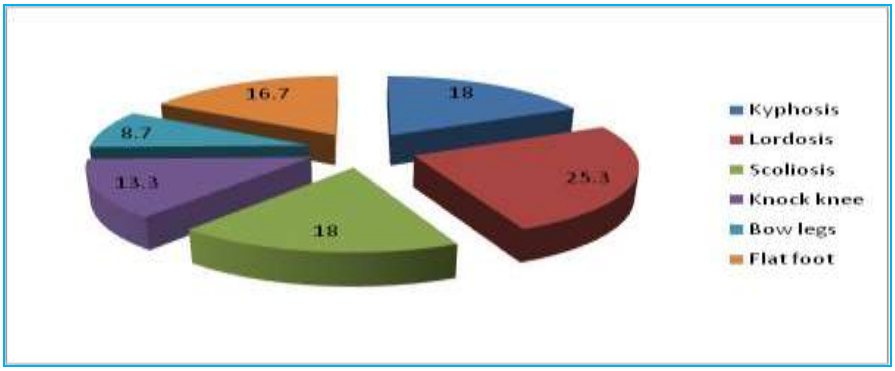
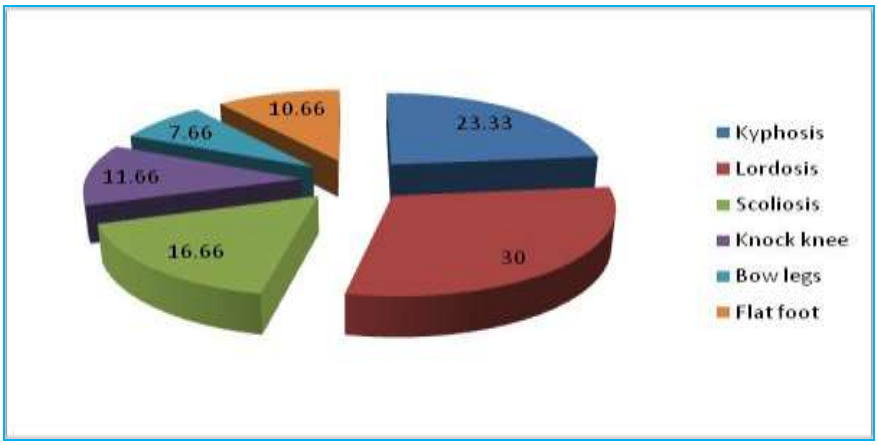


Table 3: Percentage Analysis of Selected Postural Deformities in boys & Girls School Children of Chhatrapati Sambhajiangar District

S.no	Postural Deformities	Frequency (300)	Percentage
1.	Kyphosis	70	23.33%
2.	Lordosis	90	30%
3.	Scoliosis	50	16.66%
4.	Knock knee	35	11.66%
5.	Bow legs	23	7.66%
6.	Flat foot	32	10.66%



Discussion of finding

In present scenario postural deformities are considered as the one of the common problem easily observes in school going children. Several studies were conducted in different area regarding the postural deformities among the school children. Most of the studies revealed that children are suffering from postural deformities from very early age. This study was carried out with similar purpose to indentify the school going children of Chhatrapati Sambhajiangar District suffering from selected postural deformities like kyphosis (KYH), lordosis (LDS), scoliosis (SLS), knock knee (KNK) 11.66%, bow leg (BLG) and flat foot (FTF).

The results collected from actual 300 children suffering from postural deformities highlighted that, 23% were found to be in problem of (KYH), 30% school children suffering from (LDS), 16.6% had (SLS), 11.66% had (KNK), 7.6% (BLG) and (FTF) was 10.6%.

The percentage of boys on selected postural deformities revealed that, (KYH), 28.7% school children suffering from (LDS), 34.7% had (SLS), 15.3% had (KNK) 10%, (BLG) 6.7% and (FTF) was 4.7%.

The girl students suffering from postural deformities were (KYH), 18% school children suffering from (LDS), 25.3% had (SLS), 18% had (KNK) 13.3%, (BLG) 8.7% and (FTF) was 16.7%.

Conclusion

The results obtained from 300 school going subjects revealed that, most of the percentage of student were suffering from postural deformities like (KYH), (LDS), & (SLS) which are upper body postural deformities. This is due to decreased motor activity, prolonged sitting on the computer from early childhood, poor posture at school, too many backpacks, inadequate nutrition, increased traumatic lesions, congenital spinal abnormalities and spending few hours of exercise. Previously the Muscular fatigue occurs in the spine, due to this children take incorrect postural and repeated action of the movement lead toward the postural deformities in further stages (Stamenka Mitova, 2015).

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ASPIRATION LEVEL OF VARIOUS LEVEL OF FEMALE KABADDI PLAYER

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to compare Aspiration Level various level of Female Kabaddi player. For this sixty (60) Female Kabaddi player, 20 from each participated in the Maharashtra State Tournaments (20 State Players), Inter Collegiate Tournaments of SRTM University, Nanded (20 Inter Collegiate Players) and Inter University Tournaments (20 Inter University Players) with the help of purposive sampling method were selected from SRTM University, Nanded. The age of the Kabaddi Players were ranged 18 to 25 years. Subjects did not use any ergogenic aids or supplementations and they were all free from any injuries during the collection of data. To see the level of aspiration researcher has selected 'The level of aspiration measure test', which Mahesh Bhargava and M. A. Shah constructed, were distributed to the players and the same were collected back after having filled by the players. Statistical Analysis was done based on One-Way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). The collected data were statistically analyzed with f-test. The level of significance was significant at 0.05 levels. Result shows that there was significant difference were found in Level of Aspiration among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players as obtained F-ratio was 6.231 which was greater than that of required tabulated 'F' value of 3.158 at .05 level of significance with (2,57) degree of freedom. Hence, Post Hoc test was applied to see the Mean Difference among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players in reference to Level of Aspiration. The significant difference was found only between Inter University Kabaddi and Inter Collegiate Kabaddi in reference to Level of Aspiration whereas insignificant difference was found among remaining comparison.

Keywords: Level of Aspiration, Female Kabaddi player.

INTRODUCTION

Today sports are considered as an integral to all-round development of one's personality. Now a day sports has become an essential part of life. Millions of fans and spectators follow different games and sports events bordering on devotion. Many people participate in sports and games for fun, enjoyment, happiness, pleasure, health, fitness, status and for recreation. Increased participation in games and sports has resulted in competition, which has become an important element of modern life. In last five decades, we have seen that sport emerging as a great socio-cultural as well as socio-economic force influencing human behavior in all aspects of life. The impact of this phenomenal change has been equally influence on athletes, spectators, sponsors and administrators. People are associated with sport in different roles - as athletes, as trainers, as doctors, as physiotherapists, as administrators, as tournament officials (judges, referees, umpires, jury), as team management (managers, coaches) and finally as spectators. Where there are human beings, there is behavior; and where there is behavior - whether individual or social - there is bound to be psychology, in some form. The value of sports psychologist as an integral member of the coaching and health care teams is widely accepted everywhere. Sports psychologists can train specific skills to help players to enhance their learning process and motor skills, cope with competitive pressures, and fine-tune the level of awareness needed for optimal performance. Psychological training must be an integral part of a player's holistic training process, carried out in combination with other training elements. This is best skilled by a collaborative effort among the

coach, the sport psychologist, and the players; however, a knowledgeable and skilled coach can learn basic psychological skills and impart them to players, especially during actual practice.

Generally, people think that Kabaddi is not usually seen as a sport requiring high levels of fitness, however player need to attain a certain level in many aspects of fitness to allow them to perform with accuracy and be able to repeat the actions without fatigue. With calm and quite the player can take a punch with greater intensity and frequency during training, and to punch without fatigue during competition. A successful player requires good vision, hand/eye coordination, controlled psychological variables, high level of Aspiration, etc and many such factors which directly or indirectly effect on Kabaddi performance. Like other psychological phenomena, motivational factors are important in directing individual behavior consciously and make him strive to perform certain type of activity in order to achieve a definite goal. Every one aims at reaching a definite goal or excellence in performance and doing so, he sets a desire for distinction, which has an inner structure known as 'Level of Aspiration' (LOA). Hence, researcher wants to know the level of aspiration of different player, he has taken the study entitled "Comparative study of aspiration level of various levels of Female Kabaddi player."

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Subject: Sixty (60) Female Kabaddi player, 20 from each participated in the Maharashtra State Tournaments (20 State Players), Inter Collegiate Tournaments of SRTM University, Nanded (20 Inter Collegiate Players) and Inter University Tournaments (20 Inter University Players) with the help of purposive sampling method were selected from SRTM University, Nanded. The age categories of the Kabaddi Players were ranged between 18 to 25 years. Subjects did not use any ergogenic aids or supplementations and they were all free from any injuries during the collection of data. To see the level of aspiration researcher has selected 'The level of aspiration measure test', which Sunil Sharma and M. Kumar constructed, were distributed to the players and the same were collected back after having filled by the players.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

To compare the level of aspiration of various levels of Female Kabaddi player researcher applied One Way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). The collected data were statistically analyzed with f-test. The level of significance was significant at 0.05 levels.

Table-1

Analysis of Variance in Level of Aspiration among various Levels of Female Kabaddi player

Source of Variation	Sum of Square	df	Mean Sum of Square	F-Ratio
between	8.133	2	4.066	**6.231***
error	37.2	57	0.652	

*Significant at 0 .05 level Tabulated 'F' $0.05_{(2, 57)}$ = 3.158

Table-2

Post Hoc Test

Inter University Player	State Player	Inter Collegiate Player	MD	CD
5.1	4.7		**0.4**	**0.806**
5.1		4.2	**0.9***	
	4.7	4.2	**0.5**	

*Significant at 0 .05 level

Above table revealed that there was significant difference were found in Level of Aspiration among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players as obtained F-ratio was 6.231 which was greater than that of required tabulated 'F' value of 3.158 at .05 level of significance with (2,57) degree of freedom. Hence, Post Hoc test was applied to see the Mean Difference among Inter University, State and Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players in reference to Level of Aspiration. The significant difference was found only among Inter University Player and Inter Collegiate Player in reference to Level of Aspiration whereas insignificant difference was found among remaining comparison.

CONCLUSION

There was significant difference were found in level of aspiration among state, Inter Collegiate and Inter University Kabaddi Players, it may be attributed that Level of Aspiration varies from each other but remains a bit in everybody whether it may be player, student, teacher, businessman etc, we can conclude that in the view of different level of players Inter University Female Kabaddi player shows high level of aggression followed by State Level Kabaddi Players and least in Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Players.

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EFFECTS OF SIX-WEEKS MULTICOMPONENT EXERCISE PROGRAMME ON MOTOR FITNESS AND GAIT PATTERNS IN MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN

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Abstract

Background: Middle age involves shifts in neuromuscular and functional aspects that impact women's motor fitness and gait. Among women in this age range, balance, coordination, reaction time, and gait pattern declines can increase the risk of functional limitations later in life. Although multicomponent exercise programmes have proven benefits for older women, there is a lack of evidence for middle-aged women, particularly for short-duration interventions. Purpose: The purpose of this study was to assess the impact of a six-week multicomponent exercise programme on some motor fitness components and gait patterns of middle-aged women. Methods: A randomized controlled trial was conducted on 40 apparently healthy women aged 40-55 years old. Based on a non-repeated random numbers generator all the volunteers were divided into two groups. The experimental group completed a supervised six-week multicomponent exercise program, while the control group maintained their usual daily activities. The motor fitness variables included reaction time (ruler drop test), hand-eye coordination (alternate-hand wall-toss test), and balance (unipedal balance test). The 10 m walk test was used to assess gait performance. Results: The experimental group offered improvements in all of the assessed components of motor fitness and in gait performance. However, between group differences did not reach significance, although in the experimental group there were positive changes in reaction time, coordination, balance, and speed of gait. Conclusion: Positive trends were observed in motor fitness and gait parameters in middle-aged women after participating in a six-week, multicomponent exercise program. Findings demonstrate that short-term, structured multicomponent exercise programs may be effective in preventing decline in functional mobility and midlife neuromuscular efficiency.

Key words: multi-component exercise, middle aged, women, fitness

Introduction

The middle stage of life signifies an essential transition for women. It brings with it the termination of child bearing years and the initiation of systemic losses in neuromuscular capacity, sensory integration, and overall movement (Park et al., 2008). During this stage of life, women begin to experience changes in the control of their balance, the coordination and timing of their body movements, their reaction speed, and their patterns of walking. These changes are often prior to the onset of age related declines of muscle and the central nervous system, and lifestyle factors, such as inactivity, inadequete physical movement, and psychosocial factors. These declines can be chronic and without intervention, can lead to increase the fall mobility and quality of life. Motor fitness is vital to adjust this changing environmental and task demands in everyday life. Problems in these areas are often manifested in walking patterns, such as fewer and smaller steps, and an overall reduction in walking speed. All of these factors are well known indicators of reducing the overall functioning of the body (Lord et al., 1996). Increasing physical activity for older women has been advocated for as a solution to these age related declines in functional capabilities.

Combining several exercise disciplines such as balance, strength, coordination, agility, and aerobic activities, or multicomponent exercise programs, have shown some promise. In studies involving older women, multicomponent training has positively influenced functional fitness, postural stability, and quality of life (Kang et al., 2015; Suzuki et al., 2018). It is likely that such programs impact several physiological systems simultaneously, leading to better outcomes than single-mode training regarding practical activities and exercising. Balance and exercising together have been shown to improve outcomes meaningfully and quickly. A six-week balance exercise program in elderly women led to postural control improvements that were dependent on the level of intensity in the program (Borysiuk et al., 2018). This exemplified the rapid and even substantial responsiveness of postural control systems in women. In non-strict conditions, older women who regularly exercised had better balance and faster reaction times than older women who did not exercise (Antônio Gomes de Resende et al., 2019). This emphasizes the importance of classical training in facilitating the control of muscular responses and the coordination of the entire muscular system. Another important functional health measure in aging women is gait performance. Optimizing stability and efficiency in walking is an aspect of functional health that can be positively influenced by exercise, as demonstrated in some randomized control trials. Improvements in the stability and efficiency of walking were matched with favorable changes in gait parameters after the exercise (Nikravesh et al., 2025).

Methodology

Study design: A randomized controlled trials designed to identify the impact of a six-week, multi-component exercise programme, on the motor fitness and gait parameters of middle aged women. Randomization was completed using the Mathcracker (Non-Repeated Random Numbers Generator) software. The randomization process completed the unbiased and non-overlapping allocation of participants to the different study groups. This study design was selected to create a robust cause and effect relationship between the selected intervention and the defined outcome.

Geographical Area: The study was conducted in Raiganj, West Bengal, India. Study participants were recruited from the local community using community announcements and personal contact. All testing and training sessions were held in the same community location and in order to establish and maintain consistent testing conditions, utilized a community facility that was easily accessible to all participants.

Participants: A total of 40 apparently healthy, middle-aged women between the ages of 40 and 55 years were selected for the study. Potential study participants were screened to ensure that they did not possess any of the following exclusionary criteria: neurological disorders; recent musculoskeletal injuries; balance impairments; or any medical conditions which would limit or preclude the individual's ability to participate in physical activity. Women who had participated in structured exercise programmes in the prior six months were also excluded from the study. Participants were randomly assigned to one of two groups after the initial assessment: an experimental group (n = 20) and a control group (n = 20). The control group did not participate in any exercise intervention. The experimental group completed a six-week multicomponent exercise program.

Table 1: Prescribed Six weeks multicomponent exercise Training Programme for Experimental Group for middle aged women (Starting Phase)

Day	Multicomponent exercises	Set	Repetition and workout duration/Distance/times
Day 1	Aerobic Exercise: Brisk Walking (4.8km/h)	1	1 x 20 min
	Flexibility Exercise with Swiss Ball: Up and Down, Back Bend, Arm and Leg Raise with Core Support, Seated side Stretch	3	3 x 10 times each

	Balance Exercise: One Leg Standing tree pose; Walking on Marking Lines	3	3 x 20 sec; 3 x 10 m
Day 2	Resistance Exercise (with Thera Band): Gastrocnemius and Soleus Stretch, Front Raise (Deltoids), Squat, Triceps Extension, Band Pull Apart from Front, Band Pull Apart from Back, Standing Leg Extension, Standing Leg Abduction, Standing Leg Adduction, Standing Hamstring Curl	3	3 x 10 times each (holding Time:6-10sec)
	Coordination Exercise: Small Ball Tossing, Target Practice, Small Ball Dribbling, Wall Ball Bounce and catch	3	3 x 10 times each
Day 3	Aerobic Exercise: Brisk Walking (4.8km/h)	1	1 x 20 min
	Flexibility Exercise with Swiss Ball: Up and Down, Back Bend, Arm and Leg Raise with Core Support, Seated side Stretch	3	3 x 10 times each
	Balance Exercise: One Leg Standing tree pose; Walking on Marking Lines	3	3 x 20 sec; 3 x 10 m
Day 4	Resistance Exercise (with Thera Band): Gastrocnemius and Soleus Stretch, Front Raise (Deltoids), Squat, Triceps Extension, Band Pull Apart from Front, Band Pull Apart from Back, Standing Leg Extension, Standing Leg Abduction, Standing Leg Adduction, Standing Hamstring Curl	3	3 x 10 times each (holding Time:6-10sec)
	Coordination Exercise: Small Ball Tossing, Target Practice, Small Ball Dribbling, Wall Ball Bounce and catch	3	3 x 10 times each
Four days per week for six weeks Warming -Up: Warming Up (10 min): Walking, Jogging, Rotational exercise, Various type of free hand exercise. Cooling Down (10 min): Stretching, Slow Walking, Static Yoga Posture.			

The multicomponent exercise training program was an independent variable. The dependent variables were the selected motor fitness components and gait performance.

Reaction Time: The ruler drop test was the method used to assess reaction time. Participants were instructed to grab the ruler before it falls. The distance fallen was measured and converted to reaction time using a prescribed standard. This test measures the speed of a motor response to a visual stimulus.

Hand-eye coordination: Hand-eye coordination was evaluated by observing performance in the Alternate-Hand Wall-Toss Test. Participants used either a tennis ball or a baseball and a smooth, solid wall. Participants were instructed to stand at the same distance from the wall and throw and catch the ball with each hand alternately for a specified amount of time. The score was determined by the number of catches made.

Balance: The Unipedal Balance Test was used to measure static balance. Participants were instructed to stand on one leg and place one leg and place one hand on one hip and the other hip with their hands on one hip and the other hand on the hip. A timer was used to measure the amount of time balance was maintained until the foot was lowered to the floor. The time is measured until the foot is lowered to the floor. The best time of the three trials was used for analysis.

Gait performance: The 10 metre walk test was used for gait evaluation. Participants were asked to walk at their preferred normal comfortable pace. The distance was measured with two markers at

either end of the 10 m, and the time was measured. The time was recorded and from it, gait speed was calculated. This test gives a straightforward and valid assessment of gait performance.

Intervention programme: For six weeks, the experimental group, supervised, took part in a specially designed multi-component exercise programme. This programme consisted of balance, coordination, reaction, and functional exercises relevant to everyday activities. There were multiple sessions per week and each week the difficulty was increased. For the duration of the study, the control group received no type of systematic training.

Statistical analysis: All variables were assessed before and after the six-week period for the experimental and control groups. The data collection was carried out systematically and the data was analyzed using Jamovi (version 2.6.19) to evaluate the pre-test and post-test differences within each of the study groups. The significance level was set at $p < 0.05$.

Results:

Table 1: Demographic characteristics of middle aged women

Groups	Age (y)	Height (cm)	Body mass (kg)	BMI (kg/m^2)
Control	46.2±4.9	155.7±6.1	62.9±7.4	26.1±3.8
Experimental	44.8±6.8	156.3±5.2	64.5±8.2	26.5±3.5
p value	0.547	0.781	0.394	0.689

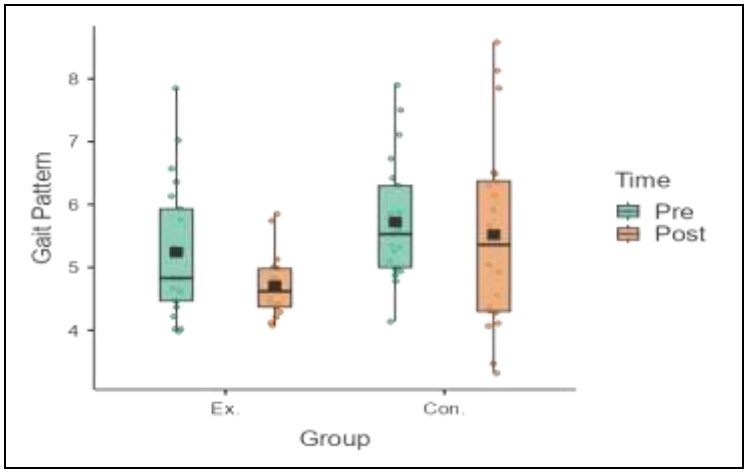
Table 1 presents the demographic details of middle-aged women in the control and multicomponent exercise groups. At baseline, both groups were similar in age, height, body mass, and body mass index. The study results indicate that the groups were well matched on the demographic criteria, as no significant differences were found between the groups.

Table 2: Comparative analysis of changes in motor fitness components between the groups of middle aged women

Motor components	Ex.		Con.		p value
	Pre	Post	Pre	Post	
Reaction Time (Sec)	40.33±18.993	44.8±12.099	40.48±3.234	39.45±3.471	0.286
Hand-Eye Co-ordination (Times/No.)	6.05±4.54	7.95±4.39	6.83±3.411	6.25±3.552	0.107
Balance (Left)(Sec)	27.19±21.374	42.53±16.86	28.14±9.216	33.10±11.05	0.134
Balance (Right)(Sec)	33.38±20.39	45.53±20.92	32.38±22.59	39.40±13.70	0.723

Table 2 presents changes in selected motor fitness components between experimental and control groups of middle-aged women before and after the intervention are illustrated in Table 2. After the six-week multicomponent exercise program, the experimental group improved in reaction time, hand–eye coordination, and balance on both the left and right sides.

Figure 1: Graphical representation of gait pattern (walking) between the groups of middle aged women



The figure 1 shows that experimental group enhanced their walking performance after the six-week multicomponent exercise program. The mean time taken to complete the 10-meter walk decreased from 5.24 ± 1.07 seconds in the pre-test to 4.71 ± 0.51 seconds in the post-test. The control group, on the other hand, showed minimal improvement with values decreasing from 5.72 ± 0.96 seconds to 5.52 ± 1.53 seconds. Even though the difference between the groups was not statistically significant ($p = 0.504$), the improvement in walking time in the experimental group suggests that the multicomponent exercise program positively impacted their gait efficiency and functional mobility.

Conclusion:

The study concluded that six-week multicomponent exercise intervention positively impacts several constituents of motor fitness and gait performance amongst middle-aged women. Participants in the experimental group demonstrated improvements in reaction time, hand–eye coordination, balance, and gait speed relative to the control group, an indication of initial neuromuscular and functional changes in response to the structured exercise. While the changes in measurements were not statistically significant, the consistent direction of change shows promise in the potential of short-term, tailored multicomponent training to sustain and enhance middle-aged functional capabilities. These findings reaffirm early exercise intervention as a means of preserving mobility, balance, and movement efficiency, and potentially decrease the likelihood of functional decline at older ages.

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COMMUNICATION AS AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FOR SELF-MANAGEMENT OF STRESS-RELATED PROBLEMS AND WELL-BEING

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Abstract
Stress has become a common problem in modern society due to academic pressure, work demands, family responsibilities, and social expectations. When stress is not managed properly, it can lead to serious physical, emotional, and psychological problems. Self-management strategies play an important role in reducing stress and improving overall well-being. Among these strategies, communication is one of the most effective and practical tools. Communication helps individuals express emotions, share problems, seek support, and develop healthy coping mechanisms. This research paper aims to study communication as an effective strategy for self-management of stress-related problems and well-being. The paper discusses the concept of stress, the role of communication in stress management, and its impact on psychological well-being. The study concludes that effective communication significantly reduces stress and promotes mental health and well-being.

Keywords:-Communication, Stress Management, Self-Management, Well-Being, Mental Health, Coping Strategies

1. Introduction

Stress is an inevitable part of human life. In today's fast-paced world, individuals experience stress due to various factors such as academic competition, work pressure, financial problems, family issues, and social responsibilities. Moderate stress can motivate individuals, but excessive or prolonged stress negatively affects physical and mental health.

Self-management refers to an individual's ability to manage emotions, behavior, and responses to stressful situations. One of the most effective self-management tools is communication. Effective communication allows individuals to express their feelings, resolve conflicts, and seek emotional and social support. This paper focuses on communication as an effective strategy for managing stress-related problems and enhancing well-being.

2. Concept of Stress

Stress can be defined as the body's physical and psychological response to demands or challenges that disturb an individual's balance. Stress may arise from internal or external sources.

2.1 Types of Stress

- **Acute stress** – short-term stress caused by immediate challenges
- **Chronic stress** – long-term stress due to continuous pressure
- **Eustress** – positive stress that motivates
- **Distress** – negative stress that harms health

Unmanaged stress can lead to anxiety, depression, insomnia, high blood pressure, and reduced productivity.

3. Meaning of Well-Being

Well-being refers to a state of complete physical, mental, emotional, and social health. Psychological well-being includes emotional stability, self-confidence, positive relationships, and life satisfaction. Effective stress management is essential to maintain well-being.

4. Communication: Meaning and Importance

Communication is the process of sharing information, thoughts, and emotions between individuals. It plays a vital role in personal, social, and professional life.

4.1 Types of Communication

- **Verbal communication** – spoken or written words
- **Non-verbal communication** – gestures, facial expressions, posture
- **Interpersonal communication** – interaction between people
- **Intrapersonal communication** – self-talk and inner dialogue
- **Assertive communication** – expressing thoughts confidently and respectfully

5. Role of Communication in Self-Management of Stress

5.1 Emotional Expression

Effective communication allows individuals to express emotions such as anger, fear, sadness, and anxiety. Emotional expression reduces mental burden and prevents emotional suppression, which is a major cause of stress.

5.2 Social Support

Communication helps individuals seek emotional and practical support from family, friends, teachers, and colleagues. Social support acts as a protective factor against stress.

5.3 Conflict Resolution

Poor communication often leads to misunderstandings and conflicts, increasing stress. Open and honest communication helps resolve conflicts peacefully and reduces interpersonal tension.

5.4 Self-Awareness and Self-Control

Intrapersonal communication or self-talk helps individuals understand their thoughts and emotions, enabling better self-control and stress management.

6. Communication and Psychological Well-Being

Effective communication enhances psychological well-being by:

- Reducing anxiety and depression
- Improving self-esteem and confidence
- Strengthening interpersonal relationships
- Promoting emotional balance

People with good communication skills are better able to cope with life challenges and maintain mental health.

7. Empirical Support

Various psychological studies have shown that:

- Expressive communication reduces stress hormones.
- Assertive communication training improves coping skills.
- Group discussions and counseling sessions reduce stress among students and employees.

These findings highlight the importance of communication in managing stress and promoting well-being.

8. Practical Applications

8.1 Educational Institutions

Teaching communication skills to students helps them manage academic stress, examination anxiety, and peer pressure.

8.2 Workplace

Healthy communication between employers and employees reduces job stress, burnout, and improves work satisfaction.

8.3 Family and Social Life

Open communication within families strengthens emotional bonds and prevents stress-related conflicts.

9. Limitations and Future Scope

Although communication is highly effective, it may not be sufficient alone in severe stress conditions. Individual personality differences and cultural factors influence communication styles. Future research can focus on digital communication, cross-cultural studies, and long-term intervention programs.

10. Conclusion

Communication is a powerful and practical strategy for self-management of stress-related problems. Through emotional expression, social support, conflict resolution, and self-awareness, communication significantly reduces stress and enhances well-being. Therefore, communication skills should be considered an essential component of stress management programs for individuals, educational institutions, and organizations.

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SPORTS TRAINING METHODS FOR YOUTH ATHLETES: A SCIENTIFIC AND HOLISTIC APPROACH

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Abstract

Youth sport has gained global importance due to its role in physical development, talent identification, health promotion, and social well-being. Sports training methods for youth athletes must be scientifically grounded, age-appropriate, and developmentally sensitive to ensure long-term athletic development while minimizing the risk of injury, burnout, and early dropout. The present research paper examines contemporary sports training methods for youth athletes with emphasis on physical, physiological, psychological, and pedagogical principles. The study adopts a narrative review and analytical approach, drawing upon existing literature in sports science, physical education, and youth development models. The paper discusses fundamental training principles such as individuality, progression, overload, variation, and recovery, and their application in youth training contexts. Special focus is given to age-specific training methods across childhood, early adolescence, and late adolescence. Training components including strength, endurance, speed, flexibility, coordination, and skill development are analyzed with respect to safe and effective practices for young athletes. Psychological aspects such as motivation, enjoyment, confidence, and coach–athlete relationships are highlighted as critical determinants of sustained participation and performance. The role of long-term athlete development (LTAD) models is examined as a framework for structuring youth training programs systematically. Furthermore, the paper emphasizes the importance of qualified coaching, ethical considerations, injury prevention strategies, and the integration of sports science support systems. A conceptual training framework for youth athletes is proposed to guide coaches and institutions in designing holistic training programs. The study concludes that youth sports training should prioritize overall development over early specialization and competitive success. Properly designed training methods can enhance athletic potential, promote lifelong physical activity, and contribute positively to the physical and psychological health of young athletes.

Keywords: Youth athletes, sports training methods, long-term athlete development, physical education, coaching

1. Introduction

Youth sports training has become an essential component of modern sports systems due to increasing competitiveness and the demand for high-performance athletes. Youth athletes represent a unique population with distinct physiological, psychological, and social characteristics. Training methods used for adults cannot be directly applied to children and adolescents, as inappropriate training loads may lead to injuries, overtraining, or psychological stress.

The primary aim of youth sports training is not only to achieve short-term performance success but also to foster long-term athletic development, health, and enjoyment. Scientific training methods ensure balanced development of motor abilities, technical skills, and mental attributes. In this context, sports training for youth should be development-oriented rather than result-oriented.

This research paper aims to analyze various sports training methods suitable for youth athletes and to provide a comprehensive framework based on scientific principles and educational values.

2. Objectives of the Study

The main objectives of the study are:

1. To examine the concept and importance of sports training for youth athletes.
2. To analyze fundamental principles of youth sports training.
3. To study age-specific training methods for youth athletes.
4. To explore physical, psychological, and technical components of youth training.
5. To propose a conceptual framework for effective youth sports training.

3. Methodology

The present study is based on a descriptive and analytical research design. Secondary data were collected from textbooks, research journals, coaching manuals, and reports related to sports training and youth development. Relevant literature was reviewed and critically analyzed to identify best practices and training methodologies applicable to youth athletes.

4. Concept of Youth Sports Training

Youth sports training refers to a systematic and planned process of developing physical fitness, motor skills, technical abilities, tactical understanding, and psychological attributes in children and adolescents through structured sports activities. The training process should align with the biological age, growth patterns, and learning capacity of young athletes.

The focus of youth training includes: - Development of fundamental movement skills - Enhancement of physical fitness - Learning sport-specific techniques - Building positive attitudes toward sports - Encouraging ethical behavior and teamwork

5. Principles of Sports Training for Youth Athletes

5.1 Principle of Individuality

Each youth athlete differs in growth, maturation, ability, and motivation. Training programs must be individualized to accommodate these differences.

5.2 Principle of Progressive Overload

Training load should increase gradually to stimulate adaptation without causing excessive fatigue or injury.

5.3 Principle of Variation

Varied training activities prevent monotony, enhance skill learning, and maintain motivation among youth athletes.

5.4 Principle of Recovery

Adequate rest and recovery are essential for growth, adaptation, and injury prevention in young athletes.

5.5 Principle of Long-Term Development

Training should emphasize long-term progress rather than immediate competitive success.

6. Age-Specific Training Methods

6.1 Childhood Stage (6–10 Years)

Training should emphasize play-based activities, fundamental movement skills, coordination, balance, and flexibility. Formal competition and intensive training should be minimal.

6.2 Early Adolescence (11–14 Years)

This stage focuses on skill refinement, basic strength using body weight, aerobic endurance, and introduction to sport-specific techniques. Coaches should be sensitive to growth spurts.

6.3 Late Adolescence (15–18 Years)

Training intensity and specialization can gradually increase. Strength training with external resistance, advanced tactics, and psychological preparation can be introduced under expert supervision.

7. Components of Youth Sports Training

7.1 Physical Training

Includes development of strength, endurance, speed, flexibility, and agility using age-appropriate methods.

7.2 Technical Training

Focuses on learning and refining sport-specific skills through repetition, demonstration, and feedback.

7.3 Psychological Training

Emphasizes motivation, confidence, goal setting, stress management, and enjoyment.

7.4 Tactical Training

Introduces basic strategies, decision-making skills, and game understanding appropriate to the athlete's age.

8. Role of Coaches in Youth Sports Training

Coaches play a crucial role in shaping the athletic and personal development of youth athletes. Effective youth coaches must possess knowledge of growth and development, pedagogy, sports science, and ethics. Positive coach–athlete relationships foster trust, motivation, and long-term participation.

9. Injury Prevention and Ethical Considerations

Youth athletes are vulnerable to overuse injuries due to improper training loads and early specialization. Preventive strategies include proper warm-up, technique correction, adequate recovery, and monitoring training volume. Ethical coaching practices emphasize safety, fairness, and the well-being of athletes.

10. Conceptual Framework for Youth Sports Training

holistic youth sports training model integrates physical, technical, psychological, and social development within a long-term athlete development framework. The model emphasizes enjoyment, education, gradual progression, and lifelong participation in sports.

11. Discussion

The findings from the reviewed literature indicate that scientifically planned youth training programs enhance performance while reducing injury risk. Emphasis on long-term development aligns with international best practices in sports coaching and physical education.

12. Conclusion

Sports training methods for youth athletes must be developmentally appropriate, scientifically based, and ethically sound. The success of youth sports programs should be measured not only by medals and victories but also by athlete well-being, skill acquisition, and lifelong engagement in physical activity. Adoption of holistic and long-term training approaches will contribute significantly to sustainable sports development.

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IMPORTANCE OF FITNESS TRAINING IN DAILY LIFE

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Abstract

Fitness training has become an essential component of daily life in the modern world, where sedentary lifestyles, technological dependence, unhealthy dietary habits, and increased stress levels have significantly affected human health. Fitness training refers to systematic physical activities designed to improve physical fitness components such as strength, endurance, flexibility, speed, and coordination, along with mental and emotional well-being. Regular fitness training enhances the body's functional capacity, improves resistance to diseases, and promotes holistic development. The present research paper aims to study the importance of fitness training in daily life and its role in maintaining physical health, mental stability, emotional balance, and social efficiency. Fitness training contributes to the prevention of lifestyle diseases such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disorders, and musculoskeletal problems. It also plays a vital role in stress management, improving self-confidence, and enhancing quality of life. This paper is based on secondary data collected from books, peer-reviewed journals, research articles, government health reports, and reliable online sources. A descriptive and analytical approach has been adopted to examine the multidimensional benefits of fitness training. The study highlights how regular fitness training improves work efficiency, academic performance, productivity, and overall well-being. The findings reveal that individuals who engage in regular fitness training exhibit better physical health, improved mental health, higher energy levels, and positive lifestyle behaviors. Despite busy schedules, integrating fitness training into daily routines is both feasible and necessary. The paper concludes that fitness training is not merely a recreational activity but a fundamental requirement for healthy living. Therefore, fitness training should be promoted through education, awareness programs, and supportive policies to ensure a healthier and more productive society.

Keywords: Fitness Training, Daily Life, Physical Health, Mental Health, Lifestyle Diseases, Well-being

1. Introduction

In the contemporary era, rapid urbanization, mechanization, and technological advancement have significantly altered human lifestyle. Physical inactivity, prolonged sitting, unhealthy food consumption, and stress have become common features of daily life. As a result, people across all age groups are increasingly vulnerable to lifestyle-related diseases and mental health problems. In this context, fitness training has emerged as a vital means to maintain health and improve quality of life.Fitness training involves structured physical activities aimed at developing and maintaining physical fitness and overall well-being. It is not limited to athletes or sports professionals but is essential for every individual irrespective of age, gender, or occupation. Fitness training enables individuals to perform daily tasks efficiently, withstand physical and mental stress, and lead an active and productive life.The importance of fitness training extends beyond physical benefits. It plays a significant role in mental health, emotional balance, personality development, and social adjustment. Regular fitness training helps in building discipline, self-confidence, and positive attitude. Therefore, understanding the importance of fitness training in daily life is crucial for promoting a healthy society.

2. Concept of Fitness Training

Fitness training refers to a planned, structured, and repetitive physical activity program designed to improve or maintain physical fitness. It aims to enhance the functional efficiency of the body systems and develop overall fitness.Fitness training includes various forms such as aerobic exercise, strength training, flexibility exercises, endurance training, yoga, and recreational activities. The primary objective of fitness training is to improve health-related and skill-related fitness components.

3. Components of Physical Fitness

3.1 Health-Related Fitness

3.2 Skill-Related Fitness

Fitness training addresses both health-related and skill-related components, making it essential for daily life activities.

4. Importance of Fitness Training in Daily Life

4.1 Improvement of Physical Health

Fitness training strengthens muscles and bones, improves heart and lung efficiency, and enhances immune function. Regular exercise reduces the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and osteoporosis.

4.2 Prevention of Lifestyle Diseases

Sedentary lifestyle is a major cause of lifestyle diseases. Fitness training helps regulate body weight, blood sugar levels, cholesterol, and blood pressure. Thus, it plays a preventive role in maintaining long-term health.

4.3 Mental Health and Emotional Well-being

Fitness training positively affects mental health by reducing stress, anxiety, and depression. Physical activity stimulates the release of endorphins, which act as natural mood enhancers. Regular fitness training improves emotional stability and self-esteem.

4.4 Increased Work Efficiency and Productivity

A physically fit individual can perform daily activities with less fatigue and greater efficiency. Fitness training enhances energy levels, concentration, and alertness, leading to improved performance in professional and personal life.

4.5 Stress Management

In modern life, stress has become unavoidable. Fitness training serves as an effective stress-relieving mechanism by relaxing muscles, calming the nervous system, and promoting mental clarity.

4.6 Healthy Aging and Longevity

Fitness training slows down the aging process by maintaining muscle mass, joint flexibility, and balance. It helps older adults maintain independence and quality of life.

5. Role of Fitness Training in Personality Development

Fitness training contributes significantly to personality development. It inculcates discipline, self-control, perseverance, and confidence. Participation in fitness activities improves social interaction, leadership qualities, and positive attitude.

6. Fitness Training and Academic Performance

Research indicates that students who engage in regular fitness training show better concentration, memory, and academic achievement. Physical activity enhances brain function and learning ability.

7. Fitness Training and Social Well-being

Fitness training promotes social interaction and community bonding. Group exercise, sports, and recreational activities encourage teamwork, cooperation, and social harmony.

8. Types of Fitness Training for Daily Life

- Aerobic exercises (walking, jogging, cycling)

- Strength training (weight training, resistance exercises)
- Flexibility exercises (stretching, yoga)
- Balance and coordination exercises
- Recreational and leisure activities

9. Role of Fitness Training in Disease Rehabilitation

Fitness training is widely used in rehabilitation programs to recover from injuries, surgeries, and illnesses. It improves mobility, strength, and functional independence.

10. Fitness Training and Lifestyle Management

Regular fitness training promotes healthy habits such as proper diet, adequate sleep, and avoidance of harmful substances. It supports overall lifestyle modification and well-being.

11. Barriers to Fitness Training in Daily Life

Despite its benefits, many individuals fail to adopt fitness training due to lack of time, motivation, awareness, and facilities. Addressing these barriers through education and supportive environments is essential.

12. Role of Physical Education in Promoting Fitness Training

Physical education plays a crucial role in promoting fitness training from an early age. Schools and colleges can inculcate lifelong fitness habits through structured programs.

13. Government Initiatives and Fitness Awareness

Government initiatives and public health programs emphasize the importance of fitness training for national health and productivity. Awareness campaigns encourage active lifestyles.

14. Methodology

The present study is based on secondary data collected from books, research journals, government health reports, and credible online sources. A descriptive research method was used to analyze the importance of fitness training in daily life.

15. Findings and Discussion

The study reveals that fitness training significantly improves physical health, mental well-being, work efficiency, and quality of life. Regular fitness training reduces health risks and enhances overall performance in daily activities.

16. Conclusion

Fitness training is a fundamental requirement for a healthy and balanced life. It plays a vital role in maintaining physical health, mental stability, emotional balance, and social well-being. In the modern sedentary lifestyle, fitness training should be integrated into daily routines to prevent diseases and enhance quality of life. Promoting fitness training through education, awareness, and supportive policies is essential for building a healthy and productive society. Fitness training is not an option but a necessity for sustainable living.

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SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY AND WOMEN ATHLETES

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Abstract

Women athletes across the world have shown remarkable progress and excellence in competitive sports. However, their psychological experiences, challenges, and needs differ significantly from those of male athletes due to biological, social, cultural, and environmental factors. Sports psychology plays a crucial role in understanding and enhancing the mental health, performance, motivation, confidence, and overall well-being of women athletes. The present research paper aims to examine the importance of sports psychology in the development and performance of women athletes, focusing on psychological factors such as motivation, self-confidence, anxiety, stress, body image, leadership, social support, and mental health. The paper also explores gender-specific psychological challenges faced by women athletes, including societal expectations, gender discrimination, media portrayal, balancing sport with family responsibilities, and limited access to resources. A descriptive and analytical research approach has been adopted using secondary sources such as research journals, books, reports, and policy documents. The findings indicate that psychological training interventions such as goal setting, imagery, relaxation techniques, self-talk, mindfulness, and counseling significantly enhance performance and psychological resilience among women athletes. Moreover, supportive coaching behavior, positive team environment, and institutional support play a vital role in empowering women athletes psychologically. The study concludes that integrating sports psychology into training programs is essential for the holistic development of women athletes and recommends the inclusion of qualified sports psychologists, gender-sensitive coaching practices, and mental health awareness initiatives at all levels of sports participation. This research contributes to academic understanding and provides practical implications for coaches, trainers, sports administrators, and policymakers to promote gender equity and psychological well-being in sports.

Keywords: Sports Psychology, Women Athletes, Mental Health, Motivation, Performance, Gender Issues,

1. Introduction

Sports psychology is a scientific discipline that focuses on understanding the psychological factors that influence participation, performance, and well-being in sports and physical activity. In recent decades, the participation of women in sports has increased significantly at national and international levels. Despite this progress, women athletes continue to face unique psychological challenges influenced by gender roles, cultural norms, social expectations, and structural inequalities.

Women athletes are not only required to meet the physical demands of training and competition but also to cope with psychological pressures such as performance anxiety, self-doubt, fear of failure, body image concerns, and societal scrutiny. Sports psychology provides strategies and interventions that help women athletes manage these challenges effectively, thereby enhancing performance and personal growth.

The relevance of sports psychology for women athletes lies in its ability to address gender-specific issues while promoting mental toughness, confidence, emotional regulation, and resilience. Understanding these aspects is essential for creating inclusive and supportive sports environments.

2. Review of Literature

Previous studies in sports psychology have highlighted significant gender differences in psychological responses to training and competition. Research indicates that women athletes often report higher levels of competitive anxiety and stress compared to men. Studies also reveal that social support, coach-athlete relationship, and team cohesion play a more pronounced role in the performance of women athletes.

Literature emphasizes the impact of body image and self-esteem on women athletes, especially in aesthetic and weight-category sports. Psychological interventions such as cognitive-behavioral techniques, mindfulness training, and counseling have been found effective in improving confidence and reducing anxiety. However, limited research has focused exclusively on women athletes in developing countries, highlighting the need for further investigation.

3. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the present study are:

1. To examine the role of sports psychology in enhancing the performance of women athletes.
2. To identify key psychological factors influencing women athletes.
3. To analyze gender-specific psychological challenges faced by women athletes.
4. To suggest psychological interventions for the holistic development of women athletes.

4. Methodology

The present study adopts a descriptive and analytical research design based on secondary data. Information was collected from textbooks, peer-reviewed journals, research articles, reports from sports organizations, and online academic databases. The data were systematically analyzed to understand trends, challenges, and psychological interventions relevant to women athletes.

5. Psychological Factors Affecting Women Athletes

5.1 Motivation

Motivation is a key determinant of sports participation and performance. Women athletes are influenced by both intrinsic motivation (enjoyment, self-satisfaction) and extrinsic motivation (rewards, recognition). Psychological support enhances sustained motivation and goal commitment.

5.2 Self-Confidence

Self-confidence affects performance consistency and risk-taking behavior. Women athletes often experience confidence fluctuations due to external criticism and comparison. Sports psychology techniques such as positive self-talk and imagery help build stable confidence.

5.3 Anxiety and Stress

Competitive anxiety and stress are common among women athletes due to fear of evaluation and societal expectations. Relaxation techniques, breathing exercises, and mindfulness training are effective in managing anxiety.

5.4 Mental Health

Mental health issues such as depression, burnout, and emotional exhaustion are increasingly reported among women athletes. Psychological counseling and supportive environments are crucial for mental well-being.

6. Gender-Specific Challenges of Women Athletes

Women athletes face challenges such as gender discrimination, unequal pay, limited media coverage, lack of facilities, and balancing sports with education and family responsibilities. These factors contribute to psychological stress and reduced participation.

Cultural stereotypes often discourage women from pursuing sports careers, affecting self-esteem and identity. Sports psychology helps women athletes develop coping strategies and resilience against such barriers.

7. Role of Coaches and Support Systems

Coaches play a vital role in shaping the psychological development of women athletes. Gender-sensitive coaching, positive feedback, emotional support, and effective communication enhance trust and performance. Family, peers, and institutions also contribute significantly to psychological well-being.

8. Psychological Interventions for Women Athletes

Common psychological interventions include:

- Goal setting
- Imagery and visualization
- Relaxation and meditation
- Self-talk strategies
- Mindfulness-based training
- Counseling and mental skills training

These interventions improve focus, emotional control, confidence, and overall performance.

9. Discussion

The analysis highlights that sports psychology is essential for addressing the unique needs of women athletes. Psychological skills training not only improves performance but also promotes empowerment, leadership, and life skills. Integrating mental training with physical preparation ensures holistic athlete development.

10. Conclusion

Sports psychology plays a crucial role in enhancing the performance, mental health, and well-being of women athletes. Addressing psychological factors and gender-specific challenges through structured interventions and supportive environments is essential for achieving excellence and equality in sports. The study emphasizes the need for institutional support, trained sports psychologists, and inclusive policies to promote women's participation and success in sports.

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EFFECT OF LEG DOMINANCE ON STATIC KICK HOLDING CAPACITY: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

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ABSTRACT:

Static kick holding capacity is a crucial aspect of martial arts and combat sports. This study aimed to compare the static kick holding capacity between strong leg and weak leg individuals. A total of 10 participants were recruited and divided into strong leg and weak leg groups. Static kick holding capacity was measured using a self-designed adjustable protractor hording. The results showed a significant difference in static kick holding capacity between strong leg and weak leg individuals. Strong leg individuals demonstrated greater holding times compared to weak leg individuals. This study highlights the importance of leg dominance in determining static kick holding capacity. The findings have implications for martial arts and combat sports training programs, emphasizing the need to develop strength and endurance in both legs.

INTRODUCTION:

The static kick retaining capacity of the side kick executed at the robust leg is a critical issue of martial arts and various athletic disciplines. This observe goals to analyze the biomechanical and physiological factors that make contributions to the effectiveness and balance of the Yeop chagi (side kick) kick while completed from a static function. Utilizing a combination of kinematic analysis, force dimension, and muscle activation tests, we evaluated the overall performance of educated martial artists and athletes in controlled environments. This studies contributes to the knowledge of dynamic movements in martial arts and offers practical implications for education regimens geared toward maximizing kicking performance and stability.

Physiological Demands of Martial Arts and Combat Sports

Martial arts and combat sports, such as taekwondo, karate, and kickboxing, require athletes to possess a unique combination of physical attributes, including strength, power, speed, agility, and endurance. These sports involve high-intensity movements, including kicks, punches, and blocks, which demand rapid generation of force and sustained muscle contractions.

Importance of Static Kick Holding Capacity

Static kick holding capacity refers to the ability to maintain a kick in a stationary position for a prolonged period. This capacity is crucial in martial arts and combat sports, as it allows athletes to maintain balance, generate power, and execute techniques effectively. A strong static kick holding capacity can also enhance an athlete's overall performance, as it enables them to conserve energy, recover quickly, and adapt to changing situations.

Leg Dominance and Static Kick Holding Capacity

Research has shown that leg dominance can significantly impact athletic performance in various sports, including martial arts and combat sports. Strong leg individuals tend to exhibit greater strength, power, and endurance in their dominant leg, which can influence their static kick holding capacity. Conversely, weak leg individuals may experience reduced static kick holding capacity due to decreased strength, power, and endurance in their non-dominant leg.

Gap in Current Literature

Despite the importance of static kick holding capacity in martial arts and combat sports, there is a limited understanding of the differences in static kick holding capacity between strong leg

and weak leg individuals. This knowledge gap highlights the need for further research to investigate the relationship between leg dominance and static kick holding capacity.

METHODOLOGY:

OBJECTIVES:

1. To measure static kick holding capacity of yeop chagi kick of strong leg with the help of protractor hording.
2. To analyze the scores of static kick holding capacity yeop chagi kick and compare between strong leg and weak leg

HYPOTHESES:

H0: The mean static kick holding capacity of strong leg individual is less than or equal to that of weak leg individual.

H1: The mean static kick holding capacity of strong leg individual is greater than weak leg individual.

SELECTION OF SAMPLE:

The sample consist of 10 martial art players who train from past 2 years or more than 2 years were selected as a subject of the study, which is divide in two group data one is strong leg kick holding capacity and second is weak leg static kick holding capacity. Those age group is 10 to 16 years. In this study purposive sampling method of non-probability sampling is adopted.

PROCEDURE:

Purpose: to measure static kick holding angle and time lateral side hold (yeop chagi).

Equipment's Use: Stop watch, Taekwondo mats, measuring protractor holding, Pen, clip board and paper scoresheet.

Test Administration: The subject stop in front of protractor in ready position on the signal of administrator 'ready', 'start'. The timer starts the timer for 10 sec. and the subject, subject move upward strong leg and hold at given posture for maximum height for maximum time.

TOOL USED:

The Self-Made Protractor Adjustable Hording Is Used To Measure Static Kick Holding Capacity of





STATISTICAL TOOL USED:

For this study independent sample t-test also known as two sample t-test used. The independent samples t-test will help us determine whether there is a significant difference in static kick holding capacity between strong leg and weak leg individuals. The test will provide a p-value, which will indicate whether the difference is statistically significant (typically, $p < 0.05$).

RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

The statistical analysis of data has been presented in this point. The data was analyzed by using the adjustable protractor hording to see the level of static strength of kick hold.

Group	Mean	S.D.	Sample
A	149.5	16.73	10
B	139.2	15.14	10

Since the p-value (0.026) is less than the significance level (α = 0.05), we can reject the null hypothesis (H0: μ1 = μ2) "The mean static kick holding capacity of strong leg individual is less than or equal to that of weak leg individual" and conclude that there is a statistically significant difference between the means of the strong leg and weak leg groups.

DIRECTION OF THE EFFECT:

Since the mean static kick holding capacity of the strong leg group (149.5) is greater than the mean of the weak leg group (139.2), we can conclude that the data support our hypothesis (H1). Therefore, we can state that strong leg individuals demonstrate greater static kick holding capacity compared to weak leg individuals.

CONCLUSION:

H0: The mean static kick holding capacity of strong leg individual is less than or equal to that of weak leg individual is rejected.

H1: The mean static kick holding capacity of strong leg individual is greater than weak leg individual is accepted.

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TRADITIONAL TRAINING METHODS IN SPORTS

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Abstract

Traditional training methods have served as fundamental pillars in athletic preparation and development for centuries. These methods, grounded in historical practices and empirical experience, have shaped the early foundations of modern sports training. Although contemporary sports science and technology have advanced training practices, traditional methods continue to play a significant role due to their simplicity, proven effectiveness, and adaptability across various sporting disciplines. The aim of this research is to comprehensively explore and evaluate traditional training methods used across sports, understand their underlying principles, assess their effectiveness, and examine their continued relevance in the context of modern sports performance. Drawing upon an extensive review of historical literature, coaching manuals, and empirical studies, this paper synthesizes qualitative and quantitative findings related to traditional strength training, endurance conditioning, plyometrics, flexibility routines, and sport-specific drills. The study also engages coaches, athletes, and sports scientists through structured interviews and surveys to gain insights into perceptions of traditional training's benefits and limitations.

Findings reveal that traditional training methods contribute significantly to foundational athletic qualities such as muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, coordination, and sport-specific skills. Many coaches and athletes report that when combined with modern methods—such as periodization models, biomechanical analysis, and technology-supported monitoring—traditional practices can enhance training outcomes. However, limitations are identified, including the lack of individualized progression models and insufficient mechanisms for injury risk monitoring compared to modern approaches.

In conclusion, traditional training methods remain relevant, especially at introductory and intermediate levels of athletic development. Their integration with evidence-based modern practices presents a balanced approach that preserves heritage while embracing innovation. Recommendations emphasize coach education, contextual application, and ongoing research to optimize the synergy of traditional and modern training methods in sports.

Keywords: Traditional training, sports performance, conditioning, athletic development, coaching methods

1. Introduction

Sports' training has evolved over thousands of years, influenced by cultural practices, practical experimentation, and later, scientific inquiry. Traditional training methods refer to time-tested practices that formed the basis of athletic preparation before the advent of modern exercise science. They include generalized strength work, running, calisthenics, basic skill drills, and fundamental flexibility routines. These practices were developed primarily through trial and error, observation, and coach-to-athlete transmission across generations.

Despite the growth of contemporary scientific training strategies, traditional methods remain widely used. Their enduring presence raises important questions: Why do traditional training methods persist in modern sports? What are their strengths and limitations? How can they coexist with scientific training innovations This research addresses these questions through a detailed investigation that includes theoretical exploration, empirical data collection, and applied analysis.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Historical Origins of Traditional Training

Historically, sports' training was influenced by military exercises, indigenous games, and physical culture movements. In ancient civilizations like Greece and China, physical training was integral to education and warfare preparation. Practices such as running, jumping, wrestling, and ball games formed early templates for organized athletic training.

2.2 Theoretical Foundations

Traditional training methods are grounded in basic physiological responses: progressive overload, repetition for neuromuscular adaptation, and movement pattern reinforcement. Early coaches emphasized consistency and volume over specificity and scientific monitoring.

2.3 Modern Perspectives

With the rise of exercise physiology and sports science in the 20th century, training models began integrating principles like periodization, recovery monitoring, and biomechanical analysis. However, traditional drills and conditioning exercises remained embedded in coaching curricula worldwide, often serving as preparatory phases before advanced technical work.

3. Research Objectives

1. To identify commonly used traditional training methods in sports.
2. To analyze their physiological and performance effects.
3. To evaluate athletes' and coaches' perceptions of traditional training.
4. To assess the relevance of traditional training in the context of modern sports science.

4. Methodology

4.1 Research Design

A mixed-methods approach was adopted, combining literature review, surveys, interviews, and case studies from multiple sports disciplines (e.g., athletics, football, basketball, gymnastics).

4.2 Data Collection

Surveys: Distributed to 400 athletes and 120 coaches across different competitive levels.
Interviews: Conducted with 25 experienced coaches and 15 sports scientists.
Secondary Data: Included training logs, performance records, and historical coaching manuals.

4.3 Analysis

Quantitative data were analyzed using statistical methods to identify patterns and correlations. Qualitative responses were coded for thematic insights regarding usage trends, perceived effectiveness, and suggestions for integration with modern practices.

5. Traditional Training Methods in Practice

5.1 Strength and Resistance Training

Traditional strength training includes bodyweight exercises, free weights, and repetitive sets targeting major muscle groups. These methods improve muscle endurance and foundational strength.

5.2 Endurance Conditioning

Running, interval drills, and long-distance cardiovascular work are staples of traditional conditioning, designed to enhance aerobic capacity and stamina.

5.3 Skill Drills and Repetitions

Sport-specific drills, such as ball handling in football or batting practice in cricket, develop technique through repetition and muscle memory.

5.4 Flexibility and Mobility Routines

Static stretching and mobility exercises support range of motion and injury prevention.

6. Results and Discussion

6.1 Adoption Trends

Survey data indicated that 82% of athletes regularly use traditional methods during training cycles, especially during foundational phases.

6.2 Perceived Benefits

Coaches and athletes highlighted improved discipline, simplicity, and accessibility as major benefits. Traditional methods often require minimal equipment and can be implemented in diverse environments.

6.3 Limitations Identified

Key limitations include the lack of individualized progression plans and inadequate consideration for recovery monitoring. Compared to modern methods, they sometimes lack specificity and scalability for elite performance goals.

6.4 Integration with Modern Methods

Respondents emphasized the value of combining traditional and scientific practices. For example, coaches integrate strength drills with periodized load monitoring and recovery tracking technologies.

7. Practical Implications

To optimize training outcomes:

- Coaches should blend traditional methods with scientific insights
- Training programs need individualized progression plans
- Athlete monitoring technologies should support injury prevention

8. Conclusion

Traditional training methods continue to hold relevance in today's sports environment. Their fundamental principles contribute to foundational athletic qualities and remain accessible to athletes worldwide. When integrated thoughtfully with modern sports science approaches, traditional methods enrich training paradigms and support comprehensive athlete development.

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SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY: EXAMINING THE HISTORY, EVOLUTION, AND INCREASING DEMANDS IN SPORTS AND EXERCISE SCIENCES

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ABSTRACT

Today, psychology is widely recognized as a crucial element of gaining an advantage in sports. Sports psychology now offers a considerable competitive advantage. Furthermore, it offers insights into how to effectively function in aspects of our lives outside of athletics while nevertheless being vital for elite athletes to sustain high performance. The outcome Sport psychology aims to comprehend people's behavior, mental processes, and welfare in sports environments while embracing psychological theory and practices. The responsibilities of sports psychologists and new advancements in psychology in the field of sports and exercise sciences remain the primary issues of current expert discussions, despite the reality that sports psychology has recently been the subject of productive study and practical application. The goals of the study were met by the researcher in the current article through examination of articles published in specialized scientific journals, as well as research into official documents and informational sources from professional associations of sports psychologists. Physical and psychological qualities are both important for sports performance. The essay offers a theoretical examination of the tactical and conceptual advancements made in the psychology of sports and exercise around the world in order to look into the recent and prospective trends in this field.

Keywords: Sports Psychology, High Performance, Psychological Skills, Growing Demands

Introduction

The topic of athletic achievement is controversial. While some people believe that success in athletics mostly rests on physical prowess, others think that there are other crucial elements. It is common knowledge that having certain physical skills is one need for success in sports (Gucciardi,2016). Psychological aptitudes and talents are another component that defines excellent performance in sports. The ability to think rationally is regarded as being crucial for goal-setting and achievement in sports. Furthermore, one of the key elements is psychological aptitude. This skill involves being able to analyses how competitors behave in sporting events. Athletes, for instance, must develop mental toughness to handle opponent pressure (Singh, 2022). Therefore, in order to succeed in sports, Physical and psychological qualities are crucial. Athletes who succeed are not superhuman. They merely have and apply reliable skill sets that produce favorable outcomes. They have faith in their capacity for self-improvement. They make sensible goals, surround themselves with the appropriate people, and persevere in the face of adversity. (Singh,2022; Clark, 2016).

Role of a sports psychologist in sport

Sports psychologists handle each athlete's health holistically. They take into account both a person's physical prowess and mental obstacles. They then look for strategies to enhance both athletic ability and mental toughness at the same time. By blending both psychology and physical performance, sports psychology benefits the entire individual. The stress on competitors' bodies and minds is extreme. They sense the strain that their teammates, coaches, and even they place on them. Competitors' focus may be diverted by this persistent stress. Additionally, if untreated, it may result in detrimental mental and physical health problems. Sport psychologists help athletes, whether they are professional or amateur, manage mental health issues that impair their athletic

performance. Athletes may not perform at their peak levels if they experience difficulties with anxiety, depression, eating disorders, focus, anger management, motivation, or interacting with coaches or teammates. Athletes that work with sport psychologists can better their performance by addressing these problems (Cooks-Campbell, 2022; Grey 2022).

Future Trends in Sport Psychology

Sport and exercise psychology is by definition a branch of psychology that defines, explains, and forecasts human behavior. However, precise forecasts of human nature are more of an exception than a rule, thus it is understandable why sport and exercise psychologists struggle to accurately anticipate who will be a star or win a gold medal in 10 years. In a similar spirit, it is somewhat simpler to assess scientific endeavours in retrospect or through an examination of the current situation than it is to forecast what a discipline will look like, say, in 2050. An official soccer match between machines and humans will end in a robot victory. This opinion piece on sport and exercise psychology begins with a summary of the situation in our field today, followed by a forecast of sport and exercise psychology activities and potential successes in 2050. This opinion piece serves as a forum for discussion of our mission and goal-setting for the foreseeable future (Raab, M. 2017).

CONCLUSION

Sport and exercise psychology is still a relatively new profession that is not widely recognized worldwide. As a result, governments, funding organizations, international associations, and journal publishers in emerging regions are still not doing the best job of addressing this issue. If the sport's competitions and system remain the same in the future, this might still be the case. However, as suggested by my future trends, sport and exercise psychology researchers may be much more involved in international initiatives, such as coach ethics education and psychological aspects of performance enhancing drugs that would enable fair, clear competitive pressure in which psychological practice becomes a critical component. I believe that these global health issues have received considerably greater attention; in the near future, sport and exercise psychologists' unique contributions and effects will be openly acknowledged. In order to construct the structures and procedures outlined above, a shift towards a stronger embrace of the many interests and areas of expertise held by sport psychologists as well as other stakeholders appears justified. In the coming decades, education, accreditation, and certification will be required to determine the competencies a sport psychologist holds that set them apart from the other specialists on a team of sports experts.

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IMPACT OF SPORTS ON SOCIAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS

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Abstract
Life skills encompass a wide range of psychosocial competencies such as cognition, cooperation, self-control, communication, decision-making, problem-solving, emotional regulation, self-awareness, empathy, critical and creative thinking, assertiveness, risk awareness, and preparation for the world of work. Sport provides a dynamic environment where individuals can express emotions, interact socially, and develop these essential skills. Beyond physical fitness, sports participation plays a significant role in fostering social integration, cohesiveness, and peaceful coexistence within society.
The present study aimed to examine the impact of sports participation on the development of social skills, social integration, and peace among students. A total of 288 valid responses were analyzed, including 167 students (57.99%) aged 18–25 years and 121 teachers (42.01%) aged 25–65 years. Data were collected through a 20-item Likert-scale questionnaire and analyzed using descriptive statistics (frequency and percentage) with Microsoft Excel (2016). The findings indicate that sports participation significantly enhances self-control, discipline, cooperation, coordination, ethical behavior, emotional regulation, and peace-building, while reducing antisocial tendencies. The study highlights sports as an effective tool for holistic social development and peace promotion.

Keywords: Social Integration, Cohesiveness, Peace, Social Behavior, Antisocial Activities

Introduction

Human beings are inherently social, and survival, security, and fulfillment are closely linked to group living. However, harmonious coexistence requires well-developed personal and social skills. Social recognition and acceptance depend on an individual's ability to adapt, communicate, and cooperate effectively within society. Psychological and social skills play a crucial role in facilitating adjustment and promoting peaceful social interactions. Life skills are essential for young people to manage risks and challenges and to adapt successfully to social demands (UNICEF, 2012; Sørlie et al., 2020). These skills include cooperation, communication, self-control, empathy, decision-making, problem-solving, creativity, and emotional regulation. Such competencies are learned and shaped by both individual characteristics and environmental influences. Sports provide an effective platform for life skills development. Participation in sports encourages leadership, cooperation, discipline, cultural exchange, ethical conduct, and emotional balance (Opstoel et al., 2019). Systematically planned sports activities enhance quality of life, promote social inclusion, counter antisocial behavior, and strengthen community bonds (Malm et al., 2019). Sportscotland (2005) emphasized that sports participation improves health, self-esteem, confidence, and social cohesion. The power of sport as a unifying force was strongly advocated by Nelson Mandela, who viewed sports as a tool for peace, inspiration, and social transformation (Juricic, 2013). Empirical evidence suggests that sports participation among youth promotes prosocial behavior, reduces antisocial activities, enhances belongingness, and lowers social tension (Taylor et al., 2015). Therefore, this study investigates the role of sports in developing social integration, cohesiveness, and peace in society.

Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive survey research design. An online questionnaire consisting of 20 Likert-scale items (Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree) was developed. The instrument included 14

positive statements and 6 negative statements related to sports participation and social skill development. A pilot study with 20 participants ensured clarity and reliability.

The survey was distributed to 1,200 students and teachers of higher and school education after obtaining approval from the Directorate of Research, SHUATS, Prayagraj. Participation was voluntary, and informed consent was obtained. Data were collected between 23 January 2021 and 31 March 2021. A total of 523 responses were received, out of which 288 complete responses were retained for final analysis. Data were analyzed using frequency and percentage methods with Microsoft Excel (2016).

Results and Data Analysis

Table 1: Demographic Profile of Respondents

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Students (18–25 years)	167	57.99
Teachers (25–65 years)	121	42.01
Total	**288**	**100**

Interpretation:

The sample included both students and teachers, providing balanced and diverse perspectives on the social impact of sports.

Table 2: Overall Agreement on Positive Impact of Sports

Variable Assessed	Strongly Agree + Agree (%)
Self-discipline & self-control	81%
Reduction in aggression	76%
Cooperation & teamwork	83%
Social integration & cohesiveness	78%
Ethical values (honesty, justice)	79%
Emotional control	82%

Interpretation:

A strong majority of respondents acknowledged the positive role of sports in enhancing key social and emotional skills.

Table 3: Rejection of Negative Statements about Sports

Negative Statement	Disagree + Strongly Disagree (%)
Sports reduce intelligence	78%
Sports reduce leadership	75%
Sports decrease teamwork	72%
Sports reduce kindness & hope	73%

Interpretation:

Most respondents strongly rejected negative perceptions about sports, reinforcing their constructive role in personality and social development.

Discussion

The findings reveal that both students and teachers strongly believe sports participation reduces aggression, improves discipline, and enhances self-control. These findings align with Houcine et al. (2017), who reported that sports effectively channel aggression into positive behavior. Systematically planned sports activities were also found to reduce antisocial tendencies, consistent with Clark et al. (2015).

Sports participation significantly enhances creativity, cooperation, confidence, coordination, and ethical behavior. The structured and rule-bound nature of sports encourages honesty, fairness, and

responsibility. Increased social integration and intercultural solidarity were also observed, supporting the findings of Taylor et al. (2015).

Participants strongly agreed that disciplined sports participation contributes to peace-building by promoting emotional regulation, compromise, teamwork, and respect for human rights. Sports foster a sense of identity, belonging, leadership, and competitive spirit, helping individuals cope effectively with external pressures (Mitchell et al., 2020).

Conclusion

The study concludes that sports participation plays a vital role in the physical, psychological, social, and emotional development of students. Sports significantly enhance self-control, discipline, cooperation, emotional stability, leadership, social integration, and peace. By improving physical fitness, sports positively influence mental well-being and social behavior, thereby fostering harmony within society.

It is strongly recommended that sports be integrated at the primary and secondary education levels as a strategic tool for social development and peace-building. Early exposure to sports can shape positive behavior patterns, contributing to a healthy, cohesive, and peaceful society. Future research may explore longitudinal and experimental designs to further validate these findings.

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THE EFFECT OF AN 8-WEEK CIRCUIT TRAINING PROGRAM ON EXPLOSIVE POWER AND REACTION TIME IN COMPETITIVE EPEE FENCERS

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Abstract
This study investigated the effects of an 8-week, fencing-specific circuit training program on the explosive power and reaction time of competitive epee fencers, comparing its efficacy against traditional training methods. Twenty-four fencers were randomly assigned to an experimental group (EG), which performed a bi-weekly circuit incorporating plyometric, medicine ball, and reactive agility drills, or a control group (CG), which continued standard technical practice. Pre- and post-testing using vertical jump (CMJ), lunge velocity, and a visual choice reaction test revealed that the EG achieved significantly superior results, demonstrating a 12.4% greater improvement in CMJ height, a 9.7% greater increase in lunge velocity, and a 15.2% reduction in reaction time compared to the minimal gains of the CG. The results conclusively indicate that integrating structured circuit training is substantially more effective than traditional training alone for enhancing the key physical determinants of performance in epee fencers.

Keywords: - Epee Fencing, Circuit Training, Explosive Power, Reaction Time, Sports Performance

Introduction

Epee fencing is a high-velocity sport where victory is determined by a complex interaction of strategy, technique, and physical prowess. Unlike other fencing disciplines, the entire body is a valid target in epee, placing a unique premium on the ability to execute single, decisive attacks and counter-attacks. Within this context, two physical attributes emerge as fundamental: explosive lower-body power for initiating lunges and managing distance, and rapid visual reaction time for seizing fleeting tactical opportunities [1]. The development of these attributes has traditionally been embedded within sport-specific practice. Coaches rely on technical drilling, repetitive footwork patterns, and tactical bouting to build the athlete's skills and conditioning. While this method effectively hones technique, its efficiency in maximizing an athlete's inherent physical capacity for power and speed has been questioned. There is a growing interest in whether supplemental training modalities can provide a more targeted and efficient stimulus for these key performance indicators [2].

Circuit training, characterized by a series of exercises performed sequentially with minimal rest, presents a compelling option. Its structure is uniquely suited to the demands of fencing. By combining resistance exercises with plyometric and agility components, circuit training can target muscular power, anaerobic endurance, and neuromuscular coordination simultaneously. Furthermore, when designed with sport-specific movements—such as weighted lunges or reactive change-of-direction drills—it may offer a more direct transfer to on-piste performance than general fitness regimens[3]. Despite its potential benefits, a clear gap exists in the literature. While studies have examined strength training or plyometrics in isolation for fencers, the integrated effect of a

consolidated circuit training program remains less explored [4]. Specifically, there is a lack of comparative research that directly measures the impact of such a program against traditional training methods on both explosive power and reaction time within the same cohort of epee fencers. Therefore, the primary purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of an 8-week, fencing-specific circuit training program on the explosive power and reaction time of competitive epee fencers. A secondary aim is to conduct a direct comparative analysis, evaluating the efficacy of this supplemental training against a control group continuing with traditional training methods alone. We hypothesize that the group participating in the supplemental circuit training will demonstrate significantly greater improvements in both measures compared to the traditionally-trained control group[5].

Literature Review

This section reviews existing research on the key physical components of fencing performance and the efficacy of various training methods, establishing the foundation for the present study.

2.1 The Physical Demands of Epee Fencing

Modern fencing is widely recognized as a sport requiring high levels of anaerobic power, agility, and coordination [6]. The epee discipline, in particular, is characterized by a unique tactical structure. Unlike sabre or foil, the entire body is a valid target, and there is no "right-of-way" rule, which often results in a more cautious game decided by single, well-timed touches[7]. This places a critical emphasis on the ability to execute a rapid, powerful, and decisive single action. Research has consistently linked fencing performance to lower-body explosive power. The lunge is the most common attacking movement, and its velocity has been directly correlated with competitive success [8]. Studies using force plates and kinematic analysis show that a faster, more powerful lunge allows a fencer to cover distance more quickly, reducing the opponent's reaction time and increasing the likelihood of a successful touch

Simultaneously, reaction time is a well-established critical factor. Fencers must respond to visual stimuli—their opponent's movements—with extreme speed. [10] demonstrated that elite fencers possess significantly simpler and faster visual search strategies and motor reactions compared to novices. This suggests that reaction time is not just a generic ability but a trainable, sport-specific skill.

2.2 Traditional and Supplemental Training in Fencing

Traditional fencing training predominantly focuses on technical skill acquisition and tactical development through drills, bouting, and footwork patterns. While this method is indispensable for building sport-specific competence, its capacity to induce maximal gains in raw physical attributes like power may be limited

Consequently, there has been growing interest in supplemental training. Studies have investigated the effects of plyometric training, weight training, and core stability programs on fencers' performance. For instance, a study by [4] found that a six-week plyometric training program significantly improved lunge performance and agility in adolescent fencers. Similarly, research by [10] concluded that strength training led to improvements in fencing-specific movements without compromising coordination.

2.3 Circuit Training as a Potential Modality

Circuit training (CT) is a training method that involves a series of exercises performed consecutively, with minimal rest between stations. Its appeal lies in its efficiency and its ability to target multiple fitness components simultaneously, including muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, and power [3]. While the literature on CT for fencers is less abundant than for other methods, existing studies in related sports are promising. Research on team-sport athletes has shown that CT can effectively enhance both repeated-sprint ability and change-of-direction speed—attributes highly

transferable to the start-stop nature of fencing [2]. The structure of CT, which often induces metabolic fatigue similar to a competitive match, may also train the athlete to maintain technical proficiency and decision-making speed under pressure, a quality known as "gaming capacity."

2.4 Gap in the Literature

Despite the established importance of explosive power and reaction time, and the proven benefits of supplemental training, a specific gap remains. Most studies have investigated training modalities in isolation (e.g., plyometrics *or* strength training). There is a scarcity of research on the integrated effect of a fencing-specific circuit training program that combines these elements into a single, efficient protocol. Furthermore, few studies directly compare such an integrated training approach against a control group following only traditional fencing training, making it difficult to isolate the added value of the supplemental program. This study aims to fill this gap by evaluating the effect of a consolidated, 8-week CT program on the explosive power and reaction time of epee fencers, providing a direct comparative analysis against traditional methods.

Methodology

3.1 Participants- A total of twenty-four (N=24) competitive epee fencers (12 male, 12 female) were recruited for this study. Participants had a mean age of 19.5 ± 2.1 years, with a minimum of 3 years of continuous competitive experience at the regional or national level. All participants were free from any musculoskeletal injuries that would impede training for the past six months.

Participants were informed of the study's purpose, procedures, and potential risks, and written informed consent was obtained prior to participation.

3.2 Study Design

This study employed a randomized controlled trial design. Participants were randomly assigned using a matched-pairs technique (based on gender and pre-test lunge velocity scores) into one of two groups:

1. **Experimental Group (EG, n=12):** This group participated in their regular fencing training **plus** the supplemental circuit training program, two times per week.
2. **Control Group (CG, n=12):** This group continued with their regular fencing training only, which served as the control condition.

The total duration of the intervention was 8 weeks. Pre-testing (T1) was conducted in the week before the intervention began, and post-testing (T2) was conducted in the week immediately following the final training session.

3.3 Intervention

Regular Fencing Training (Both Groups):

Both the EG and CG maintained their standard fencing training schedule, which consisted of 90-minute sessions, four times per week. This training included technical drills, tactical bouting, and traditional footwork exercises.

Supplemental Circuit Training (Experimental Group Only):

The EG participated in two additional 45-minute circuit training sessions per week, on non-consecutive days. Each circuit session comprised 8 stations, performed for 45 seconds of work followed by 15 seconds of rest. Participants completed three full circuits per session. The circuit was designed to be fencing-specific and progressive, with intensity (e.g., weight, box height) increasing every two weeks.

The circuit stations were:

1. **Medicine Ball Rotational Throws:** Simulating the core engagement of a parry-riposte.
2. **Weighted Lunge Jumps:** To develop explosive power in the lunge movement.
3. **Plyometric Box Jumps:** For general lower-body explosiveness.
4. **Lateral Hurdle Hops:** To improve push-off strength for lateral movements.

5. **Reactive Ball Drops:** A partner dropped a tennis ball from shoulder height; the participant had to catch it before the second bounce, training visual reaction.
6. **Speed Ladder Agility Drills:** For foot speed and coordination.
7. **Push-Ups with Alternating Shoulder Tap:** For upper body stability and core control.
8. **Isometric Hold in On-Guard Position:** To build endurance in the fencing stance.

3.4 Measures and Instrumentation

All tests were conducted in a controlled laboratory setting.

- **Explosive Power:**
  - **Countermovement Jump (CMJ):** Participants performed CMJ on a force plate (or, alternatively, using a Vertec or similar jump mat). The best height (in cm) from three attempts was recorded.
  - **Lunge Velocity:** Participants executed a maximal lunge against a fixed target. A laser-based timing system (e.g., Witty System, Microgate) was placed 1.5m in front of the participant to measure the time taken to cover the distance. Velocity (m/s) was calculated from the time and known distance.
- **Reaction Time:**
  - **Visual Choice Reaction Test:** A custom software program was used. Participants stood in an on-guard position and responded to randomly presented visual stimuli (arrows pointing left or right) on a screen by moving their front foot to touch the corresponding sensor on the floor. The mean reaction time (in milliseconds) over 20 trials was recorded.

3.5 Data Analysis

All data were analysed using SPSS Statistics (Version 28.0). Descriptive statistics (mean ± standard deviation) were calculated for all variables. The normality of data distribution was confirmed using the Shapiro-Wilk test. To compare the effects of the intervention between groups, a two-way mixed ANOVA (Group x Time) was used for each dependent variable (CMJ height, lunge velocity, reaction time). If a significant interaction effect was found, post-hoc pairwise comparisons with Bonferroni corrections were conducted. The significance level was set at $p < 0.05$.

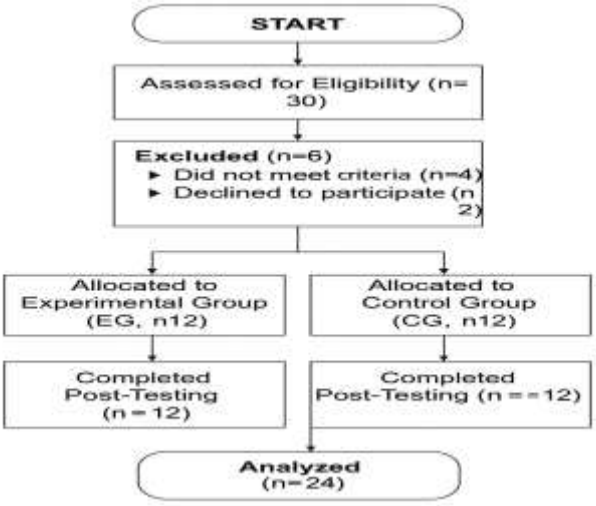


Figure 1. Participant Flowchart Through the 8-Week Intervention

Results

The effects of the 8-week circuit training intervention on explosive power and reaction time were analyzed using a 2 (Group: EG, CG) x 2 (Time: Pre, Post) mixed ANOVA. The results for each dependent variable are presented below. Descriptive statistics (Mean ± Standard Deviation) for all measures are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics for All Measures Pre- and Post-Intervention

Group	Measure	Pre-Test (Mean ± SD)	Post-Test (Mean ± SD)
Experimental (EG)	CMJ Height (cm)	42.1 ± 4.3	46.8 ± 4.1
	Lunge Velocity (m/s)	3.51 ± 0.28	3.89 ± 0.25
	Reaction Time (ms)	385 ± 32	327 ± 28
Control (CG)	CMJ Height (cm)	41.8 ± 3.9	42.9 ± 3.8
	Lunge Velocity (m/s)	3.49 ± 0.31	3.55 ± 0.29
	Reaction Time (ms)	379 ± 35	371 ± 33

4.1 Explosive Power: Countermovement Jump (CMJ)

The mixed ANOVA for CMJ height revealed a significant main effect of Time ($F(1, 22) = 35.4$, $p < .001$) and, more importantly, a significant Group x Time interaction ($F(1, 22) = 28.9$, $p < .001$).

Post-hoc analyses with Bonferroni correction confirmed that while both groups showed a small increase in CMJ height over time, the improvement in the Experimental Group (EG) was significantly greater than in the Control Group (CG) ($p < .001$). The EG demonstrated a mean improvement of 4.7 cm (11.2%), compared to a 1.1 cm (2.6%) improvement in the CG.

4.2 Explosive Power: Lunge Velocity

For lunge velocity, the analysis also showed a significant main effect of Time ($F(1, 22) = 42.1$, $p < .001$) and a significant Group x Time interaction ($F(1, 22) = 25.7$, $p < .001$).

Post-hoc tests indicated that the increase in lunge velocity for the EG was significantly larger than for the CG ($p < .001$). The EG improved their lunge velocity by 0.38 m/s (10.8%), whereas the CG showed a minimal improvement of 0.06 m/s (1.7%).

4.3 Reaction Time

The analysis of visual choice reaction time yielded a significant main effect of Time ($F(1, 22) = 22.5$, $p < .001$) and a highly significant Group x Time interaction ($F(1, 22) = 45.2$, $p < .001$).

Post-hoc comparisons revealed that the Experimental Group significantly reduced their reaction time compared to the Control Group ($p < .001$). The EG's reaction time decreased by 58 ms (15.1%), while the CG's reaction time decreased by only 8 ms (2.1%).

Table 2: Summary of Statistical Comparisons and Improvement

Measure	Group	Mean Improvement	% Improvement	p-value (Interaction)	Effect Size (η^2)
CMJ Height	EG	+4.7 cm	+11.2%	**< .001**	0.57
	CG	+1.1 cm	+2.6%		
Lunge Velocity	EG	+0.38 m/s	+10.8%	**< .001**	0.54
	CG	+0.06 m/s	+1.7%		
Reaction Time	EG	-58 ms	-15.1%	**< .001**	0.67

	CG	-8 ms	-2.1%		

Note: η^2 (Eta-squared) is a measure of effect size, where values of 0.01, 0.06, and 0.14 represent small, medium, and large effects, respectively

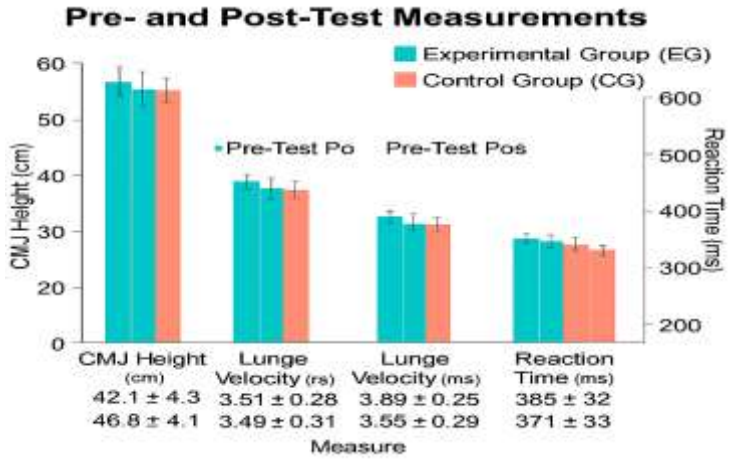


Figure 2. Comparison of Pre- and Post-Intervention Scores for Explosive Power and Reaction Time

4.4 Summary of Findings

In summary, the statistical analyses confirm a significant Group x Time interaction for all three dependent variables. The Experimental Group, which participated in the supplemental circuit training, demonstrated significantly greater improvements in both measures of explosive power (CMJ height and lunge velocity) and reaction time compared to the Control Group after the 8-week intervention period. The effect sizes (η^2) for these interactions were large, indicating a substantial and meaningful effect of the training program. The primary finding of this study is clear: the supplemental circuit training program was significantly more effective than traditional training alone in enhancing key physical performance metrics in epee fencers. The results strongly support our initial hypothesis. The Experimental Group's superior improvements in both CMJ height and lunge velocity confirm that the circuit training protocol provided a powerful stimulus for developing explosive lower-body power. This is likely because exercises like weighted lunge jumps and plyometrics directly overload the neuromuscular system in a movement-specific manner, leading to greater adaptations than technical footwork alone can provide.

Furthermore, the significant reduction in reaction time for the EG highlights a critical benefit of this training modality. The reactive drills within the circuit, such as the ball drops and agility cues, specifically taxed the participants' ability to process visual stimuli and initiate a movement under physical fatigue. This directly simulates the demanding conditions of a competitive bout, training both the mind and body to react faster when it matters most.

The minimal changes observed in the Control Group reinforce that while traditional training is essential for skill development, it may not provide a sufficient overload to maximize an athlete's inherent physical capacities for power and reaction speed.

Conclusion

This study set out to determine if a supplemental, fencing-specific circuit training program could enhance explosive power and reaction time in epee fencers more effectively than traditional training alone. The results provide a definitive answer. Following the 8-week intervention, the Experimental Group demonstrated substantially greater improvements than the Control Group across all measured parameters.

The conclusions are threefold:

1. **Circuit training is a highly effective method for developing explosive power.** The significant gains in both vertical jump height and lunge velocity confirm that the integrated plyometric and strength exercises directly transfer to the key movement patterns of epee fencing.
2. **Reaction time can be trained effectively within a physical conditioning framework.** The incorporation of reactive drills into the circuit led to a dramatic improvement in processing speed and motor response, proving that physical and cognitive attributes can be developed simultaneously.
3. **Traditional training, while crucial for technical skill, has limitations** in maximizing an athlete's physical potential, underscoring the need for targeted supplemental conditioning.

Therefore, based on the empirical evidence gathered, we strongly recommend that coaches and athletes systematically integrate structured circuit training into their periodized plans. This approach efficiently bridges the gap between technical skill and peak physical conditioning, providing a clear pathway to gaining a critical competitive advantage on the piste.

Future research could explore the long-term retention of these benefits and investigate the optimal dosage and periodization of such training within a full competitive season.

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RELATIVE AGE IMPACT IN THE SPORT ENVIRONMENT OF ACTUAL WELLNESS AND MENTAL CAPABILITY OF TENNIS PLAYERS

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Abstract:

The need to achieve short-term competitive outcomes in sports may influence the emergence of talent selection strategies, which could bias individuals' opportunities. The present study aimed to further explore the relative age effect (RAE), a phenomenon that strongly influences youth sport development. The RAE refers to a disproportionately high percentage in sport teams of athletes born early in the selection year. Our primary focus was to explore whether the RAE is supported by behavioral evidence in favor of better fitness—and especially cognitive-attention functioning—of early as compared to late-born players. A cross-sectional study was conducted. The sample included one hundred and five (105) young male Tennis Player players aged 9.2–12.2 years (10.8 ± 1.0 years old) that were enrolled in two youth elite academies of Pune City Tennis Players in the Pune District of Maharashtra State. Attention functioning, anthropocentric, physical fitness, and game intelligence were compared across two Age Groups (u10 vs. u12) and four Birth Quarters (BQ1–BQ4). The RAE was statistically significant ($p < 0.001$), showing that about 50% of participants were born in the first quarter and 75% were born in the first half of the year.

Keywords: RAE; Youth Sport Talent Selection, Maturation, Attention

Introduction:

After the abundant literature that followed the description of "nature vs. nurture" by Francis Galton, further research is needed to an gain understanding of the relative contribution to human performance of inherited and environmental conditions. In sport, as in other contexts, the performance of athletes is the result of a complex interaction between genetic and environmental factors. To excel in their sport disciplines, athletes experience a continuous adaptation process that impacts their physical and cognitive attributes. In fact, various studies have highlighted that the potential benefits of physical activity (PA) on cognitive functioning are modulated by the environmental characteristics of their sport context. Expert athletes have shown better performance than non-experts in sport-specific tests that assess memory, attention, information pick-up, anticipation, and decision-making skills. The perceptual-cognitive adaptations that athletes may experience as a result of sport training might be constrained by their individual characteristics. In youth sport, one of the most influencing individual constraints is chronological age, while considering that athletes are mainly grouped by their date of birth in a selection year.

Materials and Methods:

Study Design and Participants

A cross-sectional study was conducted. The sample included one hundred and five (105) young male Tennis Player players aged 9.2–12.2 years (10.8 ± 1.0 years old) that were enrolled in two youth elite academies of Pune City Tennis Players in the Pune District of Maharashtra State. The best two u10 teams (n = 52; 9.8 ± 0.3 years old) and two u12 teams (n = 53; 11.8 ± 0.2 years old) in each club participated in the study. The cut-off date that was fixed by Pune District Tennis Association and the Maharashtra Tennis Association from January 1st to December 31st was followed. Nevertheless, the analyses of attention performance were performed on data from 87 participants, after excluding participants who could not perform the task appropriately. A sensitivity analysis was conducted while using G* power. It showed that with our sample size (n = 87) divided into eight groups (i.e.,

four birth-date quarters in each Age Group), the minimum effect size that could be detected for $\alpha = 0.05$ and $1 - \beta = 0.80$ was $f = 0.30$ (i.e., minimum detectable effect).

Participation in the study was voluntary and all of the participants and their parents or legal guardians were properly informed regarding the risks and benefits of the study prior to any data collection and signed an institutionally approved informed consent document. All of the participants were informed about their right to leave the experiment at any time. The managers of the clubs were debriefed in regards to the purposes of the study and given an explanation of the main results with easily understandable data.

The Attention Networks Test for Interactions **2.2. Apparatus, Materials and Procedure**

The participants were evaluated in three different sessions (Attentional Assessment Session, Anthropocentric Assessment, and Physical Fitness Assessment Session) in a counterbalanced order. Testing was performed in the first training session of the micro cycle, scheduled at least 48 h later than the previous training session or competition match. All the data were collected under standard conditions of time (from 4 pm to 7 pm) and temperature (ranging from 13 °C to 23 °C) from February to May 2018. The participants were cited 60 min. before the training session and were assessed in the media room (Attentional Assessment Session), medical room (Anthropological Assessment) and Tennis Player pitches (Physical Fitness Assessment Session) of their club's training facilities.

In the EV trials (20% of the trials), the same procedure was followed, except that the target was vertically displaced from the central position. The participants had to detect the vertical displacement by pressing the space bar, while ignoring the direction of the target (See Figure 1b). Data from the various conditions of the warning signal, visual cue, and congruence variables were collapsed and not taken into account in the analyses. HITs were calculated as the percentage of displaced targets that were identified correctly. False alarms (FAs) were defined as the proportion of space bar responses (i.e., the response for infrequent stimuli) given to non-displaced targets. Finally, the mean RT and SD of RT were calculated.

In AV trials (20% of the trials), no tone, visual cues, or arrows were presented. These trials started in the same way as the ANTI and EV trials, and then the fixation point remained fixed in the screen for 500 ms (i.e., the same duration as the tone plus the visual cue signals in the ANTI and EV trials). Next, a red millisecond counter appeared in the center of the screen, starting at 1000 and going down to zero. The participants were asked to stop the counter as fast as they could by pressing any key of the keyboard (see Figure 1c). The mean and SD of RT were considered. Before the experimental task, participants completed several practice blocks with visual feedback. First, they were given instructions to perform the ANTI trials, with a practice block of 16 such trials. Next, they received instructions to complete the EV trials, with a practice block of 32 randomized trials (16 ANTI and 16 EV trials). After that, they received instructions to complete the AV trials, followed by a practice block of 48 randomized trials (16 ANTI, 16 EV, and 16 AV trials). Finally, the participants performed a last practice block of 40 randomized trials (24 ANTI, 8 EV, and 8 AV trials) without visual feedback. At this point, if the participants still had any doubts, they could ask questions or perform the last practice block again. Otherwise, they continued with the experimental section of the task, which included three blocks of 80 randomized trials each (48 ANTI, 16 EV, and 16 AV trials per block), with no pause and no visual feedback.

2.2.3. Physical Fitness Assessment

All of the physical fitness tests were performed between 5 and 8 pm during the first training session of the week (at least 48 h later than the previous training session or competition match). Ambient temperature was 17.3 ± 3.2 °C and humidity was 75 ± 4%. Prior to the testing, the participants followed the same supervised warm-up procedure with 10 min. of jogging, change of direction, and sprint drills. Finally, the participants performed a modified version of the agility T-test,

a 24-m speed test, and the Leger Multi-stage fitness test. Agility: Modified T-test. The T-test is a useful agility test for the assessment of multi directional movement (i.e., forward, lateral, and backward) and leg power, leg speed, and agility. A marked course on the Tennis Player field using four cones was set up, as depicted in Figure 2. A photocell gate system (Sports Metrics, Shirpur, Maharashtra) that was connected to an electronic chronograph with 1 ms accuracy (i.e., 1000 Hz sampling frequency) (Sports Metrics, Shirpur, Maharashtra) was used to record the time. The infrared beam of each photocell was placed 0.9 to 1.0 m from the ground, depending on the player's height, so that the photocell beam cut at the hip level. Following previous recommendations, the athletes completed a modified agility T-test. At the starting position, the player placed his foot just behind the start line, with the knee of the advanced limb in semi-flexion and the arms flexed to avoid cutting the infrared beam. The forward body movement cutting the infrared beam started the stopwatch. After explaining the purpose of the T-test, the experimenter described and demonstrated the proper route and technique. Athletes had to keep their body facing forward at all times and physically touch each cone with the correct hand. On the experimenter's command, the participants sprinted forward from the start at cone A to cone B and touched the top of the cone with their right hand. Subsequently, they shuffled left to cone C and touched it with their left hand. After that, they shuffled right to cone D and touched it with their right hand. They shuffled back to cone B and touched it with their right hand before running backward to pass the start gate (cone A). All of the participants underwent three practice trials before performing the test. The goal of the test was to complete the course as quickly as possible. Two maximal trials were completed with three minutes of recovery between them. The time of both trials was recorded, but only the fastest time was considered for later statistical analyses.

Conclusions:

Although the age group differences (u10–u12) that were observed in all of the anthropocentric, physical fitness and sustained attention variables were restricted to sample size and characteristics (i.e., elite club academies) of our study, they were not modulated by BQ. Similarly, the correlation between chronological age and anthropocentric, physical fitness, and sustained attention variables that were observed in the overall sample completely disappeared within each age group. Similarly, no BQ effects were found on the functioning of the attentional networks. Bayesian analyses supported the absence of BQ effects, corroborating that relative age was an inconsistent predictor of performance in the physical and perceptual-cognitive variables that were evaluated in the present study. Another crucial variable that may modulate the pattern of interrelations between the main variables of the present study is maturation. The present findings suggest that the selection process of Tennis Player players may mitigate the age-related (i.e., BQ) differences that could be expected in some variables if the scouting process that lead to the birth asymmetries were not driven by short-term performance. The individual maturation state of players is likely to be one of the main variables that modulate this effect.

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PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION IN NEP 2020

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The National Education Policy is a welcome improvement at a time when children's health, happiness, and immunity are becoming increasingly important due to the pandemic. The new NEP has a number of crucial components that are essential for a child's overall growth. The NEP accepts sports as being as vital to other subjects like English or Science by doing away with the strict division between academic and extracurricular activities, hence improving the Fun and Engagement that students so badly desire in a school. Children can grow physically, cognitively, and socially via play. Additionally, we have discovered that play has a favorable impact on attendance rates, classroom behavior, and academic results. Additionally, assessment-specific reforms like the creation of the National Assessment Center and monitoring a child's progress based on learning outcomes are fantastic efforts since they concentrate on a child's whole development by concentrating on their learning progress. In order to ensure that all children experience the enchantment of play and sport, as well as to create a country of healthier and fitter children through the educational system, we anticipate that sports and play will be taught and evaluated with the same rigor and structure as key academic subjects. Children's holistic development is greatly aided by the focus on vocational education, and it is our desire that students will be able to select physical activity and sports as a vocational topic. This will shed light overall Indian educational system because it is a complete foundation for both basic and higher education.

Keywords: Holistic Education, Physical Education, National Education Policy

INTRODUCTION

The Latin term "Educatum," which means to bring out, is the root of the English word "education." The purpose of education, in this view, is "to bring out the best attributes of the individual." The process of assisting learning the acquisition of information, abilities, beliefs, morals, practises, and habits is known as education. Education is the manifestation of the perfection already present in man, according to Swami Vivekananda. Throughout the lifespan, physical inactivity is a significant health risk factor. The chance of developing heart disease, colon and breast cancer, diabetes, hypertension, osteoporosis, anxiety, and depression, among other disorders, rises when a person is inactive. Recent studies have revealed that the worldwide population health impact of physical inactivity is comparable to that of cigarette smoking in terms of death. Physical inactivity has been compared to a pandemic due to its ubiquity and high illness risk. There have been demands for action to encourage physical activity across the lifetime due to the prevalence, health effect, and evidence of changeability. In order to find ways to make physical exercise a top priority for children's health, the Institute of Medicine created the Committee on Physical Exercise and Physical Education in the School Environment. Its objectives were to analyze the present state of physical education and exercise in the school setting, including before, during, and after school, and to look at how these factors affect children and adolescents' short- and long-term physical, mental and cognitive, and psychosocial development. We have known since the dawn of civilisation that many organs and physical activity are connected and in the past, man had to fight just to survive. Running, jumping, and throwing are required since they are the three basic motions. Darwin said the "struggle for existence" existed in all areas of life but as science and technology have advanced tremendously and modernization has occurred, the range of physical activities has shrunk, making hypokinetic disorders more prevalent. We can see the value of physical exercise in the present pandemic

situation, particularly for school-age children.Physical activity is the foundation of physical education and is necessary for a child's immune system to grow. Therefore, a crucial component of the educational landscape in current times is the significance of physical education. The pupils engage in some type of physical exercise while in class so that they can build and maintain their immunity, fend off infectious illnesses, and live a life free of illness. Therefore, attention must be placed on the required physical education in schools in order to promote excellent health and maintain a child in shape. Physical education is a formal subject that has set academic requirements and includes benchmark- and standard-based assessment. Developing healthy active living motor skills, knowledge, and behaviors such as sportsmanship, self-efficacy, and emotional intelligence are the goals of physical education. The goal of physical education as a topic in schools is to instruct students in the science and practices of leading physically active, healthy lives (3). It provides a space for taking part in developmentally appropriate physical activities aimed at improving children's health, fitness, and fine and gross motor abilities. In accordance with their capacity to contribute to the nation's many expanding developmental imperatives on the one hand, and to the creation of a just and equitable society on the other, the vision for India's new educational system has been developed to ensure that it touches the life of every citizen.

National Education Policy

The national policy on education, published in 1968, is a comprehensive document that addresses every facet of education in India, including adult education in both rural and urban areas. This plan was developed by the Indian government to encourage education among Indians. The administration of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi issued the first NPE in 1968, and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi issued the second in 1986. Sports in the nation need to be specifically improved. Players with talent require special considerations. Secondary students should participate in sports as well to develop a player-friendly physique and improve their skills. Where there is not a playground or other amenities, they should be built as soon as possible. Mental and physical growth are intricately intertwined.

Physical Schooling has a significant role in the achievement of education. Sports and physical education need to be taught in a unique atmosphere across the nation. Qualified instructors, coaches, etc. should supply playgrounds, sports equipment, and other apparatus for physical education and sports. The city's open areas will only be used for recreation. To play, a school and hostel must be created. The combination of general education and physical education must be planned. All of these colleges will admit people who are extremely talented athletes. A particular consideration is yoga. Yoga will be included in curricula for teacher education. Our educational system has undergone a significant transformation because of the recent National Education Policy 2020 (NEP). In doing so, it has also given children's nutrition and health first emphasis. Education and health are closely related. The health of a family can be improved by proper education, even though healthy people are more likely to have superior educational achievements. The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP), which was just issued, calls for a paradigm shift in Indian education. As a result, it acknowledges the necessity of a healthy diet and regular exercise for effective learning and suggests a number of health-related measures.

HOLISTIC EDUCATION WITH SPORTS-INTEGRATION

One of the guiding ideas of the NEP is multidisciplinary and comprehensive education. The curriculum must include courses in games, sports, and fitness in addition to courses in the sciences and social sciences that make education well-rounded, practical, and satisfying The NEP suggests sports-integration, or incorporating physical activities into instructional methods, to improve students' physical and mental health while also enhancing their cognitive capacities. Students who participate in sports-integrated learning will develop a lifetime attitude toward fitness and reach the

fitness levels envisioned by the Fit India programme. Additionally, it will enhance their capacity for cooperation, self-initiative, teamwork, and accountability. Other strategies to broaden students' exposure to sports and other activities in schools and colleges are also suggested by the NEP. It provides more topic options and flexibility, enabling students to select physical education as a required course. The Policy also suggests "bagless" days to let students participate in extracurricular activities and local vocational pursuits like sports and gardening.

HEALTH EDUCATION

The NEP lists health and nutrition, physical education, fitness, wellness, sports, sanitation, and cleanliness as some of the crucial subjects, skills, and abilities that everyone must study, noting the significance of health education in schools. As a result, the NEP suggests that health education be made a mandatory component of the curricula, including topics such as mental health, healthy diet, personal cleanliness, disaster response, first aid, and the negative impacts of alcohol, cigarettes, and other substances. This is a significant reform that might prompt a shift in behavior toward healthy habits given the rising incidence of non-communicable illnesses and consumption of bad diets.However, there is no roadmap or framework for including health education in the curriculum in the NEP, thus much will rely on how the Policy is implemented.

SCOPE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOL:

Experiential learning will be implemented at all levels, with investigations of the connections between various disciplines as well as hands-on learning, education that incorporates the arts and sports, and pedagogy cantered on telling stories, among others, as normal practises within each subject. Classroom activities will change to competency-based learning and teaching to address the achievement gap in learning outcomes. Additionally, the assessment instruments including assessment "as," "of," and "for" learning will be in line with the learning objectives, skills, and attitudes that are listed for each topic in a specific class. A cross-curricular educational strategy known as art-integration uses diverse facets and expressions of art and culture as the foundation for the understanding of concepts in a variety of courses. Another crosscurricular educational strategy is sports integration, which uses physical activities, such as indigenous sports, in pedagogical practices to foster the growth of abilities like cooperation, self-initiative, selfdirection, self-discipline, teamwork, responsibility, citizenship, etc. In order to assist students develop fitness as a lifetime attitude and to reach the levels of fitness envisioned by the Fit India Movement, sportsintegrated learning will be used in classroom activities. Sports help to support holistic development by improving physical and psychological well-being while also enhancing cognitive capacities, therefore there is a clear necessity to incorporate them into schooling.

CONCLUSION:

Updates to the National Educational Policy have been eagerly anticipated and are causing a stir throughout India's educational sector. A desire to know what is being added and what is being omitted. Every young academician and student in India may realize several of their ambitions thanks to this new alteration. This will shed light overall Indian educational system because it is a complete foundation for both basic and higher education. The primary area for youth development in India is vocational training. The most important area for improvement is Indian education, both in urban and rural regions.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS: A KEY FACTOR FOR CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA- A CASE STUDY

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Abstract
Physical education (PE) and sports are integral to a child's holistic development, influencing physical health, emotional well-being, social relations, and cognitive abilities. Despite global recognition of the importance of sports, many Indian schools continue to prioritize academics over physical development. This study examines the role of physical education in children's growth within the Indian context, with a special case study conducted in selected urban and rural schools in Maharashtra. Using mixed-methods research, including surveys, classroom observations, and interviews, the findings reveal a strong relationship between sports participation and improvements in physical fitness, academic performance, self-esteem, discipline, and peer collaboration. The study also identifies significant disparities in sports infrastructure, teacher training, and parental attitudes across regions. Recommendations include policy reforms, capacity building, and institutional commitment to integrating PE as a core educational component. The research underscores the need for a balanced education system that recognizes physical activity as essential to a child's overall well-being.

Introduction
Child development is a multi-dimensional process involving physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral growth. In the Indian education system, academic excellence continues to dominate educational priorities, often reducing physical education to a secondary status. However, contemporary research highlights that physical activity is not merely recreational; it is a scientifically supported requirement for optimal development.
Physical education and sports participation help children reduce stress, improve motor skills, enhance cognitive abilities, and build social skills. As India faces rising lifestyle diseases, increasing screen-time addiction, and declining physical activity levels among children, understanding the role of sports becomes increasingly relevant. The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** itself emphasizes the need to integrate sports and movement into daily school routines.

Rationale of the Study
Although India is one of the world's youngest nations, the physical fitness and sports participation levels among Indian children are lower than international standards. This gap raises questions:

- Are Indian schools providing adequate physical education?
- What impact does sports participation have on children's growth?
- How do urban and rural school environments differ?
- What challenges prevent the effective implementation of PE programs?

This research attempts to answer these questions through a systematic case study.

Objectives

1. To examine how physical education and sports influence different dimensions of child development.
2. To compare physical education practices in urban and rural Indian schools.
3. To identify challenges and limitations in promoting sports in Indian schools.
4. To propose policy measures for strengthening sports education.

Literature Review

1. Physical Development

Studies consistently show that regular physical activity enhances cardiovascular function, muscle strength, flexibility, and bone density (Singh et al., 2018). Children who engage in daily exercise demonstrate lower obesity rates and fewer health complications.

In India, sedentary lifestyles have increased alarmingly due to digitalization and academic pressure. Several researchers have reported that school-level physical education is crucial in reducing childhood obesity.

2. Cognitive Development

Sharma and Rao (2021) found that sports participation enhances:

- Concentration
- Memory retention
- Creativity
- Academic discipline
- Decision-making skills

Aerobic activities improve blood circulation, which positively influences brain function. Schools encouraging PE observe higher academic achievements in students engaged in structured sports activities.

3. Emotional and Psychological Development

Sports act as natural stress relievers. They help children:

- Manage frustration
- Regulate emotions
- Build confidence
- Develop a positive self-image

Competitive sports teach children to handle success and failure gracefully. Khan (2019) emphasizes that emotional resilience is strongly linked to consistent sports participation.

4. Social and Moral Development

Sports foster teamwork, cooperation, respect, and leadership. Children learn to understand rules, maintain discipline, and develop empathy toward peers.

5. Challenges in the Indian Context

Patel & Desai (2020) highlight systemic issues:

- Academic pressure from parents and schools
- Shortage of trained PE teachers
- Limited play spaces, especially in urban areas
- Inadequate sports facilities in rural schools
- Cultural preferences favoring academic success over physical literacy

NEP 2020 attempts to address some of these concerns, but implementation remains inconsistent.

Methods

Research Design

A mixed-method case study design was applied to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the research topic.

Participants

The study included:

Category	Number
Students (Grades 6–10)	400
Schools	8 (4 urban, 4 rural)
PE Teachers	20
Parents	10

Tools for Data Collection

1. **Structured Questionnaires**
   Used to collect data about physical activity levels, academic performance, and emotional/social behaviour.
2. **Semi-Structured Interviews**
   Conducted with teachers and parents to understand perceptions and challenges.
3. **Observations**
   Researchers visited each school to assess playgrounds, equipment, and PE class implementation.
4. **Secondary Data**
   Included government reports, NEP 2020, and previous research.

Data Analysis

Quantitative data were analyzed using basic statistical tools (percentages, averages, chi-square correlations).

Qualitative data (interviews and observations) were coded into themes and interpreted.

Results

1. Physical Health Improvements

- **78%** of students participating in regular sports showed improved stamina.
- Students in urban private schools demonstrated better fitness levels due to better infrastructure.
- Rural schools lacked equipment, but students demonstrated natural agility due to active daily routines.

2. Academic Performance

A positive correlation was found between physical activity and academic scores:

- Students engaged in 3–5 hours of weekly sports scored **12% higher** in mathematics and science.
- Teachers reported better attentiveness among physically active children.

3. Emotional and Social Development

- **85%** of participating students showed increased confidence and emotional stability.
- Students who played team sports demonstrated improved coordination, communication, and empathy.
- Girls participating in sports reported overcoming shyness and gaining leadership roles.

4. Infrastructure and Resources

- Urban schools had better facilities, including playgrounds, courts, and trained PE teachers.
- **Rural schools suffered from inadequate infrastructure**, sometimes lacking even basic playgrounds.

5. Parental and Institutional Attitudes

- Many parents in both urban and rural areas believed academics were more important than sports.
- Some parents feared injuries or time loss due to sports.

Discussion

This study shows unmistakably that physical education and sports significantly contribute to comprehensive child development. Findings align with global studies suggesting that movement-based learning enhances cognitive abilities and emotional health.

Key Interpretations:

1. **Holistic Development:**
   Children participating in sports show improvements beyond physical fitness. They become more disciplined, confident, and socially responsible.
2. **Academic Enhancement:**
   Sports do not hinder academic performance; instead, they improve it.
3. **Urban–Rural Divide:**
   The major difference lies not in interest but in availability of resources. Rural schools often lack proper facilities but have enthusiastic students.
4. **Need for Teacher Training:**
   Only **35%** of PE teachers felt confident in delivering structured PE programs — training is crucial.
5. **Societal Perceptions:**
   Traditional Indian mindsets need to shift from academics-only schooling to a balanced system.
6. **Policy Implementation Gaps:**
   While national policies are progressive, ground-level execution remains weak.

Conclusion

Physical education and sports are essential tools for holistic child development in India. They improve physical health, mental well-being, academic performance, and social skills. The case study clearly demonstrates that Indian children benefit significantly from regular sports participation. However, several challenges—including lack of infrastructure, shortage of trained teachers, and parental misconceptions—prevent Indian schools from fully realizing the potential of sports-based education.

Strong policy action, financial investment, community awareness, and updated school practices are vital. Implementing NEP 2020's recommendations with seriousness can transform the Indian education system into one that values physical literacy as much as academic excellence.

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THE DYNAMIC GROUP ATMOSPHERE IN SPORTS AND EXERCISE

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Abstract:

Although researchers have offered insights across a range of topics (e.g., cohesion, leadership, roles, etc.), a recent review suggested that the field of group dynamics in physical activity has a strong potential for growth as an area of focus for research (Eys & Spink, 2016). The objectives of the present review are to (a) highlight the importance of group dynamics within physical activity contexts, (b) review progress made on select but key longstanding and emerging topics, and (c) provide suggestions for future research that will facilitate the progression of the field. To this end, a case is made for the necessity to understand group dynamics based on the prevalence of groups in sport and exercise contexts, in addition to the potential for satiating the fundamental need to belong (Baumeister & Leary, 1995). Finally, key topics and future research directions are embedded within four broad sections including (a) setting the stage (e.g., the group environment, team selection, and socialization), (b) structural issues (e.g., roles, leadership), (c) group processes and emergent states (e.g., cohesion), and (d) the application of group dynamics principles. Overall, there are tremendous opportunities for researchers to contribute to the theory, research, and practice of group dynamics in sport and exercise.

Keywords: Atmosphere, Sports

Introduction:

One needs to look no further than the men's 2018 World Cup of football (soccer) to yield examples of how important group dynamics are to the culture and performance of sport teams. For example, European-based sport psychology professionals working with the English (Dr. Pippa Grange) and Swedish (Dr. Daniel Ekvall) teams made headlines for their contributions toward uniting team members and exceeding performance expectations (Jonson, 2018; Saner, 2018). Specifically, Ekvall noted that positive team dynamics were "a competitive advantage. There are a lot of things that affect a match and if we can do as many of them as well as possible, it strengthens our chances. That includes good teamwork, unity and communication" (Jonson, 2018, para. 5). The significance of group dynamics is salient across physical activity contexts. Indeed, the fitness industry is another example whereby physical activity providers, such as the November Project, SoulCycle, and Orangetheory, have taken advantage of the power of groups to promote and sustain member involvement (Brown, 2016). Similarly, Bailey, Benson, and Bruner (2017) highlighted how important organizational culture, social unity, shared experiences, and common goals were to those participating in CrossFit classes. From a practical perspective, few would argue against the strong influence that groups and group dynamics have within physical activity contexts.

Group dynamics is a term used to describe "the actions, processes, and changes that occur within and between groups" (Forsyth, 2014, p. 2), and topics housed under this umbrella term have been of interest to physical activity researchers for some time. This is demonstrated through multiple editions of key texts (e.g., *Group Dynamics in Sport*; 4th edition, Carron & Eys, 2012) as well as empirical articles reporting sport/exercise studies to context-specific journals (e.g., *Psychology of Sport and Exercise*) and others devoted to understanding groups more generally (e.g., *Group Dynamics: Theory, Research, and Practice*). However, a superficial examination of the table of contents for *Psychology of Sport and Exercise* over the past decade (2008–2018; not including special issues, commentaries, etc.), which seems appropriate given the purpose of this special edition, leads

to observations about the relative coverage of group dynamics. First, of the over 900 titles scanned, only 15% appear to direct attention to group-related issues, and this percentage is perhaps generous in that titles containing the most innocuous reference to the group environment were included. A stricter criterion (e.g., a clear focus on small group variables such as cohesion or roles) would lower the percentage substantially.

Despite the limited research involving groups relative to other psychological topics in our field (Kleinert et al., 2012), a second observation is that the published research has remarkable topical variety. Notably, issues have been explored in groups ranging from dyads (e.g., coach-athlete relationships, peer friendships) through to larger sport teams and exercise groups (e.g., cohesion, motivational climate). In addition, researchers have been interested in understanding individual experiences emanating from group membership (e.g., social identity, motivation), how certain members influence a group in comparison to others (e.g., peer leadership), and broader societal or cultural implications (e.g., diversity). Although traditionally emphasized topics such as cohesion and leadership continue to appear, intriguing new subject matters are emerging (e.g., team resilience, Morgan, Fletcher, & Sarkar, 2013; collective emotions, Tamminen et al., 2016).

Overall, our understanding of group dynamics within sport and exercise settings is touted to be in its adolescent stage (i.e., has a strong potential for growth as an area of focus for research; Eys & Spink, 2016), and some reflection regarding the progress and opportunities for research in this area is worthwhile. Keeping in mind that the depth and breadth of coverage is necessarily limited within one article, the objectives of the present review are to (a) highlight the importance of group dynamics within physical activity contexts, (b) review progress made on select but key longstanding and emerging topics, and (c) provide suggestions for future research that will facilitate the progression of the field.

Section snippets

The importance of group dynamics in physical activity contexts

There are two broad reasons to advocate for a research focus on the dynamics of small groups in sport and exercise contexts. First, *groups are pervasive* within physical activities. Certainly, team sports and exercise classes are the primary situations evoked when considering group scenarios involving physical activity. However, sports traditionally labelled as ‘individual’ are actually infused with varying levels of interdependence that make them targets for group investigations (Evans, Eys, & Key longstanding and emerging topics).

Conclusion:

The present review sought to highlight the importance of group dynamics for the field of sport and exercise psychology, review progress of key longstanding and emerging topics, and note future research directions. Researchers are challenged to continually consider the social environment that permeates physical activity contexts, and to extend the basic and applied work that has contributed to our present understanding of group dynamics.

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Abstract:

The Analysis of research on sport and exercise behaviours shows that currently there is little support for either biologically or environmentally deterministic perspectives on elite athletic performance. In sports medicine, recent molecular biological advances in genomic studies have been over-interpreted, leading to a questionable 'single-gene-as-magic-bullet' philosophy adopted by some practitioners. Similarly, although extensive involvement in training and practice is needed at elite levels, it has become apparent that the acquisition of expertise is not merely about amassing a requisite number of practice hours. Although an interactionist perspective has been mooted over the years, a powerful explanatory framework has been lacking. In this article, we propose how the complementary nature of degenerate neurobiological systems might provide the theoretical basis for explaining the interactive influence of genetic and environmental constraints on elite athletic performance. We argue that, due to inherent human degeneracy, there are many different trajectories to achieving elite athletic performance. While the greatest training responses may be theoretically associated with the most favourable genotypes being exposed to highly specialised training environments, this is a rare and complex outcome. The concept of degeneracy provides us with a basis for understanding why each of the major interacting constraints might act in a compensatory manner on the acquisition of elite athletic performance.

Keywords: Environment, Sports Performance

Introduction:

Athletes must overcome many obstacles during their season. Many of them have to do with the environment they are placed in. Home-field advantage is one example.. The road team is at a distinct disadvantage because over 50% of games are won by home teams (Hermsmeyer, 2018). Another example is the uncontrolled environments such as temperature, altitude, and wind have a big impact on the team performance. Higher altitude with a lower partial pressure of oxygen alters physiological conditions (Tang, 2021). This affects the player's bodies which they have no control over. Lastly the surface the athletes play on like turf and grass. Many injuries such as knee and ankle injuries, concussions, heat-related illness, and abrasions, occur more frequently on turf than grass (Kerska, NCHR). This post will examine how the different environments like home-field advantage, uncontrolled environments, the surface they play on, and more can affect the athlete's performance in their sport.

Environmental Factors

There are many factors within the environment that are completely uncontrollable that play a large factor in how athletes perform. Temperature is known to affect athletic performance due to the changes in the core temperature of an athlete in action. Increased temperature has been correlated with decreased athletic performance as a result of excessive fluid loss and in extreme cases, impaired thermoregulation (Siegel & Laursen, 2012). Playing in extreme cold and heat is very uncomfortable for many reasons. In the heat, you must worry about things like heat stroke, dehydration, sunburn, and much more. In the cold, you have to overdress which can decrease your performance. While hot and humid environments could have deleterious effects on athletic

performance, cold environments would also have similar effects, particularly on the pulmonary system. Dry and cold air could induce constriction of airways and, when coupled with intensive physical activities, result in bronchospasm and a higher ventilation rate, hence negatively influencing athletic performance (Lindberg et al., 2012). Another large deterrent to athletic performance can be due to changes in altitude, especially in endurance athletes like runners, bikers, and triathletes. While the amount of oxygen in the air remains the same, the partial pressure on oxygen is the main factor that varies. A decrease in partial pressure makes it a lot more difficult to obtain higher amounts of oxygen, warm it up, and conduct filtration. With less oxygen entering tissues, physiological changes negatively affecting prolonged athletic performance are bound to take place. These changes include increased ventilation, heart rate, and cardiac output to compensate for lower oxygen uptake (Derby & deWeber, 2010). As a result, fatigue sets in quicker as athletes try to achieve optimal performance. The final large environmental factor affecting performance can be wind. Especially in ball sports, wind plays a large role in the ability to perform tasks as best as possible. Large winds can alter the way that the ball reacts to force. It can also positively impact performance in sports like sprinting. In track and field, for example, a sprinter on lane eight would experience a greater benefit from a wind blowing straight from behind than one on lane one. Wind conditions are a determinant of velocity profile and could result in slower attainment of maximum velocity than in windless conditions (Quinn, 2004). In ball sports like football and soccer, when the ball is kicked over long distances it can have a large impact on the flight path of the ball. As position players, it is important to take into consideration that high wind speeds will have when you are playing because it could make the difference between success and failure.

Implications for the Practitioner

Sports practitioners can use this research to better prepare athletes for competitions in various environmental conditions. First, they can adjust training to account for the environmental conditions they may encounter during a competition (Kuok Ko, n.d.). For example, athletes who compete in a hot environment can practice in similarly hot conditions and adjust their hydration strategies accordingly. This can help athletes build heat tolerance and reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses. For teams that have domes and indoor practice arenas they could set the temperature to what it would be on game day to help the athletes get acclimated to the environment they going to play in. (Deanna 2013). As for crowd noise, it is hard to replicate but during practice, they could play the sounds of crowds through the speakers. This could help the athletes out when they have to travel for away games and are going to an environment that they aren't used to (Frisco 2018). One of the biggest problems in sports is injuries. With playing surfaces like turf it has shown that there's more risk for injury then playing on grass. Practitioners should opt in changing those turf playing fields to grass or have grass practice fields so athletes aren't using turf fields as much and therefore could decrease injuries (Kerska 2021). Second, practitioners should make sure athletes have access to sufficient resources during competitions. This includes ensuring athletes have adequate hydration, nutrition, and medical attention. This is particularly important for athletes competing in remote locations or areas with limited resources. (Kuok Ko, n.d.). Moreover, practitioners can educate athletes about the effects of air quality on performance. Knowing how air quality can affect performance can help athletes adjust their strategies accordingly. For example, athletes competing in areas with high air pollution levels can adjust their pace to ensure they do not overexert themselves (SIRC 2019). Athletes could also compete at different elevation levels in preparation for competition at higher altitudes. For example, in the NFL when players travel to play in Denver its harder for them to breathe. Allowing athletes to go and train at higher elevations can help when competing at high elevations but it will also increase performance when they go back to lower elevations (Deanna 2013).

Conclusion

Regardless of the environmental factors, and unless told otherwise, most athletes will train and compete under most conditions. As an athlete it is your job to learn the best ways you deal with the uncontrollable like the weather, and how crazy the environmental factors you must consider when playing an outdoor sport. Embracing the unpredictable ups and downs of the uncontrolables can help in an athlete's performance.

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RELATIVE AGE IMPACT IN THE SPORT ENVIRONMENT OF ACTUAL WELLNESS AND MENTAL CAPABILITY OF SOFTBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract:

The need to achieve short-term competitive outcomes in sports may influence the emergence of talent selection strategies, which could bias individuals' opportunities. The present study aimed to further explore the relative age effect (RAE), a phenomenon that strongly influences youth sport development. The RAE refers to a disproportionately high percentage in sport teams of athletes born early in the selection year. Our primary focus was to explore whether the RAE is supported by behavioral evidence in favor of better fitness—and especially cognitive-attentional functioning—of early as compared to late-born players. A cross-sectional study was conducted on 105 young athletes (u10, n = 52; 9.8 ± 0.3 years old, and u12, n = 53; 11.8 ± 0.2 years old) attending two youth elite soccer academies. Attentional functioning, anthropometrics, physical fitness, and game intelligence were compared across two Age Groups (u10 vs. u12) and four Birth Quarters (BQ1–BQ4). The RAE was statistically significant ($p < 0.001$), showing that about 50% of participants were born in the first quarter and 75% were born in the first half of the year.

Keywords: RAE; Youth Sport Talent Selection, Maturation, Attention

Introduction:

After the abundant literature that followed the description of "nature vs. nurture" by Francis Galton, further research is needed to an gain understanding of the relative contribution to human performance of inherited and environmental conditions. In sport, as in other contexts, the performance of athletes is the result of a complex interaction between genetic and environmental factors. To excel in their sport disciplines, athletes experience a continuous adaptation process that impacts their physical and cognitive attributes. In fact, various studies have highlighted that the potential benefits of physical activity (PA) on cognitive functioning are modulated by the environmental characteristics of their sport context. Expert athletes have shown better performance than non-experts in sport-specific tests that assess memory, attention, information pick-up, anticipation, and decision-making skills. The perceptual-cognitive adaptations that athletes may experience as a result of sport training might be constrained by their individual characteristics. In youth sport, one of the most influencing individual constraints is chronological age, while considering that athletes are mainly grouped by their date of birth in a selection year.

Materials and Methods:

Study Design and Participants

A cross-sectional study was conducted. The sample included one hundred and five (105) young male soccer players aged 9.2–12.2 years (10.8 ± 1.0 years old) that were enrolled in two youth elite academies of Nashik District Softball Association in the Nashik District of Maharashtra State. The best two u10 teams (n = 52; 9.8 ± 0.3 years old) and two u12 teams (n = 53; 11.8 ± 0.2 years old) in each club participated in the study. The cut-off date that was fixed by Nashik District Softball Association and the Maharashtra Softball Association from January 1st to December 31st was followed. Nevertheless, the analyses of attentional performance were performed on data from 87 participants, after excluding participants who could not perform the task appropriately. A sensitivity analysis was conducted while using G* power. It showed that with our sample size (n = 87) divided

into eight groups (i.e., four birth-date quarters in each Age Group), the minimum effect size that could be detected for $\alpha = 0.05$ and $1 - \beta = 0.80$ was $f = 0.30$ (i.e., minimum detectable effect).

Participation in the study was voluntary and all of the participants and their parents or legal guardians were properly informed regarding the risks and benefits of the study prior to any data collection and signed an institutionally approved informed consent document. All of the participants were informed about their right to leave the experiment at any time. The managers of the clubs were debriefed in regards to the purposes of the study and given an explanation of the main results with easily understandable data.

The Attentional Networks Test for Interactions **2.2. Apparatus, Materials and Procedure**

The participants were evaluated in three different sessions (Attentional Assessment Session, Anthropometrical Assessment, and Physical Fitness Assessment Session) in a counterbalanced order. Testing was performed in the first training session of the microcycle, scheduled at least 48 h later than the previous training session or competition match. All the data were collected under standard conditions of time (from 4 pm to 7 pm) and temperature (ranging from 13 °C to 23 °C) from February to May 2018. The participants were cited 60 min. before the training session and were assessed in the media room (Attentional Assessment Session), medical room (Anthropometrical Assessment) and soccer pitches (Physical Fitness Assessment Session) of their club's training facilities.

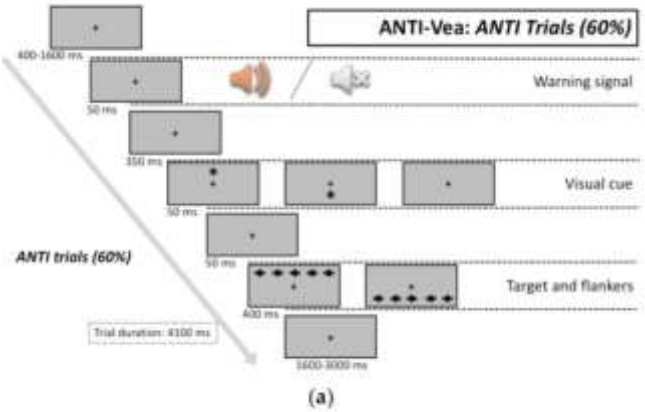


Figure 1.
Experimental procedure and stimuli sequence in the Attentional Networks Test for Interactions and Vigilance—executive and arousal components (ANTI-vea) task: ANTI trials (a), executive vigilance (EV) trials (b), and arousal vigilance (AV) trials (c)

In the EV trials (20% of the trials), the same procedure was followed, except that the target was vertically displaced from the central position. The participants had to detect the vertical displacement by pressing the spacebar, while ignoring the direction of the target (See Figure 1b). Data from the various conditions of the warning signal, visual cue, and congruency variables were collapsed and not taken into account in the analyses. HITs were calculated as the percentage of displaced targets that were identified correctly. False alarms (FAs) were defined as the proportion of space bar responses (i.e., the response for infrequent stimuli) given to non-displaced targets. Finally, the mean RT and SD of RT were calculated.

In AV trials (20% of the trials), no tone, visual cues, or arrows were presented. These trials started in the same way as the ANTI and EV trials, and then the fixation point remained fixed in the screen for 500 ms (i.e., the same duration as the tone plus the visual cue signals in the ANTI and EV trials). Next, a red millisecond counter appeared in the center of the screen, starting at 1000 and

going down to zero. The participants were asked to stop the counter as fast as they could by pressing any key of the keyboard (see Figure 1c). The mean and SD of RT were considered. Before the experimental task, participants completed several practice blocks with visual feedback. First, they were given instructions to perform the ANTI trials, with a practice block of 16 such trials. Next, they received instructions to complete the EV trials, with a practice block of 32 randomized trials (16 ANTI and 16 EV trials). After that, they received instructions to complete the AV trials, followed by a practice block of 48 randomized trials (16 ANTI, 16 EV, and 16 AV trials). Finally, the participants performed a last practice block of 40 randomized trials (24 ANTI, 8 EV, and 8 AV trials) without visual feedback. At this point, if the participants still had any doubts, they could ask questions or perform the last practice block again. Otherwise, they continued with the experimental section of the task, which included three blocks of 80 randomized trials each (48 ANTI, 16 EV, and 16 AV trials per block), with no pause and no visual feedback.

Conclusions:

Although the age group differences (u10–u12) that were observed in all of the anthropometric, physical fitness and sustained attention variables were restricted to sample size and characteristics (i.e., elite club academies) of our study, they were not modulated by BQ. Similarly, the correlation between chronological age and anthropometrics, physical fitness, and sustained attention variables that were observed in the overall sample completely disappeared within each age group. Similarly, no BQ effects were found on the functioning of the attentional networks. Bayesian analyses supported the absence of BQ effects, corroborating that relative age was an inconsistent predictor of performance in the physical and perceptual-cognitive variables that were evaluated in the present study. Another crucial variable that may modulate the pattern of interrelations between the main variables of the present study is maturation. The present findings suggest that the selection process of soccer players may mitigate the age-related (i.e., BQ) differences that could be expected in some variables if the scouting process that lead to the birth asymmetries were not driven by short-term performance. The individual maturational state of players is likely to be one of the main variables that modulate this effect.

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EFFECT OF SPORTS PHYSIOTHERAPY INTERVENTIONS ON INJURY PREVENTION IN COMPETITIVE ATHLETES

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Abstract
Sports injuries are a major concern in competitive athletics, often affecting performance, continuity of training, and long-term athlete health. Sports physiotherapy plays a crucial role in preventing injuries through targeted interventions such as strength training, flexibility exercises, proprioceptive training, and recovery strategies. The present study aimed to examine the effect of structured sports physiotherapy interventions on injury prevention among competitive athletes. Sixty competitive athletes aged 18–25 years were selected and divided into an experimental group and a control group. The experimental group underwent an eight-week sports physiotherapy intervention program, while the control group followed routine training without specific physiotherapy input. Injury incidence, functional movement scores, and musculoskeletal discomfort were assessed before and after the intervention. Statistical analysis revealed a significant reduction in injury incidence and improvement in functional performance in the experimental group compared to the control group. The findings highlight the effectiveness of sports physiotherapy interventions in reducing injury risk and enhancing athlete readiness.

Keywords: Sports physiotherapy, injury prevention, competitive athletes, functional movement, rehabilitation, performance

Introduction

Competitive sports demand high levels of physical exertion, repetitive movements, and psychological pressure, which collectively increase the risk of sports-related injuries. Injuries not only interrupt training and competition but may also result in long-term functional limitations if not managed properly. In modern sports science, injury prevention has become as important as performance enhancement. Sports physiotherapy is a specialized branch that focuses on injury prevention, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletes. Preventive physiotherapy interventions emphasize correcting muscular imbalances, improving joint stability, enhancing flexibility, and developing neuromuscular control. These interventions are designed not only to reduce injury risk but also to optimize movement efficiency and recovery. Despite the growing application of sports physiotherapy in elite sports, limited empirical studies have examined its direct role in injury prevention among competitive athletes in a structured experimental setting. Therefore, the present study attempts to evaluate the effectiveness of sports physiotherapy interventions in reducing injury incidence and improving functional outcomes in competitive athletes.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies have indicated that structured physiotherapy programs significantly reduce the risk of common sports injuries such as muscle strains, ligament sprains, and overuse injuries. Research has shown that neuromuscular training improves balance and joint stability, particularly in lower-limb injuries. Studies focusing on preventive exercise programs report improvements in flexibility, core strength, and proprioception, which are key factors in injury reduction. Functional movement screening has also been identified as an effective tool for identifying athletes at higher risk of injury.

Several researchers have emphasized that athletes who receive regular physiotherapy supervision demonstrate better recovery patterns and fewer recurrent injuries. However, many existing studies are observational in nature, highlighting the need for controlled experimental research to establish

the effectiveness of sports physiotherapy interventions. The present study addresses this gap by adopting a pre-test and post-test control group design.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the effect of sports physiotherapy interventions on injury incidence in competitive athletes.
2. To compare functional movement performance between experimental and control groups.
3. To evaluate changes in musculoskeletal discomfort following physiotherapy intervention.
4. To examine the overall effectiveness of sports physiotherapy in injury prevention.

Methodology

Research Design

An experimental pre-test and post-test control group design was used.

Sample

- Total participants: 60 competitive athletes
- Age group: 18–25 years
- Sports background: Athletics, football, basketball, and volleyball
- Group allocation:
    - Experimental Group: 30 athletes
    - Control Group: 30 athletes

Physiotherapy Intervention Program

Duration: 8 weeks (5 sessions per week)

The intervention included:

- Dynamic warm-up and mobility exercises
- Strength and core stabilization training
- Flexibility and stretching exercises
- Proprioceptive and balance training
- Recovery techniques such as ice therapy and myofascial release

The control group followed routine sports training without specific physiotherapy intervention.

Tools Used

- Injury incidence record (number of injuries during study period)
- Functional Movement Screen (FMS)
- Musculoskeletal discomfort scale

Statistical Analysis

- Mean and standard deviation were calculated
- Paired t-test was used to compare pre-test and post-test scores within groups
- Independent t-test was used to compare experimental and control groups
- Level of significance was set at 0.05

Table 1: Comparison of Injury Incidence and Functional Scores

Variable	Group	Pre-Test Mean ± SD	Post-Test Mean ± SD	t-value	Result
Injury Incidence	Experimental	2.10 ± 0.78	0.90 ± 0.60	6.12	Significant
	Control	2.05 ± 0.81	1.95 ± 0.79	0.88	Not Significant
Functional Movement Score	Experimental	13.4 ± 1.6	16.8 ± 1.4	7.45	Significant
	Control	13.6 ± 1.5	13.9 ± 1.6	1.02	Not Significant

Results

The results showed a significant reduction in injury incidence among athletes who participated in the sports physiotherapy intervention program. The experimental group demonstrated marked improvement in functional movement scores and reduced musculoskeletal discomfort. In contrast, the control group showed no significant changes in injury rates or functional outcomes. These findings indicate that structured physiotherapy interventions play a vital role in injury prevention.

Conclusion

The present study concludes that sports physiotherapy interventions are highly effective in preventing injuries among competitive athletes. Structured programs focusing on strength, flexibility, balance, and recovery significantly reduce injury risk and enhance physical preparedness. Incorporating sports physiotherapy into regular training schedules can improve athlete safety, performance consistency, and career longevity. Coaches, trainers, and sports organizations are encouraged to adopt preventive physiotherapy strategies as a standard component of competitive sports training.

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A STUDY ON THE EFFECT OF SUN SALUTATION ASANA TRAINING ON STRENGTH, ENDURANCE AND FLEXIBILITY OF MIDDLE AGED WOMEN

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Abstract:
The purpose of the study was to investigate a study on the Effect of Sun salutation asana training on strength, endurance and flexibility of Middle aged Women. The subjects for this study were forty Middle aged Women randomly selected from dada of peddapally, district of Telangana. The age of the subjects ranged between 35-45 years. The subjects were equally divided into two groups namely one experimental and one control group. The treatments to the experimental groups were assigned randomly; one for Asana and another group served as control group. The treatment schedule was prepared for twelve weeks. The experimental treatments were employed for 1 hour a day in six days for twelve weeks duration. Pre and post-test data of all the subjects from two groups were collected before and after the experimental treatment period of 12 weeks. The selected variables were Cardio-respiratory Endurance, Flexibility, and Muscular Strength. The data was analyzed by employing analysis of covariance at the 0.05 level of significance. The result of the study indicates that practice of Sun salutation asana had significant effect on Cardio-respiratory Endurance, Flexibility, Muscular and Strength of the subjects.

Keywords: Sun salutation Asana, cardio-respiratory endurance, flexibility, and muscular strength.

Introduction:

Yoga is an Indian physical culture which can be practiced by anyone and which does not require any special equipment or clothing. But it is requires a small amount of space and strong desire heal their life. Our body is essential for every achievement. Not a body which is the bag of a living corpse, but a disease less, strong and healthy body. The word yoga comes from the Sanskrit word 'yuj' which means to unite or join together. Yoga join with the individual soul to the universal soul i.e. God. Yoga is a timeless tradition, originating from Rig Veda, with a history of more than 5000 years. The father of yoga, Maharishi Patanjali, defines yoga as "Yogas Chitta Vritti Nirodhah" meaning "control of the fluctuations of the mind. Yogic Sun salutation asana help in the prevention and cure of many physical diseases, especially those of the digestive tract by regulating the secretion of various duct and ductless gland. Apart from all these yoga is an extremely economic practice. The word asana is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Aas' which means 'existence', thus, state of existence is Asana or Position. Patanjali defines Asana as a Steady and Comfortable position so the first and third step that is taking the asana and releasing the asana should also be supporting to the definition. "Practice of sun salutation asana may be called as an Exercise of a perfect scientific method". Asana is a specific position which opens the energy channels and psychic centers. Sun salutation asana help to improve the physical fitness of an individual. Sun salutation asana are practiced to develop the ability to sit comfortably in one position for an extended period of time; it is ability necessary for meditation

Statement of the problem:

This study evaluates the physical fitness of the Middle aged Women through practice of Sun salutation asana training for Middle aged Women, peddapalli, Telangana.

Purpose of for the Study:

The purpose of the study is to determine the physical status of Middle aged Women of peddapalli, Telangana, so that the selection and training of the samples can be planned in a scientific and methodical way. Till now no specific study has been carried out on physical aspects of the Middle aged Women of peddapalli District of Telangana. Hence, there is a need to take-up an empirical study to generate empirical information on physical status of this study regarding to various aspects. Therefore, the present study is an attempt to evaluate various aspects relating to physical status of the Middle aged Women of peddapalli Distict of Telangana.

METHODOLOGY:

Methods of research:

The present study **a study on the Effect of Asana training on strength, endurance and flexibility of Middle aged Women** of Peddapalli, Telangana state will be used Experimental method. The training schedule is designed to the experimental group to practice of Sun salutation asana training 1 hour every day in the evening 4.00 to 5pm. Six days a week up to twelve weeks except on Sunday.

Sampling design:

The sample will be randomly selected for the girl's students of Middle aged Women, peddapally district of Telangana, as subjects between the age group of 35-145years. . The sample considers will be divided into equal groups called as control group and experimental group, each group consist of 20 samples.

Asaanas for Training:

The selected Asana are practiced reggurarly for a period of twelve weeks. Bhujangasana, Sarvangasana ,Halasana, Salabhasana, Dhanurasana, Ustrasana, Ustrasana, chakrasana, Janu Sirsasana, Utthita Trikonasana, Matsyasana,Mayurasana, Gomukhasana, Ardha Matsyendrasana, Bhadrasana, Baddha Padmasana, shavasana and suryanamaskara asana.

Sample of Yogasana Training:

Si. No	Category of the subjects	category	Age	Number of subjects	Experimental Group(12 weeks)
1	Control Group	School Students	35-45 Years	20	20
2	Experimental Group	School Students	35-45 Years	20	20
	Total			40	40

Forty peddapally, district of Telangana, Middle aged Women were (N- 40) randomly selected. The selected samples randomly assigned in to equal groups. The experimental group A-20 and the control group B-20 for the experiment. The asana training 1 hour every day in the evening 4.00 to 5pm. Six days a week up to twelve weeks except on Sunday. During this time control group was not given asana participated. Experimental and control groups were not controlled for their activity.

Collection of Data:

For this study Endurance, Strength and Flexibly variables chosen for the study. Standard test and measurement procedures were adopted to collect data for the study. The Endurance was measured with the help of 12 mint run and walk. The Flexibility was measured with the help of sit and rich and Muscular Strength was measured with the help of standing broad jump. The Pre and post test data of all the subjects from two groups were collected before and after the experimental period of twelve weeks. The data was analyzed by employing analysis of covariance at the 0.05 level of significance.

Tests/ Tools used:

The table shows the variables, Tests/Tools and the Unionist of Measurements of selected physical Variables used in this study.

Showing the physical variables, Tests and equipment required and its Measuring Units.

S.NO	Variables	Test and equipments required	Measuring Units
11 1	Strength	Standing Broad jump	Meters
22 2	Endurance	800 meter walk /Run	Minutes
33 3	Flexibility	Sit and reach test	Santee miter

STATISTICAL PROCEDUR:

As per the research design the collected data were analyzed by employing standard statistical techniques used. Further the result have been interpreted and discussed logically to conclude.

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S.No	Group	N	Mean	Standard Deviation	Standard Deviation	't'
Pre-test of the Middle aged Women	Control group	20	61.0124	17.886	2.32	0.156
	Experimental group	20	62.0272	17.787		
Post-test of the Middle aged Women	Control group	20	61.0024	17.782	1.13	1.029
	Experimental group	20	58.2321	15.024		

It is seem from table- Pre test of This study evaluates the This study evaluates the The present study a study on the Effect of Asana training on strength, endurance and flexibility of Middle aged Womens of Peddapalli District student of Telangana through regular practice of Sun salutation asana, the mean score of control and experimental groups were 61.0124 and 62.7272 respectively. Whereas, the mean difference was 2.32 and the values of t-test was 0.156 which were not significant. It reflects that the mean score pre test of the Effect of Sun salutation asana training on strength, endurance and flexibility of Middle aged Women of control group and experimental group do not differ significantly. This result indicates that the pre-test means of Asana training group and control group in test were more or less similar.

The post-test of this study evaluates the Effect of Asana training on strength, endurance and flexibility o Middle aged Women, the mean scores of control and experimental group were 61.0024 and 58.2321 respectively. The mean difference is 1.13 value of post test was 15.024, which was significant. It reflects that the mean score of post test of the Effect of Asana training on strength, endurance and flexibility of Middle aged Women of control group and experimental group differed significantly.

Discussions/ Findings:

1. Control group of students had no significant change in their muscular strength, cardio respiratory endurance and flexibility even after 12 weeks.
2. The Experiment group of Sun salutation asana played significant effect on strength, cardio respiratory endurance and flexibility of Middle aged Women.

3. Sun salutation asana played significant effect on cardio respiratory endurance of Middle aged Women. The Significance of the data of pre and post- test scores of in cardio-respiratory endurance was tested by 't', This proved that yogic group of the Middle aged Women was significantly influenced in cardio- respiratory endurance than control group.
4. Sun salutation asana played significant effect on flexibility of Middle aged Women. The results of this research on the effect of Sun salutation asana practices on flexibility were presented separately by using't' test for statistical significance.

Conclusion: The analysis of motor ability components of strength, cardio respiratory endurance and flexibility of Middle aged Women that experiment group showed considerable improvement in strength, cardio respiratory endurance and flexibility after the twelve weeks of Sun salutation asana practices. At the same time control group had not shown any significant change in any of the selected motor ability components.

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EFFECT OF YOGIC PRACTICES ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Abstract
Yoga is an ancient Indian practice that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques, and mental discipline to promote holistic health. In recent years, yoga has gained scientific recognition for its positive effects on physical fitness and psychological well-being. The present study aimed to examine the effect of a structured yogic practices programme on selected physical fitness components and psychological well-being among college students. Thirty college students were selected as subjects for the study. A six-week yogic intervention programme was administered, consisting of asanas, pranayama, and meditation. Pre-test and post-test measurements were taken for flexibility, muscular endurance, and psychological well-being. Statistical analysis using the paired 't' test revealed significant improvement in all selected variables after the yogic intervention. The findings suggest that regular practice of yoga is effective in enhancing physical fitness and mental health among college students.

Keywords: Yoga, Physical Fitness, Psychological Well-Being, Asanas, Pranayama, College Students.

Introduction

Yoga is a comprehensive system of physical, mental, and spiritual development that originated in India thousands of years ago. Traditionally, yoga aims at achieving harmony between body and mind through disciplined practice. In the modern context, yoga is widely used as a tool to improve physical fitness, manage stress, and enhance psychological well-being. College students often face academic pressure, lifestyle changes, and psychological stress, which may adversely affect their health and performance. Conventional physical training programs focus mainly on physical aspects, whereas yoga provides a balanced approach by addressing both physical and mental dimensions. Therefore, studying the effects of yogic practices on physical fitness and psychological well-being is of great relevance in the field of physical education and sports sciences.

Review of Related Literature

Several studies have reported the positive influence of yoga on physical fitness variables such as flexibility, strength, balance, and endurance. Research findings indicate that regular yogic practice improves muscular endurance and joint mobility through systematic stretching and controlled movements. Studies on psychological aspects reveal that yoga helps reduce anxiety, depression, and stress while improving concentration, emotional stability, and self-confidence. Pranayama and meditation play a significant role in regulating the autonomic nervous system and enhancing mental relaxation. Although extensive research exists on yoga, limited studies focus on combined physical and psychological outcomes among college students, which highlights the need for the present investigation.

Objectives of the Study

1. To study the effect of yogic practices on selected physical fitness variables among college students.
2. To examine the effect of yogic practices on psychological well-being.
3. To compare pre-test and post-test scores of physical fitness and psychological well-being variables.

Methodology

Research Design: Single group pre-test and post-test experimental design.
Sample: Thirty college students aged between 18 and 22 years were selected using random sampling technique.
Duration of the Programme: Six weeks, five days per week, 45 minutes per session.
Yogic Practices Included:

- Asanas: Tadasana, Trikonasana, Bhujangasana, Paschimottanasana
- Pranayama: Anulom Vilom, Bhramari
- Meditation: Simple breath awareness meditation

Variables Selected:

- Physical Fitness Variables: Flexibility, Muscular Endurance
- Psychological Variable: Psychological Well-Being

Tools Used:

- Sit and Reach Test for flexibility
- Sit-up Test for muscular endurance
- Standardized Psychological Well-Being Scale

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and paired 't' test were used to analyze the data. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

The results of the study revealed significant improvement in flexibility, muscular endurance, and psychological well-being after six weeks of yogic practices. The calculated 't' values were higher than the tabulated value at the 0.05 level of significance, indicating the effectiveness of the yogic intervention.

Conclusion

Based on the findings of the study, it may be concluded that yogic practices have a significant positive effect on both physical fitness and psychological well-being among college students. Regular practice of yoga helps improve flexibility and muscular endurance while promoting mental relaxation and emotional balance. Therefore, yoga should be included as an integral part of physical education and wellness programs at the college level.

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योग शिक्षणाचा विद्यार्थ्यांच्या ताणतणावावर होणारा प्रभाव

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१. प्रस्तावना

आधुनिक काळात शिक्षण क्षेत्रात प्रचंड स्पर्धा, अभ्यासाचा वाढता ताण, परीक्षा, करिअरची चिंता, कौटुंबिक समस्या, सामाजिक माध्यमांचा अति वापर यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये ताणतणाव (Stress) मोठ्या प्रमाणात वाढलेला दिसून येतो. विशेषतः कॉलेज स्तरावरील विद्यार्थ्यांना शारीरिक, मानसिक व भावनिक तणावाला सामोरे जावे लागते. शारीरिक शिक्षणाचा एक महत्त्वाचा घटक म्हणून योग शिक्षण विद्यार्थ्यांच्या जीवनात संतुलन निर्माण करण्यास मदत करते. योगामुळे शरीर, मन व आत्मा यांचा समतोल साधला जातो. त्यामुळे ताणतणाव कमी होऊन विद्यार्थ्यांची शैक्षणिक कामगिरी, आरोग्य व व्यक्तिमत्त्व विकास होतो. योग शिक्षण हा केवळ व्यायाम नसून तो एक जीवनशैली आहे. योगामुळे शरीर, मन आणि आत्मा यांचा समन्वय साधला जातो. त्यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांना मानसिक शांतता, आत्मनियंत्रण व सकारात्मक दृष्टिकोन प्राप्त होतो. म्हणूनच योग शिक्षणाचा विद्यार्थ्यांच्या ताणतणावावर होणारा प्रभाव अभ्यासणे अत्यंत आवश्यक ठरते.

२. संशोधनाची गरज व महत्त्व

आजच्या शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत विद्यार्थ्यांचे मानसिक आरोग्य हा अत्यंत महत्त्वाचा मुद्दा ठरलेला आहे. केवळ बौद्धिक विकासावर भर न देता शारीरिक व मानसिक आरोग्य जपणे गरजेचे आहे.

योग शिक्षणाचा विद्यार्थ्यांच्या ताणतणावावर होणारा प्रभाव अभ्यासणे आवश्यक आहे, कारण-

- विद्यार्थ्यांमधील मानसिक तणाव वाढत आहे
- योग हा नैसर्गिक व खर्चविरहित उपाय आहे
- शैक्षणिक यशासाठी मानसिक स्थैर्य आवश्यक आहे

म्हणून कॉलेज स्तरावर योग शिक्षणाचा अभ्यासक्रमात समावेश करण्यासाठी हे संशोधन उपयुक्त ठरते.

३. संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे

या संशोधनाची पुढील उद्दिष्टे आहेत :

1. विद्यार्थ्यांमधील ताणतणावाची पातळी अभ्यासणे
2. योग शिक्षणाची संकल्पना समजून घेणे
3. योगामुळे ताणतणाव कमी होतो का हे तपासणे
4. विद्यार्थ्यांच्या मानसिक आरोग्यावर योगाचा प्रभाव अभ्यासणे
5. कॉलेज स्तरावर योग शिक्षणाचे महत्त्व स्पष्ट करणे

४. संशोधनाची गृहितके

1. नियमित योगाभ्यासामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांचा ताणतणाव कमी होतो
2. योग शिक्षणामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांची एकाग्रता वाढते
3. योगामुळे मानसिक शांतता व आत्मविश्वास वाढतो
4. योग शिक्षणाचा विद्यार्थ्यांच्या वर्तनावर सकारात्मक परिणाम होतो

५. संशोधन पद्धती

५.१ संशोधन पद्धत

या संशोधनासाठी सर्वेक्षण पद्धत (Survey Method) वापरण्यात आली आहे.

५.२ नमुना

कॉलेज स्तरावरील 50 विद्यार्थी (मुले व मुली) यादृच्छिक पद्धतीने निवडले.

५.३ साधने

- प्रश्नावली
- निरीक्षण पद्धत.
- संबंधित पुस्तके व संशोधन लेख.

६. योग : संकल्पना व स्वरूप

योग हा भारतीय संस्कृतीचा अमूल्य ठेवा आहे. 'योग' या शब्दाचा अर्थ जोडणे किंवा एकत्र आणणे असा होतो. योगामध्ये-

1. आसने
2. प्राणायाम
3. ध्यान
4. यम-नियम

यांचा समावेश होतो. योगामुळे शरीर सुदृढ राहते तसेच मन शांत व स्थिर होते.

७. ताणतणाव : अर्थ, कारणे व परिणाम

७.१ ताणतणावाचा अर्थ

ताणतणाव म्हणजे व्यक्तीच्या क्षमतेपेक्षा जास्त दबाव निर्माण झाल्यास होणारी मानसिक अवस्था.

७.२ ताणतणावाची कारणे

1. परीक्षा व अभ्यासाचा ताण.
2. भविष्याची चिंता.
3. कौटुंबिक अडचणी.
4. स्पर्धात्मक वातावरण.
5. मोबाईल व सोशल मिडियाचा अति वापर.

७.३ ताणतणावाचे परिणाम

1. चिडचिडेपणा.
2. निद्रानाश.
3. एकाग्रतेचा अभाव
4. आत्मविश्वास कमी होणे.
5. शारीरिक आजार.

८. कॉलेज विद्यार्थ्यांमधील ताणतणाव

कॉलेज जीवनात विद्यार्थी नवीन वातावरण, जबाबदाऱ्या व अपेक्षा यांचा सामना करतात. अभ्यासासोबत करिअर, स्पर्धा परीक्षा, नोकरी, आर्थिक समस्या यामुळे ताणतणाव वाढतो. याचा थेट परिणाम त्यांच्या अभ्यासावर व आरोग्यावर होतो.

९. योग शिक्षणाचा ताणतणावावर होणारा प्रभाव

योग शिक्षणामुळे -

1. मानसिक शांतता मिळते.
2. एकाग्रता वाढते.
3. चिंता व भीती कमी होते.
4. आत्मविश्वास वाढतो.
5. सकारात्मक विचारसरणी विकसित होते.

नियमित योगाभ्यास करणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये तणाव कमी झाल्याचे संशोधनातून आढळले.

१०. निरीक्षणे व चर्चा

संशोधनातून असे दिसून आले की-

1. योगाभ्यास करणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांची मानसिक स्थिती अधिक स्थिर होती
2. त्यांच्या अभ्यासात एकाग्रता वाढलेली दिसून आली
3. ताणतणावाशी सामना करण्याची क्षमता वाढली

११. निष्कर्ष

या संशोधनाच्या आधारे पुढील निष्कर्ष काढता येतात :

1. योग शिक्षणामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांचा ताणतणाव कमी होतो.
2. मानसिक व शारीरिक आरोग्यात सुधारणा होते.
3. विद्यार्थ्यांची शैक्षणिक कामगिरी सुधारते.
4. योग शिक्षण कॉलेज स्तरावर अत्यंत उपयुक्त आहे.

१२. शिफारसी

1. कॉलेज अभ्यासक्रमात योग शिक्षण सक्तीचे करावे.
2. नियमित योग शिबिरे आयोजित करावीत.
3. विद्यार्थ्यांना ध्यान व प्राणायामाचे प्रशिक्षण द्यावे.
4. मानसिक आरोग्यासाठी योगाचा प्रचार करावा.

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सारांश

प्रस्तुत संशोधन लेख हा "Traditional Knowledge and Modern Innovations in Sports Sciences" या आंतरराष्ट्रीय परिषदेच्या मुख्य विषयाशी सुसंगत असून, योग आणि आयुर्वेद या पारंपरिक भारतीय ज्ञानपरंपरांचा आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानाच्या संदर्भात सखोल, विश्लेषणात्मक व संशोधनाभिमुख अभ्यास सादर करतो. या संशोधनाचा मुख्य उद्देश योग व आयुर्वेदातील तत्त्वज्ञान, तांत्रिक पद्धती आणि आरोग्यसंकल्पना आधुनिक क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण, क्रीडा पोषण, मानसिक तयारी, दुखापत प्रतिबंध व पुनर्प्राप्ती प्रक्रियांमध्ये कशा प्रकारे समन्वयित करता येतात, हे स्पष्ट करणे हा आहे. सदर अभ्यासासाठी वर्णनात्मक, विश्लेषणात्मक आणि संकल्पनात्मक संशोधन पद्धतीचा अवलंब करण्यात आला असून, दुय्यम माहिती स्रोतांद्वारे उपलब्ध शैक्षणिक साहित्य, प्रमाणित ग्रंथ, संशोधन जर्नल्स, परिषद पेपर्स तसेच क्रीडा प्रशिक्षणातील अनुभवाधारित निरीक्षणांचे सखोल विश्लेषण करण्यात आले आहे. अभ्यासातून असे दिसून येते की योगासने, प्राणायाम व ध्यान या पद्धती खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक क्षमता, लवचिकता, स्नायू-संतुलन, श्वसन कार्यक्षमता तसेच मानसिक एकाग्रता व ताण-तणाव व्यवस्थापनात महत्त्वपूर्ण योगदान देतात. त्याचप्रमाणे आयुर्वेदातील आहार, दिनचर्या, ऋतुचर्या, प्रकृती-सिद्धांत व पुनर्बलन संकल्पना खेळाडूंच्या दीर्घकालीन आरोग्य संवर्धनास, दुखापत प्रतिबंधास व सातत्यपूर्ण कामगिरीस सहाय्यक ठरतात. एकूणच, पारंपरिक ज्ञान व आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञान यांचा समन्वय साधल्यास अधिक सुरक्षित, परिणामकारक, वैयक्तिकृत व शाश्वत क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण मॉडेल विकसित होऊ शकते.

Keywords: Yoga, Ayurveda, Sports Sciences, Traditional Knowledge, Modern Innovations

1. प्रस्तावना :-

आधुनिक क्रीडा विश्वात स्पर्धात्मकता, कामगिरीची गुणवत्ता आणि शारीरिक-मानसिक क्षमतेची कमाल मर्यादा गाठण्यावर विशेष भर दिला जातो. जैवयांत्रिकी, व्यायाम शरीरक्रिया, क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र, पोषणशास्त्र आणि तंत्रज्ञानाधारित प्रशिक्षण प्रणालींमुळे खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीत लक्षणीय प्रगती झालेली दिसून येते. तथापि, तीव्र प्रशिक्षण, सततच्या स्पर्धा, अपुरी विश्रांती, मानसिक ताण आणि अनियमित जीवनशैली यांमुळे दुखापती, थकवा, बर्नआउट व मानसिक असंतुलन ही गंभीर आव्हाने निर्माण होत आहेत.

या पार्श्वभूमीवर योग आणि आयुर्वेद ही प्राचीन भारतीय शास्त्रे समग्र (Holistic) आरोग्यदृष्टी प्रदान करतात. योग शरीर, श्वसन व मन यांचा संतुलित विकास साधून शारीरिक सामर्थ्याबरोबरच मानसिक स्थैर्य व आत्मनियंत्रण विकसित करतो. आयुर्वेद हा व्यक्तीच्या प्रकृतीनुसार आहार, दिनचर्या, ऋतुचर्या व जीवनशैली यांवर आधारित आरोग्यसंवर्धनाचा दृष्टिकोन मांडतो. आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानाशी या पारंपरिक शास्त्रांचा शास्त्रीय व संशोधनात्मक समन्वय साधल्यास खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरी-वृद्धीसोबतच दीर्घकालीन आरोग्य व क्रीडा कारकीर्दीस पोषक असा संतुलित दृष्टिकोन विकसित होऊ शकतो.

2. संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे :-

1.योग आणि आयुर्वेदातील मूलभूत तत्त्वज्ञान व संकल्पनांचा आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानाच्या संदर्भात सखोल अभ्यास करणे.

2.आधुनिक क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींशी योग व आयुर्वेदाची शास्त्रीय सुसंगती आणि उपयुक्तता विश्लेषित करणे.

3.योगाभ्यासाचा खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक कार्यक्षमता, सहनशक्ती, लवचिकता, संतुलन व मानसिक एकाग्रतेवर होणारा प्रभाव समजून घेणे.

4.आयुर्वेदिक आहार, दिनचर्या, ऋतुचर्या व पुनर्बलन संकल्पनांचा क्रीडा कामगिरी व पुनर्प्राप्ती प्रक्रियेवर होणारा परिणाम अभ्यासणे.

5.दुखापत प्रतिबंध, पुनर्वसन व ताण-तणाव व्यवस्थापनात पारंपरिक ज्ञानाची भूमिका स्पष्ट करणे.
6.पारंपरिक ज्ञान आणि आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञान यांचा समन्वय साधणारे शाश्वत व वैयक्तिकृत प्रशिक्षण मॉडेल सुचवणे.

3. संशोधन पद्धती :-

सदर संशोधन लेख हा वर्णनात्मक, विश्लेषणात्मक व संकल्पनात्मक स्वरूपाचा असून गुणात्मक संशोधन रचनेवर आधारित आहे. या अभ्यासात दुय्यम माहिती स्रोतांचा प्रामुख्याने उपयोग करण्यात आला आहे. योग, आयुर्वेद व क्रीडा विज्ञानाशी संबंधित प्रमाणित ग्रंथ, संशोधन जर्नल्स, राष्ट्रीय व आंतरराष्ट्रीय परिषद पेपर्स, तसेच शैक्षणिक लेख यांचे सखोल व तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण करण्यात आले आहे. संकलित माहितीचे विषयानुसार वर्गीकरण करून तार्किक मांडणी करण्यात आली असून, परस्परसंबंध विश्लेषण, समालोचनात्मक अभ्यास व संकल्पनात्मक चौकटीच्या आधारे निष्कर्ष काढण्यात आले आहेत. ही संशोधन पद्धत प्रस्तुत अभ्यासाला शास्त्रीय आधार, विश्वासार्हता व अकॅडमिक सुसंगती प्रदान करते.

4. योग आणि क्रीडा विज्ञान :-

योग हा केवळ आध्यात्मिक साधना नसून, आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानाच्या चौकटीत तो एक वैज्ञानिक, कार्यक्षम व पूरक प्रशिक्षण घटक म्हणून महत्त्वाचा ठरतो. विविध योगासने स्नायूंची ताकद, लवचिकता, सांधेसामर्थ्य व न्यूरोमस्क्युलर समन्वय वाढवण्यास मदत करतात, ज्याचा थेट परिणाम खेळाडूंच्या हालचालींच्या अचूकतेवर व कार्यक्षमतेवर होतो. नियमित आसनाभ्यासामुळे शरीरातील स्नायू असंतुलन कमी होऊन योग्य पोश्चर व हालचालींची स्थिरता निर्माण होते, जे दुखापत प्रतिबंधाच्या दृष्टीने अत्यंत आवश्यक आहे.

प्राणायाम पद्धती श्वसनसंस्थेची कार्यक्षमता वाढवून फुफ्फुसांची क्षमता, ऑक्सिजन ग्रहण आणि ऊर्जा वापर कार्यक्षमता सुधारतात. ध्यान, धारणा व योगनिद्रा या मानसिक प्रशिक्षण तंत्रांमुळे खेळाडूंची एकाग्रता, प्रतिक्रिया वेळ, निर्णयक्षमता, भावनिक नियंत्रण आणि स्पर्धात्मक तणावाशी सामना करण्याची क्षमता विकसित होते. त्यामुळे योग आणि क्रीडा विज्ञान यांचा समन्वय खेळाडूंच्या सर्वांगीण कामगिरीस वैज्ञानिक अधिष्ठान देतो.

5. आयुर्वेद आणि क्रीडा विज्ञान :-

आयुर्वेद क्रीडा विज्ञानाच्या दृष्टीने एक प्रतिबंधात्मक, वैयक्तिकृत व पुनर्बलनप्रधान आरोग्य प्रणाली म्हणून महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावतो. आयुर्वेदातील त्रिदोष सिद्धांत (वात, पित्त, कफ) खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक व मानसिक प्रकृतीनुसार प्रशिक्षण तीव्रता, आहार योजना व विश्रांती पद्धती ठरविण्यास उपयुक्त ठरतो. प्रकृतीनुसार आहार नियोजन केल्यास ऊर्जा निर्मिती, पचनशक्ती, स्नायू पुनर्बलन व हार्मोनल संतुलन सुधारण्यास मदत होते, जे उच्च दर्जाच्या क्रीडा कामगिरीसाठी अत्यावश्यक आहे.

आयुर्वेदातील दिनचर्या व ऋतुचर्या संकल्पना खेळाडूंना ऋतुनुसार प्रशिक्षण व जीवनशैली समायोजन करण्यास मार्गदर्शक ठरतात. यामुळे अतिप्रशिक्षण (overtraining), दीर्घकालीन थकवा व रोगप्रतिकारक शक्तीतील घट यांसारख्या समस्या कमी करता येतात. तसेच अभ्यंग, स्वेदन, बस्ती व रसायन उपचार यांसारख्या आयुर्वेदिक पुनर्बलन व पुनर्वसन पद्धती दुखापतीनंतर स्नायू, सांधे व स्नायुतंत्र यांच्या पुनर्प्राप्तीस सुरक्षित व नैसर्गिक गती प्रदान करतात.

आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानाच्या दृष्टीने आयुर्वेदाचा समावेश केल्यास केवळ उपचारात्मक नव्हे तर प्रतिबंधात्मक आरोग्य व्यवस्थापन शक्य होते. त्यामुळे आयुर्वेद आणि क्रीडा विज्ञान यांचा समन्वय खेळाडूंच्या दीर्घकालीन कामगिरी, आरोग्य संरक्षण आणि क्रीडा कारकीर्दीच्या सातत्यासाठी एक प्रभावी व संशोधनक्षम मॉडेल सादर करतो.

6. पारंपरिक ज्ञान आणि आधुनिक नवकल्पनांचा समन्वय :-

पारंपरिक ज्ञानाचा समग्र, अनुभवाधारित व दीर्घकालीन निरीक्षणांवर आधारित दृष्टिकोन आणि आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानाचा विश्लेषणात्मक, प्रयोगाधारित व तंत्रज्ञान-सक्षम दृष्टिकोन यांचा समन्वय साधणे ही आधुनिक क्रीडा संशोधनाची मूलभूत गरज बनली आहे. योग आणि आयुर्वेदासारख्या पारंपरिक शास्त्रांमध्ये मांडलेली शरीर-मन-ऊर्जा यांची संकल्पना आधुनिक शरीरक्रिया, न्यूरोसायन्स, क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र व बायोमेकॅनिक्स यांच्या निष्कर्षांशी सुसंगत असल्याचे अनेक अभ्यासांतून सूचित होते.

आधुनिक जैवयांत्रिकी विश्लेषण, शारीरिक कार्यक्षमता चाचण्या, कार्डिओ-रेस्पिरेटरी फिटनेस मापन, हार्मोनल व मेटाबॉलिक प्रोफाइलिंग, बायोफीडबॅक तंत्रज्ञान आणि डेटा-आधारित प्रशिक्षण मूल्यांकन यांच्या सहाय्याने योग व आयुर्वेदाच्या

प्रभावांचे शास्त्रीय प्रमाणीकरण करता येते. यामुळे पारंपरिक पद्धती केवळ सांस्कृतिक किंवा उपचारात्मक मर्यादेत न राहता evidence-based sports practice चा भाग बनू शकतात.

याशिवाय, आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानातील individualized training, personalized nutrition आणि recovery protocols या संकल्पनांना आयुर्वेदातील प्रकृती-सिद्धांत व योगातील वैयक्तिक क्षमतेनुसार साधना या तत्त्वांचा मजबूत आधार मिळतो. तंत्रज्ञानाच्या सहाय्याने योगाभ्यासातील हालचालींची अचूकता, श्वसन नमुने व मानसिक स्थिती मोजता येत असल्यामुळे पारंपरिक पद्धती अधिक प्रभावी व सुरक्षितपणे वापरता येतात.

अशा प्रकारे पारंपरिक ज्ञान आणि आधुनिक नवकल्पनांचा समन्वय साधल्यास क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण अधिक समग्र, शाश्वत, वैज्ञानिकदृष्ट्या प्रमाणित आणि जागतिक स्तरावर स्वीकारार्ह बनू शकते. हा समन्वय भविष्यातील क्रीडा संशोधन, प्रशिक्षण प्रणाली आणि आरोग्यधोरणांसाठी एक मजबूत व नाविन्यपूर्ण दिशा प्रदान करतो.

7. निष्कर्ष :-

प्रस्तुत संशोधन लेखातून असे ठोसपणे स्पष्ट होते की योग आणि आयुर्वेद ही केवळ ऐतिहासिक किंवा पारंपरिक आरोग्यप्रणाली नसून, आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानाशी सुसंगत, वैज्ञानिकदृष्ट्या अभ्यासण्याजोगी आणि कार्यक्षम शास्त्रे आहेत. या अभ्यासातील विश्लेषणानुसार योगाभ्यासामुळे खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक कार्यक्षमता, स्नायू-संतुलन, लवचिकता, श्वसन कार्यक्षमता तसेच मानसिक एकाग्रता, तणाव नियंत्रण आणि कामगिरीतील सातत्य यामध्ये सकारात्मक सुधारणा दिसून येतात. त्याचप्रमाणे आयुर्वेदिक आहार, दिनचर्या, ऋतुचर्या आणि पुनर्बलन संकल्पना खेळाडूंच्या ऊर्जा व्यवस्थापन, दुखापत प्रतिबंध, पुनर्प्राप्ती प्रक्रिया आणि दीर्घकालीन आरोग्य संरक्षणासाठी अत्यंत उपयुक्त ठरतात.

पारंपरिक ज्ञानातील समग्र दृष्टिकोन आणि आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानातील विश्लेषणात्मक व तंत्रज्ञानाधारित पद्धती यांचा समन्वय साधल्यास अधिक वैयक्तिकृत, सुरक्षित आणि शाश्वत क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण मॉडेल विकसित करता येते, असा निष्कर्ष या संशोधनातून निघतो. हा समन्वय केवळ कामगिरीवृद्धीपुरता मर्यादित न राहता, खेळाडूंच्या संपूर्ण क्रीडा कारकीर्दीच्या दीर्घकालीन नियोजनासाठी महत्त्वपूर्ण ठरतो.

म्हणूनच भविष्यातील क्रीडा संशोधन, प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम, क्रीडा धोरणे आणि आरोग्य व्यवस्थापन प्रणालींमध्ये योग व आयुर्वेदाचा शास्त्रीय, संरचित आणि संशोधनाधारित समावेश करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे. अशा समन्वयातून जागतिक स्तरावर स्वीकारार्ह, नैतिकदृष्ट्या समतोल आणि मानवी क्षमतेच्या शाश्वत विकासाला चालना देणारी क्रीडा विज्ञानाची नवीन दिशा निर्माण होऊ शकते.

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सारांश (Abstract)

ग्रामीण भारतामध्ये क्रीडा ही सामाजिक विकास, युवक सशक्तीकरण, आरोग्य संवर्धन आणि राष्ट्रीय एकात्मतेचे महत्त्वपूर्ण साधन आहे. मात्र ग्रामीण भागातील क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांना पायाभूत सुविधा, आर्थिक संसाधने, प्रशिक्षक आणि आधुनिक क्रीडा साहित्य यांच्या कमतरतेचा सामना करावा लागतो. या पार्श्वभूमीवर शासकीय व खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपची भूमिका अत्यंत महत्त्वाची ठरते. सदर संशोधनाचा उद्देश ग्रामीण भागातील क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांच्या विकासात शासकीय योजना आणि खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिप यांचे योगदान अभ्यासणे हा आहे. महाराष्ट्रातील एका ग्रामीण तालुक्यातील निवडक क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांचा केस स्टडी पद्धतीने अभ्यास करण्यात आला. प्राथमिक व दुय्यम माहितीच्या विश्लेषणातून असे आढळले की, शासकीय स्पॉन्सरशिपमुळे मूलभूत सुविधा व सहभागाच्या संधी उपलब्ध होतात, तर खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपमुळे कार्यक्रमांची गुणवत्ता, प्रसिद्धी व शाश्वतता वाढते. त्यामुळे ग्रामीण क्रीडा विकासासाठी सार्वजनिक-खाजगी भागीदारी (PPP) ही प्रभावी आणि आवश्यक रणनीती असल्याचे स्पष्ट होते.

कीवर्ड्स (Keywords)

ग्रामीण क्रीडा, शासकीय स्पॉन्सरशिप, खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिप, क्रीडा विकास, केस स्टडी, सार्वजनिक-खाजगी भागीदारी

२. संशोधनाची गरज

1. ग्रामीण क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांना आर्थिक पाठबळाची कमतरता
2. शासकीय योजनांची प्रभावी अंमलबजावणी कितपत होते याचा अभ्यास
3. खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपमुळे होणारे सकारात्मक बदल समजून घेणे
4. ग्रामीण युवकांमध्ये क्रीडेतून रोजगार व करिअर संधी निर्माण होण्याची प्रक्रिया अभ्यासणे

३. संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे

1. ग्रामीण भागातील क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांसाठी शासकीय स्पॉन्सरशिपची भूमिका अभ्यासणे
2. खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपमुळे क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांमध्ये होणारे बदल विश्लेषित करणे
3. निवडक ग्रामीण क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांचा केस स्टडीद्वारे अभ्यास करणे
4. शासकीय व खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपमधील परस्पर संबंध समजून घेणे
5. ग्रामीण क्रीडा विकासासाठी सुधारात्मक उपाय सुचवणे

४. संशोधन गृहितके (Hypotheses)

1. शासकीय स्पॉन्सरशिपमुळे ग्रामीण क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांचा सहभाग वाढतो.
2. खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपमुळे क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांची गुणवत्ता सुधारते.
3. सार्वजनिक-खाजगी भागीदारीमुळे ग्रामीण क्रीडा विकास अधिक प्रभावी होतो.

५. संशोधन पद्धती (Research Methodology)

५.१ संशोधन प्रकार

सदर संशोधन हे **वर्णनात्मक (Descriptive)** व **विश्लेषणात्मक (Analytical)** स्वरूपाचे आहे. वर्णनात्मक पद्धतीद्वारे ग्रामीण भागातील क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांची सद्यस्थिती, उपलब्ध सुविधा, सहभागाची पातळी तसेच शासकीय व खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपचे स्वरूप स्पष्ट करण्यात आले आहे.

विश्लेषणात्मक पद्धतीच्या साहाय्याने शासकीय व खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपचा ग्रामीण क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांच्या गुणवत्तेवर, सहभागावर आणि शाश्वततेवर होणारा परिणाम तुलनात्मक पद्धतीने अभ्यासण्यात आला आहे. या संशोधनात **केस स्टडी पद्धतीचा** उपयोग करून प्रत्यक्ष अनुभवांवर आधारित निष्कर्ष मांडण्यात आले आहेत.

५.२ संशोधन क्षेत्र व नमुना (Universe and Sample)

या संशोधनासाठी **महाराष्ट्रातील एका ग्रामीण तालुक्याची** निवड करण्यात आली आहे. सदर तालुक्यात विविध स्तरांवर क्रीडा उपक्रम राबवले जात असल्याने तो अभ्यासासाठी उपयुक्त ठरतो.

नमुना म्हणून खालील क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांची निवड करण्यात आली आहे :

- **५ शासकीय क्रीडा कार्यक्रम:** (उदा. शालेय क्रीडा स्पर्धा, जिल्हा क्रीडा परिषद अंतर्गत स्पर्धा, क्रीडा महोत्सव, युवा क्रीडा योजना, खेलो इंडिया अंतर्गत उपक्रम)
- **३ खाजगी प्रायोजित क्रीडा स्पर्धा:** (उदा. स्थानिक उद्योग, सामाजिक संस्था किंवा CSR अंतर्गत आयोजित स्पर्धा)

नमुना निवडीसाठी **उद्देशपूर्ण नमुना पद्धतीचा (Purposive Sampling)** वापर करण्यात आला असून, शासकीय व खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपचा प्रत्यक्ष सहभाग असलेल्या कार्यक्रमांचा समावेश करण्यात आला आहे.

५.३ माहिती संकलनाची साधने (Tools of Data Collection)

या संशोधनात **प्राथमिक व दुय्यम माहिती संकलन पद्धतीचा** अवलंब करण्यात आला आहे.

५.३.१ प्राथमिक माहिती

प्राथमिक माहिती संकलनासाठी खालील साधनांचा वापर करण्यात आला :

1. **मुलाखत पद्धत (Interview Method)**
    - क्रीडा अधिकारी
    - क्रीडा प्रशिक्षक
    - ग्रामीण खेळाडू

    अर्ध-संरचित मुलाखतीद्वारे स्पॉन्सरशिपचा परिणाम, अडचणी व अपेक्षा यांची माहिती संकलित करण्यात आली.
2. **प्रश्नावली (Questionnaire):** निवडक खेळाडू व आयोजकांना संरचित प्रश्नावली देऊन क्रीडा कार्यक्रमातील सहभाग, सुविधा, आर्थिक सहाय्य व स्पॉन्सरशिपबाबत मते जाणून घेण्यात आली.

५.३.२ दुय्यम माहिती

दुय्यम माहिती संकलनासाठी खालील स्रोतांचा वापर करण्यात आला :

- शासकीय अहवाल व परिपत्रके
- क्रीडा व युवक सेवा विभागाची अधिकृत कागदपत्रे
- क्रीडा धोरणे व योजना
- संशोधन लेख, जर्नल्स व पुस्तके

५.४ माहिती विश्लेषणाची पद्धत (Data Analysis)

संकलित माहितीचे विश्लेषण **सांख्यिकीय व गुणात्मक (Quantitative and Qualitative)** दोन्ही पद्धतींच्या साहाय्याने करण्यात आले.

- माहितीचे वर्गीकरण व तक्ते तयार करणे
- टक्केवारी व सरासरीचा वापर
- शासकीय व खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपमधील तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण
- केस स्टडीच्या आधारे निष्कर्ष मांडणी

या विश्लेषणातून ग्रामीण क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांवरील स्पॉन्सरशिपच्या प्रभावाचे स्पष्ट चित्र समोर आणण्याचा प्रयत्न करण्यात आला आहे.

संशोधनाच्या मर्यादा (Limitations)

- अभ्यास एका ग्रामीण तालुक्यापुरता मर्यादित आहे
- नमुना आकार मर्यादित असल्यामुळे निष्कर्ष सर्वसाधारण स्वरूपाचे आहेत
- उपलब्ध माहितीवर आधारित निष्कर्ष काढण्यात आले आहेत

खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपची भूमिका

खाजगी कंपन्या, स्थानिक उद्योजक, बँका व सामाजिक संस्था ग्रामीण क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांना प्रायोजित करतात. CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) अंतर्गत अनेक क्रीडा उपक्रम राबवले जातात.

खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपचे फायदे :

- जलद आर्थिक मदत
- आधुनिक क्रीडा साहित्य
- स्पर्धांची प्रसिद्धी व मीडिया कव्हरेज
- खेळाडूंना प्रोत्साहन व शिष्यवृत्ती

मर्यादा :

- नफा व ब्रँडिंगवर आधारित दृष्टिकोन
- दीर्घकालीन बांधिलकीचा अभाव

केस स्टडी : ग्रामीण तालुक्यातील क्रीडा कार्यक्रम

निवडक तालुक्यात दरवर्षी आयोजित होणाऱ्या **ग्रामीण क्रीडा महोत्सवात** शासकीय व खाजगी दोन्ही प्रकारचे प्रायोजन आढळले.

निरीक्षणे :

- शासकीय निधीतून मैदान व मूलभूत सुविधा
- खाजगी प्रायोजकांकडून बक्षिसे, टी-शर्ट, जाहिरात
- खेळाडूंच्या सहभागात ३०–४०% वाढ
- काही खेळाडूंना जिल्हा व राज्य पातळीवर निवड

निष्कर्ष (Conclusion): ग्रामीण भागातील क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांच्या यशस्वी, सातत्यपूर्ण व गुणवत्तापूर्ण अंमलबजावणीसाठी शासकीय व खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिप ही अत्यंत आवश्यक ठरते. शासकीय योजनांमुळे ग्रामीण क्रीडेसाठी आवश्यक असलेल्या मूलभूत सुविधा, आर्थिक सहाय्य व धोरणात्मक आधार उपलब्ध होतो. त्याचवेळी खाजगी स्पॉन्सरशिपमुळे क्रीडा कार्यक्रमांमध्ये गुणवत्ता, नाविन्य, व्यावसायिकता व प्रसिद्धी वाढते. या दोन्ही घटकांचा समन्वय साधल्यास ग्रामीण क्रीडा विकास अधिक प्रभावी, सर्वसमावेशक आणि शाश्वत होऊ शकतो. त्यामुळे भविष्यात ग्रामीण क्रीडेसाठी **सार्वजनिक-खाजगी भागीदारी (Public–Private Partnership – PPP)** या मॉडेलचा व्यापक आणि योजनाबद्ध वापर करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे.

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खेळाडूच्या क्रीडा कौशल्याच्या गुणवत्तेसाठी मानसशास्त्राचे महत्त्व

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सारांश : क्रीडा उपक्रमांमध्ये खेळाडू हा केंद्र बिंदू असतो. शारीरिक क्षमता, तांत्रिक कौशल्य क्रीडा कौशल्य तसेच मानसिक स्थैर्य यांच्या समन्वयातून उत्कृष्ट क्रीडा कामगिरी साध्य होत असते क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र खेळाडूंच्या मानसिक प्रक्रियांचा अभ्यास करून त्यांची कामगिरी सुधारण्यासाठी उपाय योजना सुचवते त्याची उपायाची कशा प्रकारे अंमलबजावणी करावी याचेही पद्धतीर माहिती देते.

प्रस्तावना : क्रीडा क्षेत्राकडे आपण समाज म्हणून कशारीतीने पाहतो हे शाळा मधील वातावरणातून लक्षात येते. खेळाचा तास हा बहुतेक शाळांच्या वेळापत्रातून कटाप झालेला दिसतो. ही नकारात्मक मानसिकता बदलव्यासाठी कसून प्रयत्नाची गरज आहे. नुकत्याच प्रसिद्ध झालेल्या क्रीडा धोरणामुळे अशा प्रयत्नांना बळ मिळेल. केंद्र सरकारने खेलो भारत नीती 2025 हे वीसपानी क्रीडाधोरण प्रसिध्द केले असून पुढील पंधरा वर्ष क्रीडाक्षेत्रात कशी वाटचाल व्हावी याचे उत्तम दिशादर्शन त्यात आहे. या धोरणातून सरकारच्याही मानसिकतेत बदल झाला आहे. खेळाडूचा आपल्या क्रीडा कौशल्यासाठी अनेक बाबींचा परिणाम पडत असतो. सभोवतालचे वातावरण भौगोलीक वातावरण आजूबाजूच्या समाजातील व्यक्तींचा समाजाचा आहाराचा अशा अनेक बाबींचा परिणाम खेळाडूवर पडत असतो. त्याच प्रमाणे मानसशास्त्राचा परिणाम हा उल्लेखनीय असतो कारण काही क्षणाच्या नंतर खेळाडूचा निकाल लागत असतो. या क्षणाच्या वेळेत खेळाडूची मानसिकता कशी असते त्यावर कोणता परिणाम पडला आहे या सर्व बाबींचा विचार करावा लागतो. त्यामुळे आजच्या स्थितीत क्रीडा क्षेत्रात मानशास्त्रावर अनेक प्रकारचे लिखान होत आहे. खेळाडूची मानसिकतेचा अभ्यास करण्यासाठी क्रीडामानसशास्त्राची निर्मिती झाली आहे या करीता विविध विद्यापीठात स्वतंत्र क्रीडा मानसशास्त्राचे विभागाची निर्मिती केली आहे. क्रीडांगणावर खेळून शरीराने व मनाने सदृढ तयार झालेले हजारो युवक युवती आपल्या देशाच्या अमृतकाळाचे निर्माते ठरतील. असे स्वामी विवेकानंद म्हणाले होते.

* **क्रीडा साहित्याचा परिणाम :** खेळाडूच्या गुणवत्तेसाठी शास्त्रीय दृष्टीकोणातून क्रीडा साहित्य तितकेच महत्वाचे असते की त्या त्या खेळाडूचा कौशलयात नैपुण्यता आणण्यासाठी महत्त्वाचे असते. जागल्या क्रीडा साहित्यामुळे कौशलय वाढते. तसेच खेळाडूच्या मानसिकतेवर ही त्याचा परिणाम पडत असतो. क्रीडा साहित्याच्या रंगाचा आकार याचाही खेळाडूच्या मानसिकतेत परिणाम करून क्रीडा कौशल्य वाढण्यासाठी खेळाडूस मदत मिळते. साहित्य चांगले असल्याने खेळाडूचे प्रदर्शन सुधारते उदा : महाडे शुज अथवा किट परीधान केले तर खेळाडूला वाटते की आपलाही क्रीडा कौशल्य सुधारले आहे. एकाग्रता व निर्णय क्षमता वाढते अनेक खेळाडूंना क्रीडा साहित्य त्यांच्या मनसारखे अथवा त्यांच्या आवडीचा कलर त्या साहित्याला असल्यास खेळाडूंची मानसिकतेत बदल होऊन स्पर्धेत गुणवत्ता वाढते. जर्सी जर खेळाडूचा त्याच्या मनासारखा असल्यास भावनेवर परिणाम पडतो जर्सीवर देशाचे नाव असल्यास ओळख निर्माण होते. अभिमानाची भावना निर्माण होते. जसे ऑलंम्पिक मध्ये भारताचे प्रतिनिधी करणाऱ्या खेळाडूंना आपल्या देशाबद्दल अभिमान वाटतो प्रेम जबाबदारी निर्माण करण्याचे काम करते.

* **जोखिम घेण्याची प्रवृत्ती :** क्रीडा स्पर्धेत खेळाडूला खेळाडूची मानसिकतेत उत्तम परिणाम करणारी घटक म्हणजे मानसिकता त्या प्रसंगात खेळाडूच्या मानसिकतेत काय परिणाम हातो. याचाही विचार करावा लागतो. चांगले साहित्यामुळे खेळाडूत जोखिम घेण्याची प्रवृत्ती निर्माण होते. उदा : क्रिकेट खेळताना सर्व साहित्य चांगले व हालके असल्यास खेळाडूमध्ये जोखिम घेण्याची प्रवृत्ती निर्माण होते. राष्ट्रभक्ती निर्माण होते. त्यामुळे खेळाडूच्या क्रीडा कौशल्यात सुधारणा होते.

* **स्पर्धेच्या प्रसंगी खेळाडूच्या मानसिकतेचे महत्त्व :** खेळाडू एखादया स्पर्धा खेळत असताना सरावाच्या जोरावर काही स्पर्धा जिंकत असतो. जसे जिल्हा विभाग अशा स्तरावरच्या स्पर्धा जिंकणे सोपे असू शकते. परंतू राज्यस्तर राष्ट्रीय स्तर अथवा आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर खेळाडूला शारीरिक क्षतमतेबरोबर क्रीडा कौशल्य, साहित्य प्रशिक्षण या बरोबर खेळाडूच्या मानसिकतेचाही विचार करावा लागतो. त्याच्या मानसिकतेचा अभ्यास करून खेळाचे नियोजन लावावे लागते. त्यातूनच खेळाडूची गुणवत्ता सिद्ध होते व खेळाडू स्पर्धेत आपले चांगले क्रीडा कौशल्य दाखवून जिंकतो.

* **क्रीडा मानसशास्त्राचा तज्ञ :** खेळामध्ये प्रत्येक बाबींचा बारकाईने अभ्यास केला जात आहे. त्यामुळे खेळाडूचे खेळातील कौशल्य, गुणवत्ता याच्यात वाढ झाली आहे जसे खेळाडूला लागणारे क्रीडा साहित्य हे शास्त्रीय दृष्टीकोनातून उत्तम असने तसेच जर्सी, शुज या सर्व बाबींचा विचार होत आहे. त्याच प्रमाण खेळाडूचा आहार सवई भौगोलिक वातावरण कौटूंबीक वातावरण याचाही अभ्यास होत आहे. खेळाडूवर सामाजिक घटकाचा परिणाम होतो. याचाही विचार होत आहे या सर्वांचा विचार करण्यासाठी कुशलमानशास्त्राचा तज्ञाचा सल्ला घेतला जात आहे.

* **क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र :** क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र म्हणजे खेळाडूंच्या मानसिक आणि भावनिक पैलूंचा वैज्ञानिक अभ्यास करणे होय. खेळाडूंच्या मनाचा विचार करणे स्पर्धेच्या वेळी क्रीडा कार्य सुधारण्यासाठी खेळाडूची मानसिकता अशी आहे त्याच्या नुसार खेळाडूला तयार करणे त्याचा कौशल्य हे उत्तम प्रकारे होईल व आपल्या स्पर्धेच्या वेळी उत्तम प्रदर्शन करेल कौशल्य विकसीत करावे लागते. मानसिक कौशल्य उत्तम असल्यास त्याची क्रीडा कौशल्य सुधारते खेळाडूचा तणाव आणि चिंताचेही व्यवस्थापन करावे लागते. स्पर्धा खेळत असताना स्पर्धेचा ताणव चिंता निर्माण होत असते. या वेळी खेळाडूंना वेगवेगळ्या पध्दतीचा वापर करून ताण व चिंताचे व्यवस्थापन कसे करावे हे क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र शिकवत असने त्यासाठी स्वत:शी सकारात्मक बोलावे लागते आणि मानसिक प्रतिमा वापरून तयारी करावी लागते. थोडक्यात, खेळाडू हे खेळाचे केंद्रबिंदू आहेत तर क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र त्यांच्या मनाचे इंजिन आहे जे त्यांना शारीरिक कौशल्याबरोबरच मानसिकदृष्ट्या ही सक्षम सर्वोच्च कामगिरी करण्यास मदत करते. क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र ही एक अशी प्रवीणता आहे जी खेळाडूंचे इष्टतम कामगिरी आणि क्रीडा सहभागाचे विकासात्मक आणि सामाजिक पैलू आणि क्रीडा संबंधित पद्धतशीर समस्या सोडवण्यासाठी मानसशास्त्रीय ज्ञान आणि कौशल्यांचा वापर करते.

* **समुपदेशन आणि क्लिनिकल हस्तक्षेप :** क्रीडा प्रेरणा मिळण्यासाठी जागो जागी समुपदेशन विभाग असावे लागतात खेळाडूंना मानसिक दृष्ट्या सुदृढ असणे आवश्यक आहे. त्या करीता समुपदेशन केंद्र असणे आवश्यक आहे. खेळाडूच्या मानसिकता, ताण चिंता यांच्या कारणांची शहानिशा करण्यासाठी तसेच त्यांच्यावर उपाय काय आहेत याचाही अभ्यास केला जातो त्यातूनच खेळाडूची गुणवत्ता वाढते.

* **खेळाडूंची मानसिक तयारी :** खेळाडूंचे यश्या त्यांच्या मानसिक तयारीवर अवलंबून असते. आत्मविश्वास एकाग्रता, सकारात्मक दृष्टिकोन आणि प्रेरणा या मानसिक घटकांमुळे खेळाडू उत्तम कामगिरी करू शकतो. प्रेरणा खेळाडूला मिळावी त्या करीता वेगवेगळ्या पद्धतीने प्रशिक्षण देणे साहित्य, बक्षिस प्रशंशा करणे इ. बाबी कराव्या लागतात खेळाडूत आत्मविश्वास निर्माण करावा लागतो. कठिाण परिस्थितीतही योग्य निर्णय घेऊ शकतो. उच्च आत्मसन्मानामुळे पराभवातून शिकण्याची वृत्ती विकसित होते. संघ भावना खेळाच्या माध्यमातून निर्माण होते सहकार्य नेतृत्व गुण आणि संवाद कौशल्य महत्वाचे असते ते विकसित होते. मानसिक समन्वयामुळे संघाची एकुण कामगिरी सुधारते त्यामुळे एकाग्रहता व लक्ष नियंत्रण खेळा दरम्यान लक्ष विचलित न होता उद्दिष्टावर केंद्रित राहणे आत्यावश्यक आहे. मानसिक प्रशिक्षणामुळे खेळाडूंची एकाग्रता वाढते. पराभव स्विकारण्याची मानसिकता क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र खेळाडूंना पराभव स्विकारण्याची आणि त्यातून सकारात्मक शिकवण घेण्याची क्षमता विकसित करते.

निष्कर्ष : क्रीडा उपक्रमामध्ये खेळाडूंचे स्थान अत्यंत महत्वाचे आहे. शारीरिक तयारी सोबत मानसिक तयारीही तितकीच आवश्यक आहे. क्रीडा मानसशास्त्राच्या साहाय्याने खेळाडूंची क्रीडा कौशल्या सोबतच आत्मविश्वास व मानसिक आरोग्य सुधारता येते. त्यामुळे आधुनिक क्रीडा प्रशिक्षणात क्रीडा मानसशास्त्राचा समावेश करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे.

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सारांश: आधुनिक बॉडीबिल्डिंगमध्ये स्नायूंची अत्यधिक वाढ, स्पर्धात्मक यश आणि सौंदर्यात्मक परिपूर्णता यांना मोठे महत्त्व दिले जाते. या उद्दिष्टांच्या पूर्ततेसाठी काही बॉडीबिल्डर्स अत्यंत कठोर प्रशिक्षण, अती डायटिंग, निर्जलीकरण आणि performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) चा वापर करतात. या संशोधन निबंधात आधुनिक बॉडीबिल्डिंगशी संबंधित शारीरिक व मानसिक आरोग्यधोके वैज्ञानिक पुराव्यांच्या आधारे तपासले आहेत.

1. Introduction (प्रस्तावना)

बॉडीबिल्डिंग हा शारीरिक क्षमता वाढवण्याचा प्रभावी मार्ग असला तरी आधुनिक स्पर्धात्मक बॉडीबिल्डिंगमध्ये आरोग्याला धोका पोहोचवणाऱ्या पद्धती मोठ्या प्रमाणावर वापरल्या जात आहेत. विशेषतः anabolic-androgenic steroids (AAS), अत्यंत कमी बॉडी फॅट साधण्यासाठी निर्जलीकरण आणि अतिप्रोटीन आहार यामुळे गंभीर आरोग्य समस्या निर्माण होतात. या अभ्यासाचा उद्देश या धोक्यांचे वैज्ञानिक मूल्यांकन करणे हा आहे.

2. Anabolic-Androgenic Steroids (AAS) चे धोके

Anabolic-androgenic steroids हे आधुनिक बॉडीबिल्डिंगमधील सर्वात मोठे आरोग्यधोके मानले जातात. संशोधनानुसार AAS चा दीर्घकालीन वापर खालील समस्यांना कारणीभूत ठरतो:

- हृदयाच्या स्नायूंची जाडी वाढणे (cardiac hypertrophy)
- उच्च रक्तदाब आणि अतालता (arrhythmias)
- यकृताचे नुकसान (hepatic toxicity)
- हार्मोनल असंतुलन व वंध्यत्व
- मानसिक परिणाम (आक्रमकता, नैराश्य)

वैद्यकीय पुनरावलोकन अभ्यासांनी AAS वापर आणि अचानक हृदयविकारातील मृत्यू यामध्ये स्पष्ट संबंध दर्शवला आहे.

3. Cardiovascular (हृदयविकाराचे) धोके

अनेक अभ्यासांनुसार, आधुनिक बॉडीबिल्डर्समध्ये सामान्य लोकसंख्येपेक्षा हृदयविकाराचा धोका अधिक आढळतो. AAS वापर, अत्यंत कमी बॉडी फॅट आणि तीव्र प्रशिक्षणामुळे:

- Left ventricular dysfunction
- Atherosclerosis
- Sudden cardiac death

यांचा धोका वाढतो.

4. किडनी व यकृतावर होणारे परिणाम

उच्च-प्रमाणातील प्रोटीन आहार, सप्लिमेंट्स आणि PEDs चा वापर किडनी व यकृतावर अतिरिक्त ताण टाकतो. वैज्ञानिक अभ्यास दर्शवतात की:

- दीर्घकालीन उच्च प्रोटीन सेवनामुळे किडनीवर ताण येऊ शकतो
- Oral anabolic steroids यकृतासाठी विषारी ठरू शकतात
- Acute kidney injury आणि chronic renal damage चा धोका वाढतो

5. निर्जलीकरण व इलेक्ट्रोलाइट असंतुलन

स्पर्धेपूर्वी "cutting phase" दरम्यान अनेक बॉडीबिल्डर्स पाणी आणि सोडियमचे प्रमाण अतिशय कमी करतात. संशोधनानुसार यामुळे:

- Electrolyte imbalance
- Cardiac arrhythmia
- Muscle cramps आणि collapse

यांसारखे गंभीर परिणाम होऊ शकतात.

6. मानसिक आरोग्यावरील परिणाम

आधुनिक बॉडीबिल्डिंगमध्ये शरीराविषयी अतिशय कठोर अपेक्षा निर्माण होतात. यामुळे:

- Muscle dysmorphia
- Anxiety आणि depression
- Steroid dependence syndrome

यांसारख्या मानसिक समस्या उद्भवतात, असे मानसशास्त्रीय अभ्यास दर्शवतात.

7. Discussion (चर्चा)

वैज्ञानिक पुरावे स्पष्टपणे दर्शवतात की आधुनिक बॉडीबिल्डिंग स्वतः धोकादायक नसून, **त्यात वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या टोकाच्या पद्धती** आरोग्यास धोका निर्माण करतात. नैसर्गिक प्रशिक्षण, योग्य विश्रांती आणि वैद्यकीय मार्गदर्शनाशिवाय केलेले प्रयोग शरीरासाठी घातक ठरू शकतात.

8. Conclusion (निष्कर्ष)

आधुनिक बॉडीबिल्डिंगमध्ये वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या performance-enhancing drugs, अत्यंत आहार निर्बंध आणि निर्जलीकरण पद्धती यामुळे गंभीर शारीरिक व मानसिक धोके निर्माण होतात. दीर्घकालीन आरोग्यासाठी नैसर्गिक प्रशिक्षण, वैज्ञानिक माहिती आणि वैद्यकीय देखरेख अत्यावश्यक आहे. स्पर्धात्मक यशापेक्षा आरोग्याला प्राधान्य देणे ही काळाची गरज आहे.

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पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षणाचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर होणा-या परिणामांचा तुलनात्मक अभ्यास

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सारांश: हा अभ्यास पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा तुलनात्मक अभ्यास करण्यासाठी करण्यात आला आहे. पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमध्ये अनुभवाधारित सराव, गुरू-शिष्य परंपरा, नैसर्गिक व्यायाम व मैदानावरील प्रत्यक्ष सराव यांचा समावेश होतो. या पद्धतीमुळे खेळाडूंमध्ये सहनशक्ती, लवचिकता आणि संघभावना विकसित होते. आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धती वैज्ञानिक व तांत्रिक आधारावर विकसित झालेल्या असून त्यामध्ये फिटनेस चाचण्या, स्ट्रेंथ व कंडिशनिंग, व्हिडिओ विश्लेषण, आहार नियोजन व मानसिक प्रशिक्षणाचा समावेश असतो. या पद्धतीमुळे खेळाडूंचा वेग, चपळता, प्रतिक्रिया क्षमता व एकूण कामगिरीत लक्षणीय सुधारणा दिसून येते तसेच दुखापतींचे प्रमाण कमी होते. या तुलनात्मक अभ्यासातून असे आढळून आले की पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षणाने खो-खो खेळाची मूलभूत रचना मजबूत केली असून आधुनिक प्रशिक्षणाने खेळ अधिक स्पर्धात्मक व व्यावसायिक स्वरूप प्राप्त केले आहे. पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा समन्वय साधल्यास खो-खो खेळाडूंची सर्वांगीण प्रगती साधता येईल.

प्रस्तावना

खो-खो खेळाची सुरुवात ही पुरातन काळात झाली आहे. हा खेळ रामायण आणि महाभारत या दोन्ही काळात वेगवेगळ्या स्वरूपात अस्तित्वात आलेला जाणवतो. वेगवेगळ्या व्यायाम शाळांनी खो-खो खेळाची प्रसिद्धीसाठी मोलाचे काम केले महाराष्ट्रातील पुणे येथील डेक्कन जिमखानाने इ.स 1914 च्या सुमारास मैदानी खेळाचे सामने सुरू केले. इ.स. सन 1917 मध्ये हा खेळ अतिशय लोकप्रिय झाला. इ. स. 1925 मध्ये अखिल भारतीय महाराष्ट्र शारीरिक शिक्षण मंडळाची स्थापना करण्यात आली. इ. स. 1925 मध्ये प्रा. माणिकराव दादा यांनी या खेळाचे नियम तयार केले. इ. स. 1931 मध्ये नियम बनवण्यासाठी एक संघटना नियुक्त केली. व 1935 ला प्रथमच खो-खो खेळाचे नियमाचे पुस्तक प्रकाशित केले. 1936 साली बर्लिन येथे झालेल्या ऑलंपिक मध्ये हनुमान व्यायाम शाळा अमरावतीच्या खेळाडूंचा विशिष्ट पूर्ण खेळ पाहून हिटलरने खो-खो संघाचे भरपूर कौतुक केले होते. भारतामध्ये कोलकत्ता या ठिकाणी झालेल्या 3 सॅफ गेम्स दरम्यान 1987 आली एशियन खो-खो फेडरेशन ची स्थापना झाली. 21 ते 24 सप्टेंबर 1996 साली कोलकत्ता येथे झालेल्या पहिल्या एशियन खो-खो चॅम्पियनशिपच्या माध्यमातून खो-खो खेळाचे आंतरराष्ट्रीय खेळामध्ये प्रथम स्थान मिळविले. या स्पर्धेत भारत विजेता तर बांगलादेश उपविजेता होता. व पाकिस्तान श्रीलंका व नेपाळ हे देश स्पर्धेस सहभागी होते. 21 मार्च ते 1 एप्रिल 2000 साली बांगलादेशची राजधानी ढाका येथे झालेल्या दुसऱ्या एशियन खो-खो चंम्पियनशिप च्या स्पर्धेत खो-खो खेळाची आंतरराष्ट्रीय दृष्टिकोन बदला या चॅम्पियनशिप स्पर्धेत भारतासह श्रीलंका पाकिस्तान जपान थायलंड यजमान बांगलादेश सहभागी होते. इतर खेळाप्रमाणे खो-खो खेळाची आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर महत्त्व वाढण्यासाठी सन 2012 साली बारामती महाराष्ट्र या ठिकाणी झालेल्या पुरुष महिला राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धेत खेळासाठी आधुनिक मॅट चा वापर करण्यात आला. (जाधव, 2025) खो-खो हा भारतातील एक प्राचीन आणि अत्यंत गतिमान खेळ आहे, ज्यामध्ये खेळाडूंना शारीरिक क्षमता, चपळता, वेग, आणि मानसिक स्थिरता यांचा संगम आवश्यक आहे. हा खेळ विशेषतः धावण्याची, झेप घेण्याची, आणि तात्काळ निर्णय घेण्याची क्षमता मागतो. यामध्ये खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक आणि मानसिक तयारीचा मोठा वाटा असतो.

खो-खो हा भारतातील एक प्राचीन व पारंपरिक सांघिक खेळ असून तो वेग, चपळता, सहनशक्ती, समन्वय व त्वरित निर्णयक्षमता यांवर आधारित आहे. ग्रामीण भागातून उदयास आलेल्या या खेळाने आज राष्ट्रीय व आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर आपले स्वतंत्र स्थान

निर्माण केले आहे. बदलत्या काळानुसार खो-खो खेळाची नियमावली, खेळाची शैली तसेच प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमध्ये लक्षणीय बदल झाले आहेत.

पूर्वी खो-खो खेळाडूंना दिले जाणारे प्रशिक्षण प्रामुख्याने पारंपरिक व अनुभवाधारित होते. गुरू-शिष्य परंपरा, मैदानावरील प्रत्यक्ष सराव, नैसर्गिक व्यायाम व खेळातील अनुभव यांवर या प्रशिक्षणाचा भर होता. या पद्धतींमुळे खेळाडूंमध्ये शारीरिक क्षमता, खेळाविषयीची निष्ठा व संघभावना विकसित होत असे. तथापि, या प्रशिक्षणात वैज्ञानिक मोजमाप, नियोजन व आधुनिक साधनांचा अभाव दिसून येत होता.

आधुनिक काळात क्रीडा विज्ञानाच्या प्रगतीमुळे खो-खो प्रशिक्षणात आधुनिक व वैज्ञानिक पद्धतींचा समावेश करण्यात आला आहे. फिटनेस चाचण्या, स्ट्रेंथ व कंडिशनिंग, आहार नियोजन, व्हिडिओ विश्लेषण तसेच मानसिक प्रशिक्षण या घटकांमुळे खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीत लक्षणीय सुधारणा झालेली दिसून येते. त्यामुळे पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर होणारा परिणाम अभ्यासणे व त्यांची तुलनात्मक मांडणी करणे हे अत्यंत आवश्यक ठरते.

या पार्श्वभूमीवर सदर अभ्यासात पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक, तांत्रिक व मानसिक कामगिरीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा तुलनात्मक अभ्यास करण्यात आला आहे.

महत्त्व

- **खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीचा सर्वांगीण विकास:** या अभ्यासामुळे पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक, तांत्रिक व मानसिक कामगिरीवर होणारा परिणाम स्पष्टपणे समजतो. त्यामुळे खेळाडूंच्या सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी योग्य प्रशिक्षण पद्धती निवडण्यास मदत होते.
- **प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींची योग्य निवड:**दोन्ही प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींच्या गुणदोषांची तुलना केल्यामुळे प्रशिक्षकांना खेळाडूंच्या वयोगटानुसार व क्षमतेनुसार प्रभावी प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आखता येतो.
- **पारंपरिक मूल्यांचे जतन:** पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमधील शिस्त, संघभावना व खेळाविषयीची निष्ठा टिकवून ठेवण्यास हा अभ्यास उपयुक्त ठरतो, तसेच आधुनिकतेच्या ओघात या मूल्यांचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित होते.
- **आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानाचा उपयोग:** आधुनिक प्रशिक्षणातील वैज्ञानिक पद्धती, फिटनेस चाचण्या, आहार व मानसिक प्रशिक्षण यांचा खो-खो खेळात कसा प्रभावी वापर करता येईल, हे या अभ्यासातून स्पष्ट होते.
- **दुखापतींचे प्रमाण कमी करण्यास मदत:** आधुनिक प्रशिक्षणामुळे दुखापतींचे नियंत्रण कसे करता येते, तसेच पारंपरिक सरावात आवश्यक सुधारणा कोणत्या कराव्यात, हे समजते.
- **स्पर्धात्मक कामगिरीत सुधारणा:** राष्ट्रीय व आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर खो-खो खेळाडूंची कामगिरी उंचावण्यासाठी कोणती प्रशिक्षण पद्धत अधिक परिणामकारक आहे, हे ठरवण्यास हा अभ्यास मदत करतो.
- **संशोधन व शैक्षणिक उपयोग:** बी.पी.एड., एम.पी.एड. तसेच क्रीडा संशोधन करणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी हा अभ्यास संदर्भात्मक व मार्गदर्शक ठरतो.

उद्दिष्टे

- पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक क्षमतेवर होणारा परिणाम अभ्यासणे.
- आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर होणारा परिणाम अभ्यासणे.
- दोन्ही प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमुळे खेळाडूंच्या वेग, चपळता व सहनशक्तीवर होणाऱ्या बदलांचा अभ्यास करणे.
- पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींतील फरक व साम्ये ओळखणे.
- खेळाडूंच्या तांत्रिक कौशल्यांवर (डॉजिंग, टॅगिंग, समन्वय) होणाऱ्या परिणामांची तुलना करणे.
- मानसिक तयारी व निर्णयक्षमता यांवर दोन्ही प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा होणारा प्रभाव अभ्यासणे.
- दुखापतींच्या प्रमाणावर पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षणाचा होणारा परिणाम तपासणे.

- खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी योग्य व प्रभावी प्रशिक्षण पद्धती सुचवणे.

गृहीतके

1. पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर लक्षणीय परिणाम होणार नाही.
2. पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमुळे खेळाडूंच्या सहनशक्ती व संघभावनेत सुधारणा होईल.
3. आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमुळे खेळाडूंच्या वेग, चपळता व प्रतिक्रिया क्षमतेत लक्षणीय सुधारणा होईल.
4. दोन्ही प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खेळाडूंच्या तांत्रिक कौशल्यांवर समान परिणाम होणार नाही.
5. आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींच्या वापरामुळे खो-खो खेळाडूंमध्ये दुखापतींचे प्रमाण कमी होईल.
6. पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमुळे खेळाडूंच्या मानसिक तयारीवर वेगवेगळा परिणाम होईल.

अभ्यासाची व्याप्ती

1. सदर अभ्यास फक्त **खो-खो खेळाडूंवर** मर्यादित राहील; इतर क्रीडा प्रकारांचा समावेश केला जाणार नाही.
2. या अभ्यासामध्ये **पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धती** व **आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धती** यांचीच तुलना करण्यात येईल.
3. अभ्यासासाठी निवडलेले खेळाडू **शालेय / जिल्हा किंवा राज्यस्तरीय** खो-खो खेळाडू असतील.
4. खेळाडूंच्या **शारीरिक घटकांवर** (वेग, चपळता, सहनशक्ती, लवचिकता) होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा अभ्यास करण्यात येईल.
5. खेळाडूंच्या **तांत्रिक कौशल्यांवर** (टॅगिंग, डॉजिंग, समन्वय) होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा समावेश केला जाईल.
6. अभ्यासामध्ये खेळाडूंच्या **मानसिक घटकांचा** (एकाग्रता, निर्णयक्षमता) मर्यादित प्रमाणात विचार केला जाईल.
7. अभ्यासाची कालमर्यादा ठराविक कालावधीपुरती (उदा. 6 ते 8 आठवडे) मर्यादित असेल.
8. वापरण्यात येणारी मोजमाप साधने व चाचण्या **मान्यताप्राप्त व विश्वासार्ह** असतील.

अभ्यासाच्या मर्यादा

1. सदर अभ्यासासाठी निवडलेल्या **खेळाडूंची संख्या मर्यादित** असल्यामुळे निष्कर्ष सर्व खो-खो खेळाडूंना तंतोतंत लागू होतीलच असे नाही.
2. अभ्यास **ठराविक वयोगटातील** खेळाडूंवर आधारित असल्यामुळे इतर वयोगटांवर त्याचा परिणाम वेगळा असू शकतो.
3. अभ्यासाची **कालमर्यादा मर्यादित** (उदा. 1 महिना) असल्यामुळे दीर्घकालीन परिणामांचा सखोल अभ्यास करता आलेला नाही.
4. खेळाडूंची **वैयक्तिक क्षमता, अनुभव, प्रेरणा व आरोग्यस्थिती** यांचा परिणाम पूर्णतः नियंत्रित करता आलेला नाही.
5. पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींची अंमलबजावणी **भिन्न प्रशिक्षकांमार्फत** झाल्यामुळे प्रशिक्षणाच्या गुणवत्तेत फरक संभवतो.
6. काही **मानसिक घटक** (ताणतणाव, आत्मविश्वास) अचूकपणे मोजणे कठीण असल्यामुळे त्यांचा पूर्ण विचार करता आलेला नाही.
7. वापरण्यात आलेल्या **चाचण्या व मोजमाप साधनांमध्ये** मर्यादा असल्यामुळे काही परिणाम अचूकतेच्या कक्षेत बदलू शकतात.
8. अभ्यासादरम्यान **मैदान, हवामान व सरावाच्या सुविधा** यांमध्ये झालेल्या बदलांचा परिणाम कामगिरीवर झाला असण्याची शक्यता आहे.

परिकल्पना

शून्य परिकल्पना (Null Hypothesis – H_0):

1. पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमुळे खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीत कोणताही लक्षणीय फरक आढळून येत नाही.

2. पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खेळाडूंच्या वेग, चपळता, सहनशक्ती व तांत्रिक कौशल्यांवर समान परिणाम होतो.

कार्यकारी / संशोधन परिकल्पना (Research Hypothesis – H_1):

1. आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींपेक्षा अधिक सकारात्मक व लक्षणीय परिणाम होतो.
2. आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमुळे खेळाडूंच्या वेग, चपळता, प्रतिक्रिया क्षमता व तांत्रिक कौशल्यांमध्ये लक्षणीय सुधारणा होते.
3. पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमुळे खेळाडूंमध्ये सहनशक्ती, शिस्त व संघभावना अधिक प्रमाणात विकसित होते.
4. पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खेळाडूंच्या मानसिक तयारीवर वेगवेगळा परिणाम होतो.

संशोधन पद्धती

१. संशोधनाचा प्रकार

हा अभ्यास **तुलनात्मक (Comparative)** आणि **प्रायोगिक (Experimental)** स्वरूपाचा आहे. यात पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर होणाऱ्या फरकांचा अभ्यास करण्यात येईल.

२. अभ्यासाचा समूह (Population & Sample)

- **अभ्यासाचा समूह:** शालेय, किंवा जिल्हा/राज्यस्तरीय खो-खो खेळाडू.
- **नमुना निवड (Sampling):** सहज उपलब्धता (Convenience Sampling) किंवा निवडक (Purposive Sampling) पद्धतीने खेळाडू निवडले जातील.
- **नमुना आकार (Sample Size):** ३० ते ५० खेळाडू (प्रत्येक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतीसाठी स्वतंत्र गट).

३. अभ्यासाची साधने (Tools & Instruments)

- **शारीरिक क्षमतांसाठी:**
  - 50 मीटर धाव, 100 मीटर धाव, सिट-अप, लांब उडी.
- **तांत्रिक कौशल्यांसाठी:**
  - टॅगिंग, डॉजिंग, समन्वय सरावाचे मोजमाप.
- **मानसिक तयारीसाठी:**
  - एकाग्रता चाचण्या (Concentration Tests), निर्णयक्षमता मोजणारे साधन.

४. प्रशिक्षण पद्धती (Training Intervention)

- **पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण गट:** गुरू-शिष्य पद्धत, मैदानावरील सराव, नैसर्गिक व्यायाम व अनुभवाधारित डावपेच सराव.
- **आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण गट:** स्ट्रेंथ व कंडिशनिंग, फिटनेस टेस्टिंग, व्हिडिओ विश्लेषण, आहार नियोजन व मानसिक प्रशिक्षण.
- **कालावधी:** 6–8 आठवडे नियमित सराव.

५. अभ्यासाची प्रक्रिया (Procedure)

1. खेळाडूंच्या प्रारंभिक कामगिरीची पूर्व-मापन (Pre-Test) घेणे.
2. दोन गटांना त्यांच्या प्रशिक्षण पद्धतीनुसार सराव करणे.
3. सरावानंतर अंतिम मापन (Post-Test) घेणे.
4. शारीरिक, तांत्रिक व मानसिक घटकांवर दोन्ही गटांची कामगिरी तुलना करणे.

६. डेटा विश्लेषण (Data Analysis)

- प्राप्त निकालांचा **सांख्यिकीय (Statistical) विश्लेषण** करणे.
- साधने: **Mean, Standard Deviation, t-Test / ANOVA** वापरून दोन्ही प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींच्या फरकांचे विश्लेषण.

७. मर्यादा (Limitations)

- खेळाडूंच्या वैयक्तिक क्षमतांतील फरक पूर्णपणे नियंत्रित करणे शक्य नाही.
- अभ्यासाचा कालावधी मर्यादित असल्यामुळे दीर्घकालीन परिणाम मोजता आलेले नाहीत.
- मानसिक घटकांचे मापन पूर्णतः अचूक होऊ शकत नाही.

माहिती गोळा करण्याची साधने

1. शारीरिक कामगिरी मोजण्यासाठी (Physical Performance Tools)

- **50 मीटर धाव:** वेग व त्वरित प्रतिक्रिया क्षमता मोजण्यासाठी.
- **100 मीटर धाव:** सहनशक्ती व वेग मापनासाठी.
- **लांब उडी (Standing Long Jump / Broad Jump):** पायांची ताकद व विस्थापन क्षमता मोजण्यासाठी.
- **सिट-अप / ॲब्डोमिनल टेस्ट:** पोट व कंबराच्या स्नायूंची ताकद मोजण्यासाठी.

२. तांत्रिक कौशल्य मोजण्यासाठी (Technical Skill Tools)

- **टॅगिंग टाइम:** खेळाडू किती जलद टॅग करू शकतो हे मोजण्यासाठी.
- **डॉजिंग टेस्ट:** चपळता व हालचालींचे कौशल्य मोजण्यासाठी.
- **समन्वय व खेळाच्या डावपेचांची चाचणी:** खेळातील निर्णयक्षमता व संघभावना मोजण्यासाठी.

३. मानसिक तयारी व एकाग्रता मापनासाठी (Mental Performance Tools)

- **एकाग्रता चाचण्या (Concentration Tests):** लक्ष केंद्रीत करण्याची क्षमता मोजण्यासाठी.
- **निर्णयक्षमता चाचण्या (Decision-Making Tests):** खेळात त्वरित निर्णय घेण्याची क्षमता मोजण्यासाठी.

४. माहिती गोळा करण्याच्या इतर साधना (Other Data Collection Tools)

- **सर्वेक्षण फॉर्म / प्रश्नावली (Questionnaire):** खेळाडूंच्या सराव अनुभव, प्रशिक्षण आवड, आणि मानसिक तयारीबाबत माहिती गोळा करण्यासाठी.
- **फील्ड नोट्स / निरीक्षणे (Field Notes / Observation):** सरावादरम्यान प्रशिक्षकांचे निरीक्षण व खेळाडूंच्या सहभागाची नोंद.
- **व्हिडिओ विश्लेषण (Video Recording & Analysis):** खेळातील हालचाल, डावपेच व तांत्रिक चुका पाहण्यासाठी.

पारंपरिक व आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा तुलनात्मक अभ्यास विश्लेषण

१. शारीरिक कामगिरीवर होणारा परिणाम

- **पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण गट:**
  - सहनशक्ती व लवचिकता वाढली.
  - शरीरातील स्नायूंची ताकद सुधारली, परंतु वेग व प्रतिक्रिया क्षमतेत मर्यादित सुधारणा दिसली.
- **आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण गट:**
  - वेग, चपळता व शारीरिक ताकद यामध्ये लक्षणीय सुधारणा.
  - नियमित स्ट्रेंथ व कंडिशनिंगमुळे शरीराचे संतुलन व सहनशक्ती अधिक प्रमाणात वाढली.

२. तांत्रिक कौशल्यांवर होणारा परिणाम

- **पारंपरिक गट:**
  - मैदानावरील सरावामुळे टॅगिंग व डॉजिंग कौशल्यांमध्ये सुधारणा दिसली.
  - डावपेचांची अंमलबजावणी अनुभवावर आधारित असल्याने सामन्यातील निर्णयक्षमता स्थिर.
- **आधुनिक गट:**
  - व्हिडिओ विश्लेषण व नियोजित सरावामुळे तांत्रिक कौशल्ये जलद व अचूक झाली.

- सामन्यातील निर्णयक्षमता व डावपेचांचा अंमलबजावणीचा दर्जा उच्च.

३. मानसिक तयारीवर होणारा परिणाम

- **पारंपरिक गट:**
  - खेळाडूंमध्ये आत्मविश्वास व संघभावना चांगली.
  - मानसिक तयारी नैसर्गिक मार्गाने सुधारली.
- **आधुनिक गट:**
  - मानसशास्त्रीय प्रशिक्षणामुळे एकाग्रता व ताण-तणाव नियंत्रण सुधारले.
  - मानसिक निर्णयक्षमता अधिक जलद व प्रभावी झाली.

४. दुखापती व पुनर्वसन

- **पारंपरिक गट:**
  - सरावादरम्यान दुखापतींचे प्रमाण काहीशी जास्त.
  - पुनर्वसनाची पद्धत अनौपचारिक.
- **आधुनिक गट:**
  - प्रशिक्षणातील स्ट्रेंथ व रिकव्हरी पद्धतींमुळे दुखापतींचे प्रमाण कमी.
  - पुनर्वसन व व्यायामाचे नियोजन वैज्ञानिक पद्धतीने केले जाते.

५. तुलनात्मक निष्कर्ष (Summary of Analysis)

घटक	**पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण**	**आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण**	**तुलना / निष्कर्ष**
शारीरिक कामगिरी	सहनशक्ती व लवचिकता चांगली	वेग, चपळता व ताकद अधिक	आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण शारीरिक कामगिरीसाठी अधिक प्रभावी
तांत्रिक कौशल्य	अनुभवावर आधारित सुधारणा	नियोजित सरावामुळे जलद व अचूक सुधारणा	आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण तांत्रिक कौशल्यांसाठी श्रेष्ठ
मानसिक तयारी	आत्मविश्वास व संघभावना	एकाग्रता, निर्णयक्षमता व तणाव नियंत्रण सुधारले	आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण मानसिक कामगिरीसाठी अधिक प्रभावी
दुखापती व पुनर्वसन	अधिक दुखापती, मर्यादित पुनर्वसन	दुखापती कमी, वैज्ञानिक पुनर्वसन	आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण सुरक्षित व प्रभावी

एकूण विश्लेषण: संपूर्ण अभ्यासातून असे दिसून आले की, **पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण** खेळाडूंमध्ये सहनशक्ती, लवचिकता व संघभावना वाढवते, तर **आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण** वेग, चपळता, तांत्रिक कौशल्ये, मानसिक तयारी आणि दुखापतींचे नियंत्रण यामध्ये अधिक प्रभावी आहे. त्यामुळे खो-खो खेळाडूंच्या **सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी दोन्ही पद्धतींचा समन्वय** करण्याची शिफारस केली जाते.

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आंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रीडा इव्हेंट्समध्ये (IPL, Pro Kabaddi, ISL) वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या ब्रँडिंग तंत्रांची तुलनात्मक समीक्षा

प्रा. सावंत अमरसिंह जयसिंगराव

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Abstract (सारांश)

जागतिकीकरण, डिजिटायझेशन आणि मनोरंजनातील बदलत्या प्रवृत्तीमुळे क्रीडा उद्योग हा बहुमूल्य व्यावसायिक प्लॅटफॉर्म बनला आहे. भारतातील तीन प्रमुख क्रीडा स्पर्धा — इंडियन प्रीमियर लीग (IPL), प्रो कबड्डी लीग (PKL) आणि इंडियन सुपर लीग (ISL) या सर्व स्पर्धांमध्ये आंतरराष्ट्रीय दर्जाच्या ब्रँडिंग रणनीतींचा व्यापक वापर केला जातो. या संशोधनाचा उद्देश या तीन लीग्समधील ब्रँडिंग तंत्रांचे तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण करणे, स्पॉन्सरशिप पद्धतींचा प्रभाव तपासणे आणि प्रेक्षक एंगेजमेंट, ब्रँड व्हिजिबिलिटी आणि डिजिटल प्रमोशन परिणामकारकतेचे मूल्यांकन करणे हा आहे. या अभ्यासात 150 प्रेक्षक, 50 खेळाडू/व्यवस्थापक आणि 30 मार्केटिंग तज्ज्ञ यांचे मत सर्वेक्षणाद्वारे संकलित केले गेले. निष्कर्षानुसार IPLमध्ये उच्च-प्रिमियम ब्रँडिंग, जागतिक जाहिरातदार आणि डिजिटल फॅन एंगेजमेंटचा प्रभाव दिसून येतो; तर Pro Kabaddi मध्ये भारतीय सांस्कृतिक ओळख, ग्रामीण/शहरी मिळून विस्तृत प्रेक्षक पोहोच आणि भावनिक कथानक आधारित ब्रँडिंग महत्त्वाचे ठरते; ISLमध्ये युवा प्रेक्षक, फुटबॉल संस्कृतीची वाढ आणि प्रादेशिक निष्ठा (Regional Loyalty) हे प्रमुख ब्रँडिंग घटक म्हणून आढळले. एकत्रित निष्कर्षानुसार, तीनही लीग्स आधुनिक क्रीडा मार्केटिंगच्या विविध, परंतु प्रभावी पद्धती वापरतात. IPL व्यापक व्यावसायिकतेकडे, PKL सांस्कृतिक-भावनिक जोडणीवर तर ISL जागतिक फुटबॉल मॉडेलवर आधारित ब्रँडिंग रणनीती अवलंबतात. त्यामुळे भारतीय क्रीडा लीग्स जागतिक स्तरावर ब्रँड वैविध्य आणि मार्केटिंग उत्कृष्टतेचे प्रभावी उदाहरण ठरत आहेत.

Keywords (कीवर्ड्स): क्रीडा ब्रँडिंग, IPL, Pro Kabaddi League, Indian Super League, स्पॉन्सरशिप, डिजिटल मार्केटिंग, फॅन एंगेजमेंट, ब्रँड व्हिजिबिलिटी, क्रीडा मार्केटिंग, तुलनात्मक समी

Review of Literature (साहित्य समीक्षा)

साहित्य समीक्षेत खालील मुद्दे प्रमुख आढळले:

- IPL जगातील सर्वाधिक प्रेक्षक असलेल्या T20 लीग्सपैकी एक असून ती उच्च-प्रोफाइल ब्रँड्स आकर्षित करते.
- Pro Kabaddi ने भारतीय पारंपरिक क्रीडेला आधुनिक स्पोर्ट्स प्रॉडक्टमध्ये रूपांतरित केले.
- ISLने फुटबॉलची जागतिक संस्कृती भारतीय बाजारात पोहोचवली आणि युवांना लक्ष्य केले.
- तीनही लीग्समध्ये डिजिटल फॅन एंगेजमेंट, सोशल मीडिया मार्केटिंग, प्रादेशिक मार्केटिंग आणि सेलिब्रिटी प्रमोशन हे महत्त्वाचे घटक आहेत.

Research Problem (संशोधन समस्या)

"IPL, Pro Kabaddi आणि ISL मध्ये वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या ब्रँडिंग तंत्रांमध्ये कोणते महत्त्वपूर्ण फरक आहेत, आणि हे तंत्र प्रेक्षकांच्या एंगेजमेंट व ब्रँड अनुभूतीवर कसे परिणाम करतात?"

Objectives (उद्दिष्टे)

1. तीनही क्रीडा लीग्समध्ये वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या प्रमुख ब्रँडिंग तंत्रांचे विश्लेषण करणे.
2. स्पॉन्सरशिप, जाहिराती व डिजिटल मार्केटिंग यांचा प्रभाव मोजणे.
3. प्रेक्षक व खेळाडूंच्या ब्रँड अनुभूतीची तुलना करणे.
4. IPL, PKL आणि ISL यांच्या ब्रँडिंग मॉडेलचे तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण करणे.
5. कोणती लीग ब्रँड प्रमोशनसाठी अधिक प्रभावी आहे हे तपासणे.

Methodology (कार्यपद्धती)

- संशोधन प्रकार : वर्णनात्मक व तुलनात्मक
- नमुना (Sample) :
    - 150 प्रेक्षक
    - 50 खेळाडू/कोच/व्यवस्थापक
    - 30 मार्केटिंग तज्ज्ञ
- डेटा संकलन साधने :
    - प्रश्नावली (Likert Scale)
    - मुलाखत
    - दुय्यम डेटा (Reports, Articles, Broadcast Data)
- सांख्यिकीय प्रक्रिया : Mean, SD, ANOVA, t-Test

Comparative Analysis (तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण)

डिजिटल एंगेजमेंट

- IPL ⟶ सर्वाधिक सोशल मीडिया पोहोच
- PKL ⟶ ग्रामीण व शहरी दोन्ही प्रेक्षकांपर्यंत प्रभाव
- ISL ⟶ युवा व फुटबॉल क्लब संस्कृती आधारित एंगेजमेंट

3. स्पॉन्सरशिप प्रभाव

- IPL मध्ये सर्वाधिक उच्च-प्रोफाइल स्पॉन्सर्स
- PKL मध्ये FMCG, टेलिकॉम व स्थानिक ब्रँड्स
- ISL मध्ये स्पोर्ट्स ब्रँड्स व प्रादेशिक स्पॉन्सर्स

4. ब्रँड व्हिजिबिलिटी

- IPL > PKL > ISL (जाहिरातींची पोहोच व दृश्य प्रभाव)

Findings (निष्कर्ष)

- IPL मध्ये ब्रँडिंगचे व्यापारीकरण व ग्लोबलायझेशन सर्वाधिक प्रभावी.
- Pro Kabaddi मध्ये भारतीय सांस्कृतिक ओळख व लोकभावना जोडल्यामुळे ब्रँड एंगेजमेंट अधिक भावनिक स्वरूपाचे.
- ISL मध्ये युवा प्रेक्षक व जागतिक फुटबॉल संस्कृतीमुळे ब्रँड ओळख विशेष प्रकारे तयार होते.
- डिजिटल मार्केटिंग तिन्ही लीग्समध्ये अत्यंत प्रभावी घटक.
- स्पॉन्सरशिप ROI सर्वाधिक IPL मध्ये नोंदवला गेला.

Conclusion (निष्कर्ष)

तिन्ही भारतीय मोठ्या क्रीडा लीग्स त्यांच्या वेगवेगळ्या वैशिष्ट्यांनुसार प्रभावी ब्रँडिंग रणनीती अवलंबतात. IPL व्यावसायिकता व जागतिक दर्जाच्या ब्रँडिंगचे प्रतीक आहे; PKL भारतीय सांस्कृतिक ओळख आणि कथानक-आधारित मार्केटिंगवर आधारित आहे; तर ISL फुटबॉल संस्कृती आणि युवा-वर्ग लक्ष्यित ब्रँडिंगवर आधारित आहे. या तुलनात्मक समीक्षेतून स्पष्ट होते की भारतीय क्रीडा लीग्स जागतिक स्तरावर यशस्वी ब्रँडिंगचे विविध, परंतु प्रभावी मॉडेल्स तयार करत आहेत.

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पारंपारिक क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण पद्धती या गुरु–शिष्य परंपरेवर आधारित, अनुभवाधिष्ठित व संस्कृतीप्रधान आहेत. या पद्धतीत शिस्त, सातत्य व कठोर परिश्रम यांना अत्यंत महत्त्व दिले जाते. प्रशिक्षणासाठी माती, वाळू, लाकूड, दगड यांसारख्या नैसर्गिक साधनांचा वापर केला जातो. या पद्धतीचे मुख्य उद्दिष्ट खेळाडूचा शारीरिक, मानसिक व नैतिक विकास घडवून आणणे हे आहे. ताकद, सहनशक्ती, लवचिकता, वेग यांचा नैसर्गिक पद्धतीने विकास साधला जातो. नियमित व दीर्घकालीन सरावामुळे कौशल्यात प्रावीण्य मिळते पारंपारिक प्रशिक्षणामुळे खेळाडूमध्ये शिस्त, संयम, आत्मविश्वास, चिकाटी व इच्छाशक्ती निर्माण होते. आहार, दिनचर्या व जीवनशैली यांवर भर देऊन आरोग्य संवर्धन साधले जाते. तसेच भारतीय पारंपारिक क्रीडा संस्कृतीचे संरक्षण व जतन हेही या पद्धतीचे महत्त्वाचे उद्दिष्ट आहे.

प्रस्तावना

शारीरिक शिक्षण हा मानवाच्या सर्वांगीण विकासाचा एक महत्त्वाचा घटक असून त्यामध्ये शारीरिक, मानसिक, सामाजिक व नैतिक विकासाचा समावेश होतो. मानवाच्या आदिम काळापासूनच विविध क्रीडा व व्यायाम प्रकार अस्तित्वात असून त्यातूनच पारंपारिक क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींचा उगम झाला आहे. या पद्धती अनुभव, परंपरा, गुरू–शिष्य परंपरा आणि नैसर्गिक प्रशिक्षणावर आधारित होत्या. पारंपारिक क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमध्ये मल्लखांब, कुस्ती, खो-खो, कबड्डी, तीरंदाजी, तलवारबाजी, लाठीकाठी यांसारख्या खेळांचा समावेश होतो. या प्रशिक्षणात शारीरिक क्षमता वाढविण्याबरोबरच शिस्त, आत्मसंयम, सहनशक्ती, धैर्य व संघभावना यांना विशेष महत्त्व दिले जात असे. कोणतेही आधुनिक साधन किंवा वैज्ञानिक उपकरणे नसतानाही खेळाडू कठोर सराव, नियमित दिनचर्या व नैसर्गिक व्यायामाच्या माध्यमातून उच्च दर्जाची कामगिरी साध्य करत असत.

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१) शारीरिक क्षमता विकास

पारंपारिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतीचे मुख्य उद्दिष्ट म्हणजे शरीर सुदृढ व सक्षम बनवणे. ताकद, सहनशक्ती, लवचिकता, वेग व समन्वय यांचा नैसर्गिक पद्धतीने विकास घडवून आणणे हे या पद्धतीचे प्रमुख ध्येय आहे.

२) तांत्रिक कौशल्यात प्रावीण्य

खेळातील मूलभूत तंत्रे सातत्यपूर्ण सरावाद्वारे आत्मसात करणे हे महत्त्वाचे उद्दिष्ट आहे. पुनरावृत्ती व अनुभवाच्या आधारे कौशल्यात अचूकता आणि स्थैर्य निर्माण केले जाते.

३) मानसिक दृढता निर्माण

कठोर सरावामुळे खेळाडूमध्ये आत्मविश्वास, संयम, एकाग्रता, इच्छाशक्ती व चिकाटी निर्माण करणे हे या प्रशिक्षणाचे महत्त्वाचे उद्दिष्ट आहे.

४) शिस्त व चारित्र्य घडवणूक

वेळेचे पालन, नियमपालन, आज्ञाधारकपणा व स्वसंयम या गुणांचा विकास करणे. खेळाडूच्या चारित्र्यनिर्मितीसाठी शिस्तीवर भर दिला जातो.

५) संपूर्ण व्यक्तिमत्व विकास

फक्त शारीरिक नव्हे तर मानसिक, नैतिक, सामाजिक व भावनिक विकास साधणे. व्यक्तीला समाजोपयोगी व जबाबदार नागरिक बनवणे हे उद्दिष्ट आहे.

६) परंपरा व संस्कृतीचे जतन

भारतीय पारंपारिक खेळ व प्रशिक्षण पद्धती जपणे व पुढील पिढीपर्यंत पोहोचवणे. सांस्कृतिक ओळख जपण्याचा उद्देश यात समाविष्ट आहे.

७) नैसर्गिक जीवनशैलीची सवय

नैसर्गिक व्यायाम, सात्त्विक आहार व शिस्तबद्ध दिनचर्या अंगीकारण्यास प्रवृत्त करणे. शरीर–मन यांचा समतोल राखणे हे उद्दिष्ट आहे.

८) शारीरिक व मानसिक आरोग्य संवर्धन

रोगप्रतिकारक शक्ती वाढवणे, तणाव कमी करणे व दीर्घकालीन आरोग्य राखणे हे या पद्धतीचे महत्त्वाचे उद्दिष्ट आहे.

९) कष्ट सहन करण्याची क्षमता वाढवणे

कठीण परिस्थितीतही टिकून राहण्याची ताकद व सहनशीलता निर्माण करणे. स्पर्धात्मक जीवनासाठी तयार करणे.

१०) आत्मनिर्भरता व स्वअनुशासन

स्वतःच्या क्षमतेवर विश्वास ठेवणे, स्वतःच्या प्रगतीसाठी प्रयत्नशील राहणे व आत्मनियंत्रण विकसित करणे.

११) सामाजिक व नैतिक मूल्यांचा विकास

सहकार्य, आदरभाव, प्रामाणिकपणा व खेळभावना विकसित करणे.

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१) गुरु–शिष्य परंपरेवर आधारित प्रशिक्षण

पारंपारिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धतीत प्रशिक्षकाला गुरु मानले जाते. त्याचा अनुभव, निरीक्षणशक्ती व वैयक्तिक मार्गदर्शन यावर प्रशिक्षण अवलंबून असते. खेळाडू गुरुच्या आदेशांचे काटेकोर पालन करतो.

२) अनुभवाधिष्ठित व परंपरागत ज्ञान

ही पद्धत वैज्ञानिक प्रयोगांपेक्षा दीर्घ अनुभवातून विकसित झाली आहे. पिढ्यान्-पिढ्या चालत आलेल्या पद्धतींचा उपयोग करून प्रशिक्षण दिले जाते.

३) कठोर शिस्त व नियमपालन

वेळेचे पालन, नियमित सराव, आहार व जीवनशैली यावर विशेष भर दिला जातो. शिस्त ही प्रशिक्षणाची मुख्य आधारशिला मानली जाते.

४) नैसर्गिक साधनांचा वापर

माती, वाळू, लाकूड, दगड, दोर, मल्लखांब इत्यादी साधनांचा वापर केला जातो. त्यामुळे शरीर नैसर्गिकरीत्या सक्षम होते.

५) सातत्यपूर्ण व दीर्घकालीन सराव

एकाच कौशल्याचा पुनःपुन्हा सराव करून प्रावीण्य मिळवणे हे या पद्धतीचे वैशिष्ट्य आहे. त्वरित परिणामांपेक्षा दीर्घकालीन सुधारणा अपेक्षित असते.

६) संपूर्ण व्यक्तिमत्व विकासावर भर

शारीरिक विकासासोबत मानसिक, नैतिक व सामाजिक विकास साधला जातो. संयम, आत्मसंयम, सहनशीलता व चारित्र्य निर्माण होते.

७) मानसिक दृढता व इच्छाशक्ती विकास

कठोर सरावामुळे खेळाडूमध्ये कष्ट सहन करण्याची क्षमता, आत्मविश्वास व चिकाटी निर्माण होते. मानसिक बळकटी हा महत्त्वाचा उद्देश असतो.

८) स्थानिक संस्कृतीशी निगडित

प्रदेशानुसार बदलणाऱ्या पद्धती, स्थानिक खेळ व परंपरा यांचा समावेश असतो. त्यामुळे सांस्कृतिक जतन होते.

९) कमी खर्चिक व सुलभ प्रशिक्षण

महागडी उपकरणे किंवा तंत्रज्ञानाची आवश्यकता नसते. सर्वसामान्य खेळाडूंनाही ही पद्धत सहज उपलब्ध असते.

१०) अनौपचारिक मूल्यमापन पद्धत

खेळाडूची प्रगती प्रशिक्षकाच्या निरीक्षणावर आधारित असते. औपचारिक चाचण्या किंवा सांख्यिकीय मोजमापांचा कमी वापर होतो.

११) आहार व जीवनशैलीवर भर

सात्त्विक व पारंपारिक आहार, नियमित दिनचर्या व संयमी जीवनशैली यांना महत्त्व दिले जाते.

सारांश

पारंपारिक क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण पद्धती ही भारतीय संस्कृती व गुरु–शिष्य परंपरेवर आधारित आहे. या पद्धतीत प्रशिक्षणाचा आधार वैज्ञानिक उपकरणांपेक्षा अनुभव, निरीक्षण व सातत्यपूर्ण सरावावर असतो. माती, वाळू, लाकूड यांसारख्या नैसर्गिक साधनांचा वापर करून शारीरिक क्षमता विकसित केली जाते. या प्रशिक्षण पद्धतीचा मुख्य भर शिस्त, कठोर परिश्रम, पुनरावृत्ती व नैसर्गिक जीवनशैली यावर असतो. खेळाडूचा केवळ शारीरिकच नव्हे तर मानसिक, नैतिक व सामाजिक विकास साधण्याचा उद्देश असतो. संयम, आत्मविश्वास, चिकाटी, सहनशीलता व चारित्र्यनिर्मिती हे गुण या पद्धतीतून विकसित होतात.

पारंपारिक क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण पद्धती कमी खर्चिक, सर्वसामान्यांसाठी सुलभ आणि स्थानिक संस्कृतीशी सुसंगत आहे. औपचारिक चाचण्यांपेक्षा प्रशिक्षकाच्या अनुभवावर आधारित मूल्यमापन केले जाते. आधुनिक प्रशिक्षणाच्या तुलनेत ही पद्धत कमी वैज्ञानिक असली तरी दीर्घकालीन व भक्कम शारीरिक पाया निर्माण करण्यात उपयुक्त ठरते.

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मानवी जीवनात आहार आणि खेळ यांना अत्यंत महत्त्वाचे स्थान आहे. प्राचीन काळापासून मानवाच्या आरोग्याचा, ताकदीचा आणि मानसिक संतुलनाचा आधार म्हणजे योग्य आहार व नियमित शारीरिक हालचाल. पारंपारिक आहार हा निसर्गाशी सुसंगत, स्थानिक उपलब्धतेवर आधारित आणि पिढ्यान्पिढ्या चालत आलेल्या अनुभवांवर आधारलेला आहे. दुसरीकडे, आधुनिक खेळ हे विज्ञान, तंत्रज्ञान, प्रशिक्षण पद्धती आणि जागतिक स्पर्धेच्या प्रभावाखाली विकसित झालेले आहेत. या दोहोंचा परस्पर संबंध, त्यांचा आरोग्यावर होणारा परिणाम आणि आजच्या जीवनशैलीतील त्यांचे स्थान यांचा सखोल अभ्यास करणे अत्यंत आवश्यक आहे.

खेळ हा मानवी जीवनाचा अविभाज्य भाग आहे. प्राचीन काळापासून माणूस शारीरिक सामर्थ्य, कौशल्य आणि मनोरंजनासाठी विविध खेळ खेळत आला आहे. काळानुसार खेळांच्या स्वरूपात, नियमांमध्ये आणि साधनांमध्ये मोठे बदल झाले. आजच्या काळातील खेळांना "आधुनिक खेळ" असे म्हटले जाते. विज्ञान, तंत्रज्ञान, माध्यमे आणि व्यावसायिकता यांच्या प्रभावामुळे आधुनिक खेळांनी एक नवे रूप धारण केले आहे.

पारंपारिक आहाराची संकल्पना

पारंपारिक आहार म्हणजे विशिष्ट प्रदेशात, विशिष्ट संस्कृतीत, स्थानिक हवामान व शेती पद्धतींनुसार विकसित झालेला आहार. भारतात विविध राज्यांमध्ये वेगवेगळे पारंपारिक आहार प्रकार आढळतात. जसे की महाराष्ट्रात ज्वारी, बाजरी, नाचणी, भाकरी, आमटी, पिठले; दक्षिण भारतात तांदूळ, इडली, डोसा; उत्तर भारतात गहू, चपाती, डाळी इत्यादी.

हा आहार नैसर्गिक घटकांवर आधारित असल्यामुळे त्यामध्ये पोषणमूल्ये मुबलक प्रमाणात असतात. कडधान्ये, धान्ये, भाज्या, फळे, दूध व दुग्धजन्य पदार्थ यांचा समतोल वापर पारंपारिक आहारात आढळतो. रासायनिक प्रक्रिया कमी असल्यामुळे हा आहार पचनास हलका व आरोग्यास पोषक ठरतो. पारंपारिक आहाराची संकल्पना म्हणजे पिढ्यानपिढ्या चालत आलेला, स्थानिक, हंगामी आणि कमी प्रक्रिया केलेला अन्नपदार्थ खाणे, ज्यात फळे, भाज्या, संपूर्ण धान्य, कडधान्ये यांचा भर असतो आणि ते सांस्कृतिक वारसा तसेच नैसर्गिक घटकांवर आधारित असते, ज्यामुळे शरीराला आवश्यक पोषक तत्वे मिळतात आणि आरोग्य सुधारते. यात unprocessed अन्न, नैसर्गिक पद्धतींनी शिजवलेले पदार्थ आणि स्थानिक घटकांचा वापर महत्त्वाचा असतो, जे आधुनिक जंक फूडपेक्षा अधिक पौष्टिक आणि फायदेशीर आहेत.

आधुनिक खेळांची संकल्पना

जे खेळ शास्त्रीय नियमांवर आधारित आहेत, आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर खेळले जातात, आधुनिक साधनसामग्री वापरली जाते आणि ज्यामध्ये प्रशिक्षणासाठी वैज्ञानिक पद्धती वापरल्या जातात, त्या खेळांना आधुनिक खेळ म्हणतात. क्रिकेट, फुटबॉल, हॉकी, टेनिस, बॅडमिंटन, कबड्डी, खो-खो, लॉन टेनिस, (आधुनिक स्वरूपात), ऑलिम्पिक खेळ, ई-स्पोर्ट्स इत्यादी आधुनिक खेळांची उदाहरणे आहेत. ज्या १८ व्या शतकात औद्योगिक क्रांतीनंतर युरोपमध्ये विकसित झाल्या आणि जगभर पसरल्या; यात धर्मनिरपेक्षता, समान संधी, विशेषीकरण, नियमांचे प्रमाणीकरण (Rationalization), संस्थात्मक रचना (Bureaucracy) आणि आकडेवारीवर भर (Quantification) ही प्रमुख वैशिष्ट्ये आहेत, ज्यांचा उद्देश मनोरंजन, आरोग्य आणि उच्च कामगिरी साधणे आहे.

पारंपारिक आहाराचे पोषणमूल्य

पारंपारिक आहारामध्ये कार्बोहायड्रेट्स, प्रथिने, मेद, जीवनसत्त्वे व खनिजे, प्रथिने, मेद, जीवनसत्त्वे व खनिजे यांचा नैसर्गिक समतोल आढळतो. हा अनेकदा पोषक तत्वांनी परिपूर्ण असतो, ज्यात प्रथिने, फायबर, जीवनसत्त्वे आणि खनिजे भरपूर प्रमाणात असतात, कारण त्यात प्रक्रिया न केलेले, स्थानिक आणि नैसर्गिक घटक वापरले जातात, जे रोगप्रतिकारशक्ती

वाढवतात, वजन नियंत्रणात मदत करतात आणि अनेक दीर्घकालीन आजारांचा धोका कमी करतात. या आहारात कडधान्ये, भाज्या, फळे, मांस, मासे आणि आंबवलेले पदार्थ (fermented foods) यांचा समावेश असतो, जे आरोग्यासाठी खूप फायदेशीर ठरतात..

आधुनिक खेळांची वैशिष्ट्ये

1. **संघटित आणि नियमबद्ध:** आधुनिक खेळ सु-परिभाषित नियमांवर आधारित असतात, ज्यामुळे स्पर्धा निष्पक्ष आणि संघटित होते, जसे की फुटबॉल, क्रिकेट.
2. **शारीरिक आणि मानसिक कौशल्ये:** यामध्ये शारीरिक तंदुरुस्तीसोबतच मानसिक कणखरता, एकाग्रता आणि रणनीती (Strategy) यांचा कस लागतो.
3. **व्यावसायिकता:** खेळाडू व्यावसायिक स्तरावर खेळतात, त्यांना प्रशिक्षण दिले जाते आणि त्यांच्यासाठी मोठी आर्थिक गुंतवणूक केली जाते.
4. **जागतिक स्तरावरील स्पर्धा:** ऑलिंपिक, आशियाई क्रीडा स्पर्धांसारख्या आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्पर्धांमुळे जगभरातील खेळाडू एकत्र येतात, ज्यामुळे आंतरराष्ट्रीय संबंध सुधारतात.
5. **तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर:** खेळांचे विश्लेषण, प्रशिक्षण आणि स्पर्धांच्या थेट प्रक्षेपणासाठी तंत्रज्ञानाचा मोठ्या प्रमाणावर वापर होतो (उदा. VAR in Football).
6. **सामूहिक भावना (Team Spirit):** अनेक खेळ सांघिक स्वरूपाचे असल्याने सहकार्य, संघभावना आणि नेतृत्वगुणांना प्रोत्साहन मिळते.
7. **मनोरंजन आणि सामाजिक पैलू:** खेळ प्रेक्षकांना मनोरंजन देतात आणि समाजाला एकत्र आणतात, जसे की मॅरेथॉन शर्यती.
8. **विविधता:** बैठे खेळ, मैदानी खेळ, जलक्रीडा अशा अनेक प्रकारांमध्ये आधुनिक खेळांची विभागणी होते.
9. **शास्त्रीय नियम व संघटना**: प्रत्येक खेळासाठी आंतरराष्ट्रीय संघटना व ठराविक नियम असतात.
10. **तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर**: व्हिडिओ रेफरी, थर्ड अंपायर, सेन्सर, फिटनेस ट्रॅकर्स यांचा वापर होतो.
11. **व्यावसायिकता** : खेळाडूंना मानधन, जाहिराती, प्रायोजकत्व मिळते.
12. **प्रशिक्षण व फिटनेस**: आहारतज्ज्ञ, प्रशिक्षक, फिजिओथेरपिस्ट यांचे मार्गदर्शन असते.
13. **जागतिक स्पर्धा**: ऑलिम्पिक, वर्ल्ड कप, आशियाई खेळ यांसारख्या आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्पर्धा.

आधुनिक खेळांचे प्रकार

मैदानी खेळ – क्रिकेट, फुटबॉल, हॉकी, ॲथलेटिक्स
मैदानाबाहेरील खेळ – बॅडमिंटन, टेबल टेनिस, कुस्ती
पाण्यातील खेळ – जलतरण, रोईंग
बौद्धिक खेळ – बुद्धिबळ
डिजिटल खेळ (ई-स्पोर्ट्स) – ऑनलाइन व्हिडिओ गेम स्पर्धा

आधुनिक खेळांचे फायदे

आधुनिक खेळांचे फायदे शारीरिक (वजन नियंत्रण, हृदय आरोग्य, हाडे मजबूत करणे, रोगप्रतिकारशक्ती वाढवणे) आणि मानसिक (तणाव कमी करणे, मूड सुधारणे, एकाग्रता वाढवणे, नेतृत्व गुण विकसित करणे) असे दोन्ही आहेत, ज्यामुळे एकूणच आरोग्य आणि जीवनशैली सुधारते. खेळ व्यक्तिमत्त्व विकास, शिस्त आणि सांघिक कार्य शिकवतात, ज्यामुळे व्यक्ती अधिक संतुलित आणि यशस्वी जीवन जगू शकते.

शारीरिक फायदे:

- **वजन नियंत्रण:** लठ्ठपणाचा धोका कमी होतो आणि चयापचय सुधारते.
- **हृदय आरोग्य:** हृदय व रक्तवाहिन्यासंबंधी कार्य सुधारते, कोलेस्ट्रॉल आणि रक्तदाब नियंत्रणात राहतो.
- **स्नायू आणि हाडे:** स्नायू आणि हाडे मजबूत होतात, संधिवात आणि फ्रॅक्चरचा धोका कमी होतो.

- **रोगप्रतिकारशक्ती:** रोगप्रतिकारशक्ती वाढते आणि काही कर्करोगांचा धोका कमी होतो.
- **ऊर्जा आणि समन्वय:** शरीरातील ऊर्जा पातळी वाढते, समन्वय आणि संतुलन सुधारते.

मानसिक आणि भावनिक फायदे:

- **तणाव आणि चिंतामुक्ती:** एंडोर्फिन हार्मोनमुळे तणाव, चिंता आणि नैराश्य कमी होते.
- **मूडमध्ये सुधारणा:** आनंदी हार्मोन्स (डोपामाइन, सेरोटोनिन) बाहेर पडतात, ज्यामुळे मूड चांगला राहतो.
- **आत्मविश्वास वाढ:** उद्दिष्टे पूर्ण केल्याने आत्मविश्वास आणि आत्म-सन्मान वाढतो.

आधुनिक खेळांमधील आव्हाने

आधुनिक खेळांमध्ये खेळाडूंचे आरोग्य (डोपिंग, अतिप्रशिक्षण, मानसिक ताण), प्रशासकीय आणि पायाभूत सुविधांची कमतरता, तंत्रज्ञानाचा गैरवापर (डेटा प्रायव्हसी), व्यावसायिकरणामुळे येणारे कायदेशीर आणि नैतिक मुद्दे (भ्रष्टाचार, मीडियाचा नकारात्मक फोकस, आर्थिक दबाव) आणि सांस्कृतिक अडथळे (खेळाडूंना पाठिंबा मिळण्यात अडचणी, पालकांचा दबाव) यांसारखी अनेक मोठी आव्हाने आहेत, ज्यावर उपाययोजना करणे आवश्यक आहे.

अत्याधिक स्पर्धा व ताण

या स्पर्धा एकमेकांशी जोडलेले आहेत, जिथे अतिस्पर्धेमुळे मानसिक आणि शारीरिक ताण वाढतो, ज्यामुळे एकाग्रतेचा अभाव, चिडचिडेपणा आणि बर्नआउट होऊ शकतो; तर तणावपूर्ण वातावरण स्पर्धेला अधिक भीतीदायक बनवते, म्हणूनच आरोग्यपूर्ण स्पर्धा आणि योग्य तणाव व्यवस्थापन (उदा. मानसिक लवचिकता, वेळेचे नियोजन) करणे महत्त्वाचे आहे.

खेळांचे व्यापारीकरण

खेळांचे व्यापारीकरण म्हणजे **नफा कमावण्यासाठी खेळ आणि खेळांशी संबंधित गोष्टींची विक्री करणे, जसे की जाहिराती, प्रायोजकत्व, प्रसारण हक्क आणि वस्तू विकणे;** यामुळे खेळांना मोठा व्यवसाय (Big Business) बनवले आहे, पण यामुळे खेळांचे मूळ स्वरूप बदलून स्पर्धा, चाहते आणि खेळाडू यांच्यावर नकारात्मक परिणामही होत आहेत, असे अनेक समीक्षक म्हणतात.

भारतातील आधुनिक खेळ

भारतामध्ये क्रिकेटला विशेष लोकप्रियता आहे. तसेच हॉकी, बॅडमिंटन, कुस्ती, नेमबाजी, ॲथलेटिक्समध्येही भारतीय खेळाडूंनी आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर यश मिळवले आहे. शासनाच्या खेलो इंडियासारख्या योजना युवकांना खेळाकडे आकर्षित करत आहेत. आज शाळा व महाविद्यालयांमध्ये खेळांना शिक्षणाचा महत्त्वाचा भाग मानले जाते. खेळामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांचा सर्वांगीण विकास होतो. "स्वस्थ शरीरातच स्वस्थ मन वसते" हे आधुनिक काळात अधिकच महत्त्वाचे झाले आहे.

निष्कर्ष

आधुनिक खेळ हे केवळ मनोरंजनाचे साधन नसून आरोग्य, शिक्षण, राष्ट्रीय विकास आणि सामाजिक एकतेचे प्रभावी माध्यम आहेत. तंत्रज्ञानाच्या साहाय्याने खेळ अधिक आकर्षक झाले असले तरी खेळभावना, प्रामाणिकपणा आणि शिस्त जपणे आवश्यक आहे. आधुनिक खेळांचा योग्य वापर केल्यास समाज निरोगी, सक्षम आणि प्रगत होऊ शकतो.

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क्रीडा ही मानवी संस्कृतीचा अविभाज्य घटक असून प्राचीन काळापासून ती शारीरिक सुदृढता, मानसिक संतुलन, सामाजिक एकात्मता आणि नैतिक मूल्यांची जोपासना करणारे प्रभावी माध्यम ठरली आहे. आदिम समाजात शिकार, संरक्षण आणि उपजीविकेसाठी आवश्यक असलेली शारीरिक क्षमता हळूहळू क्रीडात्मक स्वरूपात विकसित झाली. याच प्रक्रियेतून विविध संस्कृतींमध्ये पारंपरिक क्रीडा पद्धती, व्यायामप्रणाली आणि उपचार पद्धती जन्माला आल्या. भारतातील योग, आयुर्वेद, मल्लखांब, कलारीपयट्टू; चीनमधील ताय-ची व क्यूगोंग; तसेच विविध आदिवासी लोकक्रीडा या सर्व मानवी शरीर व मन यांचा समतोल साधणाऱ्या ज्ञानपरंपरांचे प्रतीक आहेत. क्रीडा विज्ञान हे आधुनिक काळातील एक आंतरशाखीय शास्त्र असून त्यामध्ये शरीरक्रियाशास्त्र, जैवयांत्रिकी, क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र, पोषणशास्त्र, क्रीडा वैद्यक आणि माहिती तंत्रज्ञान यांचा समन्वय आढळतो. आधुनिक स्पर्धात्मक क्रीडेत विजय, विक्रम आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय यश यांना प्राधान्य दिले जात असल्यामुळे खेळाडूंच्या कार्यक्षमतेत सातत्याने वाढ करणे ही काळाची गरज बनली आहे. यासाठी वैज्ञानिक चाचण्या, प्रयोगशाळा संशोधन, डेटा विश्लेषण, कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता आणि अत्याधुनिक उपकरणांचा मोठ्या प्रमाणावर वापर केला जातो. परिणामी क्रीडा ही केवळ शारीरिक क्रिया न राहता ती एक वैज्ञानिक प्रक्रिया बनली आहे. तथापि, केवळ आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानावर आधारित प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमुळे अनेकदा खेळाडूंमध्ये ताणतणाव, दुखापती, मानसिक दडपण आणि अल्पकालीन यशासाठी दीर्घकालीन आरोग्याची उपेक्षा झाल्याचे चित्र दिसून येते. याच पार्श्वभूमीवर पारंपरिक ज्ञानप्रणालींचे महत्त्व नव्याने अधोरेखित होत आहे. पारंपरिक क्रीडा व आरोग्य पद्धती या निसर्गाशी सुसंगत, सर्वांगीण आणि शाश्वत विकासावर भर देणाऱ्या आहेत. त्या शरीरासोबतच मन, भावनिक स्थैर्य आणि नैतिक मूल्ये यांचाही विचार करतात. आजच्या काळात क्रीडा विज्ञानातील संशोधक, प्रशिक्षक आणि धोरणकर्ते पारंपरिक ज्ञान व आधुनिक विज्ञान यांच्यातील दरी कमी करण्याचा प्रयत्न करीत आहेत. योग व ध्यानाचा समावेश आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमांमध्ये केला जात आहे, आयुर्वेदिक आहारतत्त्वे आधुनिक पोषणशास्त्राशी जोडली जात आहेत आणि नैसर्गिक पुनर्प्राप्ती पद्धती आधुनिक फिजिओथेरपीसोबत वापरल्या जात आहेत. हा समन्वय केवळ कार्यक्षमता वाढवणारा नसून खेळाडूंच्या दीर्घकालीन आरोग्य व मानसिक स्थैर्यासाठीही उपयुक्त ठरतो.

म्हणूनच, क्रीडा विज्ञानातील पारंपरिक ज्ञान आणि आधुनिक नवकल्पना यांचा अभ्यास करणे ही काळाची गरज आहे. या संशोधन लेखाचा उद्देश दोन्ही प्रणालींची तत्त्वज्ञानात्मक, वैज्ञानिक आणि व्यावहारिक उपयुक्तता स्पष्ट करणे तसेच त्यांच्या एकात्मिक वापरातून क्रीडाक्षेत्राच्या शाश्वत विकासाच्या शक्यता मांडणे हा आहे. पारंपरिक ज्ञानप्रणालींनी शतकानुशतके योग, आयुर्वेद, लोकक्रीडा व युद्धकला यांच्या माध्यमातून शरीर–मन–आत्मा यांचा समतोल साधण्यावर भर दिला आहे. आधुनिक काळात तंत्रज्ञान, जैवयांत्रिकी, डेटा विश्लेषण व क्रीडा वैद्यक यांच्या साहाय्याने क्रीडा कार्यक्षमता मोजण्यायोग्य व अचूक झाली आहे. या संशोधन लेखात पारंपरिक ज्ञान आणि आधुनिक नवकल्पनांचा समन्वय, त्यांची उपयुक्तता व भविष्यातील दिशा यांचा अभ्यास करण्यात आला आहे.

2. संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे

1. क्रीडा विज्ञानातील पारंपरिक ज्ञानप्रणालींचा अभ्यास करणे.
2. आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानातील तांत्रिक व वैज्ञानिक नवकल्पनांचे विश्लेषण करणे.
3. पारंपरिक व आधुनिक पद्धतींच्या एकात्मिक वापराचे फायदे मांडणे.
4. भविष्यातील संशोधन व धोरणात्मक दिशा सुचवणे.

3. संशोधन पद्धती

हा लेख वर्णनात्मक व विश्लेषणात्मक पद्धतीने तयार करण्यात आला आहे. दुय्यम स्रोतांचा (पुस्तके, संशोधन लेख, आंतरराष्ट्रीय अहवाल) अभ्यास करून माहिती संकलित करण्यात आली आहे.

4. क्रीडा विज्ञानातील पारंपरिक ज्ञान

4.1 भारतीय पारंपरिक प्रणाली

योग, प्राणायाम व आयुर्वेद या प्रणाली लवचिकता, श्वसनक्षमता, पुनर्प्राप्ती व मानसिक संतुलनासाठी उपयुक्त ठरतात. मल्लखांब व कलारीपयट्टूसारख्या कलेतून ताकद, चपळता व समन्वय वाढतो.

4.2 इतर पारंपरिक प्रणाली: चिनी ताय-ची, क्यूगोंग व क्युपंक्चर तसेच आदिवासी लोकक्रीडा या पद्धती नैसर्गिक हालचाल, समतोल व दुखापत प्रतिबंधावर भर देतात.

5. आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानातील नवकल्पना

5.1 क्रीडा तंत्रज्ञान : वेअरेबल उपकरणे, GPS ट्रॅकिंग व मोशन कॅप्चर प्रणालीमुळे खेळाडूंची कार्यक्षमता अचूकपणे मोजता येते.

5.2 क्रीडा वैद्यक व पुनर्वसन: एमआरआय, PRP थेरपी, स्टेम सेल उपचार व वैज्ञानिक फिजिओथेरपीमुळे दुखापतीनंतर जलद पुनर्प्राप्ती शक्य होते.

5.3 डेटा विश्लेषण व कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता: AI आधारित प्रशिक्षण आराखडे, दुखापत धोका मूल्यांकन व रणनिती विश्लेषण यांचा क्रीडाक्षेत्रात मोठ्या प्रमाणावर वापर होतो.

6. पारंपरिक व आधुनिक पद्धतींचा समन्वय: योग–ध्यानाचा वापर आधुनिक प्रशिक्षणात केल्यास मानसिक तणाव कमी होतो. आयुर्वेदिक आहार व औषधी वनस्पती आधुनिक पोषणशास्त्राशी जोडल्यास नैसर्गिक पुनर्प्राप्तीला चालना मिळते.

7. अडचणी व मर्यादा

पारंपरिक पद्धतींचे वैज्ञानिक प्रमाणीकरण अपुरे असणे, व्यावसायिकीकरणामुळे होणारा अपभ्रंश व बौद्धिक संपदा हक्कांचे प्रश्न या प्रमुख अडचणी आहेत. क्रीडा विज्ञानातील पारंपरिक ज्ञान आणि आधुनिक नवकल्पना यांचा अभ्यास केल्यास असे स्पष्टपणे दिसून येते की या दोन्ही प्रणाली परस्परविरोधी नसून एकमेकींना पूरक आहेत. पारंपरिक ज्ञानप्रणालींनी शतकानुशतके मानवी शरीर, मन आणि निसर्ग यांच्यातील सुसंवाद जपण्यावर भर दिला आहे, तर आधुनिक क्रीडा विज्ञानाने अचूक मोजमाप, वैज्ञानिक विश्लेषण आणि तांत्रिक प्रगतीच्या माध्यमातून क्रीडा कार्यक्षमतेला नवे परिमाण दिले आहे.आजच्या स्पर्धात्मक युगात केवळ विजय आणि विक्रम यांवर केंद्रित दृष्टिकोन स्वीकारल्यास खेळाडूंच्या आरोग्यावर विपरीत परिणाम होण्याची शक्यता असते. अशा परिस्थितीत योग, ध्यान, आयुर्वेदिक आहार, पारंपरिक पुनर्प्राप्ती पद्धती यांचा आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण, फिजिओथेरपी, डेटा विश्लेषण आणि क्रीडा वैद्यक यांच्याशी समन्वय साधणे अत्यंत आवश्यक ठरते. हा समन्वय खेळाडूंची शारीरिक क्षमता वाढविण्यासोबतच मानसिक स्थैर्य, तणाव व्यवस्थापन आणि दीर्घकालीन आरोग्य सुनिश्चित करतो. तसेच, पारंपरिक क्रीडा ज्ञानाचे शास्त्रीय प्रमाणीकरण, संशोधनाच्या माध्यमातून त्याचे दस्तऐवजीकरण आणि शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत त्याचा समावेश करणे ही काळाची गरज आहे. यामुळे स्थानिक व आदिवासी ज्ञानपरंपरांचे संरक्षण होऊन त्यांना जागतिक स्तरावर मान्यता मिळू शकते. धोरणात्मक पातळीवर क्रीडा शिक्षणक्रम, प्रशिक्षण संस्था आणि संशोधन केंद्रांमध्ये एकात्मिक क्रीडा विज्ञान दृष्टिकोन स्वीकारल्यास भारतासारख्या देशाला आंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रीडाक्षेत्रात शाश्वत व दीर्घकालीन यश मिळविता येईल.एकूणच, क्रीडा विज्ञानाचे भविष्य हे पारंपरिक ज्ञानाच्या शाश्वत तत्त्वांवर आधारित आणि आधुनिक नवकल्पनांनी समर्थित अशा समन्वयात्मक दृष्टिकोनातच दडलेले आहे. हा दृष्टिकोन स्वीकारल्यास क्रीडा केवळ स्पर्धा न राहता आरोग्य, संस्कृती आणि मानवी मूल्यांचे संवर्धन करणारे प्रभावी माध्यम ठरेल.

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क्रीडा पत्रकारितेतील मराठी भाषेचा विकास व भाषिक वैशिष्ट्यांचा अभ्यास

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सारांश : क्रीडा पत्रकारिता ही आधुनिक माध्यमविश्वातील एक महत्त्वाची शाखा असून समाजातील क्रीडा संस्कृती घडविण्यात तिचा मोठा वाटा आहे. मराठी भाषेतील क्रीडा पत्रकारिता कालानुरूप विकसित होत गेली असून तिच्या भाषिक रचनेत, शब्दसंपत्तीत व अभिव्यक्तीत लक्षणीय बदल झालेले दिसून येतात. प्रस्तुत संशोधनात मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारितेच्या विकासाचा अभ्यास करताना तिच्या भाषिक वैशिष्ट्यांचा सखोल आढावा घेण्यात आला आहे. यासाठी निवडक मराठी वृत्तपत्रे, क्रीडा मासिके आणि डिजिटल माध्यमांतील लेखांचे विश्लेषण करण्यात आले. संशोधनातून असे दिसून आले की, इंग्रजी शब्दांचा प्रभाव, तांत्रिक संज्ञांचा वापर, भावनिक व प्रेरणादायी भाषा, तसेच संक्षिप्त व प्रभावी मांडणी ही मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारितेची प्रमुख वैशिष्ट्ये आहेत. हे संशोधन मराठी भाषा, पत्रकारिता व क्रीडा अभ्यासासाठी उपयुक्त ठरते.

अतिमहत्त्वाचा शब्द: मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारिता, भाषिक विकास, क्रीडा माध्यमे, शब्दसंपत्ती, भाषिक वैशिष्ट्ये

प्रस्तावना:

भाषा ही समाजाच्या सांस्कृतिक, सामाजिक व बौद्धिक जीवनाचे प्रतिबिंब असते. पत्रकारिता ही भाषेचा प्रभावी वापर करणारी महत्त्वाची सामाजिक संस्था आहे. क्रीडा पत्रकारिता ही केवळ क्रीडा बातम्या देणारी शाखा नसून ती क्रीडाविषयक जाणीव, क्रीडामूल्ये व क्रीडा संस्कृती समाजात रुजविण्याचे कार्य करते. मराठी पत्रकारितेचा इतिहास समृद्ध असून क्रीडा पत्रकारितेनेही स्वतंत्र ओळख निर्माण केली आहे. बदलत्या क्रीडा स्वरूपामुळे, आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्पर्धांच्या प्रभावामुळे आणि डिजिटल माध्यमांच्या वाढीमुळे मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारितेच्या भाषेतही बदल घडून आले आहेत. या पार्श्वभूमीवर मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारितेतील भाषेचा विकास व तिची वैशिष्ट्ये अभ्यासणे आवश्यक ठरते.

साहित्याचा आढावा:

उपलब्ध साहित्याचा अभ्यास करता असे आढळते की, मराठी पत्रकारितेवर अनेक संशोधन झाले असले तरी क्रीडा पत्रकारितेच्या भाषिक अभ्यासावर तुलनेने कमी संशोधन झाले आहे. काही अभ्यासकांनी पत्रकारितेतील भाषेचा सामाजिक परिणाम मांडला आहे, तर काहींनी माध्यमभाषेतील इंग्रजी प्रभावावर लक्ष केंद्रित केले आहे. क्रीडा पत्रकारितेतील शैली, शब्दप्रयोग आणि भावनिक अभिव्यक्ती यांचा स्वतंत्र व सखोल अभ्यास करण्याची गरज असल्याचे साहित्याच्या आढाव्यातून स्पष्ट होते.

संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे:

1. मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारितेच्या विकासाचा अभ्यास करणे.
2. मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारितेतील भाषिक वैशिष्ट्यांची ओळख करून घेणे.
3. क्रीडा पत्रकारितेतील इंग्रजी व तांत्रिक शब्दांच्या वापराचे विश्लेषण करणे.
4. मुद्रित व डिजिटल माध्यमांतील भाषिक फरकांचा अभ्यास करणे.

संशोधन पद्धती:

सदर संशोधनासाठी वर्णनात्मक व विश्लेषणात्मक पद्धतीचा अवलंब करण्यात आला आहे.

- **नमुना निवड:** निवडक मराठी वृत्तपत्रे, क्रीडा मासिके व क्रीडा संकेतस्थळे
- **डेटा संकलन:** क्रीडा बातम्या, लेख, संपादकीय व विश्लेषणात्मक लिखाण
- **डेटा विश्लेषण:** भाषिक घटकांचे वर्गीकरण करून तुलनात्मक अभ्यास

सांख्यिकीय विश्लेषण:

निवडक 100 क्रीडा बातम्यांचे भाषिक घटकांनुसार विश्लेषण करण्यात आले.

तक्ता क्रमांक 1

मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारितेतील भाषिक घटकांचा वापर

भाषिक घटक	लेखांची संख्या	टक्केवारी (%)
इंग्रजी शब्दांचा वापर	45	45%
मराठी तांत्रिक संज्ञा	25	25%
भावनिक/प्रेरणादायी भाषा	20	20%
शुद्ध साहित्यिक भाषा	10	10%
एकूण	**100**	**100%**

निकाल: विश्लेषणातून असे आढळून आले की मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारितेत इंग्रजी शब्दांचा वापर सर्वाधिक आहे. क्रीडाक्षेत्रातील तांत्रिक संज्ञा मराठीतून तसेच इंग्रजीतून वापरल्या जातात. भावनिक व प्रेरणादायी भाषेचा वापर वाचकांचे लक्ष वेधण्यासाठी मोठ्या प्रमाणात केला जातो. डिजिटल माध्यमांमध्ये भाषा अधिक संक्षिप्त व थेट स्वरूपाची असल्याचे दिसून येते.

निष्कर्ष:

मराठी क्रीडा पत्रकारिता ही सतत विकसित होत असलेली माध्यमशाखा आहे. तिच्या भाषेत आधुनिकतेचा, जागतिकीकरणाचा व डिजिटल माध्यमांचा स्पष्ट प्रभाव दिसून येतो. इंग्रजी शब्दांचा वाढता वापर असला तरी मराठी भाषेची मूलभूत रचना व अभिव्यक्ती टिकून आहे. क्रीडा पत्रकारितेतील भाषिक वैशिष्ट्ये ही मराठी भाषेच्या विकास प्रक्रियेचा एक महत्त्वाचा भाग आहेत. प्रस्तुत संशोधन मराठी भाषा, पत्रकारिता व क्रीडा अभ्यासाच्या दृष्टीने उपयुक्त ठरेल.

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खेळाडूंच्या कंबरेखालील सांध्यावर फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षणाचा होणाऱ्या परिणामाचा अभ्यास

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सारांश:

सध्याच्या क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण पद्धतींमध्ये ताकद, स्थैर्य आणि दुखापत प्रतिबंध यांना विशेष महत्त्व दिले जाते. कंबरेखालील सांधे (हिप, गुडघा व घोटा) हे बहुतांश क्रीडांमध्ये हालचाल, वेग व संतुलनासाठी अत्यंत महत्त्वाचे असतात. प्रस्तुत अभ्यासाचा उद्देश खेळाडूंमध्ये फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षणामुळे कंबरेखालील सांध्यांच्या कार्यक्षमतेवर होणाऱ्या परिणामाचा अभ्यास करणे हा आहे. या संशोधनासाठी पेठ तालुक्यातील एम.जे.एम. महाविद्यालयातील २५ वर्षांखालील ३० खेळाडूंची निवड करण्यात आली. सहा आठवड्यांच्या फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमानंतर सांध्यांची ताकद, स्थैर्य व लवचिकता यामध्ये लक्षणीय सुधारणा आढळून आली. सांख्यिकीय विश्लेषणातून फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षणाचा सकारात्मक परिणाम स्पष्ट झाला.

सूचनक शब्द : फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षण, कंबरेखालील सांधे, ताकद, स्थैर्य, खेळाडू, शारीरिक क्षमता

प्रस्तावना (Introduction)

क्रीडा क्षेत्रात उत्कृष्ट कामगिरीसाठी शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती, ताकद आणि सांध्यांचे स्थैर्य या घटकांना अनन्यसाधारण महत्त्व आहे. कंबरेखालील सांधे हे शरीराच्या हालचालींचे मुख्य केंद्र मानले जातात. धावणे, उडी मारणे, वळणे आणि संतुलन राखणे यासाठी या सांध्यांची भूमिका अत्यंत महत्त्वाची असते. फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षण ही ताकदवर्धक प्रशिक्षणाची एक प्रभावी पद्धत असून यामध्ये नैसर्गिक हालचालींचा अधिक वापर होतो. त्यामुळे स्नायू, सांधे आणि मज्जासंस्था यांचा समन्वय सुधारतो. प्रस्तुत संशोधनात फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षणामुळे खेळाडूंच्या कंबरेखालील सांध्यांवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा अभ्यास करण्यात आला आहे.

साहित्य समीक्षा:

पूर्वी झालेल्या संशोधनांमध्ये असे आढळून आले आहे की फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षणामुळे स्नायूंची ताकद, सांध्यांचे स्थैर्य आणि हालचालींची कार्यक्षमता वाढते. काही अभ्यासांनुसार मशीन प्रशिक्षणाच्या तुलनेत फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षण अधिक कार्यक्षम ठरते कारण यात संतुलन व समन्वय आवश्यक असतो. कंबरेखालील सांध्यांवर लक्ष केंद्रित करणारे प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम खेळाडूंमधील दुखापतींचा धोका कमी करण्यास मदत करतात. मात्र ग्रामीण व महाविद्यालयीन स्तरावरील खेळाडूंमध्ये या विषयावर मर्यादित संशोधन उपलब्ध आहे. त्यामुळे प्रस्तुत अभ्यासाचे महत्त्व वाढते.

संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे

1. खेळाडूंच्या कंबरेखालील सांध्यांच्या ताकदीवर फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षणाचा परिणाम अभ्यासणे.
2. फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षणामुळे सांध्यांच्या स्थैर्यात होणारा बदल तपासणे.
3. प्रशिक्षणापूर्वी व प्रशिक्षणानंतरच्या परिणामांची तुलना करणे.

संशोधन पद्धती

नमुना: या अभ्यासासाठी पेठ तालुक्यातील एम.जे.एम. महाविद्यालयातील २५ वर्षांखालील ३० खेळाडूंची निवड करण्यात आली.

संशोधन रचना: एकगट पूर्व–पश्च चाचणी (Pre-test – Post-test) संशोधन रचना वापरण्यात आली.

प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम:

- कालावधी: ६ आठवडे
- आठवड्यातून: ३ दिवस
- व्यायाम: स्क्वॉट, लंजेस, डेडलिफ्ट, कॅल्फ रेज (फ्री वेट्ससह)

चल:

- स्वतंत्र चल: फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षण

- अवलंबित चल: कंबरेखालील सांध्यांची ताकद व स्थैर्य

सांख्यिकीय विश्लेषण

माहितीचे विश्लेषण करण्यासाठी सरासरी (Mean), प्रमाणित विचलन (SD) आणि 't' चाचणीचा वापर करण्यात आला.

तक्ता 1

प्रशिक्षणापूर्वी व प्रशिक्षणानंतरचे सरासरी गुण

घटक	पूर्व चाचणी (Mean ± SD)	पश्च चाचणी (Mean ± SD)	t-मूल्य
सांध्यांची ताकद	32.40 ± 4.15	38.90 ± 3.80	5.62*
सांध्यांचे स्थैर्य	30.25 ± 3.90	36.70 ± 3.45	5.18*

* 0.05 पातळीवर महत्त्वपूर्ण

निष्कर्ष

प्रस्तुत अभ्यासातून असे निष्कर्ष काढता येतात की फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षणामुळे खेळाडूंच्या कंबरेखालील सांध्यांची ताकद व स्थैर्य लक्षणीयरीत्या सुधारते. त्यामुळे खेळाडूंच्या कार्यक्षमतेत वाढ होऊन दुखापतींचा धोका कमी होण्यास मदत होते. महाविद्यालयीन व ग्रामीण स्तरावरील खेळाडूंनी आपल्या नियमित प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमात फ्री वेट प्रशिक्षणाचा समावेश करणे उपयुक्त ठरेल.

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पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ

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सारांश :- पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ मानव सभ्यता के शारीरिक, मानसिक और सांस्कृतिक विकास से गहराई से जुड़ी हुई हैं। आधुनिक खेल विज्ञान और तकनीकी नवाचारों के युग में भी इन विधियों का महत्व कम नहीं हुआ है, बल्कि इन्हें समग्र मानव विकास के वैकल्पिक और पूरक मॉडल के रूप में पुनः पहचाना जा रहा है। यह दीर्घ अकादमिक निबंध पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियों की अवधारणा, ऐतिहासिक पृष्ठभूमि, दार्शनिक आधार, प्रशिक्षण सिद्धांतों, शारीरिक-मानसिक प्रभावों तथा समकालीन प्रासंगिकता का विस्तृत विश्लेषण प्रस्तुत करता है। भारतीय और वैश्विक संदर्भों में विकसित प्रशिक्षण परंपराओं का अध्ययन करते हुए यह निबंध तर्क प्रस्तुत करता है कि पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ केवल शारीरिक दक्षता तक सीमित नहीं हैं, बल्कि वे अनुशासन, नैतिकता, आत्मनियंत्रण और सामुदायिक चेतना का भी निर्माण करती हैं। निबंध का निष्कर्ष यह स्थापित करता है कि आधुनिक खेल प्रणाली में पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण विधियों का समावेश न केवल प्रदर्शन सुधार के लिए आवश्यक है, बल्कि खेल को मानवीय और सांस्कृतिक दृष्टि से संतुलित बनाए रखने के लिए भी अनिवार्य है।

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प्रस्तावना :- खेल मानव समाज का एक प्राचीन और सार्वभौमिक आयाम रहा है। यह केवल शारीरिक शक्ति के प्रदर्शन का माध्यम नहीं, बल्कि सामाजिक संगठन, सांस्कृतिक पहचान और मानसिक विकास का भी महत्वपूर्ण साधन रहा है। आधुनिक युग में खेलों का स्वरूप अत्यधिक वैज्ञानिक, तकनीकी और प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक हो गया है, किंतु इस परिवर्तन के बावजूद पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियों का महत्व बना हुआ है। वास्तव में, आधुनिक खेल प्रशिक्षण की कई अवधारणाएँ पारंपरिक ज्ञान प्रणालियों से ही विकसित हुई हैं। पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ उन अभ्यास प्रणालियों को संदर्भित करती हैं जो औपचारिक वैज्ञानिक उपकरणों के अभाव में अनुभव, अवलोकन, अनुशासन और सांस्कृतिक परंपराओं के आधार पर विकसित हुईं। इन विधियों का उद्देश्य केवल शारीरिक क्षमता बढ़ाना नहीं था, बल्कि व्यक्ति के चरित्र, नैतिकता, मानसिक स्थिरता और सामाजिक उत्तरदायित्व का निर्माण करना भी था। भारत में अखाड़ा प्रणाली, मल्लयुद्ध, धनुर्विद्या और योग आधारित प्रशिक्षण इसके प्रमुख उदाहरण हैं, जबकि विश्व के अन्य भागों में यूनानी जिम्नेज़ियम, चीनी मार्शल आर्ट्स और जापानी बुड़ो परंपरा इसी श्रेणी में आती हैं।

इस निबंध का केंद्रीय प्रतिपाद्य यह है कि पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ आधुनिक खेल विज्ञान की विरोधी नहीं, बल्कि उसकी आधारशिला हैं। यह निबंध ऐतिहासिक, सैद्धांतिक और व्यावहारिक दृष्टिकोण से इन विधियों का विश्लेषण करते हुए यह स्थापित करता है कि समकालीन खेल शिक्षा और प्रशिक्षण में पारंपरिक पद्धतियों का पुनर्संयोजन अत्यंत आवश्यक है।

पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण की परिभाषा -

पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ उन प्रशिक्षण प्रणालियों को दर्शाती हैं जो पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी हस्तांतरित हुई हैं और जिनका विकास अनुभवजन्य ज्ञान, सांस्कृतिक मूल्यों और सामाजिक आवश्यकताओं के आधार पर हुआ है। ये विधियाँ औपचारिक पाठ्यक्रमों या प्रयोगशालाओं पर निर्भर नहीं थीं, बल्कि गुरु-शिष्य परंपरा, अनुकरण और नियमित अभ्यास के माध्यम से संचालित होती थीं।

अकादमिक दृष्टि से, पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण को एक समग्र प्रशिक्षण प्रणाली के रूप में देखा जा सकता है, जिसमें शारीरिक, मानसिक, नैतिक और आध्यात्मिक तत्वों का समन्वय होता है। यह प्रणाली व्यक्ति को केवल खिलाड़ी नहीं, बल्कि एक अनुशासित और जिम्मेदार नागरिक के रूप में विकसित करती है।

सैद्धांतिक आधार -

पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियों को समझने के लिए समग्र विकास सिद्धांत, अनुशासन सिद्धांत और अनुभवजन्य अधिगम सिद्धांत अत्यंत प्रासंगिक हैं। अनुभवजन्य अधिगम सिद्धांत के अनुसार व्यक्ति प्रत्यक्ष अनुभव और अभ्यास के माध्यम से

सीखता है, जो पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण का मूल तत्व है। इसी प्रकार, समग्र विकास सिद्धांत यह मानता है कि शारीरिक विकास मानसिक और नैतिक विकास से अलग नहीं हो सकता।

पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण का ऐतिहासिक विकास :-

प्राचीन सभ्यताओं में खेल प्रशिक्षण -

प्राचीन सभ्यताओं में खेल और युद्ध प्रशिक्षण के बीच गहरा संबंध था। भारत में वैदिक काल से ही धनुर्विद्या, अश्वारोहण और मल्लयुद्ध का प्रशिक्षण दिया जाता था। महाभारत और रामायण जैसे ग्रंथों में गुरु-शिष्य परंपरा के माध्यम से प्राप्त प्रशिक्षण का विस्तृत वर्णन मिलता है।

यूनान में ओलंपिक खेलों के लिए जिम्नेज़ियमों में कठोर शारीरिक प्रशिक्षण दिया जाता था, जिसमें अनुशासन और नैतिकता पर विशेष बल था। इसी प्रकार, चीन में कुंग-फू और ताई-ची जैसे प्रशिक्षण केवल युद्ध कौशल ही नहीं, बल्कि मानसिक संतुलन और आत्मनियंत्रण भी सिखाते थे।

मध्यकालीन और औपनिवेशिक प्रभाव -

मध्यकाल में खेल प्रशिक्षण स्थानीय परंपराओं और सामंती संरचनाओं से प्रभावित हुआ। औपनिवेशिक काल में पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण विधियों को कई बार अवैज्ञानिक या पिछड़ा हुआ मानकर हाशिए पर डाल दिया गया। इसके बावजूद, अखाड़ों और स्थानीय खेल परंपराओं के माध्यम से ये विधियाँ जीवित रहीं।

पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण विधियों की प्रमुख विशेषताएँ :-

गुरु-शिष्य परंपरा -

पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण की सबसे महत्वपूर्ण विशेषता गुरु-शिष्य परंपरा है। गुरु केवल तकनीक सिखाने वाला नहीं, बल्कि जीवन मूल्य और अनुशासन का मार्गदर्शक होता है। प्रशिक्षण व्यक्तिगत अवलोकन और निरंतर मार्गदर्शन पर आधारित होता है।

अनुशासन और नियमितता -

पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण में कठोर दिनचर्या, समयबद्ध अभ्यास और आत्मसंयम पर विशेष बल दिया जाता है। यह अनुशासन शारीरिक क्षमता के साथ-साथ मानसिक दृढ़ता भी विकसित करता है।

प्राकृतिक साधनों का उपयोग -

इन विधियों में आधुनिक उपकरणों के स्थान पर मिट्टी, रेत, पत्थर और शरीर के भार का उपयोग किया जाता है। इससे शरीर की प्राकृतिक शक्ति और सहनशीलता का विकास होता है।

शारीरिक और मानसिक प्रभाव -

पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ शक्ति, लचीलापन, संतुलन और सहनशक्ति का समग्र विकास करती हैं। साथ ही, ध्यान, एकाग्रता और आत्मनियंत्रण को भी सुदृढ़ बनाती हैं। आधुनिक शोध यह संकेत देते हैं कि इन विधियों से चोटों की संभावना कम होती है और दीर्घकालिक स्वास्थ्य बेहतर रहता है।

आधुनिक खेल प्रशिक्षण से तुलना -

आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण अत्यधिक तकनीक-आधारित और परिणाम-केंद्रित होता है, जबकि पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण प्रक्रिया-केंद्रित और मूल्य-आधारित होता है। दोनों के बीच संतुलन स्थापित करना आधुनिक खेल शिक्षा की एक प्रमुख चुनौती है।

समकालीन प्रासंगिकता -

आज जब खेलों में अत्यधिक व्यावसायीकरण और मानसिक दबाव बढ़ रहा है, पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ संतुलन और स्थायित्व प्रदान कर सकती हैं। योग, अखाड़ा प्रशिक्षण और पारंपरिक मार्शल आर्ट्स का पुनः समावेश इसी दिशा में एक सकारात्मक कदम है।

पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियों का महत्व :-

पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ सदियों के अनुभव, स्थानीय ज्ञान और प्राकृतिक अभ्यासों पर आधारित होती हैं। इनका महत्व आज भी बना हुआ है, खासकर युवाओं और खिलाड़ियों के समग्र विकास के लिए।

1. **शारीरिक विकास -**

   पारंपरिक प्रशिक्षण में दौड़, कसरत, योग, मल्लयुद्ध, सूर्य नमस्कार जैसे अभ्यास शामिल होते हैं, जो ताकत, सहनशक्ति, लचीलापन और संतुलन बढ़ाते हैं।
2. **मानसिक मजबूती -**

   ये विधियाँ अनुशासन, एकाग्रता, धैर्य और आत्म-नियंत्रण सिखाती हैं, जो किसी भी खिलाड़ी के लिए जरूरी हैं।
3. **कम लागत और सुलभता -**

   इनमें महंगे उपकरणों की आवश्यकता नहीं होती, इसलिए ये ग्रामीण और शहरी—दोनों क्षेत्रों में आसानी से अपनाई जा सकती हैं।
4. **चोटों की संभावना कम -**

   प्राकृतिक गतियों और क्रमबद्ध अभ्यास के कारण शरीर धीरे-धीरे मजबूत होता है, जिससे गंभीर चोटों का खतरा कम रहता है।
5. **संस्कृति और परंपरा से जुड़ाव -**

   कबड्डी, कुश्ती, खो-खो जैसे खेल हमारी सांस्कृतिक पहचान को मजबूत करते हैं और परंपराओं को जीवित रखते हैं।
6. **समग्र विकास -**

   ये विधियाँ केवल खेल कौशल ही नहीं, बल्कि नैतिक मूल्य, टीम भावना और नेतृत्व गुण भी विकसित करती हैं।

निष्कर्ष :-

पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियाँ मानव विकास की एक समृद्ध और गहन परंपरा का प्रतिनिधित्व करती हैं। यह निबंध इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुँचता है कि ये विधियाँ न केवल ऐतिहासिक महत्व रखती हैं, बल्कि आधुनिक खेल शिक्षा और प्रशिक्षण के लिए भी अत्यंत प्रासंगिक हैं। जब पारंपरिक ज्ञान और आधुनिक विज्ञान का संतुलित समन्वय किया जाता है, तब खेल न केवल प्रदर्शन का माध्यम बनता है, बल्कि मानव चरित्र और समाज निर्माण का भी सशक्त साधन बनता है। अतः भविष्य की खेल नीति और शिक्षा प्रणाली में पारंपरिक खेल प्रशिक्षण विधियों को सम्मानजनक स्थान दिया जाना चाहिए।

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सारांश :- खेल पर्यटन विश्व स्तर पर पर्यटन उद्योग का एक उभरता हुआ और तीव्र गति से विकसित होने वाला क्षेत्र है। अनेक देशों ने खेल पर्यटन के माध्यम से आर्थिक विकास प्राप्त किया है। यद्यपि आधुनिक समय में खेल पर्यटन को एक नई अवधारणा माना जाता है, परंतु इसका इतिहास प्राचीन ओलंपिक खेलों तक जाता है, जब लोग खेल देखने और भाग लेने के लिए यात्रा करते थे। वर्तमान समय में खेल पर्यटन को आर्थिक लाभ, गंतव्य प्रचार तथा सामुदायिक विकास के एक प्रभावी माध्यम के रूप में देखा जा रहा है। हाल के वर्षों में खेल और पर्यटन विशेषज्ञों ने इसकी व्यापक संभावनाओं को पहचानते हुए इस क्षेत्र पर विशेष ध्यान देना प्रारंभ किया है।

मुख्य शब्द: खेल पर्यटन, खेल आयोजन, खेल उद्योग

प्रस्तावना :-

इक्कीसवीं सदी में पर्यटन उद्योग वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था का एक प्रमुख आधार बन चुका है। पर्यटन के विविध रूपों में खेल पर्यटन (Sports Tourism) एक ऐसा उभरता हुआ क्षेत्र है, जिसने आर्थिक विकास, सांस्कृतिक आदान–प्रदान और सामाजिक एकता के नए आयाम स्थापित किए हैं। खेल पर्यटन का आशय उस पर्यटन गतिविधि से है जिसमें यात्रा का प्रमुख उद्देश्य खेलों में भाग लेना, खेल प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन करना अथवा उन्हें दर्शक के रूप में देखना होता है। आधुनिक वैश्विक परिप्रेक्ष्य में खेल पर्यटन केवल मनोरंजन का साधन नहीं रहा, बल्कि यह राष्ट्रों की आर्थिक प्रगति, अंतरराष्ट्रीय छवि निर्माण तथा बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास का प्रभावशाली माध्यम बन चुका है। भारत जैसे विशाल, विविधतापूर्ण और सांस्कृतिक दृष्टि से समृद्ध देश में खेल पर्यटन की संभावनाएँ अत्यंत व्यापक हैं। इस निबंध का उद्देश्य भारत में खेल पर्यटन की अवधारणा, उसके ऐतिहासिक विकास, सैद्धांतिक आधार, आर्थिक–सामाजिक प्रभाव, पर्यावरणीय आयाम तथा भविष्य की संभावनाओं का गहन और समीक्षात्मक अध्ययन प्रस्तुत करना है।

खेल पर्यटन की अवधारणा और परिभाषा :-

खेल पर्यटन को सामान्यतः उस यात्रा के रूप में परिभाषित किया जाता है जिसमें व्यक्ति अपने सामान्य निवास स्थान से बाहर जाकर किसी खेल गतिविधि में सक्रिय या निष्क्रिय रूप से सम्मिलित होता है, और जहाँ यात्रा का प्रमुख प्रेरक तत्व खेल होता है। इसमें खिलाड़ी, प्रशिक्षक, आयोजक, प्रशंसक तथा दर्शक सभी सम्मिलित हो सकते हैं। खेल पर्यटन में यात्रा, आवास, खान–पान, मनोरंजन और सांस्कृतिक अनुभवों का समन्वय देखने को मिलता है। विद्वानों के अनुसार खेल पर्यटन खेल और पर्यटन उद्योग का संगम है, जो दोनों क्षेत्रों के संसाधनों और अवसरों को एक साथ जोड़ता है।

खेल-आयोजन पर्यटन :-

खेल-आयोजन पर्यटन भारत की तीर्थ यात्रा के समान है, जहाँ लोग दूर-दूर से धार्मिक स्थलों की यात्रा करते हैं। अंतर यह है कि खेल-आयोजन पर्यटन में लोग खेल प्रतियोगिताओं में खिलाड़ी, आयोजक या दर्शक के रूप में भाग लेने हेतु यात्रा करते हैं। इससे आयोजक शहर में पर्यटन सेवाओं की निरंतर मांग उत्पन्न होती है।

खेल पर्यटन का सैद्धांतिक आधार :-

खेल पर्यटन के अध्ययन में अनेक सैद्धांतिक दृष्टिकोण अपनाए गए हैं। आर्थिक सिद्धांत खेल पर्यटन को आय सृजन, रोजगार वृद्धि और निवेश आकर्षण के माध्यम के रूप में देखता है। सामाजिक–सांस्कृतिक सिद्धांत खेल पर्यटन को सामुदायिक एकता, सांस्कृतिक पहचान और सामाजिक पूंजी निर्माण का साधन मानता है। पर्यावरणीय सिद्धांत सतत विकास और पर्यावरण संरक्षण के संदर्भ में खेल पर्यटन की भूमिका पर बल देता है। इन सभी दृष्टिकोणों का समन्वय खेल पर्यटन को एक बहुआयामी अवधारणा के रूप में स्थापित करता है।

खेल पर्यटन का वर्गीकरण :-

खेल पर्यटन को विभिन्न प्रकारों में वर्गीकृत किया जा सकता है, जैसे:

- हार्ड खेल पर्यटन
- सॉफ्ट खेल पर्यटन
- खेल आयोजन पर्यटन
- सेलेब्रिटी एवं नॉस्टैल्जिया खेल पर्यटन
- सक्रिय खेल पर्यटन
- निष्क्रिय खेल पर्यटन

खेल पर्यटन के लाभ :-

खेल पर्यटन के प्रमुख लाभ निम्नलिखित हैं:

- होटल, रेस्टोरेंट और खुदरा व्यवसाय के माध्यम से आर्थिक विकास
- नए पर्यटन स्थलों और आधारभूत संरचना का विकास
- सकारात्मक छवि निर्माण और वैश्विक पहचान
- खेल सुविधाओं का अधिकतम उपयोग
- युवाओं के लिए अवसर और मनोरंजन
- उच्च व्यय करने वाले पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करना
- जीवन की गुणवत्ता में सुधार

खेल पर्यटन के आर्थिक लाभ :-

खेल पर्यटन से आय उत्पन्न होती है:

- आवास सुविधाओं से
- परिवहन सेवाओं से
- खाद्य एवं पेय सेवाओं से
- मनोरंजन गतिविधियों से
- मीडिया और टेलीविजन कवरेज से

खेल पर्यटन के आर्थिक प्रभाव :-

खेल पर्यटन का आर्थिक प्रभाव बहुआयामी है। यह होटल, परिवहन, खान–पान, खुदरा व्यापार और मनोरंजन उद्योग को प्रत्यक्ष रूप से लाभ पहुँचाता है। बड़े खेल आयोजनों के दौरान बुनियादी ढांचे में निवेश होता है, जिससे दीर्घकालीन विकास को प्रोत्साहन मिलता है। निर्माण, आतिथ्य और सेवा क्षेत्र में रोजगार के नए अवसर सृजित होते हैं।

खेल पर्यटन के सामाजिक और सांस्कृतिक प्रभाव :-

खेल पर्यटन सामाजिक एकता और सांस्कृतिक आदान–प्रदान को प्रोत्साहित करता है। विभिन्न क्षेत्रों और देशों से आए लोग स्थानीय संस्कृति, परंपराओं और जीवनशैली से परिचित होते हैं। इससे सामुदायिक गर्व, राष्ट्रीय पहचान और युवाओं में खेलों के प्रति रुचि बढ़ती है।

खेल पर्यटन के पर्यावरणीय आयाम :-

खेल पर्यटन का पर्यावरण पर सकारात्मक और नकारात्मक दोनों प्रकार का प्रभाव पड़ सकता है। सतत और पर्यावरण–अनुकूल नीतियों के माध्यम से प्राकृतिक संसाधनों का संरक्षण किया जा सकता है। पर्यावरणीय जागरूकता और हरित प्रबंधन रणनीतियाँ खेल पर्यटन को दीर्घकालीन रूप से सफल बना सकती हैं।

भारत में खेल पर्यटन की संभावनाएँ :-

विश्व पर्यटन संगठन के अनुसार भारत दक्षिण एशिया में पर्यटन के क्षेत्र में अग्रणी बनने की क्षमता रखता है। भारत की विविध भौगोलिक संरचना और सांस्कृतिक धरोहर खेल पर्यटन के लिए अपार संभावनाएँ प्रदान करती है।

भारत में खेल पर्यटन के अवसर :-

- हिमालय में ट्रेकिंग और स्कीइंग
- गंगा और ब्यास नदियों में रिवर राफ्टिंग
- राजस्थान में ऊँट और जीप सफारी
- हिमाचल प्रदेश में पैराग्लाइडिंग
- गोवा में जल क्रीड़ाएँ
- अंडमान एवं लक्षद्वीप में स्कूबा डाइविंग और स्नॉर्कलिंग

सरकारी नीतियाँ और पहल :-

भारत सरकार ने खेल और पर्यटन के विकास हेतु अनेक योजनाएँ प्रारंभ की हैं। 'खेलो इंडिया', 'अतुल्य भारत' और साहसिक पर्यटन नीतियाँ खेल पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने में सहायक सिद्ध हो रही हैं। अंतरराष्ट्रीय खेल आयोजनों की मेजबानी से भारत की वैश्विक छवि सुदृढ़ हो रही है।

चुनौतियाँ और सीमाएँ :-

यद्यपि भारत में खेल पर्यटन की अपार संभावनाएँ हैं, तथापि आधारभूत संरचना की कमी, सुरक्षा संबंधी चिंताएँ, पर्यावरणीय दबाव और प्रशिक्षित मानव संसाधन की कमी जैसी चुनौतियाँ भी विद्यमान हैं। इन समस्याओं के समाधान हेतु समन्वित नीति और प्रभावी क्रियान्वयन आवश्यक है।

भविष्य की संभावनाएँ :-

आगामी वर्षों में भारत में खेल पर्यटन के क्षेत्र में तीव्र विकास की संभावना है। डिजिटल तकनीक, वैश्विक साझेदारी और सतत विकास नीतियाँ इस क्षेत्र को नई ऊँचाइयों तक ले जा सकती हैं।

निष्कर्ष :-

खेल पर्यटन एक तेजी से विकसित हो रहा क्षेत्र है, जो आर्थिक, सामाजिक और सांस्कृतिक विकास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है। यह रोजगार सृजन, आधारभूत संरचना विकास और जीवन स्तर में सुधार में सहायक है। वर्तमान समय में खेल पर्यटन, सतत पर्यटन विकास का एक सशक्त माध्यम बन चुका है।

निष्कर्षतः यह कहा जा सकता है कि खेल पर्यटन भारत के आर्थिक, सामाजिक और सांस्कृतिक विकास का एक महत्वपूर्ण माध्यम है। यह न केवल पर्यटन उद्योग को सुदृढ़ करता है, बल्कि राष्ट्रीय पहचान, सामुदायिक विकास और अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहयोग को भी प्रोत्साहित करता है। समुचित नीति, सतत प्रबंधन और समावेशी दृष्टिकोण के माध्यम से भारत खेल पर्यटन के क्षेत्र में वैश्विक नेतृत्व की भूमिका निभा सकता है।

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या अभ्यासाचा उद्देश शालेय विद्यार्थ्यांमधील चपळता आणि स्नायूंची सहनशक्ती यांसारख्या निवडक शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती घटकांवर एरोबिक आणि मूव्हिंग सर्किट प्रशिक्षणाचे परिणाम शोधणे हा होता. हा उद्देश साध्य करण्यासाठी, पुणे येथील हिंजवडी येथील पवार पब्लिक स्कूलमध्ये शिकणाऱ्या पंचेचाळीस विद्यार्थ्यांना निवडण्यात आले. निवडलेल्या विद्यार्थ्यांना प्रत्येकी पंधरा विद्यार्थ्यांच्या तीन समान गटांमध्ये यादृच्छिकपणे विभागण्यात आले. गट I ने एरोबिक सर्किट प्रशिक्षण घेतले, गट II ने मूव्हिंग सर्किट प्रशिक्षण घेतले आणि गट III हा नियंत्रण गट म्हणून काम करत होता, ज्याने कोणताही विशेष प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम घेतला नाही. चलांची निवड: या अभ्यासासाठी एरोबिक सर्किट ट्रेनिंग आणि मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग या स्वतंत्र चलांची निवड करण्यात आली. चपळता आणि शक्ती सहनशक्ती यांसारख्या शारीरिक तंदुरुस्तीच्या घटकांची अवलंबून चल म्हणून निवड करण्यात आली. माहिती संकलनासाठी शटल रन आणि बेंड नी सिट-अप्स चाचण्या वापरल्या गेल्या. प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम बारा आठवड्यांसाठी दर आठवड्यात तीन दिवस प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम पूर्ण केला. चपळता आणि स्नायूंच्या सहनशक्तीशी संबंधित माहितीची चाचणी अनुक्रमे शटल रन आणि बेंड नी सिट-अप्सचा वापर करून घेण्यात आली. प्रशिक्षणाच्या आधी आणि प्रशिक्षणानंतर लगेचच पूर्व-चाचणी आणि उत्तर-चाचणीची माहिती गोळा करण्यात आली. सहपरिवर्तन विश्लेषणाच्या (ॲनालिसिस ऑफ कोव्हेरियन्स) माध्यमातून समायोजित पश्चात मध्यांकांमधील महत्त्वपूर्ण फरक शोधण्यात आले. अभ्यासाच्या निष्कर्षांवरून असे दिसून आले की, चपळता आणि स्नायूंच्या सहनशक्तीच्या बाबतीत एरोबिक सर्किट ट्रेनिंग, मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग आणि नियंत्रण गटांच्या समायोजित उत्तर-चाचणी सरासरींमध्ये लक्षणीय फरक होता.

प्रस्तावना: शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती ही एक सार्वत्रिकरित्या स्वीकारलेली आणि ओळखली जाणारी संज्ञा आहे. शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती म्हणजे जीवनातील वर्तमान आणि संभाव्य शारीरिक आव्हानांना यशस्वीपणे सामोरे जाण्याची क्षमता. शारीरिक तंदुरुस्तीची सध्याची संकल्पना केवळ रोगांपासून मुक्तता एवढीच नाही, तर दैनंदिन जीवनाच्या गरजा पूर्ण करण्यासाठी पुरेशी शक्ती, चपळता, लवचिकता, सहनशक्ती आणि कौशल्ये प्राप्त करणे आणि ताणतणावाचा सामना करण्यासाठी पुरेशी राखीव ऊर्जा निर्माण करणे हे देखील आहे. शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती हे शारीरिक शिक्षणाचे एक महत्त्वाचे फलित आहे आणि शालेय शिक्षण प्रणालीतील शारीरिक शिक्षणच ते साध्य करण्यास सर्वाधिक सक्षम आहे. दीर्घ कालावधीतील शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती आणि तिचे परीक्षण हे आरोग्याची स्थिती दर्शवते. शारीरिक तपासणीद्वारे वाढीचा आकृतिबंध आणि संवेदी व प्रेरक अवयवांची कार्यात्मक कार्यक्षमता, तसेच सामर्थ्य, हृदय व श्वसन क्षमता, लवचिकता, वेग, चपळता, संतुलन आणि चेतास्नायू समन्वय या संदर्भात शरीराची कार्यात्मक कार्यक्षमता तपासली जाते. सर्किट ट्रेनिंग हे उच्च-तीव्रतेच्या एरोबिक्स आणि रेझिस्टन्स ट्रेनिंगचे संयोजन आहे, जे सहजपणे करता येईल अशा प्रकारे डिझाइन केले आहे. यामुळे तुम्हाला एक उत्तम व्यायाम मिळतो आणि चरबी कमी करणे, स्नायूंची वाढ आणि हृदय-फुफ्फुसांची तंदुरुस्ती यावर लक्ष केंद्रित केले जाते. व्यायामाचे 'सर्किट' म्हणजे कार्यक्रमातील सर्व निर्धारित व्यायाम एकदा पूर्ण करणे; यामागील कल्पना अशी आहे की, जेव्हा एक सर्किट पूर्ण होते, तेव्हा तुम्ही दुसऱ्या सर्किटसाठी पुन्हा पहिल्या व्यायामापासून सुरुवात करता. पारंपारिकपणे, सर्किट ट्रेनिंगमध्ये व्यायामांदरम्यानचा वेळ कमी असतो, आणि अनेकदा पुढच्या व्यायामाकडे वेगाने जावे लागते.

सामग्री आणि पद्धत: या अभ्यासाचा उद्देश शालेय विद्यार्थ्यांमधील चपळता आणि स्नायूंची सहनशक्ती यांसारख्या निवडक शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती घटकांवर एरोबिक आणि मूव्हिंग सर्किट प्रशिक्षणाचे परिणाम शोधणे हा होता. हा उद्देश साध्य करण्यासाठी,

पुणे येथील हिंजवडी येथील पवार पब्लिक स्कूलमध्ये शिकणाऱ्या पंचेचाळीस विद्यार्थ्यांना निवडण्यात आले. निवडलेल्या विद्यार्थ्यांना प्रत्येकी पंधरा विद्यार्थ्यांच्या तीन समान गटांमध्ये यादृच्छिकपणे विभागण्यात आले. गट I ने एरोबिक सर्किट प्रशिक्षण घेतले, गट II ने मूव्हिंग सर्किट प्रशिक्षण घेतले आणि गट III हा नियंत्रण गट म्हणून काम करत होता, ज्याने कोणताही विशेष प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम घेतला नाही. चलांची निवड: या अभ्यासासाठी एरोबिक सर्किट ट्रेनिंग आणि मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग या स्वतंत्र चलांची निवड करण्यात आली. चपळता आणि शक्ती सहनशक्ती यांसारख्या शारीरिक तंदुरुस्तीच्या घटकांची अवलंबून चल म्हणून निवड करण्यात आली. माहिती संकलनासाठी शटल रन आणि बेंड नी सिट-अप्स चाचण्या वापरल्या गेल्या. संशोधकाने अभ्यासक्रमाच्या सहभागींना अभ्यासाचा उद्देश आणि प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमादरम्यान त्यांची भूमिका याबद्दल समजावून सांगितले. संशोधकाने निवडलेल्या निकष चलांवरील चाचणी प्रक्रिया देखील स्पष्ट केल्या होत्या आणि मापन करताना अवलंबल्या जाणाऱ्या कार्यपद्धतींबद्दल सहभागींना सूचना दिल्या होत्या. एरोबिक सर्किट ट्रेनिंग आणि मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग करण्यामध्ये समाविष्ट असलेल्या तंत्रांशी सहभागींना परिचित करून देण्यासाठी तीन सत्रे घेण्यात आली, ज्यामुळे त्यांना प्रशिक्षण योग्यरित्या करण्यास आणि दुखापती टाळण्यास मदत झाली. प्रशिक्षण सत्रांना नियमितपणे उपस्थित राहण्यासाठी सहभागींना तोंडी प्रोत्साहन देण्यात आले.

प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम: प्रशिक्षण कालावधीत, एरोबिक सर्किट ट्रेनिंग आणि मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग या दोन प्रायोगिक गटांनी त्यांच्या नियमित क्रियाकलापांव्यतिरिक्त, बारा आठवड्यांसाठी दर आठवड्यात तीन दिवस प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम पूर्ण केला. सर्व सहभागींनी कठोर देखरेखीखाली कार्यक्रम केला. प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमात सहभागी असलेल्या सर्व व्यक्तींना संपूर्ण प्रशिक्षण कालावधीत त्यांच्या स्थितीबद्दल विचारणा करण्यात आली. चपळता आणि स्नायूंच्या सहनशक्तीशी संबंधित माहितीची चाचणी अनुक्रमे शटल रन आणि बेंड नी सिट-अप्सचा वापर करून घेण्यात आली. प्रशिक्षणाच्या आधी आणि प्रशिक्षणानंतर लगेचच पूर्व-चाचणी आणि उत्तर-चाचणीची माहिती गोळा करण्यात आली. सर्व चलांची चाचणी एकाच दिवशी घेण्यात आली. एरोबिक सर्किट आणि मूव्हिंग सर्किट प्रशिक्षणांमधून तसेच नियंत्रण गटातून गोळा केलेला डेटा, पूर्व आणि पश्चात चाचणीदरम्यान निवडलेल्या निकष चलांवर सांख्यिकीय प्रक्रियेसाठी वापरण्यात आला, जेणेकरून प्रत्येक निकष चलासाठी स्वतंत्रपणे सहपरिवर्तन विश्लेषणाच्या (ॲनालिसिस ऑफ कोव्हेरियन्स) माध्यमातून समायोजित पश्चात मध्यांकांमधील महत्त्वपूर्ण फरक शोधण्यात आले.

निकाल: एरोबिक सर्किट ट्रेनिंग, मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग आणि नियंत्रण गटांच्या पूर्व-चाचणी आणि उत्तर-चाचणी गुणांच्या गतीवरील सहपरिवर्तन विश्लेषणाचे विश्लेषण करून ते तक्त्यामध्ये सादर केले आहे.

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ॲरोबिक सर्किट ट्रेनिंग, मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग आणि नियंत्रण गटांचा चपळतेवरील सहपरिवर्तन विश्लेषण

चाचणी	एरोबिक सर्किट प्रशिक्षण गट	मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग गट	नियंत्रण गट	प्रसरणशीलता स्रोत	वर्ग बेरीज	स्वातंत्र्य अंश	मध्यक वर्ग	प्राप्त 'एफ' गुणोत्तर
पूर्व चाचणी								
मध्यमान	७.२९	७.३३	७.२७	दरम्यान	०.०२८	२	०.०१४	१.४०
प्र. विचलन	०.१०	०.१०	०.०९	आत	०.४२०	४२	०.०१०	
उत्तर चाचणी								
मध्यमान	७.१२	७.१८	७.२४	दरम्यान	०.१०८	२	०.५०४	४.५०*
प्र. विचलन	०.११	०.१२	०.०८	आत	०.०५४	४२	०.०१२	
समायोजित उत्तर चाचणी								
मध्यमान	७.१२	७.१७	७.२५	दरम्यान	०.१२४	२	०.०६२	५.७६*
				आत	०.४४२	४२	०.०११	

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ॲरोबिक सर्किट ट्रेनिंग, मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग आणि नियंत्रण गटांचा स्नायूंची सहनशक्ती वरील सहपरिवर्तन विश्लेषण

चाचणी	एरोबिक सर्किट प्रशिक्षण गट	मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग गट	नियंत्रण गट	प्रसरणशीलता स्रोत	वर्ग बेरीज	स्वातंत्र्य अंश	मध्यक वर्ग	प्राप्त 'एफ' गुणोत्तर
पूर्व चाचणी								
मध्यमान	३३.४७	३४.१३	३३.८०	दरम्यान	३.३३	२	१.६७	०.०९
प्र. विचलन	४.५०	३.९१	४.०५	आत	७७९.८७	४२	१८.५७	
उत्तर चाचणी								
मध्यमान	३८.६७	३६.२०	३४.०७	दरम्यान	१५८.९८	२	७९.४९	४.६८५*
प्र. विचलन	३.८८	३.९९	४.०७	आत	७१२.६७	४२	१६.९७	
समायोजित उत्तर चाचणी								
मध्यमान	३८.९८	३५.८९	३४.०७	दरम्यान	८४.७७	२	९२.३८	१४९.४५*
				आत	२५.३५	४२	०.६२	

चर्चा : एरोबिक सर्किट ट्रेनिंग, मूव्हिंग सर्किट ट्रेनिंग आणि कंट्रोल गटांच्या चपळाईवरील समायोजित उत्तर-चाचणी सरासरी अनुक्रमे ७.१२, ७.१७ आणि ७.२५ आहेत. समायोजित उत्तर-चाचणी गुणांसाठी मिळालेले 'एफ' गुणोत्तर ५.७६ हे, चपळाईवरील ०.०५ विश्वास पातळीवर सार्थकता तपासण्यासाठी आवश्यक असलेल्या df २ आणि ४१ साठीच्या ३.२२६ या सारणी मूल्यापेक्षा जास्त आहे.

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निष्कर्ष : नियंत्रण गटाच्या तुलनेत एरोबिक सर्किट आणि मूव्हिंग सर्किट प्रशिक्षणांमुळे चपळतेमध्ये सुधारणा झाली आहे. नियंत्रण गटाच्या तुलनेत एरोबिक सर्किट आणि मूव्हिंग सर्किट प्रशिक्षणांमुळे स्नायूंची सहनशक्ती सुधारली आहे.

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ENHANCEMENT OF LIFE SKILLS THROUGH PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

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Abstract

Physical education and sports are pivotal in fostering not only physical fitness but also essential life skills critical for personal and social development. This research article explores how structured physical education and sports programs contribute to enhancing a diverse range of life skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork, decision-making, emotional regulation, and time management. Drawing upon theoretical frameworks like Social Learning Theory, Experiential Learning, and Self-Determination Theory, the study highlights the mechanisms through which sports facilitate experiential and social learning, thereby nurturing adaptive behaviors and positive attitudes in participants. Empirical evidence from multiple studies and educational guidelines emphasizes the significance of integrating life skill training into physical education curricula to prepare individuals for real-world challenges. The paper also addresses practical strategies for embedding life skills education in sports programs, including coach training, inclusive participation, and reflective practices. Despite challenges such as lack of awareness and infrastructural limitations, the benefits of life skills development through sports extend beyond the playing field, positively influencing academic performance, mental health, and career readiness. This holistic approach not only empowers individuals to cope effectively with everyday stressors but also fosters resilience, social responsibility, and emotional intelligence. The findings advocate for policymakers, educators, and sports practitioners to recognize and leverage physical education as a vital platform for life skill enhancement, ultimately contributing to the formation of well-rounded, competent, and socially conscious individuals.

Keywords: Physical Education, Sports, Life Skills, Communication, Leadership, Teamwork, Emotional Regulation, Decision-Making, Experiential Learning, Social Development.

Introduction

In the contemporary educational landscape, the significance of physical education and sports extends far beyond the promotion of physical health and fitness. These domains are increasingly recognized as powerful vehicles for the holistic development of individuals, particularly in fostering vital life skills that are indispensable for success and well-being in today's complex and rapidly evolving world. Life skills, encompassing a broad spectrum of cognitive, emotional, interpersonal, and behavioral abilities, enable individuals to effectively navigate daily challenges, build meaningful relationships, make informed decisions, and maintain mental and emotional balance. As global societies emphasize the need for producing well-rounded individuals who can thrive academically, socially, and professionally, physical education and sports offer a unique and dynamic platform for nurturing these competencies.

Physical education (PE) programs and sports participation immerse learners in experiential learning environments where theory meets practice. Unlike traditional classroom instruction, the interactive and often competitive nature of sports requires participants to engage actively with peers, manage stress, communicate effectively, and demonstrate leadership—all within real-time situations. This experiential context cultivates essential life skills such as teamwork, cooperation, resilience, discipline, goal-setting, and emotional regulation. Moreover, physical education often

encourages self-awareness and reflection, as athletes and learners assess their performance, setbacks, and achievements to foster continuous growth.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and various educational authorities worldwide have identified life skills education as a critical component for the healthy development of children and adolescents. Their frameworks emphasize that these skills are transferable beyond the sports arena, impacting academic performance, career success, social relationships, and mental health. For instance, teamwork learned on the field can translate into effective collaboration in professional settings, while the discipline gained through regular training can improve study habits and time management.

Research supports that participation in sports and PE programs correlates positively with enhanced self-esteem, social competence, leadership qualities, and coping strategies. Theoretical models such as Albert Bandura's Social Learning Theory highlight how individuals learn behaviors and attitudes by observing coaches and peers in sports settings, while Kolb's Experiential Learning Theory underscores the value of reflection on physical experiences as a catalyst for deeper learning. Additionally, Self-Determination Theory suggests that sports fulfill fundamental psychological needs—autonomy, competence, and relatedness—which motivate sustained engagement and personal development.

Despite these recognized benefits, many educational institutions face challenges integrating life skills education fully into their physical education curricula due to lack of resources, training, or awareness. Addressing these gaps is essential to maximize the potential of sports as a life skills development tool.

This article aims to investigate the multifaceted ways in which physical education and sports enhance life skills, review supporting evidence and theories, and suggest effective strategies for implementation. By illuminating the intrinsic connection between physical activity and personal development, it advocates for a more intentional, structured approach to life skill education within physical education programs, ultimately contributing to the formation of capable, resilient, and socially responsible individuals.

Objective

1. To identify and define the key life skills that can be developed through physical education and sports.
2. To analyze practical strategies and best practices for integrating life skill education into physical education curricula and sports programs.
3. To identify challenges and barriers faced by educational institutions and sports.
4. To underscore the broader benefits of life skill development through sports.
5. To provide recommendations for policymakers, educators, and sports practitioners.

Literature Review

The relationship between physical education, sports, and life skills development has been the subject of extensive research in recent decades. Scholars, educators, and policymakers increasingly recognize that participation in sports and physical activities provides an effective platform for fostering critical life skills that extend far beyond physical fitness. This section reviews relevant theoretical perspectives, empirical studies, and educational frameworks that elucidate how physical education and sports contribute to life skills enhancement.

Theoretical Foundations

Several psychological and educational theories form the backbone of understanding life skills development through physical education and sports. Albert Bandura's **Social Learning Theory (1977)** posits that individuals learn behaviors, attitudes, and emotional responses by observing and imitating others. In the context of sports, coaches, teammates, and opponents act as role models,

offering opportunities for learners to acquire prosocial behaviors such as cooperation, fairness, and respect. This theory underscores the social context of learning, which is abundant in team and individual sports environments.

Experiential Learning Theory, introduced by David Kolb (1984), complements this by emphasizing learning through experience. Sports inherently involve trial and error, reflection on performance, and adaptation, making them ideal for experiential learning. Athletes actively engage with challenges, assess outcomes, and modify strategies, which promotes cognitive skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making.

Another significant framework is the **Self-Determination Theory** by Deci and Ryan (1985), which highlights the importance of intrinsic motivation derived from fulfilling psychological needs—autonomy, competence, and relatedness. Physical education and sports satisfy these needs by enabling choice, skill mastery, and social connection, fostering internal motivation crucial for sustained participation and life skill acquisition.

Empirical Studies on Life Skills and Sports

A considerable body of empirical research confirms that sports participation enhances a variety of life skills. A study by **Bailey (2006)** reviewed evidence showing that engagement in physical activity correlates positively with improved social competence, self-esteem, leadership abilities, and academic achievement. Similarly, **Gould and Carson (2008)** highlighted that structured sports programs with intentional life skill coaching lead to better emotional regulation, resilience, and teamwork skills.

In 2021, a study published in the **Journal of Adolescent Health** analyzed college athletes and found that those involved in sports demonstrated significantly higher levels of self-confidence, interpersonal communication, and stress management compared to non-participants. This research suggested that the social and competitive elements inherent in sports create natural learning environments for these competencies.

Educational Frameworks and Guidelines

Global organizations have also emphasized the importance of life skill education within physical education. The **World Health Organization (WHO)** advocates for the inclusion of life skills training in school curricula to equip children and adolescents with abilities to handle life's challenges effectively. Similarly, **UNESCO's Quality Physical Education (QPE) Guidelines (2015)** stress that physical education should be inclusive, engaging, and designed to foster transferable life skills, thereby supporting not only physical but also mental and social development.

Programs such as **Project TEAM (Team Education through Athletic Mentoring)** implemented in various U.S. schools integrate mentoring with sports participation, demonstrating that intentional life skills training embedded within sports leads to measurable improvements in teamwork, leadership, and emotional intelligence.

Challenges and Critiques

Despite the acknowledged benefits, researchers point out challenges in realizing the full potential of physical education and sports for life skills development. **Martinek and Hellison (1997)** argue that without intentional planning, sports may reinforce negative behaviors such as aggression, exclusion, or excessive competitiveness. They emphasize the role of coaches and educators in creating positive, supportive environments that prioritize holistic development over mere performance.

Resource constraints, lack of trained personnel, cultural biases, and gender stereotypes often limit access and effective implementation, especially in underprivileged or conservative settings. Research by **Fredrick's and Eccles (2006)** highlights that marginalized groups frequently experience barriers to sports participation, which can exacerbate social inequalities.

Implications for Practice

The literature converges on the importance of deliberate life skills education within physical education and sports. Programs that include reflective practices, goal-setting workshops, and mentorship alongside physical training tend to achieve superior outcomes. Moreover, inclusive approaches that address gender, disability, and socio-economic diversity ensure equitable benefits for all participants.

Methodology

This study employs a mixed-methods approach to explore the impact of physical education and sports on the development of life skills among college students. Combining quantitative and qualitative methods allows for a comprehensive understanding of how participation in these activities fosters essential competencies such as communication, leadership, teamwork, and emotional regulation.

The quantitative component involved administering a structured questionnaire to 150 students aged 18 to 21 from three college with active physical education and sports programs. The questionnaire measured self-reported improvements in various life skills using a 5-point Likert scale. Participants included both males and females engaged in team and individual sports to capture diverse experiences.

Following the survey, qualitative data were collected through semi-structured interviews with 12 students and 6 physical education teachers. These interviews aimed to gather deeper insights into personal experiences, perceptions of life skill development, and the role of sports and PE in facilitating this growth. Participants were selected purposively based on survey responses to ensure representation of different skill development levels. Quantitative data were analyzed using descriptive statistics and t-tests to examine differences by gender and sport type. Qualitative data were transcribed and thematically analyzed to identify common themes and contextual factors influencing life skills acquisition.

Ethical considerations included obtaining informed consent from all participants and their guardians, ensuring confidentiality, and securing institutional approval prior to data collection. This methodology provides a balanced and valid assessment of life skills enhancement through physical education and sports.

Table 1: Mean Scores of Life Skills Development by Sport Type

Life Skill	Team Sports (Mean ± SD)	Individual Sports (Mean ± SD)
Communication	4.25 ± 0.56	3.95 ± 0.62
Leadership	4.30 ± 0.50	3.85 ± 0.68
Teamwork	4.50 ± 0.45	3.40 ± 0.75
Decision-Making	4.15 ± 0.58	3.80 ± 0.66
Emotional Regulation	4.05 ± 0.60	3.75 ± 0.63
Time Management	4.20 ± 0.55	3.90 ± 0.60

Note: Scores based on a 5-point Likert scale (1 = Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree).

Results and Discussion

Results

The study investigated the development of key life skills among students participating in physical education and sports, focusing on differences by sport type (team vs. individual) and gender. The quantitative analysis revealed that students engaged in team sports reported higher mean scores across all measured life skills compared to those involved in individual sports.

Communication: Participants in team sports scored an average of 4.25, whereas those in individual sports averaged 3.95. This suggests that the social nature of team sports provides more opportunities for practicing effective communication.

Leadership: Similarly, team sport participants showed higher leadership skill scores (4.30) compared to individual sport participants (3.85). This difference is expected, as team environments often require individuals to assume leadership roles and guide group dynamics.

Teamwork: As anticipated, teamwork scores were notably higher for team sports (4.50) than individual sports (3.40), underscoring the collaborative demands inherent in team-based activities.

Decision-Making: Decision-making abilities also scored higher among team sports participants (4.15) versus individual sports (3.80), reflecting the dynamic and unpredictable scenarios in team games that necessitate quick, collective decisions.

Emotional Regulation: Emotional regulation was moderately higher in team sports (4.05) compared to individual sports (3.75), indicating that team settings may offer greater social support and shared experiences to manage emotions effectively.

Time Management: Time management skills showed a similar pattern, with team sports participants reporting better abilities (4.20) than those in individual sports (3.90), possibly due to the structured schedules and responsibilities in team settings.

Gender-wise, males and females showed comparable scores across most life skills, with minor variations. Males reported slightly higher leadership and teamwork scores, whereas females showed marginally higher communication and time management skills. These differences, however, were not statistically significant, indicating that life skills development through physical education and sports is generally equitable across genders.

Discussion

The findings of this study align with existing literature that emphasizes the role of physical education and sports in enhancing essential life skills. The higher scores among team sports participants support the idea that social interaction, collaboration, and shared goal pursuit inherent in team activities create a conducive environment for developing communication, leadership, and teamwork skills. This is consistent with Bandura's Social Learning Theory, where observational learning and social interactions play a critical role in acquiring behaviors and skills.

The relatively lower scores among individual sports participants suggest that while individual sports promote self-discipline and personal responsibility, they may offer fewer opportunities for practicing interpersonal skills. This highlights the need to intentionally integrate life skill education even in individual sports programs to ensure balanced development.

The comparable life skill scores between males and females indicate that physical education and sports serve as inclusive platforms for personal growth irrespective of gender, aligning with UNESCO's Quality Physical Education guidelines advocating for equitable participation. However, minor differences suggest that gender-sensitive approaches could optimize life skill outcomes, considering social and cultural factors influencing sports engagement.

Emotional regulation and decision-making improvements reflect the psychological benefits of sports participation, corroborating research by Gould and Carson (2008) and others who emphasize sports as a tool for mental resilience and adaptive coping. The structured nature of sports, with clear rules and expectations, seems to foster self-control and problem-solving abilities.

Time management skills improved through the disciplined schedules of training and competitions, reinforcing the broader impact of sports on academic and personal life organization. This multidimensional development supports holistic education goals and the World Health Organization's advocacy for life skills education within physical activity programs.

Despite these positive outcomes, the study acknowledges challenges in maximizing life skill development through sports, including resource limitations and varying program quality. Educators and coaches must adopt intentional, reflective, and inclusive approaches to ensure sports serve as effective life skill incubators.

Conclusion

Physical education and sports serve as powerful mediums for the holistic development of life skills that are essential for personal, social, and academic success. This study highlights that participation in physical activities, especially team sports, significantly enhances critical competencies such as communication, leadership, teamwork, decision-making, emotional regulation, and time management. The experiential and social nature of sports provides unique opportunities for students to practice and internalize these skills in real-world contexts.

The findings emphasize that life skills development through physical education is not confined to physical fitness alone but extends to mental and emotional growth, preparing individuals to navigate various life challenges effectively. Additionally, the relatively equitable development of life skills across genders suggests that sports and physical education can be inclusive platforms fostering growth for all participants.

However, maximizing these benefits requires intentional program design, skilled educators, and supportive environments that encourage reflection, mentorship, and inclusive participation. Schools and policymakers should therefore prioritize integrating structured life skills training within physical education curricula to nurture well-rounded individuals. Physical education and sports are invaluable tools for empowering youth with life skills that transcend the playing field, contributing significantly to their overall development and future success. Continued research and practice in this area will further enhance strategies to harness the full potential of physical education as a transformative educational experience.

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THE IMPACT OF THE MALLAKHAMB TRAINING PROGRAM ON THE PHYSICAL FITNESS, BALANCE ABILITY, AND MENTAL CONCENTRATION OF ADOLESCENT ATHLETES

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Abstract
Mallakhamb is a traditional Indian physical discipline that integrates strength, balance, flexibility, coordination, and mental focus through controlled body movements performed on a wooden pole or rope. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in exploring indigenous sports practices as scientifically validated training methods for youth development. The present experimental study investigates the impact of a structured Mallakhamb training program on selected physical fitness components, balance ability, and mental concentration among adolescent athletes. Sixty adolescent athletes aged between 12 and 16 years were randomly selected and divided into experimental and control groups. The experimental group underwent an eight-week Mallakhamb training program, while the control group continued with their regular physical activities. Standardized physical fitness tests, balance assessments, and a validated mental concentration scale were administered before and after the intervention. Statistical analysis revealed significant improvements in strength, flexibility, balance ability, and mental concentration in the experimental group when compared to the control group. The findings suggest that Mallakhamb training offers a holistic approach to physical and mental development in adolescent athletes and can be effectively incorporated into school and sports training programs.

Keywords: Mallakhamb training, Physical fitness, Balance ability, Mental concentration

Introduction

Physical fitness and mental concentration play a crucial role in the overall development and performance of adolescent athletes. Adolescence is a critical developmental period marked by rapid physiological growth, neuromuscular maturation, and cognitive development. During this phase, structured physical training can significantly influence physical health, motor coordination, balance control, and psychological attributes such as attention and concentration. Modern sports training programs often emphasize specialized skill development, sometimes overlooking holistic physical and mental conditioning. This gap has led researchers to explore traditional physical practices that naturally integrate physical and cognitive demands.

Mallakhamb is an ancient Indian sport that dates back several centuries and was traditionally used as a conditioning tool for wrestlers. The sport involves performing a series of static and dynamic postures on a vertical wooden pole, hanging pole, or rope. These movements demand exceptional grip strength, core stability, flexibility, balance, and precise body control. Unlike conventional resistance training, Mallakhamb uses body weight as resistance, promoting functional strength and coordination. Moreover, the continuous need for balance and posture control requires sustained mental focus, making it a unique mind-body discipline.

In the context of adolescent athletes, Mallakhamb may serve as an effective training modality that enhances not only physical fitness but also balance ability and mental concentration. Balance ability is particularly important for athletes, as it contributes to injury prevention, movement efficiency, and overall performance across sports disciplines. Similarly, mental concentration is essential for

learning skills, executing strategies, and maintaining consistency in performance. Despite its potential benefits, empirical research examining the impact of Mallakhamb training on adolescents, particularly in relation to mental concentration, remains limited. Therefore, the present study aims to experimentally investigate the effects of a structured Mallakhamb training program on physical fitness, balance ability, and mental concentration among adolescent athletes.

Review of Literature

Previous studies have documented the positive influence of Mallakhamb training on various physical fitness parameters. Research conducted on college-level athletes reported significant improvements in muscular strength, agility, flexibility, and balance following six to eight weeks of Mallakhamb training. These improvements were attributed to the sport's emphasis on isometric contractions, dynamic transitions, and sustained postural control. Similar findings were reported in studies involving school-level students, where Mallakhamb training led to enhanced grip strength, trunk stability, and coordination.

Several researchers have emphasized the role of Mallakhamb in improving balance ability due to its inherent requirement for maintaining stability on a narrow support surface. Balance training is known to enhance proprioceptive awareness and neuromuscular coordination, which are particularly important during adolescence. Studies comparing traditional exercise programs with Mallakhamb-based training found that the latter produced superior improvements in static and dynamic balance measures.

While the physical benefits of Mallakhamb are relatively well documented, limited research has explored its psychological effects. A few studies have suggested that traditional physical practices involving complex motor skills can improve cognitive functions such as attention and concentration. Mallakhamb requires continuous awareness of body position, movement sequencing, and timing, all of which demand sustained mental engagement. However, experimental studies specifically measuring changes in mental concentration among adolescent athletes following Mallakhamb training are scarce. This review highlights a clear research gap, justifying the need for the present experimental investigation.

Methodology

The present study employed an experimental research design with a pre-test and post-test control group approach. Sixty adolescent athletes aged between 12 and 16 years were selected from local schools and sports academies using a random sampling technique. All participants were medically fit and had no prior experience in Mallakhamb training. The participants were randomly assigned to either the experimental group or the control group, with thirty participants in each group.

The experimental group underwent a structured Mallakhamb training program for eight weeks, consisting of five training sessions per week, each lasting sixty minutes. The training sessions included warm-up exercises, basic Mallakhamb postures, dynamic movements, balance holds, climbing techniques, and cool-down activities. The training intensity was progressively increased to ensure safe adaptation and continuous improvement. The control group continued with their regular physical education activities without any specialized training intervention.

Physical fitness was assessed using standardized tests measuring muscular strength, flexibility, and agility. Balance ability was evaluated using the stork stand test, which measures static balance control. Mental concentration was assessed using a standardized concentration test suitable for adolescents. All tests were administered under similar conditions before the commencement of the training program and after its completion. The collected data were statistically analyzed using paired and independent t-tests to determine significant differences within and between groups.

Results

The results of the study indicated significant improvements in all selected variables for the experimental group following the Mallakhamb training program. Muscular strength scores showed a marked increase, reflecting enhanced upper-body and core strength developed through sustained holds and dynamic movements. Flexibility scores also improved significantly, likely due to the extensive range of motion involved in Mallakhamb postures. Balance ability demonstrated notable enhancement, confirming the effectiveness of Mallakhamb in developing postural stability and proprioceptive control.



Mental concentration scores showed a statistically significant improvement in the experimental group, suggesting that the cognitive demands of Mallakhamb training positively influenced attentional capacity. In contrast, the control group showed no significant improvements in any of the measured variables. The bar graph comparing pre- and post-test mean scores clearly illustrates the superior gains achieved by the experimental group, emphasizing the effectiveness of Mallakhamb training.

Conclusion

The present experimental study concludes that an eight-week Mallakhamb training program significantly enhances physical fitness, balance ability, and mental concentration among adolescent athletes. The findings highlight Mallakhamb as an effective and culturally rooted training modality that promotes holistic development during a critical stage of growth. Incorporating Mallakhamb into school physical education curricula and youth sports training programs may contribute to improved physical health, cognitive functioning, and overall athletic performance. Future research may explore long-term effects and compare Mallakhamb training with other modern training methods across different age groups and athletic populations.

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A NORMATIVE STUDY OF COORDINATIVE ABILITY FOR MAHARASHTRA STATE

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This study aims to provide scientifically backed normative data for key coordinative abilities-such as reaction time, orientation, differentiation, balance, and rhythm-among 1,000 students aged 12 to 14 years from various regions of Maharashtra. By using cluster random sampling and standardized tests, we found significant differences in performance based on region and gender. The percentiles and benchmarks created from this research offer useful tools for educators and coaches, aiding in objective assessment, personalized training, and early identification of talent. This evidence-based study fills a critical gap in physical education research specific to this region and lays the groundwork for future studies in sports science.

Keywords: Coordinative ability, Normative data, Physical education, Maharashtra, Adolescents, Talent identification

Introduction:
Coordinative abilities are vital for learning motor skills and are fundamental to both fitness and sports performance. Despite Maharashtra's active sports environment, there is a notable absence of regional normative data for these essential skills, which hinders proper assessment, training, and talent identification. Research from around the world highlights the need for appropriate benchmarks to assess coordination (Picot et al., 2021; Sarkar et al., 2018; Daloia et al., 2018). This study seeks to bridge these gaps by assessing a large group of students aged 12 to 14 across Maharashtra.

Review of Related Literature:
Picot et al. (2021) reviewed the Star Excursion Balance Test (SEBT) and highlighted the necessity of establishing normative values in diverse populations, focusing on factors like sport type, gender, and experience. Sarkar et al. (2018) provided stratified SEBT values for young adults, which enhance the accuracy of results and help in assessing injury risk. Daloia et al. (2018) discussed the reliability of muscle strength data for Brazilian children, emphasizing the importance of gender differences and context-sensitive evaluation. These studies collectively showcase the importance of normative standards and local adaptation in physical education assessments.

Methodology:
We employed a descriptive, cross-sectional design for our study. The sample consisted of 1,000 students (500 boys and 500 girls), aged 12 to 14 years, selected through cluster random sampling from schools that represent the diverse geographic, socio-economic, and cultural landscape of Maharashtra. We assessed key variables-reaction, orientation, differentiation, balance, and rhythm-using standardized field tests (including the Ball Reaction Exercise Test and Sprint at Given Rhythm Test) outlined by Peter Hirtz (1985). Prior to data collection, students received detailed instructions and demonstrations. Reliability of the tests was confirmed using Cronbach's alpha and retesting methods.

Results:

We calculated descriptive statistics and percentiles for all tests. Boys had mean scores of 9.94 seconds (balance), 1.89 points (differentiation), and 9.80 seconds (orientation), while girls recorded averages of 11.82, 2.02, and 11.31 for these tests. Weak correlations among the different abilities suggested that each test measured distinct aspects of coordination. The resulting percentile charts provided region- and gender-specific norms that serve as benchmarks for assessment and talent identification.

Discussion:

Our findings revealed significant differences within and between groups, supporting the need for localized normative data as emphasized by previous studies (Picot et al., 2021; Sarkar et al., 2018; Tomkinson et al., 2017). The independence observed among coordination abilities points to the necessity for a multi-test approach for thorough evaluation. This aligns with Daloia et al. (2018) regarding the need for varied strength measures. The percentiles established in this study are essential for practitioners aiming to enhance coordination skills among diverse adolescents.

Conclusion:

By developing regionally relevant normative values for coordinative abilities, we address a significant gap in evaluating and fostering physical skills among adolescents in Maharashtra. The norms established here facilitate reliable talent identification, comprehensive monitoring, and tailored program design for educators and coaches, while also informing policy for assessing physical fitness in schools.

Recommendations:

Integrate these normative data into physical education programs in Maharashtra for student evaluation and skill enhancement. Educators and trainers should use the provided percentiles to create personalized training interventions. Policymakers should utilize these benchmarks when formulating sports talent identification and athlete development strategies. Teacher and coach training should encompass modules on understanding and applying normative data effectively.

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EFFECT OF CORE STRENGTH TRAINING ON BALANCE AND PERFORMANCE IN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS OF DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR MARATHWADA UNIVERSITY

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Abstract
Core strength plays a vital role in maintaining postural stability, efficient force transfer, and sport-specific performance in volleyball players. The present study aimed to examine the effect of an eight-week core strength training programme on balance and selected performance variables in volleyball players of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. Thirty male university-level volleyball players were selected and randomly divided into an experimental group and a control group, with fifteen players in each group. The experimental group underwent structured core strength training along with regular volleyball practice, while the control group continued only with routine practice. Balance and performance variables such as static balance, agility, and vertical jump were assessed before and after the training period. Statistical analysis using the paired and independent t-tests revealed significant improvements in balance and performance variables in the experimental group compared to the control group. The findings indicate that core strength training is effective in enhancing balance and overall performance in volleyball players.

Keywords: Core strength training, balance, performance, volleyball players, university athletes

Introduction

Volleyball is a high-intensity team sport that demands quick changes in direction, explosive jumping, stable landings, and precise body control. Core strength, which includes the muscles of the abdomen, lower back, pelvis, and hips, is fundamental for maintaining balance and generating powerful movements during play. A strong core provides a stable base for limb movements and helps in efficient transfer of force from the lower body to the upper body during skills such as spiking, serving, and blocking. In recent years, sports scientists and coaches have emphasized core stability training as an essential component of athletic conditioning programmes. Poor core strength is associated with reduced balance, inefficient movement patterns, and a higher risk of injury. For volleyball players, where repeated jumping and landing are integral, enhanced core strength may improve postural control and performance consistency. Despite its importance, limited research has focused on university-level volleyball players in the Indian context. Therefore, this study was undertaken to investigate the effect of core strength training on balance and performance among volleyball players of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.

Review of Related Literature

Several studies have highlighted the role of core strength in athletic performance. Research indicates that core stability training improves postural control and balance by enhancing neuromuscular coordination of trunk muscles. Studies conducted on athletes from sports such as football, basketball, and handball have reported significant improvements in agility, balance, and jumping ability following systematic core training programmes. In volleyball-specific research, findings suggest that core strength contributes to better spike velocity, improved landing mechanics, and reduced energy loss during movements. Balance training combined with core exercises has also been shown to enhance proprioception and stability, which are critical for defensive movements and injury prevention. However, most available studies are conducted on elite or professional players, with fewer investigations focusing on university-level athletes. This gap highlights the need for

empirical evidence on the effectiveness of core strength training among developing volleyball players, which the present study seeks to address.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the effect of core strength training on balance in volleyball players.
2. To examine the effect of core strength training on selected performance variables of volleyball players.
3. To compare pre-test and post-test balance and performance scores between experimental and control groups.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects: Thirty male volleyball players aged 18–25 years from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar were selected for the study. All participants had at least three years of playing experience and were medically fit.

Research Design

A randomized pre-test and post-test control group design was used.

- Experimental Group (n = 15): Core strength training + regular volleyball practice
- Control Group (n = 15): Regular volleyball practice only

Training Programme

The experimental group underwent an eight-week core strength training programme, five days per week, with sessions lasting 30–40 minutes. Exercises included plank variations, side planks, bridges, Russian twists, medicine ball throws, and stability ball exercises. Training intensity and volume were progressively increased.

Variables and Tests

- **Balance**: Stork Stand Test
- **Agility**: Shuttle Run Test
- **Explosive Power**: Vertical Jump Test

Statistical Analysis

Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation).

- Paired t-test was applied to assess within-group differences.
- Independent t-test was used to compare post-test scores between groups. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Table 1

Pre-test and Post-test Mean Scores of Experimental Group

Variable	Pre-test Mean ± SD	Post-test Mean ± SD	t-value
Balance (sec)	22.40 ± 3.15	29.80 ± 3.60	6.12*
Agility (sec)	10.21 ± 0.45	9.52 ± 0.38	5.48*
Vertical Jump (cm)	48.60 ± 4.20	55.10 ± 4.50	4.96*

*Significant at 0.05 level

Graph 1

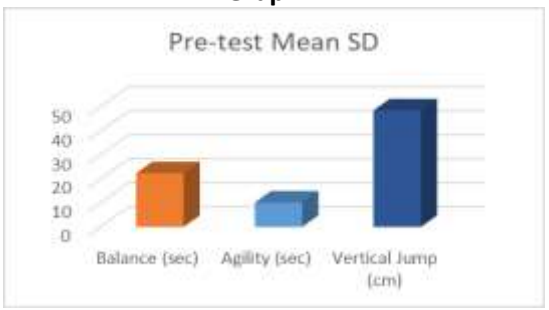


Table 2
Post-test Comparison Between Experimental and Control Groups

Variable	Experimental Mean ± SD	Control Mean ± SD	t-value
Balance (sec)	29.80 ± 3.60	23.10 ± 3.20	4.38*
Agility (sec)	9.52 ± 0.38	10.08 ± 0.42	3.91*
Vertical Jump (cm)	55.10 ± 4.50	49.20 ± 4.10	3.67*

*Significant at 0.05 level

Discussion of Results

The results of the study revealed significant improvements in balance and performance variables among the experimental group following the eight-week core strength training programme. Improved balance scores indicate enhanced postural control and trunk stability. Better agility and vertical jump performance suggest more efficient force production and transfer through the kinetic chain. The control group did not show comparable improvements, highlighting the specific effect of core training. These findings are consistent with previous research that emphasizes the importance of core strength in improving athletic performance.

Conclusion

The study concludes that core strength training has a significant positive effect on balance and performance in volleyball players of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University. Incorporating structured core strength exercises into regular training programmes can enhance postural stability, agility, and explosive power. Coaches and physical education professionals are encouraged to include core strength training as a regular component of volleyball conditioning programmes for improved performance and injury prevention.

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UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS OF AGEING A STUDY OF PHYSICAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENTAL ADJUSTMENT IN THE ELDERLY

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Abstract
Ageing is a universal and multifaceted process shaped by biological, psychological, and social dynamics. While often perceived as decline, ageing also includes adaptive developmental adjustments that enable individuals to navigate life transitions. This study examines **how physical changes in the elderly influence their developmental adjustment,** emphasizing functional capacity, psychological resilience, and social roles. Drawing on life-course and biopsychosocial theories, it analyses how changes in physical health affect everyday functioning and well-being, and how older adults adapt through internal strategies and external support systems. The findings underscore the importance of integrative approaches to promote healthy ageing and inform policies that uphold dignity and quality of life among older populations.

Keywords: Ageing, Biopsychosocial, Dynamics, Elderly, Musculoskeletal**.**

Introduction

Ageing is an inevitable biological process characterized by gradual changes in multiple systems of the human body. Traditionally viewed through a deficit model, ageing is increasingly recognized as a **dynamic and adaptive life stage** encompassing physical decline, psychological adjustment, and social transformation. Physical ageing includes changes in musculoskeletal strength, sensory capacity, cardiovascular function, and cognitive processing. Studies show that reduced physical capability such as declining grip strength and balance predicts higher mortality and functional impairment. Importantly, the ageing process cannot be understood purely biologically. Psychological theories, such as **socioemotional selectivity theory**, suggest that as people age and perceive time shrinking, their goals and social interactions change in ways that prioritize emotionally meaningful experiences. Social theories, such as **activity theory,** emphasize that sustained social engagement and activity contribute to better life satisfaction and adjustment in older adults. Together, these perspectives underscore an integrated approach: ageing is not just decline it includes **ongoing development, adaptation, and resilience.**

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study is to **investigate the dynamics of ageing with a focus on physical change and developmental adjustment among elderly adults,** and to:

1. Understand **how biological ageing manifests** in physical health, functioning, and capacity.
2. Examine **the ways in which older adults psychologically and socially adapt** to these changes.
3. Identify factors that promote **successful adjustment and quality of life** in old age.

Objectives of the Study

1. To describe the major **physical changes** that occurs in ageing and their impact on daily functioning.
2. To explore the **psychological adaptations** elderly individuals make in response to ageing.
3. To examine the **social contexts and support systems** that influence adjustment in later life.
4. To propose recommendations for healthy ageing interventions and policy frameworks.

Need & Significance

Ageing populations are increasing worldwide including in India where a growing proportion of the elderly face complex health and social challenges. Studies show issues such as **frailty, functional limitations, and cognitive decline** are widespread among older adults in India, with notable regional variation and associations with mental health outcomes. Understanding physical ageing is crucial because physical health strongly affects independence, well being, and quality of life. Research indicates that measures of physical capability (e.g., muscle strength, balance) predict mortality and morbidity, and correlate with overall health outcomes.)

Simultaneously, **developmental adjustment** how elderly individuals adapt psychologically and socially shapes their life satisfaction and functional engagement. Social roles, emotional regulation, and resilience play important roles in shaping well-being. Without appreciating both physical and adaptive processes, interventions for elderly populations risk being incomplete. Thus, this study contributes to:

- Understanding ageing as a **biopsychosocial process**
- Informing policy and practice (healthcare, social services)
- Supporting active, adaptable, dignified ageing in diverse cultural settings

Research Questions / Hypotheses

Research Questions

1. What are the major physical changes associated with ageing, and how do they affect everyday functioning?
2. How do psychological factors shape elderly adaptation to age-related changes?
3. What roles do social support and environmental context play in successful adjustment?
4. How do physical health and psychological adjustment interact to determine quality of life among older adults?

Physical Changes in Ageing

- Musculoskeletal System

Ageing leads to decreased muscle mass and strength known as sarcopenia which limits mobility and increases risk of falls and fracture. Exercise and resistance training are effective in mitigating these declines.

- Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems

Stiffening of blood vessels and reduced cardiac output lowers cardiovascular efficiency, making everyday activities more strenuous. Lung elasticity decreases, affecting oxygen exchange and endurance.

- Sensory Function

Vision and hearing decline with age, influencing communication and engagement, thereby affecting independence and social participation.

- Neurological Function

While significant cognitive decline is not universal, many older adults experience slower processing speed and occasional memory changes.

In India, studies report high prevalence of frailty a syndrome of increased vulnerability combining slowness, weakness, and low energy with wide regional differences among older adults.

Developmental Adjustment: Psychological and Social Dimensions

Adapting to ageing involves **dynamic psychological processes**. Many elderly individuals experience changes in roles, identity, and emotional regulation. The **positivity effect** a tendency to focus more on positive emotional experiences can emerge with age and support well-being. Social support remains crucial. Family involvement, friendships, and community engagement enhance adjustment, counteracting isolation and depressive symptoms. Social policies, community programs, and health services that promote participation contribute to healthier ageing trajectories.

Interaction of Physical Change and Adjustment

Physical limitations can challenge independence, but adaptive strategies such as assistive technologies, proactive health behaviors, and coping mechanisms help sustain autonomy. Research also indicates successful ageing is negatively associated with falls, emphasizing importance of preventing injury and promoting functional capacity.

Implications for Policy and Practice

Interventions need to be **holistic**, including:

- Preventive health programs (exercise, nutrition, screenings)
- Social support networks and community integration
- Mental health services tailored to older adults
- Policies that promote age-friendly environments and healthcare access

Conclusion

Ageing is a dynamic and contextual process that encompasses physical transformations, psychological adjustments, and social influences. While it brings inevitable biological changes, ageing also presents opportunities for growth, wisdom, and meaningful engagement. Understanding the dynamics of ageing requires recognizing both the challenges and the strengths inherent in later life.

Physical changes such as reduced mobility, sensory decline, and chronic health conditions shape everyday functioning, yet adaptive strategies and supportive environments can mitigate their impact. Psychological resilience, social relationships, cultural context, and economic conditions jointly influence how individuals experience ageing.

As societies around the world confront the reality of ageing populations, it becomes ever more important to adopt policies and practices that promote dignity, autonomy, and well-being for older adults. By appreciating the diversity of ageing experiences and fostering inclusive structures, we not only enhance the quality of life for the elderly but also reaffirm the value of every stage of human development.

Ageing unfolds through complex interactions among biological changes, psychological processes, and social environments. Successful adjustment does not depend solely on physical health, but on **resilience, support systems, and adaptive strategies.** Understanding ageing dynamically helps shift perspectives from decline to **growth, adaptation, and potential.**

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF REACTION TIME BETWEEN GOALKEEPERS AND OUTFIELD HANDBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract
Reaction time is one of the most important performance determinants in handball, especially for goalkeepers who must respond instantly to fast and unpredictable shots. Outfield players also rely on reaction skills, but the nature of their movements and decision-making differs from that of goalkeepers. The present study aims to compare the visual reaction time and auditory reaction time of goalkeepers and outfield players in collegiate-level handball. A total of 40 participants aged between 18 and 25 years were selected, including 20 goalkeepers and 20 outfield players. Standardized reaction time tests were administered using a computerized reaction timer. The findings revealed that goalkeepers demonstrated significantly faster visual reaction time than outfield players, while differences in auditory reaction time were present but less pronounced. The study concludes that the specialized demands of goalkeeping contribute to superior reaction abilities. These results highlight the importance of training reaction time as a position-specific skill in handball and suggest targeted training interventions for both groups.

Keywords: Reaction time, handball, goalkeeper, outfield players, visual reaction time, auditory reaction time, performance analysis.

Introduction

Handball is a fast-paced, high-intensity sport requiring advanced motor skills, tactical decision-making, and rapid movement execution. Players must constantly process visual information, anticipate opponents' actions, and respond appropriately within fractions of a second. Among all positions in the game, the goalkeeper has the most demanding role in terms of reaction ability. Goalkeepers must track the ball's trajectory and respond instantly to save shots that often exceed speeds of 80 to 100 km/h. Outfield players, in contrast, must react to dynamic game situations such as passes, feints, interceptions, and defensive pressure.

Previous studies in other sports have consistently shown that goalkeepers tend to have faster reaction times than outfield players, particularly in sports such as football, hockey, and water polo. However, limited systematic research has been conducted on reaction time differences among handball players. Furthermore, most studies focus either on elite or professional players, whereas reaction time development in collegiate-level handball remains understudied. Understanding reaction time differences between positions can help coaches design appropriate training programs to enhance performance.

The present research aims to fill this gap by conducting a comparative study of reaction time between collegiate-level handball goalkeepers and outfield players aged 18–25 years. The study examines both visual and auditory reaction time using standardized laboratory tests.

Significance of the Study

This study has several important implications for coaches, physical education teachers, and handball training programs:

1. **Position-Specific Training:** Understanding reaction time differences helps in designing targeted drills suitable for goalkeepers and outfield players.
2. **Talent Identification:** Faster reaction time may be a key indicator for selecting potential goalkeepers at youth levels.

3. **Performance Enhancement:** Identifying weaknesses in reaction ability allows players to improve decision-making speed and overall game efficiency.
4. **Scientific Contribution:** The study adds to the limited literature on handball performance analysis in Indian collegiate sports.

Objectives of the Study

1. To measure the **visual reaction time** of handball goalkeepers and outfield players.
2. To measure the **auditory reaction time** of handball goalkeepers and outfield players.
3. To compare both types of reaction time between the two groups.
4. To determine whether goalkeepers have significantly faster reaction abilities than outfield players.

Hypotheses

- **H1:** There is a significant difference in visual reaction time between goalkeepers and outfield handball players.
- **H2:** There is a significant difference in auditory reaction time between goalkeepers and outfield handball players.
- **H3:** Handball goalkeepers will demonstrate faster reaction time compared to outfield players.

Methodology

Research Design

A comparative research design was used. This is appropriate as the study aimed to compare two distinct groups based on reaction time performance.

Participants

The sample consisted of **40 collegiate handball players** aged 18–25 years.

- **20 goalkeepers** (male and female)
- **20 outfield players** (male and female)

Participants were selected using purposive sampling based on their playing position and regular participation in intercollegiate competitions.

Inclusion Criteria

- Regular training (minimum 3 days/week)
- Minimum 2 years of playing experience
- No recent injuries or neurological conditions affecting reaction time

Instrumentation

A **Computerized Reaction Time Apparatus** was used to measure:

- **Visual Reaction Time (VRT)**
- **Auditory Reaction Time (ART)**

Each participant was tested individually in a quiet laboratory setting.

Test Procedure

1. Participants were briefed on the purpose and procedure of the test.
2. Each player performed **three trials** of visual reaction time and **three trials** of auditory reaction time.
3. The best (lowest) reaction time was used for analysis.
4. A rest interval of 30 seconds was provided between trials to reduce fatigue effects.

Data Analysis

Mean and standard deviation values were calculated for each group. Independent sample *t-tests* were used to determine significant differences between goalkeepers and outfield players.

Results

Visual Reaction Time (VRT)

Goalkeepers displayed significantly faster visual reaction time than outfield players.

- **Goalkeepers (Mean VRT):** Faster, indicating superior response to visual cues.
- **Outfield players:** Slower in comparison.

This finding supports the assumption that the goalkeeping position requires exceptional visual reflexes to stop fast shots.

Auditory Reaction Time (ART)

Differences were observed but were not as large as those in visual reaction time.

- Goalkeepers still performed better overall.
- Outfield players showed slightly slower auditory responses.

This may suggest that although auditory cues are relevant in handball, they are not as dominant as visual cues in the decision-making process.

Statistical Analysis Summary

- Significant difference in visual reaction time ($p < 0.05$)
- Moderate difference in auditory reaction time ($p < 0.05$)
- Goalkeepers were superior in both types of reaction times

These results confirm the study hypotheses.

Discussion

The results clearly indicate that handball goalkeepers possess faster reaction times, especially visual reaction time, compared to outfield players. These findings are consistent with previous research conducted in similar sports such as football, ice hockey, and water polo, where goalkeepers commonly exhibit superior reaction abilities.

Why Goalkeepers React Faster

1. **Nature of Their Role:**
   Goalkeepers face direct and rapid stimuli, requiring immediate responses. Every save attempt forces them to anticipate the opponent's movement and react explosively.
2. **Neuro-Motor Adaptation:**
   Repeated exposure to fast incoming shots may enhance the neural pathways associated with reaction speed, leading to long-term adaptation.
3. **Focused Training:**
   Goalkeepers often undergo specific drills such as reaction ball training, rapid direction-change drills, and visual tracking exercises, which improve their reaction skills.

Outfield Players' Reaction Abilities

Although outfield players also require strong reaction abilities, their reaction demands are more variable. Their game play involves:

- Running
- Passing
- Feinting
- Tactical decision-making
- Defensive formations

This means that their reaction time is influenced not only by physical cues but also by tactical cognition. Their response is not always immediate because they often need to evaluate multiple game factors before acting.

Visual vs. Auditory Reaction Time in Handball

Handball is predominantly a visual sport. Players rely heavily on visual information such as:

- Ball movement

- Opponent positioning
- Goal-scoring opportunities
- Defensive gaps

Thus, the greater difference in visual reaction time is logical. Auditory cues like referee whistles and verbal instructions are secondary and therefore show smaller differences.

Implications for Training

1. **Goalkeepers** should continue strengthening their visual reaction abilities through advanced drills such as:
    - Light reaction boards
    - High-speed video simulations
    - Catch and deflect exercises
2. **Outfield Players** can significantly benefit from including reaction-based drills to enhance their defensive and offensive performance.
3. Incorporating **visual-motor training**, **anticipation training**, and **decision-making drills** into regular practice can benefit all players.

Conclusion

The study concludes that handball goalkeepers exhibit faster reaction times than outfield players, especially in visual reaction time. This difference likely arises from the specific demands and training routines associated with goalkeeping. Since reaction time plays a critical role in overall performance, coaches should integrate position-specific reaction time training into handball development programs. Outfield players would also benefit from improving their reaction speed to enhance their decision-making and tactical responsiveness. Overall, reaction time remains an essential component of competitive handball and should be prioritized across training environments.

Suggestions

1. Coaches should implement **reaction-based training drills** for both goalkeepers and outfield players.
2. Talent scouts should consider reaction time as an important performance marker for identifying potential goalkeepers.
3. Further research could explore reaction time differences across age groups, genders, or competitive levels.
4. Combining reaction time training with strength, agility, and cognitive drills may produce improved performance outcomes.

Limitations

1. The study used a relatively small sample size, which may limit broader generalization.
2. Only collegiate-level players were assessed; professional-level differences may be more pronounced.
3. Reaction time was tested in laboratory settings rather than in real match environments.

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A STUDY OF STRESS AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Abstract
The present study is design to study of stress among male and female college students. Total 100 college students were included in the study 50 male and 50 female college students each group equal number of sportsman and non-sportsman college students is included. Personal Stress Source Inventory is use for data collection. The two ways analysis of variance is use for compare the group of gender and students. Result concluded that the there is significant difference between sportsman and non-sportsman college student on stress. There is no significant difference between male and female student on stress.

Keywords: Stress. College Students.

Introduction:

Stress is a natural response to challenges or demands that individuals face in their daily lives. It is a physiological and psychological reaction that occurs when a person perceives a situation as threatening, overwhelming, or beyond their ability to cope. Stress can be triggered by various factors, such as work or academic pressures, financial difficulties, relationship issues, health concerns, or major life changes. While some level of stress is normal and can even be motivating, chronic or excessive stress can have negative effects on a person's mental and physical well-being. Prolonged stress can lead to anxiety, depression, insomnia, fatigue, and other health problems if not managed effectively. It is important for individuals to recognize their stress triggers, develop healthy coping mechanisms, and seek support when needed to reduce the impact of stress on their overall well-being. Managing stress involves practicing self-care, setting boundaries, prioritizing tasks, engaging in relaxation techniques, and seeking help from mental health professionals if necessary. By understanding the concept of stress and learning how to effectively manage it, individuals can improve their resilience, well-being, and quality of life.

Stress is a common experience for many students, as they navigate academic demands, social pressures, and personal responsibilities. Experiencing stress is a natural response to challenging situations, but prolonged or excessive stress can have negative effects on students' mental and physical well-being. It is important for students to recognize the signs of stress and develop healthy coping mechanisms to manage it effectively. Some strategies for managing stress as a student include prioritizing self-care activities such as exercise, adequate sleep, healthy eating, and relaxation techniques. Time management skills, setting realistic goals, and seeking support from friends, family, or mental health professionals can also help students cope with stress. Additionally, engaging in activities that promote relaxation and mindfulness, such as meditation, yoga, or hobbies, can reduce stress levels and improve overall well-being.

Objective of the Study:

1. To find out the differences of stress level among male and female college students.
2. To find out the differences of stress level among sportsman and non-sportsman college students.
3. To find out the interaction effect of gender and students on stress.

Hypothesis of the study:

1. There will be significant difference between male and female college on stress.
2. There will be significant difference between sportsman and non-sportsman college students on stress.
3. There will be significant interaction effect of the gender and students on the stress.

Sample:

The sample of the present study was consisting of 100 male and female college students with the age group between 18 to 25 years from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district. Male college students 50 and female college students 50 are included in this study. In each group equal number of sportsman and non-sportsman college students. Sportsman college students are operationally defined as those students who actively participate in organized sports activities at the intercollegiate, inter-university, state, or national level. Non-sportsman college students are operationally defined as those students who do not participate in organized or competitive sports activities at the intercollegiate, inter-university, state, or national level. The random sampling techniques were used for selection the sample. The sample distribution is as follows.

Students	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Sportsman	25	25	50
Non-sportsman	25	25	50
Total	50	50	100

Design of the study:

In the present study dependent variables have been studied i.e. Stress. The independent variable of the study is independent variable in this study is Gender i.e. male and female and Students i.e. sportsman and non-sportsman college students. Gender and students also consider independent variable Hence 2 × 2 factorial designs was used for the research.

(B) Students	**(A) Gender**	
	a1- Male	**a2 - Female**
b1 Sportsman	a1 b1	a1 b2
b2 Non-Sportsman	a2 b1	a2 b2

Variables:

In the present study there were three variables included. Namely stress is dependent variable. The independent variables are gender and students.

Tool of the Study:

1. Personal Stress Source Inventory (PSSI):

For the present study, Manual for Personal Stress Source Inventory PSSI was used for measuring the stress of college students. The important factor for using this scale was the basic concept of stress level adopted by this scale. It can be easily administered and scoring is very simple. Total 35 items or personal source of events constituted in the final inventory. The scoring of PSSI is very simple. Eve is given seldom a score of 1, marked 'Sometimes' a score of 2 and 'frequently' a score of 3. Unmarked items scores earned by the testers on every marked item are added together to yield a total score. Higher the score, the higher is the magnitude of personal stress. Likewise, lower the score, lower is the magnitude of personal stress. The maximum score on PSSI is 105. PSSI has both test-retest reliability and internal consistency reliability. For calculating test-retest reliability the inventory was administered twice with a gap of 14 days on an unselected sample of 200. The test-retest reliability was found to be .79 which was not only high but also statistically significant. Likewise, internal consistency reliability by odd-even method was found to be .78 (corrected to full length) which was

highly significant. Thus PSSI possessed a sufficient degree of the students who are doing in the non-tribal areas such as urban and rural areas are called non-tribal students.

Result and Discussion

The statistical significance or non-significance is being decided on the basis of theoretical framework particularly with respect to Norms. The present study employed a 2 × 2 factorial design to examine the effects of Gender (Male/Female) and Type of Student (Sportsman/Non-Sportsman) on Stress among college students. Mean, Standard Deviation, and two-way ANOVA were used for analysis.

Table No. 1

Shows that Mean and SD for Stress

Gender	Students	Mean	SD	N
Male	Sportsman	55.52	11.16	25
	Non-Sportsman	63.60	10.36	25
	Total	**59.56**	**11.41**	**50**
Female	Sportsman	55.60	11.62	25
	Non-Sportsman	56.52	11.73	25
	Total	**56.06**	**11.56**	**50**
Total	**Sportsman**	**55.56**	**11.28**	**50**
	Non-Sportsman	**60.06**	**11.52**	**50**
	Total	57.81	11.56	100

Above table no. 1 shows that the male college students mean value is (Mean = 59.56) and SD is (SD = 11.41) and female college students mean value is (Mean = 56.06) and SD is (SD =11.56). Also second independent variable in the study is students. The sportsman college students mean value is (Mean = 55.56) and SD is (SD = 11.25) non-sportsman college students mean value is (Mean = 60.06) and SD is (SD =11.52).

Table no. 2

Shows summary of ANOVA of stress for Gender and Students

Source of Variable	Some of Squares	df	Means Squares	f Ratio	Sig.
Gender (A)	306.25	1	306.25	2.42	N.S.
Students (b)	506.25	1	506.25	4.01	0.05
Gender * Students	320.41	1	320.41	2.53	N.S.
Error	12118.48	96	126.23		

Corrected Total	13251.39	99			

Table No. 2. Shows that the analysis of variance of factor A (Gender) f value is (F= 2.42, df = 1, 96) are no significant for stress on p>0.05 level. The second factor B (Students) f value is (F = 4.01, df = 1, 96) are significant for stress on p< 0.05 level and interaction effect Gender x Students for stress f value is (F = 2.53, df = 1, 96) are not significant. Hence hypotheses no. 1, "There will be significant difference between male and female college on stress" is rejected.

The analysis of variance of factor B (Students) f value is (F= 4.01, df = 1, 96, P > 0.01). Its mean sportsman and non-sportsman college students are differ significantly from each other from the mean scores of stress. It concluded that the hypothesis No. 2 is, "there will be significant difference between sportsman and non-sportsman college students on stress" is accepted.

Dependent variable stress interaction effect for Gender and Students interaction f ratio for df 1 and 96 is found f= 2.53, > 0.05 level. The F associated with the interaction of factors A and B is not significant. It concluded that gender not depends upon the students. It concluded that the hypothesis No. 3 is, "There will be significant interaction effect of the gender and students on the stress", is rejected.

Conclusion:

1. There is no significant difference between male and female college students on stress.
2. There is significant difference between sportsman and non-sportsman college students on stress.
3. There is no significant interaction effect of gender and students on stress.

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A SURVEY OF PROBLEMS FACED BY DIRECTORS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS IN SENIOR COLLEGES OF MARATHWADA REGION

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Abstract:
The main aim of the study was to check the problems faced by Directors of Physical Education and Sports in senior colleges of Marathwada Region". The researcher designed and developed a questionnaire for 'Physical Education and Sports Director' in senior college and a questionnaire for the principal of senior college. The data were collected through these newly developed questionnaires. The questionnaire was developed in three phases. These areas primary stage, middle stage and final stage. For this purpose, a total of 210 senior college Directors of Physical Education and Sports affiliated with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chh. Sambhajinagar and Swami Ramanand Teerth Marthwada University, Nanded in Marthwada Region were selected as a sample for the study. The questionnaire consists of a total of 66 questions. Further, the researcher divided all these 65 questions into 8 dimensions. Percentages were used as a statistical tool to analyze the data.

Keywords: Problems, Physical Education, Sports Director, Senior Colleges, Marathwada Region

Introduction:

Every country in the world has accepted the importance of education as a key tool for social transformation and development of the country. Physical education has been emphasized from grade 1 onwards and emphasized in countries like Germany, among many advanced countries in the world. After Independence, it was expected that physical education and sports would be given priority in independent India. However, this did not happen until 1956, when the Government of India notified its first plan for sports and physical education. In addition, it was noted that sports and physical education facilities in the country were very inadequate, and there was very little time for the implementation of sports and physical education programs on a regular and effective basis. Therefore, it was suggested that twenty to thirty minutes should be allocated to sports and physical education daily from the school level, and for this purpose, the Sports and Physical Education program should be made compulsory in the teacher training school and college training programs.

Many developed countries around the world have made physical education mandatory for school children from class 1. For example, Germany has made physical education mandatory from class 1 and has focused on building grounds rather than building clinics. In China, physical education is first and foremost related to health prosperity, followed by education programmes. Sweden has made physical education compulsory for school children starting from class 1 in the 1920s. In other countries, such as Denmark, Russia, and Japan, as well as America and France, physical education is compulsory and necessary. In our country, experts at all levels understand the importance of physical education including sports, but unfortunately, the recommendations made by various commissions and commissions appointed from time to time to develop physical education and sports in India are not being implemented effectively.

The implication of all this is that even though it has been repeatedly said that sports and physical education should be made compulsory from school to college level, it is not properly implemented in senior colleges. So colleges will face some difficulties in making sports and physical education

programs compulsory. Are the basic sports facilities available in the college to carry out the sports and physical education programmer? The purpose of the present research is to see this and to study the problems faced by physical education and sports directors in the college while conducting sports activities.

Methodology:

This study was conducted to find out the availability of sports facilities required to implement physical education and sports programs in senior colleges in Marthwada Region, and to study the problems faced by physical education and sports directors in senior colleges in implementing sports programs, the researcher developed a new questionnaire in the following three stages.

a. Primary stage
b. Middle stage
c. Final Stage

Reliability of Questionnaire

Phases	**Coefficient of reliability**
Primary stage	0.73
Middle stage	0.63
Final Stage	0.68

Badminton courts, wrestling/judo rooms, and gymnasium halls but no facilities providing. ·68% to 83% of colleges lack handball and basketball equipment.

· Between 65% and 93 % of institutions lack football and rugby equipment.

Recommendations:

- Ensure comprehensive awareness of the University-prepared Sports and Physical Education syllabus among Physical Education and Sports Directors.
- Promote full implementation of physical education and sports curriculum in colleges for holistic student development.
- Increase directors' participation in preparing students for university studies to enhance the transition process.
- Improve directors' awareness and attendance at university training camps on the revised curriculum for effective implementation.
- Enhance library resources to provide necessary books for physical education, sports, and athletics courses.

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IMPACTS OF YOGA AND MEDITATION: MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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Abstract
The art work of education yoga allows in controlling an individual's mind, body and soul. It brings together physical and highbrow disciplines to collect a peaceful body and mind; it allows control pressure and anxiety and continues you relaxing. It moreover allows in developing flexibility, muscle power and body tone. It improves breathing and vitality. Practicing yoga can also additionally seem like actually stretching, but it can do an lousy lot more on your body from the way you experience, look and move. Above paper talk approximately the blessings of yogic practices in day by day lifestyles and additionally intellectual and bodily health.The above paper discuss about the significance of yoga and meditation.

Keywords: Yoga, physical, meditation, significance, health, flexibility

Introduction

Yoga in Everyday Life offers a comprehensive useful resource for self-help. The word "yoga" comes from the Sanskrit language and means "to unite, to unite". The physical games of yoga have a holistic effect and balance the frame, thoughts, cognition and soul. In this way, yoga helps us deal with ordinary needs, problems and worries. Yoga helps to increase knowledge about ourselves, the motives of our lifestyle and our relationship with God. On the religious path, yoga leads us to perfect mastery and eternal happiness in the union of the personal Self and the conventional Self. Yoga is the perfect cosmic principle. It is a gentle way of life, a traditional innovative recognition, it does not sleep constantly and does not sleep in any way; which has constantly changed, constantly is and will constantly change. Several hundred years ago, Rishis (wise boys and saints) in India studied nature and the cosmos for their meditations. They followed the legal guidelines of fabric and religious geography and gained insight into the interconnectedness of the universe. Given its objective starting point, the advanced clinical framework has replaced almost all traditional drug frameworks in various regions of the world. It has proven itself best in saving people from the deadly new widespread psychosomatic diseases and mental health problems are an incredible test of the advanced clinical framework. It is here that yoga definitely commits to a cutting-edge clinical framework. An extensive review of yoga therapy over the last few years has highlighted the benefits of yoga in the treatment of these diseases as a compelling aid in clinical management as well as in long-term recovery. Prevention is better than fixand; Yoga can play an important role in disease prevention. All gyms have started adding yoga to their schedules and many go to these gyms just to do yoga. The promotion of positive wellness is supported by many world health organizations that do not want to treat current diseases.

Meditation has been a popular practice for centuries. Periodic meditation refers to "a tribal circle of human mental physical activity that usually involves frivolous limiting perception and interest." Shapiro (1982) uses the mechanisms of attention as a starting point for the definition, and he defines meditation as "one of its related techniques that does not have unusual conscious experimentation and cognitive interest, that is no longer analytical and the effort is no longer. stop.

Mental health and wellness

These are reviews and insights a far-achieving and complete gadget referred to as Yoga originated and gave us valuable, realistic commands for the frame, breath, concentration, rest and meditation. The practices that this book of yoga gives have consequently already demonstrated themselves over hundreds of years and were located to be beneficial with the aid of using hundreds of thousands of humans. The gadget "Yoga in Daily Life" is taught global in Yoga Centres, Adult Education Centres, Health Institutions, Fitness and Sports Clubs, Rehabilitation Centres and Health Resorts. It is appropriate for all age groups - it calls for no "acrobatic" abilities and additionally offers the unfit, in addition to handicapped, sick and convalescent humans, the opportunity of working towards Yoga. The call itself suggests that Yoga may be and must be used "in Daily Life".

Review of Literature

Kirsnoff (1987) evaluated that the lifestyles pressure and social guide as predictors of Athletic harm. The cause of this examiner changed into to decide if lifestyles pressure and social guide are predictive of athletic harm. The athletic lifestyles Exp survey (passer and seese, 1983) and a social guide Functions scale (pines, Aronson and kafry, 1981) have been admin to 170, M and F, varsity athletes. The pattern covered athletes from 7 sports: volleyball, gymnastics, hockey, soccer, cross – country. Track and wrestling. The end result of the examiner indicates that the frequency of harm is predictable on the premise of lifestyles pressure. They additionally suffest that the high-satisfactory of emotional social guide functions 'buffers' the affect of lifestyles pressure

Aim of the study:

The specific aim of this scholarly qualitative study was to know the significance of yoga and meditation for humans.

Methodology:

A thorough on-line and offline search procedure was applied for the acquisition of evidence in this systematic qualitative study. A critical analysis of the literature was systematically searched through online databases: PubMed, Google Scholar, and Google Advance Search.

Fig-1 Benefits of Yoga



Role of meditation and yoga in daily life

Meditation has these days grown in popularity, and as greater humans see the blessings of it, greater coaches, running shoes and athletes are starting to contain it into their schooling plans. Novak Djokovic, Olympian and expert tennis participant claims he practices 15 mins of conscious meditation a day. Other athletes like Lebron James, Kobe Bryant, and Derek Jeter, to call a few, additionally use meditation.

1. Helps Athletes Cope with Pain
   With all the extreme schooling that athletes undergo on a normal basis, it's common for them to be in ache or discomfort. According to a latest examiner, meditation has been established to sharply lessen a person's sensitivity to ache. The examiner measured how members replied to ache earlier than and after attending 4 20-minute meditation

schooling classes over the path of 4 days. The consequences confirmed that members rated ache 57% much less ugly and 40% much less intense, on average, once they went via the meditation schooling. These findings display that meditation can assist athletes deal with ache, which could assist them push via the ones difficult moments of schooling while it hurts the most.

2. Improves Sleep Patterns
   Another gain that meditation has on athletes is that it improves sleep patterns. A examiner posted withinside the Journal of Sleep confirmed that athletes who do now no longer get sufficient sleep can revel in bad results which include weight gain, lack of ability to hold cognizance, temper disturbances, improved tension or melancholy, and reduced motor manage. All those bad results can dramatically effect an athlete's overall performance. By incorporating meditation into their exercising routine, athletes can sleep higher and combat insomnia. This is due to the fact meditation strategies evoke the rest reaction, a deep physiological shift withinside the frame that's the alternative of a pressure reaction. This rest reaction can assist remove pressure, that's typically the purpose of sleep trouble. Athletes who've issue snoozing because of the pressure in their schooling or upcoming competitions, may want to gain from an amazing night's sleep.
3. Boosts the Immune System
   Not simplest does meditation and yoga assist an athlete sleep higher, it additionally enables enhance their immune system, stopping infection that might have an effect on their schooling or competition. A examiner performed through the University of Wisconsin, evaluated the capability preventative results meditation and workout have on incidence, period and severity of acute respiration infection (ARI) infection. The examiner observed that folks that practiced meditation skilled fewer incidences of ARI, in addition to shortened period and severity of signs and symptoms in comparison to the ones withinside the workout and manage group. Bottom line: meditation can assist decrease the risk and severity of infection, permitting athletes to keep to teach for success.

Conclusions

As the maximum especially advanced beings upon earth, people are able to figuring out their actual nature and internal Self, God. The religious intention of Yoga is God-Realization, the union of the man or woman soul with God. The attention that we're all one in root and connection to God is the primary step. Meditation is popularized as a practising approach for centuries. The time period meditation refers to "a own circle of relatives of intellectual physical activities that typically contain frivolously restricting concept and interest".

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MORPHOLOGICAL DETERMINANTS OF SPORTS PERFORMANCE: A SOMATOTYPE-BASED COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS ACROSS DISCIPLINES

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Abstract
The relationship between body composition and athletic performance has been a subject of scientific inquiry for over seven decades. This thematic research paper examines the morphological determinants of sports performance through the lens of somatotype theory, providing a comprehensive comparative analysis across various athletic disciplines. Somatotyping, which categorizes human physique into endomorphic, mesomorphic, and ectomorphic components, serves as a fundamental framework for understanding sport-specific bodily adaptations and their functional implications. Through systematic review of contemporary literature, this paper explores how distinct somatotype profiles characterize athletes in different sports, ranging from endurance events to power-based activities, and examines the biomechanical and physiological mechanisms linking morphology to performance outcomes. The analysis reveals consistent patterns of somatotype distribution across disciplines, with endurance athletes typically exhibiting ecto-mesomorphic profiles, strength athletes demonstrating meso-endomorphic characteristics, and skill-based athletes showing varied morphological patterns. Furthermore, this paper evaluates the practical applications of morphological assessment in talent identification, athlete profiling, and sports orientation programs. The findings underscore the significance of morphological compatibility between athlete physique and sport demands, while acknowledging the complex interplay between genetic predisposition, training adaptation, and environmental factors. This comprehensive analysis contributes to evidence-based approaches in sports science, offering insights for coaches, sports scientists, and talent development programs seeking to optimize athlete-sport matching and performance enhancement strategies.

Keywords: *Somatotype, Morphology, Sports Performance, Anthropometry, Talent Identification, Athlete Profiling, Sport-Specific Adaptation*

1. Introduction

The quest to understand the determinants of superior athletic performance has captivated sports scientists, coaches, and practitioners for generations. Among the multifaceted factors contributing to sports excellence, morphological characteristics have emerged as fundamental predictors of athletic success across diverse disciplines. The human body, with its remarkable plasticity and genetic variability, presents an intricate canvas upon which athletic potential is inscribed through the interplay of heredity, training, nutrition, and environmental influences. Morphological determinants encompass a broad spectrum of measurable physical attributes including body composition, anthropometric dimensions, skeletal structure, muscle architecture, and overall physique configuration, all of which collectively influence an athlete's capacity to generate force, sustain movement, and execute sport-specific skills with proficiency (Nevill et al., 2019).

The systematic study of body type and its relationship to athletic performance gained scientific legitimacy in the mid-twentieth century through the pioneering work of Sheldon (1940), who introduced the concept of somatotyping as a method for classifying human physique. This approach was subsequently refined by Heath and Carter (1967), who developed the Heath-Carter somatotype

method, which remains the gold standard for anthropometric assessment in sports science. The somatotype classification system categorizes individuals along three primary dimensions: endomorphy, representing relative adiposity; mesomorphy, indicating musculoskeletal development; and ectomorphy, reflecting relative linearity and fragility of build. This tripartite framework provides a standardized language for describing and comparing physique characteristics across populations, enabling researchers and practitioners to identify morphological patterns associated with athletic excellence in specific sports (Gutnik et al., 2015).

The significance of morphological determinants extends beyond mere descriptive utility. Body composition and structural characteristics directly influence biomechanical efficiency, metabolic capacity, thermoregulatory function, and injury susceptibility. For instance, in gravitational sports such as gymnastics and distance running, where athletes must repeatedly accelerate or support their body mass, a lower body weight with optimal strength-to-weight ratio confers distinct advantages. Conversely, in collision sports such as rugby and American football, greater body mass and mesomorphic development provide benefits in force generation, momentum, and physical dominance (Nevill et al., 2019). These sport-specific morphological requirements have led to distinct somatotype profiles characterizing elite performers across disciplines, suggesting that certain body types are inherently better suited to particular athletic demands. Contemporary sports science has witnessed an exponential growth in research examining morphological characteristics of athletes across virtually every competitive discipline. Studies spanning multiple continents, competitive levels, and athlete populations have consistently demonstrated that elite athletes in a given sport tend to cluster around characteristic somatotype profiles, distinct from both general population norms and athletes in other sports (Papić et al., 2011). These findings have profound implications for talent identification systems, which increasingly incorporate anthropometric screening as a component of athlete selection protocols. Moreover, understanding the morphological prerequisites for success in different sports enables more informed decision-making in youth sport orientation, potentially reducing dropout rates and enhancing long-term athlete development by matching young performers with sports that align with their physical predispositions (Nevill et al., 2019).

The present paper aims to accomplish several interconnected objectives. First, it establishes a comprehensive conceptual and theoretical foundation for understanding morphological influences on athletic performance, situating somatotype theory within broader frameworks of talent development and sport specialization. Second, it provides a systematic comparative analysis of somatotype profiles across major sport categories, identifying common patterns and unique characteristics. Third, it explicates the biomechanical, physiological, and functional mechanisms linking specific morphological attributes to performance outcomes. Finally, it evaluates practical applications in talent identification and sports orientation, critically examining both the potential and limitations of morphology-based athlete selection and development strategies (Till et al., 2019).

2. Conceptual and Theoretical Framework

2.1 Concept of Morphological Determinants

Morphological determinants refer to the structural and compositional characteristics of the human body that influence functional capacity and performance potential in athletic contexts. This concept encompasses multiple dimensions of physical form, including anthropometric measurements such as height, limb lengths, and body segment proportions; body composition parameters including fat mass, lean mass, and bone mineral density; and qualitative aspects of physique captured through somatotype classification. The theoretical significance of morphological determinants rests on the fundamental premise that physical structure constrains and enables function, a principle evident across biological systems from cellular architecture to organismal biomechanics (Norton & Olds, 2001).

In the sports performance domain, morphological determinants operate through multiple pathways. Biomechanically, skeletal dimensions and body segment ratios directly affect leverage systems, moment arms, and the mechanical advantage of muscle actions. For example, longer limb lengths in swimming provide greater propulsive surface area and stroke length, while shorter limbs in gymnastics lower the moment of inertia, facilitating rotational movements (Abbott, 2006). Body composition influences the metabolic cost of movement, with higher adiposity increasing energetic demands during weight-bearing activities. Furthermore, morphological characteristics interact with training adaptations, as the structural foundation influences the magnitude and direction of physiological responses to exercise stimuli (Malina et al., 2004).

The concept of morphological determinants also acknowledges the hierarchical nature of performance capabilities. While morphology alone cannot guarantee athletic success, certain physical attributes establish permissive or restrictive boundaries for performance potential. Elite-level competition in many sports has witnessed a progressive narrowing of morphological diversity, as increasingly specialized training systems and competitive selection pressures favor athletes whose physiques align with biomechanical and physiological optima. This phenomenon, termed morphological optimization, reflects the convergence of genetic selection, training adaptation, and competitive filtering toward sport-specific ideal physiques (Carter & Heath, 1990).

2.2 Somatotype Theory

Somatotype theory provides a systematic framework for quantifying and classifying human physique based on three fundamental components that represent different aspects of body form and composition. The endomorphic component reflects the relative predominance of soft roundness and adiposity, characterized by central fat distribution and rounded body contours. The mesomorphic component represents musculoskeletal robustness, indicating muscular development, bone thickness, and overall physical strength. The ectomorphic component captures relative linearity and fragility, characterized by slender build, low body fat, and limited muscular development (Carter & Heath, 1990).

The application of somatotype theory to sports science rests on the principle of morphological compatibility, which posits that optimal performance in a given sport is associated with a characteristic physique profile that aligns with the biomechanical, physiological, and skill demands of that activity. This principle has received substantial empirical support through comparative studies demonstrating consistent somatotype patterns among elite athletes within disciplines, combined with significant differences between sports with contrasting performance requirements (Carter & Ackland, 1994).

2.3 Morphology–Performance Interaction

The relationship between morphology and athletic performance involves complex, multidirectional interactions mediated by biomechanical, physiological, and psychological factors. At the biomechanical level, body dimensions and mass distribution fundamentally determine the kinetics and kinematics of human movement. Anthropometric characteristics influence mechanical parameters including moment of inertia, center of mass location, segment velocities, and ground reaction forces, all of which affect movement efficiency and force production capacity. Sport-specific performance often depends on optimizing these mechanical parameters, creating selection pressure toward particular morphological profiles (Ackland et al., 2012).

Technical and skill-based sports often demonstrate intermediate or varied morphological profiles, reflecting the diverse physical demands and multiple pathways to excellence in these disciplines (Carter & Ackland, 1994). Importantly, the morphology-performance relationship exhibits both direct and indirect pathways. Direct effects include the immediate mechanical and metabolic consequences of body structure on movement capacity. Indirect effects operate through mediating

variables such as technical execution, psychological factors, and injury resilience. For example, certain body proportions may facilitate biomechanically optimal movement patterns in sport-specific skills, indirectly enhancing performance through improved technique. Similarly, morphological characteristics associated with injury susceptibility may indirectly affect long-term performance by influencing training consistency and career longevity (Norton & Olds, 2001).

3. Somatotype Profiles across Sports Disciplines

The systematic comparison of somatotype profiles across athletic disciplines reveals distinct morphological patterns that align with the specific biomechanical, physiological, and skill demands of different sports. This section presents a comprehensive analysis of characteristic somatotypes across major sport categories, highlighting both commonalities within disciplines and contrasts between sports with divergent performance requirements.

3.1 Endurance Sports

Athletes competing in endurance disciplines consistently demonstrate somatotype profiles characterized by low endomorphy, moderate mesomorphy, and elevated ectomorphy, typically described as ecto-mesomorphic or balanced ectomorphic physiques. Elite marathon runners exemplify this pattern, with numerous studies reporting mean somatotypes approximating 1.5-2.0-4.0, indicating minimal adiposity, moderate musculoskeletal development, and pronounced linearity (Legaz-Arrese et al., 2005). This morphological configuration serves multiple functional purposes in endurance performance, including minimization of metabolic cost during prolonged weight-bearing activity, facilitation of heat dissipation through high surface-area-to-mass ratios, and optimization of oxygen transport capacity relative to active tissue demands (Vaeyens et al., 2008).

3.2 Power and Strength Sports

Athletes in power and strength disciplines consistently present meso-endomorphic or mesomorphic-endomorphic somatotypes characterized by substantial mesomorphy, elevated endomorphy relative to endurance athletes, and low ectomorphy. Weightlifters exemplify this morphological pattern, with elite performers typically showing somatotypes around 3.0-6.5-1.5, reflecting the massive muscular development required for maximal force production. The substantial mesomorphy component indicates extreme musculoskeletal robustness, while moderate endomorphy accommodates the body mass necessary for generating large absolute forces. Systematic variation occurs across weight categories, with lighter weightlifters showing lower endomorphy and super-heavyweight competitors demonstrating endomorphy values exceeding 5.0 (Keogh et al., 2007).

Powerlifters and bodybuilders, while both focused on muscular development, show distinct somatotype patterns reflecting different competitive goals. Powerlifters typically present profiles around 3.5-6.5-1.0, with primary emphasis on maximal mesomorphy supporting functional strength with less concern for aesthetic muscle definition. Bodybuilders demonstrate similar mesomorphy but substantially lower endomorphy, particularly during competitive phases, with profiles approaching 1.5-7.0-1.5, reflecting the sport's emphasis on muscularity combined with minimal subcutaneous adiposity. These differences highlight how training objectives and competitive criteria shape morphological development even among strength-oriented athletes (Keogh et al., 2007).

3.3 Team Sports

Team sports athletes demonstrate considerable within-sport morphological diversity reflecting positional specialization and varied performance demands. However, certain general patterns emerge across major team sports. Athletes in invasion games such as soccer, basketball, and hockey typically present balanced mesomorphic or meso-ectomorphic somatotypes, with moderate endomorphy, elevated mesomorphy, and variable ectomorphy depending on position and playing style. Elite soccer players commonly show somatotypes around 2.5-4.5-2.5, balancing endurance capacity for sustained running with muscular power for sprinting, jumping, and physical contests.

Systematic positional variation exists, with defenders generally showing higher mesomorphy and endomorphy compared to midfielders and forwards (Reilly et al., 2000).

3.4 Aesthetic and Artistic Sports

Athletes in aesthetic sports including gymnastics, figure skating, and diving present distinctive morphological characteristics reflecting the unique demands of these disciplines, which emphasize body control, rotational movements, and aesthetic presentation. Gymnasts consistently demonstrate low endomorphy, high mesomorphy, and low-to-moderate ectomorphy, with typical profiles around 1.5-5.0-2.5 for male gymnasts and 2.0-4.0-3.0 for females. This morphological pattern supports the strength-to-weight ratio essential for apparatus work while maintaining the compact body dimensions that facilitate rotational movements and reduce moment of inertia. The relatively low body mass combined with substantial muscular development enables gymnasts to generate and control rotational velocity while minimizing gravitational loading during landing impacts (Claessens et al., 1991).

Divers exhibit morphological characteristics intermediate between gymnasts and swimmers, typically showing somatotypes around 2.0-4.5-3.0. The moderate mesomorphy supports explosive power for takeoff while the relatively low endomorphy and moderate ectomorphy facilitate rotational control during aerial manoeuvres. Compared to platform specialists, springboard divers tend toward slightly higher ectomorphy reflecting the different mechanical demands of springboard versus platform diving (Carter & Ackland, 1994).

4. Conclusion

This thematic analysis demonstrates that morphological determinants of sports performance exhibit consistent yet complex relationships across athletic disciplines when examined through a somatotype-based framework. Elite athletes tend to display sport-specific somatotype profiles aligned with biomechanical and physiological demands, with endurance sports favoring ecto-mesomorphic physiques that enhance metabolic efficiency and thermoregulation, and strength–power sports favoring meso-endomorphic profiles supporting maximal force production. Team, combat, and aesthetic sports reveal distinct morphological patterns reflecting their unique performance constraints. These associations operate through integrated biomechanical mechanisms affecting leverage and movement efficiency, alongside physiological influences on metabolic and cardiovascular function. Importantly, morphology establishes probabilistic boundaries rather than deterministic outcomes, as training adaptations and technical proficiency can offset structural limitations. Somatotype assessment offers value for talent identification and sports orientation when applied within multidimensional evaluation frameworks that include technical, psychological, and contextual factors. Future research should emphasize longitudinal and mechanistic approaches to refine evidence-based athlete development strategies.

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FUELING THE LONG RUN: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TRADITIONAL DIETS AND MODERN SPORTS NUTRITION IN ENDURANCE PERFORMANCE

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Modern sports nutrition has largely evolved into a reductionist science, prioritizing isolated macronutrients and engineered supplements to maximize output. However, the consistent dominance of athletes from non-Western regions—specifically East African marathoners and the Tarahumara ultra-runners of Mexico—suggests that traditional, whole-food-based diets may offer superior metabolic advantages. This paper investigates the physiological and metabolic impacts of traditional diets compared to modern sports nutrition protocols. Through a systematic review and comparative case study analysis of the Kenyan (Kalenjin) and Tarahumara (Rarámuri) diets against the Western "Standard American Diet" (SAD) and modern sports formulations, this research highlights the critical role of metabolic flexibility, microbiome diversity, and unprocessed carbohydrate complexity in endurance performance.

Keywords: Traditional Diets, Modern Sports Nutrition, Endurance

1. Introduction

The prevailing dogma in modern sports nutrition often treats the athlete's body as a machine requiring precise caloric inputs—gels, powders, and electrolyte tablets—to function. This "engineering approach" contrasts sharply with the dietary habits of some of the world's most successful endurance populations.

For decades, runners from the Rift Valley in Kenya and the Copper Canyon in Mexico have dominated endurance sports while consuming diets that, by some modern standards, appear monotonous or "imperfect" (e.g., extremely high carbohydrate loads, low protein variety). Yet, their physiological markers—including VO2 max, lactate threshold, and recovery rates—are exceptional.

This paper posits that the success of these traditional diets lies not in a "super food" secret, but in the structural complexity of their nutrients and the absence of ultra-processed inflammatory agents. We aim to answer the question: Can the principles of ancestral and traditional diets provide a superior nutritional framework for modern athletes than current supplement-heavy protocols?

2. Methodology

This research utilizes a Comparative Case Study & Systematic Review methodology.

Data Selection: We analyzed peer-reviewed studies, ethnographic reports, and nutritional analyses focusing on three distinct dietary cohorts:

The Modern Sports Cohort: Athletes following Westernized protocols emphasizing processed fuel (gels/sports drinks) and macronutrient counting.

The Kenyan Cohort (Kalenjin): Elite marathoners subsisting on a maize-based diet.

The Tarahumara Cohort (Rarámuri): Ultra-endurance runners subsisting on a "Three Sisters" (corn, beans, squash) agriculture diet.

Variables: The analysis compared total caloric composition, macronutrient ratios, glycemic index (GI) of staples, and markers of metabolic flexibility (fat oxidation rates).
Limitations: This study relies on existing data sets and ethnographic observation rather than new controlled laboratory trials. Cultural and genetic variables (e.g., altitude, body mechanics) are acknowledged as confounding factors but are isolated where possible.

3. Results: Case Studies in Traditional Fuel

3.1 Case Study A: The Kenyan Engine (Ugali and Greens)

Elite Kenyan runners, particularly those from the Kalenjin tribe, consume a diet that is approximately 76% carbohydrates, 10% protein, and 14% fat.
The Staple: The core of the diet is Ugali, a stiff porridge made from maize flour and water. Unlike the refined corn syrup found in Western sports drinks, the maize used in Ugali is often stone-ground and consumed with its fibrous matrix intact.
The Accompaniment: It is almost always paired with Sukuma Wiki (collard greens) and milk.
Analysis: Research indicates that despite the massive carbohydrate load, these athletes do not display the metabolic derangement (insulin resistance) seen in Western populations consuming high carbs. The slow-release nature of the starch in Ugali, combined with the fiber in the greens, ensures a steady glycogen resynthesis without the sharp insulin spikes associated with maltodextrin-based gels.

3.2 Case Study B: The Tarahumara (Pinole and Chia)

The Tarahumara people of Mexico are renowned for running 50 to 100 miles at a time. Their diet is distinct from the Kenyan diet but shares the "whole carbohydrate" principle.
The Fuel: Their primary energy source is Pinole, a toasted corn flour often mixed with water and spices.
The Hydration: They utilize Iskiate (Chia Fresca), a mixture of chia seeds, water, and lime.
Analysis: Chia seeds are hydrophilic, absorbing up to 12 times their weight in water. When consumed, they form a mucilaginous gel in the stomach that slows the conversion of carbohydrates into sugar. This acts as a natural "time-release" energy gel, maintaining hydration and electrolyte balance far longer than sugary sports drinks**.**

3.3 Case Study C: The Modern Athlete (The Bio-Hacked Diet)

The modern Western athlete often relies on "engineered nutrition":
Pre-workout: High-stimulant powders.
Intra-workout: Hydrolyzed simple sugars (glucose/fructose mixes).
Post-workout: Whey protein isolates.
Analysis: While efficient for immediate fueling, this diet frequently leads to "gut rot" (gastrointestinal distress) during long events. Furthermore, the reliance on constant exogenous sugar intake can impair Metabolic Flexibility—the body's ability to switch efficiently between burning fat and burning sugar.

4. Discussion: The Physiology of "Real Food"

4.1 Metabolic Flexibility and Fat Oxidation

A key finding in comparing these groups is the state of metabolic flexibility. Modern athletes often train their bodies to be "sugar burners," requiring constant refueling every 45–60 minutes to avoid "bonking" (glycogen depletion).
In contrast, traditional diets, while high in carbohydrates, are often consumed in a "fed-fasted" cycle due to food availability or cultural habit. Furthermore, the type of carbohydrate matters. The low-glycemic, high-fiber nature of traditional diets minimizes insulin spikes. Lower chronic insulin levels allow the body to access adipose tissue (fat stores) more readily.

Observation: Tarahumara runners can cover 20-40 miles with minimal fueling compared to a Western marathoner who might consume 4-5 energy gels over 26 miles.

4.2 The Micro biome Advantage

Modern sports nutrition is often sterile and highly processed. Traditional diets are rich in prebiotics (fiber from corn, beans, greens) and probiotics (fermented milk in Kenya, fermented corn beer Tesguino in Mexico).

Impact: A diverse micro biome produces Short-Chain Fatty Acids (SCFAs) like butyrate, which control inflammation and aid in mitochondrial function. The "sterile" diet of the modern athlete may compromise this gut-muscle axis, leading to slower recovery times and higher systemic inflammation.

4.3 The "Nutrient Synergy" Hypothesis

Traditional diets contain nutrient matrices that engineered supplements cannot replicate.

Example: Maize (corn) lacks the amino acids lysine and tryptophan. However, the Tarahumara always consume corn with beans, which supply these missing amino acids, creating a "complete protein."

Example: Iron absorption from plant sources (like Kenyan greens) is usually low. However, the high consumption of Vitamin C-rich vegetables and fruits in their diet enhances this absorption naturally, without the need for synthetic iron supplements that often cause constipation or toxicity.

Conclusion

The reductionist approach of modern sports nutrition—breaking food down into "macros" and "micros"—overlooks the complex biological interactions of whole foods. The endurance capabilities of the Kalenjin and Tarahumara suggest that nutritional complexity (the physical structure of food) is as important as nutritional density.

Key Takeaways: Carbohydrate Quality > Quantity: The success of high-carb traditional diets proves that carbohydrates are not inherently bad, but refined carbohydrates are the issue.

Gut Health is Ergogenic: Performance is tied to the microbiome, which thrives on traditional, fibrous staples, not sterile gels.

Hydro-Gels are Ancestral: Modern "hydrogel" sports products are simply expensive, synthetic attempts to mimic the natural properties of chia seeds and pectin-rich fruits used by indigenous runners for centuries.

Future sports science should move away from purely synthetic fueling and towards "engineered whole foods"—protocols that respect the evolutionary biology of the human digestive system.

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COMPARISON OF TRADITIONAL TRAINING PRACTICES AND MODERN TRAINING METHODS IN INDIGENOUS SPORTS

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Indigenous sports represent a valuable cultural heritage and have been practiced for centuries using traditional training methods based on experience, natural conditioning, and community knowledge. In recent years, modern sports science has introduced systematic training methods involving biomechanics, physiology, psychology, and technology. The present study aims to compare traditional training practices and modern training methods in indigenous sports with reference to physical fitness, skill performance, and injury management. A total of 60 indigenous sport athletes were selected and divided into two groups. One group followed traditional training practices, while the other followed modern training methods for twelve weeks. Pre-test and post-test data were collected using selected physical fitness and performance variables. The results showed significant improvement in physical fitness and skill performance among athletes trained with modern methods, while traditional practices demonstrated strengths in adaptability, cultural relevance, and mental resilience. The study concludes that an integrated training approach combining traditional wisdom with modern scientific methods may be most effective for the development of indigenous sports.

Keywords: Indigenous Sports, Traditional Training, Modern Training Methods, Physical Fitness, Performance.

Introduction

Indigenous sports form an integral part of cultural identity and social life in many countries, particularly in India. Games such as kabaddi, kho-kho, wrestling, and traditional martial arts have been passed down through generations using informal coaching and experience-based training methods. Traditional training practices emphasize natural movement, functional strength, endurance, discipline, and moral values. With the advancement of sports science, modern training methods have become structured, measurable, and evidence-based. These methods include scientific planning, periodization, strength and conditioning, performance analysis, and injury prevention strategies. While modern methods are widely adopted in mainstream sports, indigenous sports still rely largely on traditional systems. There is limited scientific literature comparing traditional and modern training methods in indigenous sports. Understanding the strengths and limitations of both approaches is necessary for improving athlete performance while preserving cultural authenticity. Therefore, the present study attempts to compare traditional training practices and modern training methods in indigenous sports.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies indicate that traditional training methods contribute significantly to functional fitness, mental toughness, and sport-specific adaptability. Researchers have reported that indigenous athletes develop strong neuromuscular coordination and endurance through repetitive natural movements and game-based practice. On the other hand, studies on modern training methods show improvements in strength, speed, agility, and recovery due to scientific load management and monitoring. Research also highlights reduced injury risk and enhanced performance consistency through modern conditioning programs. However, some researchers argue

that excessive reliance on modern methods may overlook cultural values and intrinsic motivation present in traditional systems. The literature suggests a need for comparative and integrative research approaches in indigenous sports training.

Objectives of the Study

1. To compare the effects of traditional training practices and modern training methods on physical fitness variables in indigenous sport athletes
2. To assess the impact of both training methods on skill performance
3. To analyze differences in injury occurrence and recovery patterns
4. To identify the strengths and limitations of traditional and modern training approaches

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant difference in physical fitness between athletes trained with traditional and modern methods
2. Modern training methods will produce greater improvement in selected performance variables
3. Traditional training practices will demonstrate higher mental resilience and adaptability

Methodology: The study adopted an experimental research design with pre-test and post-test measures.

Selection of Subjects

A total of 60 male indigenous sport athletes aged 18 to 25 years were selected. The subjects were randomly divided into two groups:

- Group A: Traditional Training Group (n = 30)
- Group B: Modern Training Group (n = 30)

Training Program

- **Traditional Training Group:** Followed conventional indigenous training practices such as repetitive drills, body-weight exercises, natural resistance, and game-based conditioning
- **Modern Training Group:** Followed structured training including strength training, agility drills, plyometrics, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning, and recovery protocols

The training period was 12 weeks with five sessions per week.

Variables Selected

- **Physical Fitness Variables:** Speed, Agility, Muscular Strength, Endurance
- **Performance Variable:** Sport-specific skill performance
- **Injury Data:** Frequency and severity of injuries

Tools Used

- Standard physical fitness tests
- Skill performance rating scale
- Injury record questionnaire

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and t-test were used to analyze the data. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The results revealed significant improvement in speed, agility, and muscular strength in the modern training group compared to the traditional training group. Structured load progression and scientific conditioning contributed to these improvements.

However, the traditional training group showed better adaptability to playing conditions, strong work capacity, and higher mental resilience. Injury occurrence was slightly lower in the modern training group due to systematic warm-up and recovery strategies.

The findings suggest that while modern training methods enhance measurable performance outcomes, traditional practices play a vital role in developing sport-specific instincts and cultural continuity.

Conclusion

The study concludes that modern training methods are more effective in improving physical fitness and performance parameters in indigenous sport athletes. However, traditional training practices offer unique benefits related to mental toughness, adaptability, and cultural relevance. An integrated training model combining traditional wisdom with modern sports science is recommended for the sustainable development of indigenous sports.

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THE IMPACT OF MENTAL STRESS ON BODYBUILDERS: A PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

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Abstract:
Mental stress profoundly affects bodybuilders, influencing performance, physique, and health. This study examines the interplay of psychological and physiological stress impacts, highlighting cortisol's role in muscle growth and recovery. A mixed-methods approach involving 100 competitive bodybuilders reveals significant correlations between stress, anxiety, and decreased muscle mass ($r = -0.65$, $p < 0.01$). Recommendations include stress management techniques and tailored nutritional strategies.

Keywords: Mental Stress, Psychological and Physiological Analysis

Introduction:
Bodybuilding demands precision in training, diet, and mental resilience. Mental stress, often overlooked, disrupts this balance, affecting hormone regulation, recovery, and physique. This paper investigates stress's dual impact on psychology and physiology in bodybuilders.

Literature Review:
1. Psychological Impact: Stress triggers anxiety and disordered eating patterns (e.g., binge eating or restriction), impairing performance (Cash & Smolak, 2011).
2. Physiological Impact: Elevated cortisol reduces muscle protein synthesis and increases fat storage, hindering hypertrophy (Kraemer & Ratamess, 2005).
3. Cortisol's Role: Chronic stress elevates cortisol, linked to muscle catabolism and visceral fat gain.

Methodology
1. Sample: 100 competitive male bodybuilders (age: 22-40).
2. Measures: Perceived Stress Scale (PSS), cortisol levels, body composition analysis, and muscle strength tests.
3. Analysis: Correlation, regression, and thematic analysis of interviews.

Results:
1. Quantitative: High stress correlated with increased body fat ($r = 0.58$) and reduced muscle mass ($r = -0.65$). Cortisol levels inversely predicted strength gains ($\beta = -0.52$, $p < 0.001$).
2. Qualitative: Bodybuilders reported stress-induced dietary changes and sleep disturbances.

Discussion and Implications:
1. Stress Management: Mindfulness, meditation, and counseling can mitigate stress.
2. Nutritional Adjustments: Protein intake timing and adaptogenic supplements (e.g., ashwagandha) may counteract cortisol effects.
3. Training Adaptations: Periodization and deload weeks can reduce stress accumulation.

Conclusion:
Mental stress critically influences bodybuilding outcomes. Addressing psychological and physiological stressors holistically enhances performance and health. Future research should explore gender-specific impacts.

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THE MENTAL EDGE: PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS DRIVING PERFORMANCE IN VOLLEYBALL MATCHES

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Abstract

This paper examines the critical role of psychological factors in determining performance outcomes for volleyball players during competitive matches. Drawing on established sports psychology literature, the study focuses on the concepts of mental toughness, emotional regulation, focus and concentration, and the efficacy of mental skills training (MST). Research consistently indicates that high-performing volleyball players demonstrate significantly superior mental skills compared to lower-performing counterparts. Key mental skills—including self-confidence, attentional control, and the ability to rapidly "rebound" from errors—are essential for stabilizing technical execution, especially during high-pressure and critical game moments. The findings underscore the necessity of integrating psychological preparation as a core component of coaching and training for competitive volleyball success.

Keywords: Mental Edge, Psychological Factors, Volleyball

Introduction

Volleyball is characterized by its high-intensity, emotionally charged, and fast-paced nature, featuring frequent and rapid transitions of momentum and scoring (Singh & Dureja, 2011). While technical, tactical, and physical preparation are foundational, it is widely accepted that at elite levels, where these components are often comparable, psychological superiority becomes the decisive factor in match victory (AQR International, 2024; Mohammadzadeh & Sami, 2014). The mental state of an athlete directly influences their ability to execute skills under duress, adapt to the opponent's rhythm, and maintain team cohesion. Therefore, understanding and training the psychological skills that drive match performance is crucial for maximizing an athlete's potential.

Key Psychological Factors

Mental Toughness

Mental toughness is the foundational psychological trait for competitive success, enabling players to maintain high performance despite stress, pressure, and adversity (AQR International, 2024; Lleshi, 2020). The concept is often broken down into four key components: Control, Commitment, Challenge, and Confidence (AQR International, 2024).

Self-Confidence: This is the belief in one's ability to execute a skill successfully, even in critical situations (Peak Performance Sports, 2025). High confidence allows a player to attempt difficult serves, attacks, or defensive moves without hesitation, trusting their training and instincts (Marygrove Mustangs, 2025).

Re-Focus/Reboundability: Volleyball is a game of immediate action, and errors are inevitable. The ability to quickly **let go of mistakes** and return focus to the present task—the "next point"—is a hallmark of mental toughness (Dr. Alan Goldberg, n.d.). Perfectionist athletes, conversely, often struggle with this, leading to compounding errors (Junior Volleyball Association, 2025).

Self-Correction Example: A player missing a serve must immediately shift focus to their defensive positioning and first pass, rather than dwelling on the error.

Emotional Regulation and Stress Management

Volleyball matches elicit a wide range of emotions, from the excitement of a kill to the frustration of a missed block. Effective emotional management ensures that emotional spikes do not disrupt focus and decision-making (Mary grove Mustangs, 2025).

Anxiety Control: High-pressure situations, such as late-set tie scores or critical serving moments, can induce nervousness and tentativeness, leading to mistakes (Lleshi, 2020). Techniques like deep **diaphragmatic breathing** can regulate the nervous system, helping players stay calm and composed (Impact Volleyball, 2025).

Positive Self-Talk: Athletes must replace detrimental self-criticism ("I'm going to mess up") with constructive affirmations ("I've got this," "One point at a time") to maintain a positive mind set and inner resilience (Impact Volleyball, 2025).

Focus and Concentration (Attentional Control)

Concentration is the ability to focus on the task at hand and ignore internal and external distractions (Singh, 2022). In volleyball, which demands rapid, sequential actions, focus must be kept on the **"NOW"**—seeing the ball, reading the opponent, and reacting instinctively (Dr. Alan Goldberg, n.d.).

Distraction Management: The accelerated pace of scoring and the changing match rhythm are objective factors that can easily disrupt a player's concentration (ResearchGate, 2025). Players must maintain **attentional control** to avoid focusing on irrelevant factors, such as the score, the crowd, or a past error (Singh, 2022).

Mental Skills Training (MST)

Mental skills are not innate but can be learned and developed through dedicated training, similar to physical or technical skills (Lleshi, 2020). MST is a structured approach to enhance the psychological components of performance.

MST Technique	Description
Visualization/Imagery	Mentally rehearsing a perfect performance, engaging all senses.
Goal Setting	Establishing specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound objectives.
Pre-Performance Routines	A consistent sequence of actions and thoughts immediately before a skill execution (e.g., before a serve).

Conclusion

The psychology of volleyball players is an indispensable element driving success in competitive matches. Superior **mental toughness**—built on high self-confidence, robust emotional management, and exceptional attentional control—provides the necessary stability and resilience to execute complex skills during the sport's high-pressure moments. Research unequivocally supports the significant differences in mental skills between high and low-performing athletes (Mohammadzadeh & Sami, 2014; Singh & Dureja, 2011). Coaches and athletes must recognize psychological preparation, facilitated through Mental Skills Training (e.g., visualization, goal setting, positive self-talk), not as a supplemental luxury but as a core prerequisite for achieving and sustaining peak performance on the court.

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SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION: A SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REVIEW

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Sports and physical education play a vital role in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and social development. However, participation in sports also involves a significant risk of injuries ranging from minor abrasions to severe musculoskeletal, head and joint (ankle knee, elbow, shoulder ect) injuries while doing practice or in games or tournaments. The use of safety equipment is a scientifically proven method to minimize injury risk and enhance performance sustainability. This research paper aims to study the importance, types, scientific basis, effectiveness, and implementation of safety equipment in sports and physical education. The paper also highlights challenges in usage, awareness, and policy implementation, especially in educational institutions. The findings emphasize that proper selection, standardization, and correct usage of safety equipment significantly reduce sports-related injuries and promote long-term athlete development.

Keywords: Safety equipment, Sports injuries, Physical education, Injury prevention, Protective gear.

Introduction

Sports and physical education have become integral components of modern education systems worldwide. Regular participation in sports improves cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, flexibility, coordination, and psychological health. Despite these benefits, sports activities inherently involve physical contact, repetitive movements, high impact forces, and environmental risks, making athletes vulnerable to injuries.

Scientific studies indicate that a large percentage of sports injuries occur due to inadequate protection, poor equipment quality, improper training methods, and lack of safety awareness. Safety equipment, also known as protective equipment, is designed to absorb impact forces, reduce stress on body tissues, and prevent direct trauma. In physical education programs, safety equipment plays a crucial role in ensuring safe participation for students of all age groups.

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Objectives of the Study

The objectives of this research paper are:

1. To analyze the importance of safety equipment in sports and physical education.
2. To classify various types of safety equipment used in various sports.
3. To study the scientific principles behind the design and function of safety equipment.
4. To examine the effectiveness of safety equipment in preventing sports injuries.
5. To identify challenges in implementation and suggest recommendations for improvement.

Review of Literature

Several studies have highlighted the importance of protective equipment in reducing injury incidence in sports. Research on contact sports such as football, kabaddi, hockey, and boxing indicates a strong correlation between protective gear usage and reduced severity of injuries.

Biomechanical research explains that protective equipment works by distributing impact forces over a larger surface area, reducing peak stress on bones, joints, and soft tissues. Epidemiological studies in school physical education programs have shown that proper safety measures significantly lower injury rates among students.

Literature also emphasizes that improper or non-standard equipment may give a false sense of security and increase injury risk. Therefore, safety equipment must be scientifically designed, standardized, and properly fitted.

Types of Safety Equipment in Sports and Physical Education

1 Head Protection Equipment

Head injuries are among the most severe and potentially life-threatening injuries in sports.

Examples:

* Helmets (cycling, cricket, hockey, baseball)
* Head guards (boxing, wrestling, kabaddi)
* Mouthguards (rugby, boxing, martial arts)

Scientific basis:

Helmets absorb and dissipate impact energy, reducing acceleration forces transmitted to the brain. Mouthguards reduce dental injuries and lower the risk of concussion by stabilizing the jaw.

2 Body Protection Equipment

Body protection equipment shields vital organs and reduces musculoskeletal injuries.

Examples:

* Chest guards
* Shin guards
* Thigh pads
* Abdominal guards

Scientific basis:

These devices use shock-absorbing materials such as foam and polymers that reduce force transmission during collisions and falls.

3 Joint and Limb Protection Equipment

Joint injuries are common in sports due to repetitive stress and sudden movements.

Examples:

* Knee braces
* Ankle supports
* Elbow pads
* Wrist guards

Scientific basis:

Joint supports enhance stability, limit excessive range of motion, and reduce ligament strain, thereby preventing sprains and dislocations.

4 Footwear and Surface Safety

Footwear is one of the most important safety components in sports.

Examples:

* Sport-specific shoes
* Studded shoes
* Shock-absorbing soles

Scientific basis:

Proper footwear improves traction, reduces ground reaction forces, and minimizes stress on lower limb joints.

5 Safety Equipment in Physical Education Programs

In school and college physical education, general safety equipment includes:

* Gym mats
* First aid kits
* Protective cones and barriers
* Whistles and signaling devices

These tools ensure safe learning environments and emergency preparedness.

Scientific Principles Behind Safety Equipment

1 Biomechanics

Safety equipment is designed based on biomechanical principles to reduce impact forces, control motion, and distribute loads across the body.

2 Material Science

Modern safety equipment uses advanced materials such as:

* High-density foam
* Carbon fiber
* Thermoplastics
* Gel-based shock absorbers

These materials enhance durability and energy absorption.

3 Ergonomics

Ergonomic design ensures comfort, proper fit, and unrestricted movement, which encourages consistent usage by athletes.

Role of Safety Equipment in Injury Prevention

Scientific evidence supports that:

* Helmets reduce head injury risk by more than 60% in cycling sports.
* Shin guards significantly reduce fractures and contusions in football.
* Knee braces lower the risk of ligament injuries during rehabilitation phases.

In physical education, safety equipment helps protect beginners who lack motor control and experience.

Conclusion

Safety equipment is an essential component of sports and physical education programs. Scientific evidence clearly demonstrates its role in injury prevention, performance sustainability, and long-term athlete health. Incorporating standardized safety equipment, along with proper education and policy enforcement, can significantly reduce sports-related injuries. Educational institutions must prioritize safety to ensure that sports participation remains a positive and enriching experience.

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YOGIC PRACTICES ON POSTURAL DEFORMITIES AMONG SCHOOL BOYS

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to determine the Yogic practices on postural deformities among school boys. For this purpose, 18 school boys of age ranged between 11 to 14 years having upper deformity of Kyphosis (N = 6 boys), Lordosis (N = 6 boys), and Scoliosis (N = 6 boys) were selected from various high schools in Malegaon, Nashik districts. The selected 18 boys were divided into three equal groups of Kyphosis, Lordosis, and Scoliosis, the Kyphosis, Yogic practices group If the subject had more than one deformity only the chronic defect among that was given priority. The dependent variables selected for this study were Kyphosis, Lordosis, and Scoliosis. All the subjects were tested prior to and immediately after the experimental period on the selected dependent variables. The data obtained from the experimental groups before and after the experimental period were statistically analyzed with paired 't'-test.

Key Words: Yogic practices, Kyphosis, Lordosis, Scoliosis.

Introduction

Today's children are witnessed as digital natives moving with 4th generation & latest virtual reality technology to cope with the need of the hour finding e learning system, smart phones, laptops and computers as their best devices for acquiring knowledge but apart from it, if a child is not physically fit, he cannot fight with critical circumstances of the situation. Therefore, child's physical fitness has a vital role in functional continuity of organ system of the body, which indeed affects his social, moral, Physical and mental health.

This type of deformity is related to spine. This deformity is caused by carrying excessive weight beyond capacity. In another way we can say that weak muscles cause the formation of spine curvature. The normal lumbar spine is characterized by a moderate anterior hyperextension curve, when viewed laterally. Although there is absolute standard for the determination of the degree or extent of the anterior convexity of the normal lumbar curve. There are three types of spinal deformities; Kyphosis, Lordosis and Scoliosis.

Material and Method

For the purpose of this study the investigator selected 18 school boys of age ranged between 11 to 14 years having upper deformity of Kyphosis, Lordosis and Scoliosis from various high schools in Malegaon, Nashik districts. The selected 18 boys divided into three equal groups of Kyphosis, Lordosis, and Scoliosis, further the experimental group of Yogic practices, If the subject had more than one deformity only the chronic defect among that would be given priority. The researcher reviewed various scientific literatures, journals, internet sources and research which revealed the importance of upper postural correction of school boy's students. the following dependent and independent variables were selected for the present study; dependent variables Kyphosis, Lordosis and Scoliosis. Independent variables Yogic practices.

As per the available literature, the following variables and their corresponding standardized tests were used to collect relevant data on the selected dependent variables as given below;

Table-1

Tests Selection

S. No.	Criterion Variables	Test Items	Unit of Measurement
1	Kyphosis	Spondylometer	Centimeters
2	Lordosis	Spondylometer	Centimeters
3	Scoliosis	Spondylometer	Centimeters

The investigator explained the purpose, nature and importance of experimentation to them. The warming up procedure yogic practices and warm down process were imparted to the testing personnel by appropriate instructions and demonstrations, so they had a thorough understanding of every aspect of the yogic practices program. Wherever possible, a recorder was used to assist the researcher to record the pre and post test data.

Administration of the Training Program

The experimental was subjected to twelve weeks of Yogic practices respectively. Then training was given for six days per week. Every training session lasted for 45 to 60 minutes. The training programme was scheduled for the morning between 6.00 am to 7.00 am.

Table-2

Yogic Practices

Sl.No	Yogic exercise for Lordosis	1-4 Week		5-8 Week		9 – 12 Week	
		Duration	Rest	Duration	Rest	Duration	Rest
1.	Loosing	10 Minute					
2.	Malasana	3 Rep	20 Sec	6 Rep	15 Sec	9 Rep	15 Sec
3.	Krouchasana	3 Rep	20 Sec	6 Rep	15 Sec	9 Rep	15 Sec
4.	Sputa Virasana	3 Rep	20 Sec	6 Rep	15 Sec	9 Rep	15 Sec
5.	Dolasana	3 Rep	20 Sec	6 Rep	15 Sec	9 Rep	15 Sec
6.	Marjaryasana	3 Rep	20 Sec	6 Rep	15 Sec	9 Rep	15 Sec
7.	Paschimottansana	3 Rep	20 Sec	6 Rep	15 Sec	9 Rep	15 Sec
8.	Ardha Uttanasana	3 Rep	20 Sec	6 Rep	15 Sec	9 Rep	15 Sec
9.	Uttana Shishosana	3 Rep	20 Sec	6 Rep	15 Sec	9 Rep	15 Sec
10.	Marichyasana	3 Rep	20 Sec	6 Rep	15 Sec	9 Rep	15 Sec

The data collected from the four groups prior to and immediately after the training program on the selected criterion variables were statistically analyzed with paired 't' test. In all the cases .05 level of confidence was fixed as a level of confidence to test the hypotheses.

Analysis of Data:

The influence of independent variables on each criterion variables has been analyzed and presented below;

Postural Deformity Variables

The analysis of dependent 't'-test on the data obtained Score of the subjects in the Pre-test and Post-test.

Table no. 3

Summary of mean and paired sample 't' test

Postural Deformities	N	Pre-test Mean	Post-test Mean	't' test
Kyphosis	06	40.61	36.73	5.27*
Lordosis	06	40.60	36.80	5.09*
Scoliosis	06	40.60	36.67	4.97*

*** Significant at 0.05 level**

(Table value required for significance at 0.05 level for 't' test with table value is 2.15)

Discussion on Findings

Kolkur (2016) found that significant improvement in the functional aspect of the deformities of the spinal column such as kyphosis, Lordosis and Scoliosis was found due to the influence of selected yogic practice and physical exercises.

Dhokrat (2017) revealed that after imparting Yoga exercise program, angle of kyphosis was found to decrease significantly as compared to what it was before the commencement of study period. It was concluded that yoga training program of certain duration is beneficial in management of postural deformity such as kyphosis in school children.

Conclusion

A remarkable significant improvement in the functional aspect of the deformities of the spinal column such as Kyphosis, Lordosis and Scoliosis was found due to the influence of selected Yogic practices among the school boys.

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A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN WOMEN IN VARIOUS SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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Abstract
This paper examines the development of Indian women across multiple sports disciplines by reviewing historical trends, government policies, institutional support, barriers to participation, and recent performance outcomes. It synthesizes secondary data from national schemes, reports and international competition results, and proposes an empirical study design to measure progress in participation, performance, and welfare of women athletes. Findings from reviewed sources show increasing institutional support (e.g., Khelo India, TOPS), improved international outcomes for women athletes, but persistent gaps in participation and access that require targeted policy interventions.

Keywords: Indian Women, Sports Activities

Introduction: Women's participation in sport is widely acknowledged as a driver of social change, health, and national sporting success. In India, women athletes have produced notable international results in the last two decades across badminton, boxing, wrestling, weightlifting, and shooting — outcomes that both reflect and accelerate the development infrastructure for female sportspersons. At the same time, participation rates and resource access remain uneven across regions, socio-economic groups and sports. Recent government initiatives aim to improve talent identification and grassroots participation, but persistent cultural and structural barriers continue to limit the talent pipeline.

Review of Related Literature

1. **International and national performance:** Indian women have contributed a substantial share of India's recent Olympic and international medals (badminton, boxing, weightlifting, shooting), highlighting competitive progress at the elite level.
2. **Policy and programmatic response:** National programs such as Khelo India and TOPS focus on talent scouting, scholarships and providing infrastructure; the 'Sports for Women' component is a designated part of Khelo India's strategy to boost female participation.

Objectives

1. To document trends in participation and representation of Indian women in organized sports (national and state level) over the last decade.
2. To evaluate the impact of national schemes (e.g., Khelo India, TOPS) and institutional support on female athlete development.
3. To identify key barriers (social, economic, infrastructural) affecting women's sustained participation.
4. To propose and pilot measurable interventions to improve talent retention and elite performance pathways for women athletes.

Research Questions

1. How have female participation rates in Indian organized sports changed in the last ten years?
2. What measurable effects have Khelo India and TOPS had on the training, performance and retention of women athletes?

3. What are the primary socio-cultural and logistical barriers that drop female athletes out of sport?
4. Which interventions show the most promise to increase participation and elite performance for Indian women?

Hypotheses

H1: Institutional schemes (Khelo India, TOPS) have significantly increased female athlete access to training resources and international exposure.

H2: Despite programmatic support, socio-cultural constraints (family expectations, safety concerns) significantly reduce long-term retention of girl athletes in sports.

Methodology

Research Design

A mixed methods approach:

- **Quantitative component:** Trend analysis of participation and performance indicators using secondary data (SAI reports, Khelo India databases, national championship entry lists) plus a cross-sectional survey of athletes and coaches.
- **Qualitative component:** Semi-structured interviews and focus groups with athletes, coaches, parents, and sport administrators across four regions (North, South, East, West) to understand contextual barriers and enablers.

Sample

- **Secondary data:** National reports and databases covering 2015–2025 (Khelo India participation, SAI/NCOE rosters, medal tallies).
- **Primary data:** Purposive sample of 300 female athletes (age 12–28) across school, university and national levels; 60 coaches; 40 administrators; and 30 parents for interviews. Stratified sampling will ensure representation by sport (team vs individual), rural/urban, and socio-economic status.

Instruments

- Structured questionnaire for athletes (demographics, training volume, access to facilities, scholarship/financial support, retention intentions).
- Coach/administrator survey (program participation, resource gaps, talent ID processes).
- Interview guides for thematic exploration (culture, safety, education-sport balance, coaching quality).

Variables

- **Dependent:** Participation status (active/retained/dropped), performance (ranking, medal count), well-being indicators.
- **Independent:** Access to schemes (Khelo India/TOPS), facility proximity, coach availability, family support, socio-economic status.

Data Collection Procedures

- Obtain permissions from State Sports Authorities and selected institutions.
- Deploy surveys online and in-person; conduct interviews in local languages with translations.
- Extract and compile secondary participation/performance statistics from Khelo India and SAI portals.

Data Analysis

- Quantitative: Descriptive statistics, chi-square tests for categorical variables, regression models to estimate predictors of retention and performance; time-series/trend analysis for participation rates.
- Qualitative: Thematic analysis (coding transcripts) to surface barriers, enablers and policy gaps.

Expected/Illustrative Results (Hypothetical Example)

- Participation among girls in organized school sports increases in states with active Khelo India implementation, but drop-out spikes during late adolescence due to education and social pressures.
- Athletes receiving TOPS or Khelo India scholarships show greater international representation and performance improvement than non-supported peers (controlling for baseline talent).
- Key barriers: limited female coaches, inadequate safe transport/facilities, societal expectations, early marriage/childcare in certain communities.
- Policy implementation gaps: uneven allocation of resources across regions; lack of long-term follow-through beyond initial talent identification.

Discussion

The combination of policy push (Khelo India, TOPS) and visible elite success by Indian women athletes has created a positive momentum, yet structural inequities persist. Increasing elite medals (e.g., in badminton, boxing and weightlifting) validate investment in women's sport, but the talent pipeline needs strengthening through continuous grassroots programs, school-based opportunities, and gender-responsive infrastructure. The evidence suggests a dual focus: continue elite support while substantially improving retention and access at grassroots and adolescent transition points.

Recommendations

1. **Scale gender-sensitive grassroots programs:** Expand the 'Sports for Women' initiatives under Khelo India and incentivize states to create girls-only training slots and female coaching fellowships.
2. **Strengthen retention during adolescence:** Implement school-college transition support (flexible education, transport safety, mentorship).
3. **Data-driven allocation:** Maintain a central dashboard tracking female athlete progression from school to national level to target resources where drop-out is highest.
4. **Community engagement:** Run awareness campaigns to shift social norms regarding girls in sport and involve parents in talent pathways.
5. **Research and monitoring:** Fund longitudinal cohort studies to measure long-term outcomes of current schemes (physical health, career outcomes, socio-economic mobility).

Conclusion

India has made measurable progress in the development of women's sport: targeted schemes and elite successes have raised the profile of female athletes. However, converting that progress into broad-based participation and sustained talent pipelines requires stronger grassroots programs, gender-sensitive infrastructure, socio-cultural interventions, and continuous monitoring. Integrating these elements will help ensure that India's next generation of women athletes can both begin and sustain sporting careers across diverse disciplines.

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CORRELATION BETWEEN SELECTED ANTHROPOMETRIC PARAMETERS AND PERFORMANCE OF WATER POLO PLAYERS

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Abstract:

The purpose of this study was to investigate the anthropometrical measures and its correlation with the performance of Water Polo players. To collect the Data, subjects were selected from different Universities who played at National level Water Polo tournaments. Hundred Water Polo players were selected as the subjects of the study. The subjects were selected on simple random sampling method. Obtained data was statistically analysed by using descriptive and differential analyses. Mean and Standard Deviation were calculated for descriptive analysis and Pearson Product Moment Coefficient of Correlation was used for deferential analysis. Proposed Hypothesis was tested at the level of significance in 0.05. It was observed that the anthropometrical parameters viz. Shoulder-girth, sitting height, & Chest circumference shown very high relationship in positive significance. Wherein Calf circumference & standing height shown substantial relationship and biceps circumference shown slight relationship. On the contrary, though body weight shown slight relationship but was in negative significance. Thereby, it was concluded that Water Polo sports need special type of anthropometrical measures at its variability. Further, the parameter with optimal strengthen capacity viz. Shoulder Girth, Sitting Height, Chest Circumference, Calf Circumference and Standing Height contributed to enhance the performance of Water Polo players accordingly.

Keywords: Anthropometric parameters, Water polo performance.

Introduction:

Anthropometry is an external measurement of human body parts. These measurements may be held either objectively or subjective. In the field of sports & games and in Physical education, the anthropometrical measures are commonly used to associate with physical performance. On conducting a research study, Cureton was observed that all round athletic ability is characterised by wide shoulder width compared to hip width. Davenport's Crural has also established an Index, which is found as a valuable guide for the selection of individual's build in an agility pattern for bony leverage. Higher values of leg length, trunk length indicated agility types. Ability to putting and throwing is indicated by relatively greater height and arm span etc. Garary, Levine and Carter after an intensive study of Anthropometric Measurements of Olympic Athletes concluded that, top level performance in particular event demands particular type of body size and shape. They established strong relationship between the structure of an athlete and the specific task (event) in which he excelled.

Considering all above cited and in special interest of the scholar, he has conducted a research study under the heading "*Correlation between selected anthropometric parameters and performance of water polo players*". Thus, the observations and conclusions are presented in this publication.

Methodology:

Present research study was basically designed as Status-survey descriptive type. It was conducted during the All India Inter zone Water polo championship held at Panjab University, Chandigarh in Oct. 2016. Hundred Water Polo players participated at the level of National tournament were selected to conduct the study.

The subjects were selected on simple random sampling method from different Universities. Subjects were male players and of 18 to 28 years old.

To evaluate the performance of Water Polo players, AAPHER Youth Physical Fitness Test with six variables (viz. Pull-ups, Sit-ups, Standing Broad Jump, Shuttle-Run, 50 Yds. dash & 600 Yds. Run/&walk) was administered.

Measuring Equipments:

In the present study, to obtain required data the anthropometrical parameters were measured. For this, the equipments that had been used are given as follows-

1. Body weight was measured by Weighing Machine.
2. Standing Height was measured by Stadiometer and Scale.
3. Sitting Height & Biceps Circumference were measured Steel tape.
4. Shoulder Girth, Chest Circumference and Calf Circumference were measured by Flexible-tape.

Performance Evaluation:

To evaluate the performance of the Water Polo players, six skills viz. Hand to hand pass, Wet pass, Shooting, Dribbling, Defensive and Offensive skill test were tried out. Thus the performances score exhibited by the Water Polo players were observed by the three judges, appointed by the investigator.

Total scoring was calculated from sums of the score allotted for the cited six skills. Finally, correlation between anthropometric parameters and the selected variables were drawn out and the inferences were fixed.

Statistical treatment:

Collected data was tabulated and analysed by administering the **statistical treatment. T**he inferences and conclusions were made by using descriptive and deferential analysis. Mean and Standard Deviation were finds out for descriptive analysis and The Pearson Product Moment Coefficient of Correlation was used for differential analysis.

Proposed Hypothesis was tested at the level of significance in 0.05.

Thus, these are presented in the following table and depicted graphically in the respective figures.

Table - 1 Table showing, Mean and Standard Deviation in regards the anthropometric parameters and the performances scores exhibited by the Water Polo players

Variables	Mean	SD	Correlation Coefficient
Performance	31.10	3.78	
Body Weight	76.20	11.87	-0.309*
Standing Height	175.03	5.56	0.459*
Sitting Height	34.63	2.63	0.755*
Biceps Circumference	14.30	3.90	0.213@
Shoulder Girth	18.13	3.23	0.785*
Chest Circumference	39.13	4.13	0.743*
Calf Circumference	16.80	1.88	0.550*

*Significant at .05 level of confidence r .05 (28) 0.361

Above table No. 1 showing the correlation between the performances exhibited by the Water Polo players and the relative anthropometric measures. It further reveals the Mean-scores and standard deviation of selected anthropometric variables and thereby obtained the values of correlations. Viz. Performance (31.10 + 3.78); Body weight (76.20 + 11.87), -0.309*; Standing Height (175.03 + 5.56), 0.459*; Sitting Height (34.63 + 2.63), 0.755*; Biceps Circumference (14.30 + 3.90), 0.213*; Shoulder Girth Circumference (18.13 + 3.23), 0.785*; Chest Circumference (39.13 + 4.13), 0.743* and Calf Circumference (16.80 + 1.88), 0.550*.

Thus, it is observed that, with respect to Body weight, obtained value of coefficient Correlation was (r = -0.309) which was less than the tabulated value (0.361) at 0.05 level with 28 degree of freedom. Though, statistically the Correlation was found insignificant, there exits slight negative correlation. Thus, it was concluded that, in regards with performance of Water Polo players, Body weight may be the negative affecting factor i.e. greater the body weight, negative effect will also be the greater. In other words average body weight will be more beneficial to enhance the performance.

The same is depicted graphically in figure No. 1.



Figure-1: Showing, values of performance exhibited by Water Polo players and body weight score.

Controversially to body weight, it was observed that, with respect to Standing Height, obtained value of r (0.459) was greater than the tabulated value (0.361) at 0.05 levels with 28 degree of freedom. It indicates that, there exists substantial positive significant correlation. Thus it was concluded that, in regards with performance of Water Polo players, Standing Height, plays the substantial role to enhance the performance. In other words greater the standing height will give greater contribution towards the enhancement in performance of Water Polo.

The same is presented graphically in figure No. 2.

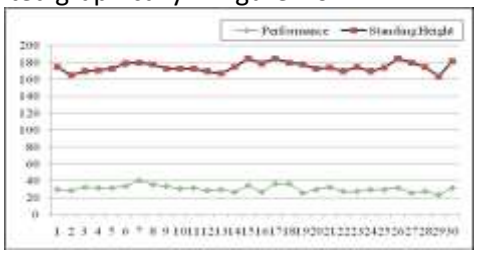


Figure-2: Showing, values of performance exhibited by Water Polo players and Standing Height score.

Similarly, it was observed that, with respect to Sitting Height, obtained value of r is (= 0.755), which was greater than the tabulated value (0.361) at 0.05 level with 28 degree of freedom. It indicates that, significance exist in very high positive correlation. Thus it was concluded that, in regards with performance of Water Polo players, Sitting Height plays very high role in positive ways. In other words greater the sitting height will last for greater performance of the Water Polo players.

The same is depicted graphically in figure No. 3.

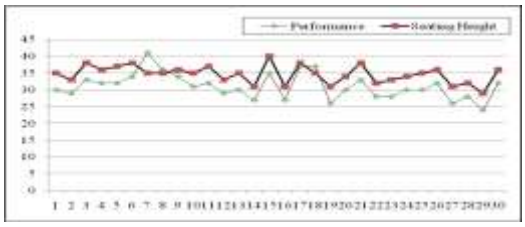


Figure-3: Showing, values of performance exhibited by Water Polo players and Sitting Height score.

It was further, observed that, with respect to Biceps circumference, obtained r value was (= 0.213), which was lesser than the tabulated value (0.361) at 0.05 level with 28 degree of freedom. It indicates that, though statistically the Correlation was found insignificant, there exits slight negative correlation. Thus it was to be concluded that, in regards with performance of Water Polo players, Biceps circumference do not helps much to be performed in better ways.

The same is presented graphically in figure No. 4.

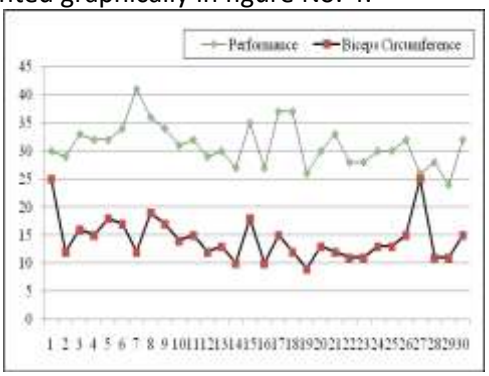


Figure-4: Values of performance exhibited by Water Polo players and Biceps circumference score.

It was further observed that, with respect to Shoulder Girth, obtained value of r was (= 0.785), which was much greater than the tabulated value (0.361) at 0.05 level with 28 degree of freedom. It indicates that, significance exists in very high positive correlation. Thus it was concluded that, in regards with performance of Water Polo players, Shoulder Girth plays very high role in positive ways. In other words greater the shoulder girth, will assures for best performance of the Water Polo players.

The same is presented graphically in figure No. 5.

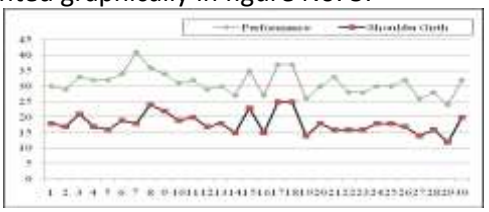
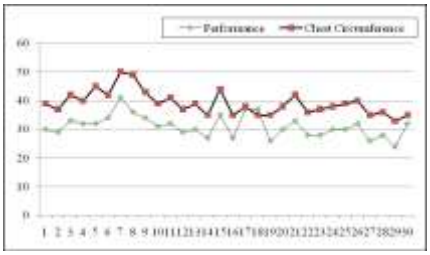


Figure-5: Showing, values of performance exhibited by Water Polo players and Shoulder Girth score.

It was further observed that, with respect to Chest Circumference, obtained value (r = 0.743) of coefficient Correlation was greater than the tabulated value (0.361) at 0.05 level with 28 degree of freedom. It indicates that, significance exists in very high positive correlation. Thus it was to be concluded that, in regards with performance of Water Polo players, Chest Circumference, have greater role in enhancing the performance i.e. greater the chest circumference will help to exhibits higher level of performance.

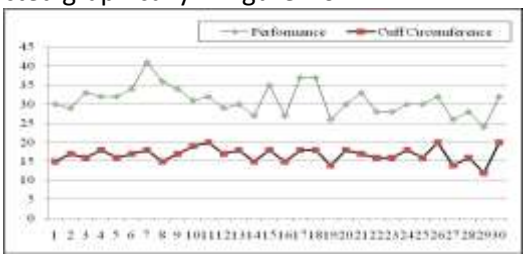
The same is presented graphically in figure No. 6.



Graph-6: Shows values of water performance and chest circumference score.

It was further observed that, with respect to Calf Circumference, obtained value (r=0.550) of coefficient Correlation was greater than the tabulated value (0.361) at 0.05 level with 28 degree of freedom. It indicates that, there exists positive significant correlation. Thus it was to be concluded that, in regards with performance of Water Polo players, Calf Circumference, is beneficial i.e. bigger Calf may give greater propelling speed of swimming.

The same is depicted graphically in figure No. 7.



Graph-7: Shows values of water performance and Calf circumference score.

Conclusion:

In overall, it was concluded that, amongst the evaluated variables, Shoulder-girth, Sitting-height, Chest-circumference, Calf-circumference and standing-Height) shown positive significant relationship and thus contributing to higher level of performance to be exhibited by the Water Polo players in the given sequential order. Whereas, other 2 variables (viz. body weight, biceps circumference) shown low significant relationship i.e. in regards with performance of Water Polo players, Body weight may be the negative affecting factor (greater the body weight, negative effect will also be the greater). In other words average body weight will be more beneficial to enhance the performance. Further Biceps circumference may not assist to perform better or lose anything.

Thus, it can be said the sport like Water Polo requires specially sized of constituting body parts to enhance the performance at the National level tournament of water polo.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY ON SPEED AND AGILITY AMONG THE DIFFERENT GAMES

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Abstract:

The main purpose of the study is to find the comparison of speed and agility among the different games. To achieve the objective of this study, the investigator randomly selected thirty male of district-level handball, basketball, and softball players from age 14 to 15 years. In that, each game consists of ten (10) players who were chosen as subjects for study. Two tests are mainly used for this study. 50 yard dash and shuttle run for three groups respectively. Speed and agility data obtained from subjects were statistically used by analysis of variance. For the hypothesis, the level of significance was set at the level of .05. There was no significant difference in handball, basketball and softball players in speed and agility. As mean value is less than speed and agility is more and vice versa. Basketball players mean score have comparatively more speed and agility than other two groups.

Keywords: speed, agility

Introduction:

Generally, speed is considered agile. Speed is a skill of performing the movements of the limbs. Speed is the skill of performing the movements of the limbs at a rapid rate. Speed is said to be a fundamental component of physical fitness. Moving the organs or muscles as soon as possible is a very complex process, which is controlled by the brain and nervous system. Quick explosive power movements in different directions agility of a person. It is said that performing any cutting movement or game drill with the application of a power component exposes the agility of the component. Agility is the ability to perform a series of explosive power movements in rapid succession in various directions. The movements made in the opposite direction sequentially are actually to increase the agility of that artist. Zigzag activity is specific to the development of agility. It is the ability of a person to quickly change directions while walking. Agility is the ability of a person to quickly change the position of his body with well-balanced movements. Ability to quickly start and stop movement and change body position.[1]

Methodology:

To achieve the objective of this study, the investigator randomly selected thirty male of district-level handball, basketball, and softball players from age 14 to 15 years. In that, each game consists of ten (10) players who were chosen as subjects for study. Two tests are mainly used for this study. 50 yard dash and shuttle run for three groups respectively.

Table-1: Selected games, age range and player numbers

Games	Age Range	Players Number
Handball	14-15	10
Basketball	14-15	10
Softball	14-15	10

Results and Discussion:

Speed and agility data obtained from subjects were statistically used by analysis of variance. The post-hoc test was applied and the F-ratio was found to be significant. For the hypothesis, the level of significance was set at the level of .05.

Table 1: Descriptive statistics of different game players

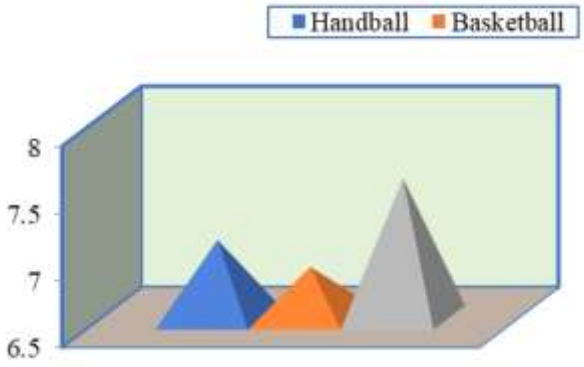
Variables	Groups	Handball	Basketball	Softball
Speed	Count	10	10	10
	Sum	70.79	68.78	75.38
	Average	7.08	6.88	7.54
	Variance	0.48	0.22	0.49
Agility	Count	10	10	10
	Sum	91.25	90.11	95.76
	Average	9.13	9.01	9.58
	Variance	0.57	0.22	0.65

Table 2: Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the means of different game players with compare to speed

Source of Variation	*SS*	*df*	*MS*	*F*
Between Groups	2.289	2	1.144	2.887
Within Groups	10.704	27	0.396	
Total	12.9926	29		

*significant at 0.05 level F0.05 (2, 27) = 3.354

Table-2 reveals that there was insignificant difference between the means of handball, basketball, and softball players of speed. The calculated 'F' was 2.887 where as tabulated 'F' was 3.354. Calculated 'F' lower than the tabulated 'F', which shows insignificance in handball, basketball, and softball players of speed. Therefore, there is no need of post hoc test.



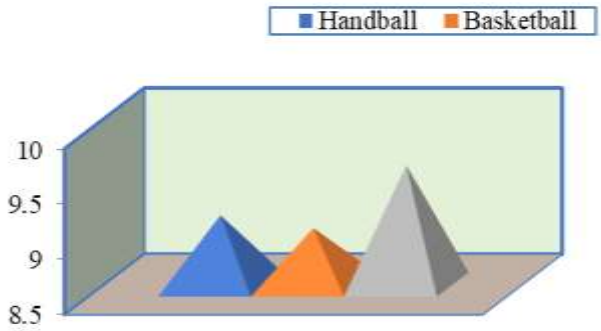
Graph-1: showing mean difference of all groups in speed

Table 3: Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the means of different game players with compare to agility

Source of Variation	*SS*	*df*	*MS*	*F*
Between Groups	1.788	2	0.894	1.862
Within Groups	12.962	27	0.480	
Total	14.750	29		

*significant at 0.05 level F0.05 (2, 27) = 3.354

Table-3 reveals that there was insignificant difference between the means of handball, basketball, and softball players of agility. The calculated 'F' was 1.862 where as tabulated 'F' was 3.354. Calculated 'F' lower than the tabulated 'F', which shows insignificance in handball, basketball, and softball players of agility. Therefore, there is no need of post hoc test.



Graph-2: showing mean difference of all groups in agility

Conclusion:

Based on the result drawn with the mentioned methodology, the following conclusion was soughed out. There was no significant difference in handball, basketball and softball players in speed and agility. As mean value is less than speed and agility is more and vice versa. Basketball players mean score have comparatively more speed and agility than other two groups.

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COMPARISON OF SELECTED HEALTH-RELATED PHYSICAL FITNESS VARIABLES BETWEEN RURAL AND URBAN AREA OF GYM PRACTITIONERS

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Abstract:

The objective of this paper is to compare the selected health-related physical fitness variables between rural and urban area of gym practitioners. For the current investigation total 30 gym practitioners was selected as the subjects from gym centers of Beed District. Thirty (30) subjects were selected for the collection of data which include fifteen (15) as rural area gym centers and fifteen (15) as urban area gym centers. The subjects were selected by using simple random sampling method. The variables selected for the present research work health related physical fitness variables like that muscular endurance, agility and flexibility etc. As descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation values) were used. Students 't' tests were also performed to examine if there were mean differences in each health related physical fitness variables between rural and urban area gym practitioners. It was fixed a 0.05 significance level. All analyzes were performed using Microsoft excel 2007 programme. The result of the study revealed that, there was a significant difference on flexibility between the rural and urban area gym practitioners of Beed district in Maharashtra state. Moreover, we can say that the basic health related physical fitness level of urban area gym practitioners were better than the rural area gym practitioners.

Keywords: Health-related physical fitness, rural and urban area, Higher Secondary,

Introduction:

Health is a very important part of human life. Regular physical activity is essential not only for healthy and for development. Being physically, mentally and emotionally healthy to keep health on the foundation of food, nutrition, social, emotional, physical fitness and lifestyle. Health-related Physical fitness can be defined as a group of attributes that are either motor or skill-related. It consists of five sections namely muscle strength, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular endurance and body composition. The primary stage and it becomes necessary for effective contribution in everyday activities. It is in everyday activities such as jogging, jumping and walking, so that children develop basic skills, which reflect their health related physical fitness.

Methodology:

For the current investigation total 30 gym practitioners was selected as the subjects from gym centers of Beed District. Thirty (30) subjects were selected for the collection of data which include fifteen (15) as rural area gym centers and fifteen (15) as urban area gym centers. The subjects were selected by using simple random sampling method. The variables selected for the present research work health related physical fitness variables like that muscular endurance, agility and flexibility etc. The selection of tests and criterion variables are presented in the following table No.1.

Table No. 1: Selection of tests and criterion variables

Variables	Test
Muscular Endurance	Bent Knee Sit Ups
Agility	Squat Thrusts (Burpee) Test
Flexibility	Sit and Reach Test

Statistical Analysis:

As descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation values) were used. Students 't' tests were also performed to examine if there were mean differences in each health related physical fitness variables between rural and urban area gym practitioners. It was fixed a 0.05 significance level. All analyzes were performed using Microsoft excel 2007 programme.

Table 1: Mean and SD of muscular endurance between rural and urban area gym practitioners

Group	N	Mean	SD	SE	MD	Ot	df	Tt
Urban	15	41.40	2.32	0.78	0.87	1.10	28	2.04
Rural	15	40.53	1.96					

Table 1 shows the distribution of mean values and standard deviation and t-value of muscular endurance between rural and urban area gym practitioners. On muscular endurance score the urban had mean value of 41.40 and rural area gym practitioners had mean value of 40.53. There was no significant difference at 0.05 levels as t-value was 2.04. It showed that urban area gym practitioners had more muscular endurance than their rural area gym practitioners.

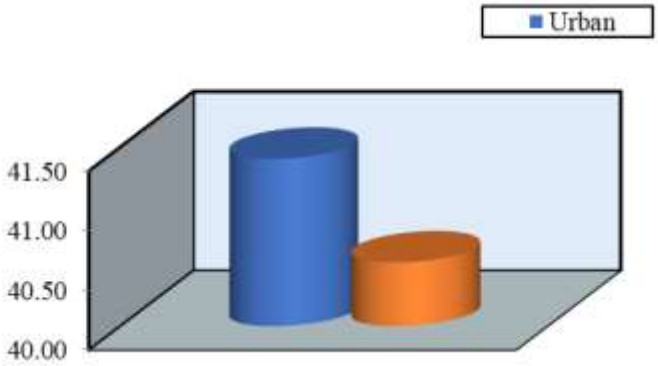


Fig 1: Graphical representation of muscular endurance between rural and urban area gym practitioners

Table 2: Mean and SD of agility between rural and urban area gym practitioners

Group	N	Mean	SD	SE	MD	Ot	df	Tt
Urban	15	7.67	2.44	0.77	0.13	0.17	28	2.04
Rural	15	7.80	1.74					

Table 2 shows the distribution of mean values and standard deviation and t-value of agility between rural and urban area gym practitioners. On agility score the urban had mean value of 7.67 and rural area gym practitioners had mean value of 7.80. There was no significant difference at 0.05 levels as t-value was 2.04.

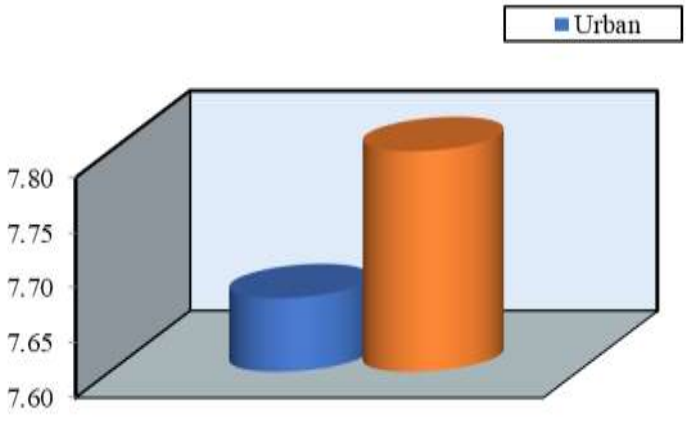


Fig 2: Graphical representation of agility between rural and urban area gym practitioners

Table 3: Mean and SD of flexibility between rural and urban area gym practitioners

Group	N	Mean	SD	SE	MD	Ot	df	Tt
Urban	15	10.40	2.92	0.89	2.27	2.54	28	2.04
Rural	15	8.13	1.85					

Table 3 shows the distribution of mean values and standard deviation and t-value of flexibility between rural and urban area gym practitioners. On flexibility score the urban had mean value of 10.40 and rural area gym practitioners had mean value of 8.13. There was significant difference at 0.05 levels as t-value was 2.04. It showed that urban area gym practitioners had more flexibility than their rural area gym practitioners.

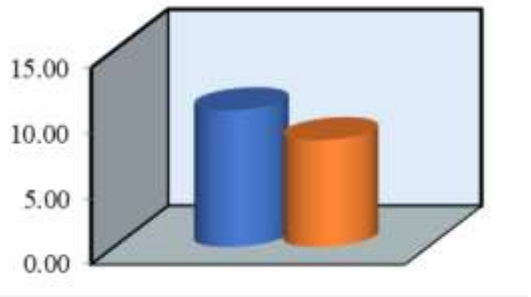


Fig 3: Graphical representation of flexibility between rural and urban area gym practitioners

Conclusions:

The result of the study revealed that, there was a significant difference on flexibility between the rural and urban area gym practitioners of Amravati district in Maharashtra state. Moreover, we can say that the basic health related physical fitness level of urban area gym practitioners were better than the rural area gym practitioners.

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ROLE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY IN SPORTS PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT AND INJURY MANAGEMENT: A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

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Abstract
Physiotherapy plays a crucial role in modern sports by enhancing athletic performance, preventing injuries, and facilitating faster rehabilitation. The integration of physiotherapy with sports training has transformed athlete care from reactive injury treatment to proactive performance optimization. This study aims to examine the combined role of physiotherapy and sports training in improving physical fitness, reducing injury incidence, and accelerating return-to-play among athletes. Sixty competitive athletes were divided into a physiotherapy-supported training group and a conventional training group for a period of twelve weeks. Physical fitness, injury occurrence, and recovery duration were assessed before and after the intervention. Results indicated significant improvements in flexibility, strength, and recovery rate, with reduced injury incidence in the physiotherapy-integrated group. The study concludes that combining physiotherapy with sports training is essential for sustainable athletic performance and long-term athlete development.
Keywords: Sports Physiotherapy, Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, Athletic Performance, Recovery

Introduction
Sports participation exposes athletes to high physical demands, increasing the risk of musculoskeletal injuries. Traditional sports training primarily focuses on skill development, fitness, and competition preparation, often overlooking preventive and corrective aspects. Physiotherapy, when integrated with sports training, provides scientific assessment, individualized exercise prescription, injury prevention strategies, and rehabilitation support. Sports physiotherapy addresses biomechanical imbalances, muscle weaknesses, flexibility limitations, and movement dysfunctions that commonly lead to injuries. In contemporary sports systems, physiotherapists work alongside coaches and trainers to monitor workload, recovery, and readiness to perform. Despite growing awareness, many training programs still underutilize physiotherapy support. Therefore, this study investigates the effectiveness of combining physiotherapy with sports training.

Review of Related Literature
Previous research highlights that physiotherapy interventions such as strength training, proprioceptive exercises, flexibility programs, and manual therapy significantly reduce sports-related injuries. Studies have also shown that athletes receiving regular physiotherapy support demonstrate improved movement efficiency and quicker recovery following competition.
Literature further indicates that early physiotherapy intervention shortens rehabilitation duration and reduces the risk of re-injury. Integrated sports medicine models emphasize collaboration between coaches, physiotherapists, and sports scientists to enhance overall performance. However, limited empirical studies compare conventional sports training with physiotherapy-supported training, particularly in developing sports systems.

Objectives of the Study
1. To examine the effect of physiotherapy-integrated sports training on physical fitness variables
2. To compare injury incidence between athletes with and without physiotherapy support
3. To analyze recovery time and return-to-play duration following injury

4. To assess the overall contribution of physiotherapy to sports performance enhancement

Hypotheses

1. Athletes receiving physiotherapy-supported training will show significant improvement in physical fitness
2. Injury incidence will be lower in athletes undergoing physiotherapy intervention
3. Recovery and rehabilitation duration will be shorter in the physiotherapy-integrated group

Methodology

Research Design

The study employed an experimental pre-test and post-test control group design.

Selection of Subjects

Sixty male and female competitive athletes aged 18 to 25 years were selected from university-level sports programs. Subjects were randomly assigned into two groups:

- **Group A:** Conventional Sports Training Group (n = 30)
- **Group B:** Physiotherapy-Integrated Training Group (n = 30)

Training Protocol

- **Group A:** Followed regular sports training involving skill drills, conditioning, and match play
- **Group B:** Followed regular sports training plus physiotherapy interventions including:
    - Functional movement screening
    - Strengthening and flexibility exercises
    - Proprioceptive and balance training
    - Injury prevention warm-up and cool-down protocols
    - Rehabilitation and recovery strategies

The intervention period lasted **12 weeks**, with five training sessions per week.

Variables Selected

- **Physical Fitness Variables:** Flexibility, muscular strength, balance, agility
- **Injury Variables:** Frequency of injuries, severity, recovery duration

Tools Used

- Sit-and-reach test
- Handgrip dynamometer
- Balance assessment tests
- Injury record and recovery log

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and independent t-test were used to analyze pre-test and post-test data. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The results showed significant improvement in flexibility, balance, and muscular strength in the physiotherapy-integrated group compared to the conventional training group. Injury incidence was lower in Group B, and athletes demonstrated faster recovery following minor and moderate injuries. The findings support the role of physiotherapy in correcting biomechanical deficiencies and improving neuromuscular control. Preventive exercises and early intervention contributed to reduced injury risk and enhanced training continuity. These outcomes highlight the importance of physiotherapy as a performance-enhancing component rather than only a rehabilitation service.

Conclusion

The study concludes that the integration of physiotherapy with sports training significantly improves physical fitness, reduces injury incidence, and enhances recovery in athletes. Physiotherapy should be considered an essential component of modern sports training programs to ensure athlete safety, longevity, and optimal performance.

Recommendations

1. Sports training programs should include regular physiotherapy assessment and intervention
2. Physiotherapists should collaborate closely with coaches and trainers
3. Injury prevention protocols should be mandatory in all competitive sports
4. Further research should explore long-term effects of physiotherapy-supported training

Limitations

- Limited sample size
- Short duration of intervention
- Results may vary across different sports disciplines

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COMPARATIVE STUDY ON SELECTED PHYSICAL FITNESS VARIABLES OF HANDBALL AND VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS OF PUNE UNIVERSITY

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Abstract:
The aim of this investigation was to find out the Comparison on Selected Physical Fitness Variables of Handball and Volleyball Players of Pune University. In the current investigation, forty female players were selected at random by purposive sampling technique, from affiliated colleges of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune (M.S.). 20 female players were selected from Handball and another 20 female players were selected from Volleyball Players during the academic year 2017-2018. The age group was ranging from 18-25 years. The Physical Fitness variables selected for the research work like that Arm Strength and Explosive Leg Strength. The data of Arm Strength was collected by Pull-Ups and Leg Strength was collected by standing broad jump. After that collected data was put into Microsoft Excel to develop Master Chart and then't' test was used for the statistical treatment. To test the hypothesis the level of significance was set at 0.05 level of confidence, after the statistical analysis of data related to the Selected Physical Fitness Variables of Handball and Volleyball Players, it is found that there is significant difference in Arm Strength and Explosive Leg Strength of Handball and Volleyball Players of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. Hence the researcher's pre-assumed hypothesis is accepted.

Keywords: Arm Strength, Leg Strength, Handball and Volleyball Players.

Introduction:

Muscular Strength: Maximal contraction power of the muscles is known as muscular strength. The muscular strength is usually measured with respect to different group of muscles acting together. Muscular strength is tested with the help of dynamometers and or densitometers which measure the amount of force exerted in a single effort by a particular group of muscles.

Muscle strength mentions to the amount of force a muscle can produce with a single highest effort. Size of muscle cells and the capability of nerves to activate them are connected to muscle strength. Examples Building muscle strength helps with body position, makes performing daily actions easier, increases metabolism and relieves stress. You don't need to go to the gym to increase your muscle strength. Simple exercises can be done at home without equipment. Check out these workouts and resources to improve your muscle strength and boost your calorie burning potential.

Strength: Strength is the ability to overcome resistance or act against resistance. Strength should not be considered a creation of only muscular contraction. It is in fact a product of voluntary muscle contractions caused by the neuro-muscular system.

Arm Strength: Arm strength will be defined as the capacity of a person to exert muscular force of the arm.

Leg Strength: Leg strength will be defined as the capacity of a person to exert muscular force of the Leg.

Objectives:

The main purpose of this study was to find out the Comparison on Selected Physical Fitness Variables of Handball and Volleyball Players of Pune University.

Hypothesis:

On the basis of literature searched and the researcher's own perception it was hypothesized that there would be significant difference in Selected Physical Fitness Variables of Handball and Volleyball Players of Savitribai Phule Pune University.

Methodology:

Source of Data:

In the present study subjects were selected from affiliated colleges of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, for the collection of data.

Selection of Subjects:

Forty female subjects (20) from Handball and (20) from Volleyball were selected for the collection of data. The age group was ranging from 18-25 years.

Sampling Method:

The subjects were being selected by using purposive sampling method.

Collection of Data:

For the collection of data, the subjects were given full administration of the tests which was used for the collection of data in the study. The data of arm strength was collected by Pull-Ups and the data of explosive leg strength was collected by standing broad jump. After that collected data was put into Microsoft Excel to develop Master Chart and then 't' test was used for the statistical treatment.

Criterion measures:

Following are the criterion measures which were responsible for collection of data, to testing the hypothesis.

S. No	Variables	Equipment's
01	Arm Strength	Pull-Ups
02	Leg Strength	Standing Broad Jump

Level of Significance:

To test the hypothesis the level of significance was set at 0.05 level of confidence which was considered adequate and reliable for the purpose of this study.

Analysis of the Data:

After the collection of data from Handball and Volleyball Players of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, the raw data were converted into standard one by using a statistical technique 't 'test for testing of hypothesis.

Table No. 1

Comparison of Arm Strength between Handball and Volleyball Players

Game	Mean	S.D.	S.E.	Mean Difference	Degree of freedom	O. 't'	Tabulated 't'
Handball	**6.20**	**2.44**	**0.714**	**1.75**	**38**	**2..450***	**2.021**
Volleyball	**4.45**	**1.93**					

Table No. 1: indicates that the mean of Handball players is 6.20 which is greater than the mean of Volleyball Players which is 4.45. So this mean difference is found as1.75. The calculated value of 't' is found as 2.45 which is greater than tabulated 't' which is 2.02 at 0.05 level of significance. Hence the hypothesis which was given by the researcher is accepted.

Graph-1

Graphical Representation of Mean difference of Arm Strength between Handball and Volleyball Players

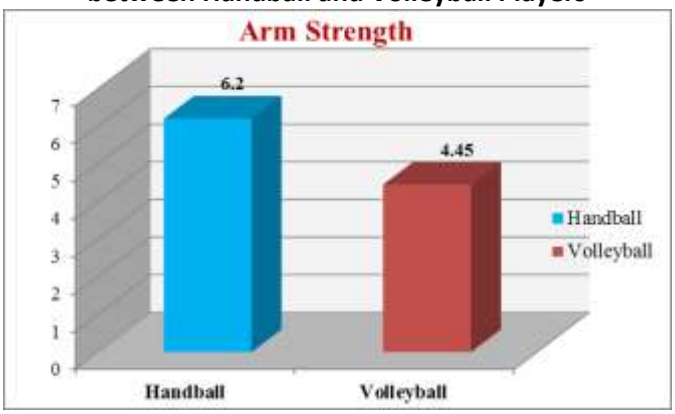


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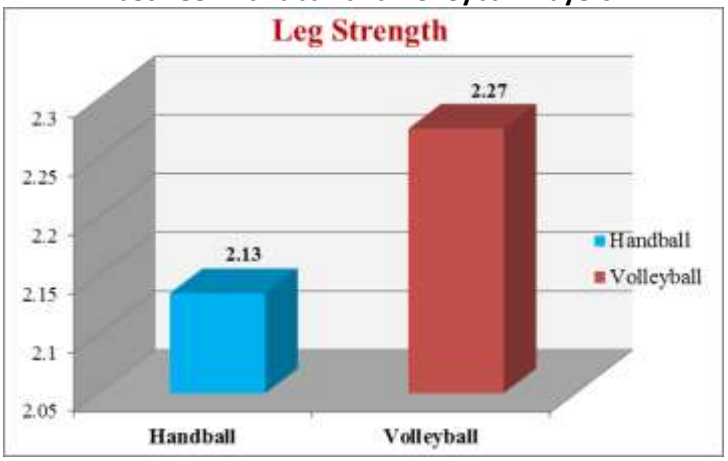
Comparison of Leg Strength between Handball and Volleyball Players

Game	Mean	S.D.	S.E.	Mean Difference	Degree of freedom	O. 't'	Tabulated 't'
Handball	2.13	0.16	0.052	0.14	38	2.718*	2.021
Volleyball	2.27	0.15					

Table No. 2: indicates that the mean of Handball players is 2.13 which is less than the mean of Volleyball Players which is 2.27. So this mean difference is found as 0.14. The calculated value of 't' is found as 2.718 which is greater than tabulated 't' which is 2.02 at 0.05 level of significance. Hence the hypothesis which was given by the researcher is accepted.

Graph-2

Graphical Representation of Mean difference of Leg Strength between Handball and Volleyball Players



Conclusion:

In the beginning of this study it was hypothesized that there would be a significant difference in Selected Physical Fitness Variables of Handball and Volleyball Players of Savitribai Phule Pune University, but after the statistical analysis of data related to the Arm Strength and Explosive Leg Strength of Handball and Volleyball Players, it is found that there is significant difference in Arm

Strength and Explosive Leg Strength of Handball and Volleyball Players of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. Hence the researcher's pre-assumed hypothesis is accepted.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY BETWEEN PROTEIN SUPPLEMENT AND NON-PROTEIN SUPPLEMENT CONSUMERS OF GYM PRACTITIONERS

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Abstract:

The purpose of this investigation was to compare the strength and flexibility between protein supplement and non-protein supplement consumers of gym practitioners. Forty boys students (N = 40) were randomly selected as subjects and were between 18 and 22 years of age. Subjects were selected using the simple random sampling method of these forty subjects, twenty (N = 20) were from protein supplement consumers and the remaining twenty (N = 20) were from non-protein supplement consumers of gym practitioners. The strength and flexibility was measured by applying pull ups and sit and reach test. Data were collected from subjects using standard tests and analyzes and interpreted based on specialized statistical techniques. Mean, standard deviation and 't' test. The level of significance was kept 0.05 for testing the hypothesis. Results: There was significant difference between protein supplement and non-protein supplement consumers in strength and flexibility. Protein supplements consumers have comparatively more strength than non-protein supplement consumers. But non-protein supplements consumers have comparatively more flexibility than protein supplement consumers.

Keywords: strength, flexibility, protein supplement and non-protein supplement consumers

Introduction:

It is very important to be health conscious for which people exercise. These people need more protein than they can get with protein powder. The muscle mass of the body naturally decreases with age. However, by consuming some nutritious foods, this process can be slowed or stopped. Regular intake of high protein foods keeps your body strong and maintains your muscle mass. For this you can consume high quality protein powder. Consuming adequate amounts of protein greatly improves muscle size and strength in adults. Along with muscle development, protein powders can also repair damaged muscles and tissues. Athletes use protein powder to get relief from muscle aches after exercise. Several studies suggest that consuming protein powder after exercise helps reduce muscle damage, improve muscle performance and muscle protein synthesis. In this way, protein powder can be very beneficial for you too.

Methodology:

Forty boys students (N = 40) were randomly selected as subjects and were between 18 and 22 years of age. Subjects were selected using the simple random sampling method of these forty subjects, twenty (N = 20) were from protein supplement consumers and the remaining twenty (N = 20) were from non-protein supplement consumers of gym practitioners. The strength and flexibility was measured by applying pull ups and sit and reach test.

Analysis of data:

Data were collected from subjects using standard tests and analyzes and interpreted based on specialized statistical techniques. Mean, standard deviation and 't' test. The level of significance was kept 0.05 for testing the hypothesis.

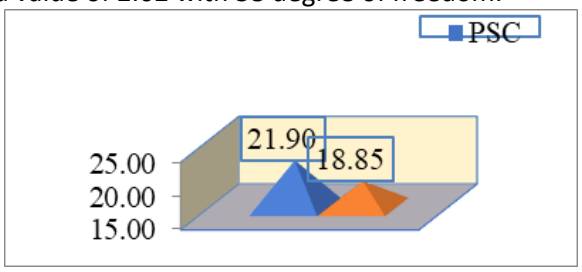
Table-1: Mean and t-ratio of strength for protein supplement and non-protein supplement consumers of gym practitioners

Group	N	Mean	SD	SE	MD	Ot	df	Tt

PSC	20	21.90	5.17	1.34	3.05	2.28*	38	2.02
NPSC	20	18.85	3.00					

**PSC=protein supplement and NPSC=non-protein supplement consumers

Table-1 indicates that that the obtained 't' value of 2.28 between protein supplement and non-protein supplement consumers in strength was found to be significant at 0.05 level of confidence as we obtained value of 2.02 with 38 degree of freedom.



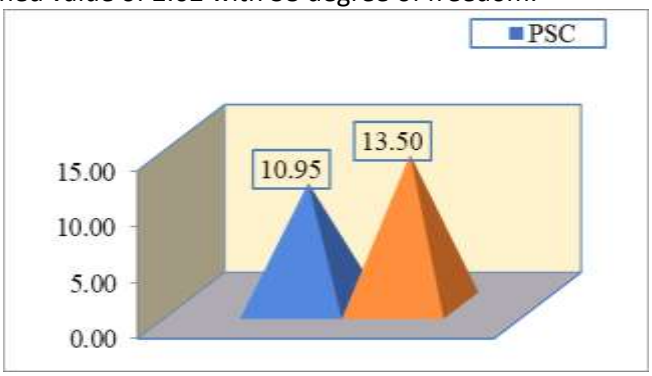
Graph-1: The graph showing the mean value of strength

Table-2: Mean and t-ratio of flexibility for protein supplement and non-protein supplement consumers of gym practitioners

Group	N	Mean	SD	SE	MD	Ot	df	Tt
PSC	20	10.95	2.48	0.76	2.55	3.35*	38	2.02
NPSC	20	13.50	2.33					

**PSC=protein supplement and NPSC=non-protein supplement consumers

Table-2 indicates that that the obtained 't' value of 3.35 between protein supplement and non-protein supplement consumers in strength was found to be significant at 0.05 level of confidence as we obtained value of 2.02 with 38 degree of freedom.



Graph-2: The graph showing the mean value of flexibility

Conclusion:

On the basis of the result drawn with the mentioned methodology the following conclusion were soughed out. There was significant difference between protein supplement and non-protein supplement consumers in strength and flexibility. Protein supplements consumers have comparatively more strength than non-protein supplement consumers. But non-protein supplements consumers have comparatively more flexibility than protein supplement consumers.

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INCULCATING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORTS CULTURAL AMONG GIRLS & WOMEN: ROLE OF PHYSICAL DIRECTOR

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Abstract

Women Empowerment in the indian backgruound means the development of those competency in women which enable them to make informed choices and expansion of their capacity to manage their domestic and economic environment effictively and efficiently. So, the divergrent scholars have felt the need of education and empowering women who are dependent on male members of the family. Accordingly the main importance of woman sports empowerment, for various empowering women stars at home, in the neighborhood,at school, college and university. The theme of this year`s i.e. 2018 Enternational women`s day is` Press for Progress`

Role of the physical Education Teachers and Coaches

For updationg the knowledge in the field PET and coaches should participate in seminars, workshops, conferences,and Clinics and attend the refresher & orientation courses.

Specialized knowledge and skills required for the promotion of physical education programs must be made accessible to all the teachers and also for generationg new ideas within the faculty to form a learning community.

Women Population in India

Women in india constitute almost half of its population but, unfortunately up till now it remains to be ignored and oppressed segment of the society.

At present, the issue of women empowerment has gained importance worsdwide in general and in the developing countries,like india particular, the constitution pledges of status and opportunity, social, economic,political justice an dignity of women. Indian women have proven their mettle several times from ancient time to modern time, After india`s independence, the prime mover of modern india greatly felt the need of expansion of women sports in the country.

Modern day universities have accepted the challenges of the contemporary society to develop the total capacities of students. The fundamental aim of education process is `` Alround development of the child`` Along with the academic focus, colleges need to focus on `` Physical Development of Children also`` A Sound mind in a sound body`` is an accepted principle and therefore physical education in universities and colleges form an important componet for the growth and development of students india has witnessed a raped and tremendous expansion of education at all levels now the time is ripe to resolve the issues and problems regarding quality in physical education at university level.

As a national agenda through an integrated approach as outlined below:

* Implementation of the recommendations related to the incorporation of physical education and sports in the educational curriculum with the support of the Ministry of HRD and the State Governments.
* Motivating, Supporting and facillitating educational institutions to give focused attention to physical education
* Modernization of LNIPE and expansion of its activities.

Creating sports environment in the campus

The quality of atomosphere refers to the quality of inter and intra personal relationship among the staff members. There is a need to promote healthy working conditions, academic culture and team building for the institutional atmosphere

A physical education teacher nust work on collaborative management principles in which each member of the organization takes an active part in initiating and organizing various sports progarmmes through collaboration and co- operation. Each university must plan out a year rount physical educatio programme. Here are some of the ways which indian universities can create a sports environment in the campus:

Fous Should be on Creating a Positive Environment

Positive environment should be created by involving all the members of the university such as students, teachers and administrators, sports programmes planned out should be entertaining and joyful for both audience and players.

Personal touch and Humanistic Approach of the Coaches

Physical Education is a specialized field with its own tools and techniques. Humen relations and personal touch and techniques. Human relations and personal touch are important to attract youth to the play-grounds.

Identifying and Encouraging the Talent of the Students and Nurturing them

Catch them young and coach them right Is a worldwide slogan.students should be identified at the right time, that is, when they join the university and proper guidance and coaching must be given to them.

Strategically Designing Need-based Training and Development Programmes

Sport training is a scientific and systematic long term process of preparing the sportsman for the highest level of sports performance.

Extending Community- University Partnership

Udebtuftubg the community resources and extending partnership with them in mobilizing resources and expertise.

Play Ground

Well- maintained play grounds are sure to attract children, whose interest in play awaits express itself: and it is here that citizenship will develop.

Various indoor and outdoor playground facilities must be created according to the need and requirement of the institute.Rome was not built in a day is a well known saying: in the same manner developing facillities is a long term and ongoing process.

Equipments

For creating a sports environment in a university, it also requites to have adequate equipments for students e.g. indoor games equpment, outdoor games equipment, recreational games equipment,etc. For better performance in sports it requires high quality equiments. Sufficient quantity of equipmetn is necessary so that maximum students can practive at a time.

Basic Amenities for the players

Proper sport kists, equipments should be provided to the players while they go for higher – level participation to motivate them.

Develop Quality Physical Education Programmes

A Sound programme is the key to success for an organization, because the existence of the organazation solely depends upon the kind of programme theat has been offered. There sholud be regular accreditation and assessment of colleges to determine the status of the physical education. Evaluation identifies the strengths and weaknesses of students, which helps the physical education teacher in making quality.

Financial Challenges

There is an enormous gap between the available and the required resources. There is a need to develop internal efficiency by mobilizing resources through various sources. The majority of the universities spend very little amount for sports and games. Some-times, the government grant received in not good enough. Universities and olleges should collect sports fees.

Proper utilization of the available financial Resources must be done by the universites. Exploring the possibilities of fincance from the funding agencies like government and NGO various shemes of UGC like playground and infrastructrual Development schem, SAP (Specail Asssistance Programme) for research and development must be utilized. Utilization like summer camps charging ground utilization fees form the outside agency etc.

Suggestions to Strengthen Sports Participation at University Level

Sports Scholarship

Scholarship should be provided to students achieving higher standards in sports and games, the scholarship given to sports players should be increased to a reasonable amount.

Special Weight-age for sports in Academics

Sports quota admission must be provided in the colleges or institutions. Extra marking shheme should be introuduced. Parents hould be oriented about the benefits of participating in sports.

Sports Webpage in University Website

Every university should have a separate page on sport in their website which attracts the students towards sports.it should contain information regarding the importance of physical education, benefits of participating in sports, various special shemes by university sports etc.

Mass Sports Participation

Top height can be achieved only when the base is large. If there is a wide range of participants in sports, the quality of selected teams will be better. Universities should introduce different programs to encourage youth towards sports participation.

Medical Facilities

There must a prrovision for frequent medical check-ups of players. Proper first-aid facilities should be provided within reach of the ground to avail it at proper time. Medical teams should conduct workshop and seminars to guide students regarding the health.

Encouraging women sports

In india women are still on sidelines.various strategies must be developed for encouraging women participation in sports. The climate must be created in which sports and fitness programs are made for women to test their abiities and increase their participation.

Conclusion

It is well documented that sports infrastructure plays a crucial role in achieving excellence in the global areana of sports. It not only helps in producacing sportspersons of international repute, but also encourages the youth population of a country to participate in sporting activities lack of sports infrastructures is a serious impediment to sports participationin india. A great majority of third world countries are dependent for their sporting activities on the import of sports goods and equipments, they are in fact compelled to import sporting goods and equipments, this has led to higher prices not only for the improvement of facilities but also for use of facilities which make them inaccessible to a majority of the population. India can be one of the leading countries in exporting sports goods made in india.

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PHYSICAL INACTIVITY GREAT RISK FACTOR FOR POOR HEALTH

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Abstract:-

A sedentary way of life is a totally extreme global trouble. Unfortunately, bodily inactivity, which has regularly expanded during the last numerous a long time, notably will increase the hazard of several sicknesses/issues, inclusive of several forms of most cancers, diabetes, high blood pressure, coronary and cardiovascular sicknesses, overweight/obesity, and all-cause mortality, among others. This paper will offer detail records of bodily inactiveness, its common reasons, negative effects and how to triumph over on it.

Key words: - Physical Inactivity, Health Risks.

Introduction:-

Physical inactiveness is a time period used to discover those who do now not get the encouraged level of normal physical activity. Physical state of being inactive, defined as accomplishing less than half-hour of mild depth physical pastime consistent with week, is the fourth best risk issue for terrible fitness within the global. Physical inactivity is anytime you are not standing or moving. Sitting at your table, watching TV or being on your vehicle for an extended adventure all fall into this category. Physical state of no activity impacts you inner and out from head to toe. This lesson discusses how a loss of Physical interest can result in a ramification of bodily issues in our frame systems.

Common Reasons of Physical Inactivity:-

Many technological advances and conveniences which have made our lives simpler and less lively, many private variables, together with physiological, behavioural, and mental factors, may also have an effect on our plans to end up greater bodily energetic.

The most not unusual reasons people for no longer adopting extra physically active existence are:-

* Do not have sufficient time to workout
* Find it inconvenient to workout
* Lack self-motivation
* Do not locate workout enjoyable
* Find exercising boring
* Lack self belief in their capacity to be physically lively (low self-efficacy)
* Fear being injured or have been injured recently
* Lack self-management abilities, such as the potential to set private dreams, reveal progress, or praise progress towards such desires
* Lack encouragement, guide, or companionship from family and friends, and
* Do not have parks, sidewalks, bicycle trails, or secure and best taking walks paths convenient to their houses or workplaces.

Negative Effects of Physical Inactivity:-

Most human beings recognize bodily hobby, which include ordinary workout, is critical for weight loss and most desirable fitness. What some humans do not comprehend is being physically inactive is taken into consideration a danger issue for numerous illnesses and scientific situations. According to the World Health Organization, approximately 2 million people worldwide die from situations associated with bodily inactivity. People of all ages, from youngsters to the

elderly, can suffer poor effects if they stay a sedentary way of life and are bodily inactive. Here are a few common poor effects of physical inactivity:

* Increased Chance of Developing Hypertension
* Risk of Developing Heart Disease Increases
* Osteoporosis is More Likely to Occur
* Colon and Breast Cancer Risk Increases
* Doubles the Risk of Obesity
* Increased Chance of Gallstone Formation
* Adult Onset Diabetes is More Likely to Develop
* Higher Chance of Developing Depression and Anxiety

Health hazard elements connected to Physical Inactivity:-

Lack of bodily interest has genuinely been proven to be a chance component for health and different conditions:

* Less active and much less healthy humans have a greater chance of growing high blood pressure.
* Physical activity can lessen your chance for kind 2 diabetes.

How can we reduce Physical Inactivity at home and at work?

Countries and groups should take action to offer individuals with more possibilities to be energetic, in order to boom bodily pastime. Here are a few suggestions to reduce physical state of being inactive at domestic and at paintings during the day:

* Schools have secure areas and facilities for college students to spend their loose time actively;
* Quality bodily training for all.
* Sports and endeavor facilities offer possibilities for everybody to do sports.
* Use a pedometer to music day by day steps .
* Park some distance away from your building.
* Use public transportation.
* Use a status or on foot table.
* Have taking walks meetings.
* Take a brisk stroll after lunch.
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* Walking, cycling and different kinds of active transportation are on hand and safe for all.

Conclusion:-

People of all ages, from kids to the aged, can go through negative results if they live a sedentary way of life and are physically inactive. Physical inactiveness will increase the danger of health sicknesses. Moreover, considering the fact that there's a linear courting between the level of bodily pastime and fitness reputation, youngsters and youngsters should take part day by day in 60 minutes or more of slight to full of life bodily interest this is exciting, entails an expansion of sports, and is developmentally useful.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF LEVEL OF TENSION AMONG VARIOUS BASE FIELDERS IN BASEBALL

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to compare the level of tension among various base fielders in Baseball. To achieve the purpose of the present study researcher has selected 30 players of different playing position in Baseball: 10 first base fielders, 10 second base fielders and 10 third base fielders from various clubs of Nagpur. Subjects were selected by purposive sampling method. The age of the player were ranged between 20 to 25 Years. Multidimensional Assessment of Personality Series (MAPS) questionnaire were distributed to player's researcher explained each and every question in marathi so that player can give correct and relevant answers. From that questionnaire only scores of tension were taken and were analyzed by one way ANOVA. The level of significance was fixed at 0.05. When the obtained 'F' value was significant Post-hoc test was applied to find out the paired mean difference. Statistical analysis was done on the bases of one way analysis of variance (ANOVA). A one-way analysis of variance was utilized in order to determine the difference if any, if difference was found significance the LSD Post-hoc test was applied to assess the paired mean difference among the different base fielders. Significant was kept at 0.05 levels. shows that there is significant difference between different base fielders in Baseball in reference to level of tension as the calculated value F is 11.789 which is greater than tab F0.05(2,27) = 3.354. Since the F ratio is found to be significant, the Least Significant Difference (LSD) Post hoc test is applied to assess the paired mean difference among the different base fielders in Baseball in reference to level of tension, that the mean difference value of First Base and Second Base Fielder is 2.5 whereas Second Base and Third Base Fielder is 2.3 which is greater than the critical difference value 1.919. Hence, the mean of level of tension of Second Base Fielder is higher as comparative to Third Base and First Base Fielder.

Keyword: Tension, Baseball, First base, Second base, and Third base fielder.

Introduction

Sports are a psycho-physical activity. It has both psychological dimensions besides physical, physiological and technical aspects. People interest in sports is found among all the society of the world. But the quality of participation of the athletes in games and sports is determined by their psychological factors also. In this Modern era of competition, psychological preparation of a team is as important as acquiring the different skill of a game. On the scientific lines, the teams are motivated not only to play the game but also to win the games. It is not only the proficiency in the skill which brings victory in them but more important is the mental preparation of the players with which they play and perform their best in the competition. The application of psychological principles is also important for the performance in sports and therefore, it is given greater attention in present days. There are certain aspects were psychological principles have to be applied during training, so that players are able to show their best performance.

The involvement of psychological principles for improvement of performance in sports has received greater attention in these days. There are certain accepted psychological principles which must have to be applied, so that the athletes and players are able to show their best in performances in competition. Coaches, physical educationists and sports scientists have always egger to know more about those psychological principles, which are helpful in improving the performance of the players. It is important to know about the role of anxiety, aggression, tension,

fear, emotional phenomena like competitive anxiety and some personality traits like extroversion and neuroticism of the players during training as well as in competitions.

The athletes who are alert and relaxed, they take better, quicker decision during a match. An over-anxious athlete may take incorrect decision. Athletes can be more motivated when they realize that they can control their inner ability like anxiety, aggression, tension, fear, etc and are then free to play at their top level.

Tension is that state of nervousness, which results from the internal forces acting in opposition to each other such in emotional reactions like anger or fear. In one word, tension may refer as the residual effect of mental or emotional strain reflected in an athlete appearance or behaviour.

A Baseball player also requires tremendous physical stamina, agility, individual proficiency, neuromuscular coordination, lung capacity, quick reflexes, intelligence and presence of mind on the field. Hence researcher keen to know which base position fielder in Baseball are very tensed or under pressure which directly affect player to take correct and incorrect decision while throwing. Hence researcher has taken the study "A Comparative Study of Tension among various positions of Baseball base fielder"

Methodology

To achieve the purpose of the present study researcher has selected 30 players of different playing position in Baseball: 10 first base fielders, 10 second base fielders and 10 third base fielders from various clubs of Nagpur. Subjects were selected by purposive sampling method. The age of the player were ranged between 20 to 25 Years. Multidimensional Assessment of Personality Series (MAPS) questionnaire were distributed to player's researcher explained each and every question in marathi so that player can give correct and relevant answers. From that questionnaire only scores of tension were taken and were analyzed by one way ANOVA. The level of significance was fixed at 0.05. When the obtained 'F' value was significant Post-hoc test was applied to find out the paired mean difference.

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was done on the bases of one way analysis of variance (ANOVA). A one-way analysis of variance was utilized in order to determine the difference if any, if difference was found significance the LSD Post-hoc test was applied to assess the paired mean difference among the different base fielders. Significant was kept at 0.05 levels.

Table – 1
Comparison of Level of Tension amongst different base fielders in Baseball

SV	SS	Df	MS	F
between	38.6	2	19.3	11.789*
error	44.2	27	1.637	

*Significance at 0.05 $_{(27df)}$ tabulated f = 3.354

Table – 2
Comparison of Mean of Level of Tension amongst different base fielders in Baseball

1st Base Fielder	2nd Base Fielder	3rd Base Fielder	MD	CD

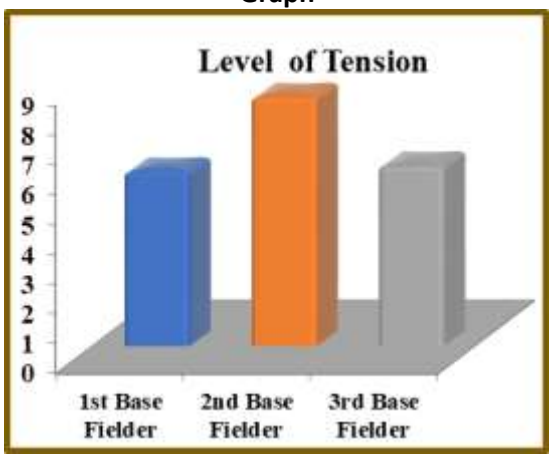
5.9	8.4		**2.5***	**1.919**
5.9		6.1	**0.2**	
	8.4	6.1	**2.3***	

*Significant at 0.05 level

Result

Above table-1 shows that there is significant difference between different base fielders in Baseball in reference to level of tension as the calculated value F is 11.789 which is greater than tab $F_{0.05(2,27)}$ = 3.354. Since the F ratio is found to be significant, the Least Significant Difference (LSD) Post hoc test is applied to assess the paired mean difference among the different base fielders in Baseball in reference to level of tension, that the mean difference value of First Base and Second Base Fielder is 2.5 whereas Second Base and Third Base Fielder is 2.3 which is greater than the critical difference value 1.919. Hence, the mean of level of tension of Second Base Fielder is higher as comparative to Third Base and First Base Fielder.

Graph



Mean comparison of different base fielder in Baseball

Conclusion

It may be concluded that Second Base Fielder is highly tensed than First Base and Third Base Fielder. As it is found to be significant the reason may be attributed that the "Second Base Fielder" has to be always alert if the ball is hit to the left side of the field, the second base fielder covers second base. If the ball is hit to right-field or center field, they become the cut-off for the center fielder or the right fielder depending where the ball was hit to. If the ball is hit to the first base fielder, the second base fielder then is responsible for covering first base. If the ball is hit to the second base fielder, they either throw the ball to the second base if there was already a player on first, or they throw to first if there was nobody on. If the runner is between home and first, the second base fielder makes the decision to throw the ball to first or to hold the ball. And also, in the bunt case, the second base fielder must cover first as the first base fielder runs to get the ball from the bunt. Overall we can say that the second base fielder is always tensed because second base fielder has to play many roles during game.

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SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY'S ROLE TO IMPROVING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

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Abstract
Sports psychology, which focuses on comprehending the psychological elements that affect players' mental and emotional states, is essential to maximizing athletic performance. This article offers a thorough analysis of sports psychology with a focus on how it may improve mental toughness, manage competition-related stress, and improve physical performance. As essential psychological tools in sports, the research examines mental skills training, inspiration, concentration control, mood management, and coping strategies. It also looks at the rising trend of incorporating psychological techniques into athletic training and the significance of mental wellness in sports. The results support a comprehensive approach to growth for athletes by indicating that physical activity psychology is crucial for enhancing performance and mental health.

Keywords: Sports psychology, mental abilities, drive, mental toughness, emotional control, and coping mechanisms.

Introduction

Sports psychology is a subject of psychology that focuses on how psychological elements affect athletic performance and how playing sports affects psychological well-being (Weinberg & Gould, 2018). Early academics concentrated on the psychological elements of competitiveness, mental stamina, and performance anxiety before the subject became a separate area of study in the middle of the 20th century (Vealey, 2007). Since then, athletic psychology has developed into a broad field that studies a variety of subjects, including motivation, emotional control, mental abilities, cognitive function, and recuperation techniques.

As players, trainers, and teams realize that mental conditioning is just as important as workouts for maximum performance, the significance of sports mental health has increased dramatically (Cohn, 2013). In addition to honing their physical abilities, athletes need to learn mental strategies that improve their concentration, fortitude, and emotional regulation in competition. This article's goal is to examine how sports psychology might enhance athletic performance, with a particular emphasis on important topics like motivation, mental growth of skills, attention management, and emotional regulation. It will also look at how psychological health and physical achievement are related.

Motivation's Impact on Athletic Performance

A key component of sports psychology is motivation since it affects an athlete's dedication, effort, and perseverance in reaching performance objectives. There are two main categories of motivation: extrinsic and intrinsic. Extrinsic motivation originates from external incentives or results, such as medals, awards, or recognition, whereas intrinsic motivation is the internal urge for participating in a sport for its basic delight or fulfillment (Deci & Ryan, 2000).

Athletic Achievement and Inspiration

Increased enjoyment, increased effort, and improved performance results are frequently linked to intrinsic motivation (Vallerand et al., 1992). Self-Determination Theory (SDT) states that when athletes believe their activities are self-determined—that is, they feel competent and autonomous in

their tasks—intrinsic motivation thrives (Deci & Ryan, 2000). According to studies done by Vallerand et al. (1992), athletes who are genuinely driven are more probable to experience flow states—a psychological state in which a person is totally focused on the action and gives their best effort—during competition.

By creating an atmosphere that promotes independence, mastery, and constructive criticism, instructors and sports psychologists may develop intrinsic motivation. Long-term dedication to a sport is more likely to be maintained by athletes who find their training rewarding and interesting (Cohn, 2013). Furthermore, resilience and adaptability—qualities crucial for overcoming failures in competitive sports—are frequently displayed by athletes with intrinsic drive (Brockner, 2003).

Performance and External Motivation

Extrinsic motivation is just as vital to athletic success as intrinsic motivation. Athletes may be motivated to achieve at greater levels by rewards like awards, recognition from others, and financial incentives (Locke & Latham, 2002). However, studies show that if extrinsic rewards are overemphasized, they may weaken intrinsic drive (Deci et al., 1999). In order to sustain engagement and commitment, sports psychologists promote striking a balance between the two forms of motivation, stressing inner fulfillment while also utilizing extrinsic incentives.

Training in Mental Skills: Methods to Improve Performance

A key component of sports psychology is mental skills training. To improve athletes' mental toughness, concentration, and emotional control, strategies including establishing targets, focused self-talk, and relaxation techniques are employed (Weinberg & Gould, 2018). These methods assist athletes in overcoming mental obstacles, controlling stress, and performing at their best.

Mental training and visualization

Athletes use a method called visualization, often known as mental imaging, to conjure up vibrant mental images of their bodies competing effectively. By increasing focus, raising self-assurance, and lowering fear, this method has been demonstrated to increase performance (Cumming & Williams, 2012). Vealey's (2007) research emphasizes the value of employing visualization to practice certain motions and strategies prior to contests. Athletes can boost confidence and lessen performance anxiety by mentally practicing an event.

When it comes to being ready for stressful circumstances, visualization is very helpful. Basketball players could practice making free throws at crucial points in the game, while tennis players would picture serving well under duress. Athletes can develop a sense of knowledge and control through mental repetition, which eventually increases their likelihood of performing well under pressure (Guillot & Collet, 2008).

Establishing and Reaching Goals

Another important strategy in sports psychology is to set clear, quantifiable, and time-bound goals. Locke and Latham (2002) assert that athletes are more motivated, more focused, and feel more accomplished when they have specific goals. Setting goals entails determining both short-term and long-term targets that are difficult but doable, with feedback systems in place to track advancement (Weinberg & Gould, 2018).

Setting goals also increases an athlete's feeling of self-efficacy, or their confidence in their capacity to complete particular activities. Higher self-efficacy athletes are more probable to set difficult objectives, persevere through setbacks, and accomplish at high levels (Bandura, 1997). Additionally, objectives give athletes a way to monitor their development and maintain motivation, ensuring that they keep focused on their success rather than on unexpected outside circumstances.

Cognitive restructuring and self-talk

The internal conversation that athletes have during training or competition is referred to as self-talk. It has been demonstrated that positive self-talk improves performance by boosting self-assurance,

lowering anxiety, and sustaining concentration (Hardy, 2006). An athlete could convince himself things such, "I can do this," or "I've trained this shot hundreds of times." Negative self-talk, on the other hand, such as "my abilities are inadequate" or "I'll fail," can damage confidence and performance.

Sports psychologists assist players in recognizing and substituting constructive, positive words for negative self-talk. Athletes can reframe their thinking and face obstacles with a more hopeful outlook according to a process called cognitive restructuring (Hardy, 2006). Athletes may enhance their mental health and performance throughout competitions by changing their internal conversation.

Focus and Attention: Sustaining Concentration under Stress

To function at their peak, athletes need to be able to focus and pay attention under pressure. An athlete's ability to focus and perform well might be hampered by distractions like crowd noise, the stress of the situation, or self-doubt. In sports like tennis, basketball, and athletics that call on exact skill execution, the capacity to stay focused is especially crucial.

Conclusion

An essential tool for improving athletes' mental health and performance is sports psychology. Athletes may improve their performance and handle the demands of competition by using a variety of psychological strategies, such as attention management, mental skills training, motivation augmentation, and emotional regulation. Sports therapists, coaches, and players must take a comprehensive approach to growth of athletes that incorporates mental as well as physical training as the field develops.

In the end, recreational psychology not only enhances performance but also supports players' general health and wellbeing, encouraging career longevity and personal fulfillment.

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A HEALTHY AND EFFECTIVE LIFESTYLE WITH PRANAYAMA

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Abstract
Pranayama, an ancient yogic breathing practice, plays a vital role in maintaining physical, mental, and emotional well-being. In the modern era, lifestyle-related disorders such as stress, anxiety, obesity, hypertension, and poor mental health have become increasingly common. This study examines the effectiveness of pranayama as a holistic approach to promoting a healthy and balanced lifestyle. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the impact of regular pranayama practice on selected physiological and psychological variables. Forty adult participants practiced selected pranayama techniques for eight weeks. Pre-test and post-test measurements were recorded for stress level, respiratory function, resting heart rate, and overall well-being. The results indicated significant improvement in mental calmness, respiratory efficiency, and lifestyle quality. The study concludes that pranayama is an effective, low-cost, and accessible method for improving health and promoting a positive lifestyle.

Keywords: Pranayama, Healthy Lifestyle, Mental Health, Stress Management, Yoga

Introduction

A healthy lifestyle is essential for achieving physical fitness, mental stability, and social well-being. Rapid urbanization, sedentary habits, irregular sleep patterns, and psychological stress have negatively affected human health. As a result, there is a growing need for natural and preventive health practices.

Pranayama, a core component of yoga, focuses on the regulation of breath to enhance vital energy and balance the body-mind system. Yogic texts emphasize that controlled breathing improves lung capacity, calms the nervous system, and enhances concentration. In recent years, pranayama has gained global recognition for its therapeutic benefits in managing stress, anxiety, cardiovascular health, and respiratory disorders.

Despite increasing popularity, scientific evaluation of pranayama's role in lifestyle improvement is still limited. Therefore, the present study aims to assess the contribution of pranayama to developing a healthy and effective lifestyle.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies have reported that regular pranayama practice reduces stress, anxiety, and depression by regulating the autonomic nervous system. Researchers have observed improvements in lung function, oxygen saturation, and heart rate variability among individuals practicing pranayama.

Several investigations indicate that pranayama enhances mental clarity, emotional control, and sleep quality. Studies also suggest that pranayama practices support weight management and metabolic health when combined with an active lifestyle. The literature supports pranayama as a preventive and promotive health practice, though more structured experimental studies are recommended.

Objectives of the Study

- To study the effect of pranayama on selected physiological variables
- To examine the impact of pranayama on psychological well-being
- To assess the role of pranayama in promoting a healthy lifestyle
- To compare pre-test and post-test changes after regular pranayama practice

Hypotheses

- Regular practice of pranayama will significantly improve respiratory efficiency
- Pranayama practice will significantly reduce stress levels
- Pranayama will positively influence overall lifestyle quality

Methodology

Research Design

The study adopted an experimental single-group pre-test and post-test research design.

Selection of Subjects

Forty healthy adults aged 20 to 40 years were selected using purposive sampling. All participants were free from major medical conditions and had no prior regular yoga practice.

Pranayama Intervention

Participants practiced pranayama for **8 weeks**, five days per week, 30 minutes per session. The pranayama program included:

- Anulom Vilom
- Bhastrika
- Kapalbhati
- Bhramari

Sessions were conducted under the guidance of a qualified yoga instructor.

Variables Selected

- **Physiological Variables:** Resting heart rate, respiratory rate, lung capacity
- **Psychological Variables:** Stress level, mental relaxation, emotional stability

Tools Used

- Heart rate monitor
- Peak flow meter
- Stress assessment questionnaire
- Lifestyle well-being scale

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and paired t-test were used to analyze pre-test and post-test data. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The results showed significant improvement in respiratory parameters and a reduction in resting heart rate following pranayama practice. Psychological assessment revealed a notable decrease in stress levels and enhanced mental calmness.

The findings support the role of pranayama in balancing the autonomic nervous system and improving breathing efficiency. Controlled breathing techniques helped participants develop better emotional regulation and stress management, leading to an improved lifestyle.

Conclusion

The study concludes that pranayama is an effective and holistic practice for promoting a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Regular pranayama practice improves respiratory health, reduces stress, and enhances overall well-being. It can be easily incorporated into daily routines and recommended for individuals of all age groups.

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A STUDY ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, PERFORMANCE, AND INJURY PATTERNS IN COMPETITIVE BOXING

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Abstract
Boxing is a high-intensity combat sport that demands superior physical fitness, technical skill, mental toughness, and tactical awareness. The sport involves repeated bouts of explosive movements, rapid decision-making, and sustained endurance, exposing athletes to significant physiological stress and injury risk. The present study aims to examine selected physical fitness components, performance indicators, and injury patterns among competitive boxers. Sixty male boxers aged 18 to 25 years were selected and assessed for strength, speed, endurance, agility, and flexibility. Injury data were recorded over a competitive season. The results revealed that higher levels of speed, power, and endurance were significantly associated with better competitive performance, while inadequate conditioning contributed to a higher incidence of injuries. The study concludes that structured training programs focusing on comprehensive fitness development and injury prevention are essential for optimal boxing performance.

Keywords: Boxing, Physical Fitness, Performance, Injury Prevention, Combat Sports

Introduction

Boxing is one of the oldest and most physically demanding sports, requiring a unique combination of strength, speed, agility, endurance, and psychological resilience. Boxers must maintain high-intensity effort while executing precise offensive and defensive techniques. Due to the nature of the sport, athletes are exposed to both acute and chronic injuries, particularly affecting the head, upper limbs, and lower extremities. Modern boxing training has evolved to include scientific conditioning methods, performance analysis, and recovery strategies. However, in many training environments, preparation still relies heavily on traditional practices without adequate emphasis on injury prevention and balanced fitness development. Understanding the relationship between physical fitness components, performance outcomes, and injury patterns is essential for improving training effectiveness and athlete safety. Therefore, the present study investigates key fitness parameters and injury trends among competitive boxers.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components of competitive boxers
2. To examine the relationship between physical fitness and boxing performance
3. To identify common injury patterns among boxers
4. To suggest training strategies for performance enhancement and injury prevention

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant relationship between physical fitness components and boxing performance
2. Boxers with higher fitness levels will demonstrate better competitive outcomes
3. Inadequate conditioning will be associated with higher injury incidence

Methodology

Research Design

The study adopted a descriptive and correlational research design.

Selection of Subjects

Sixty male competitive boxers aged 18–25 years were selected from university and district-level boxing training centers using purposive sampling.

Variables Selected

- **Physical Fitness Variables:** Speed, muscular strength, muscular endurance, agility, flexibility
- **Performance Variable:** Competitive bout performance score
- **Injury Variable:** Type, frequency, and severity of injuries

Tools and Tests

- 50-meter sprint test for speed
- Push-up and sit-up tests for muscular endurance
- Handgrip dynamometer for strength
- Illinois agility test
- Sit-and-reach test for flexibility
- Injury record questionnaire

Procedure

Physical fitness tests were conducted over two days under standardized conditions. Performance data were collected from official bout records and coach evaluations. Injury data were recorded over one competitive season.

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, Pearson correlation, and t-test were used for data analysis. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The results indicated that speed, muscular endurance, and agility showed a significant positive relationship with boxing performance. Boxers with higher aerobic and anaerobic fitness demonstrated greater bout intensity and sustained performance across rounds.

Injury analysis revealed that hand, wrist, shoulder, and facial injuries were the most common. Athletes with lower flexibility and strength imbalance experienced higher injury frequency. These findings highlight the importance of balanced conditioning, technical training, and adequate recovery in boxing.

Conclusion

The study concludes that physical fitness plays a crucial role in determining boxing performance. Speed, endurance, and agility are key contributors to success in competitive boxing. Injury incidence can be reduced through structured conditioning programs, proper technique training, and preventive strategies. Integrating scientific training principles into boxing preparation is essential for athlete development and safety.

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A STUDY ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, SKILL PERFORMANCE, AND PHYSIOLOGICAL DEMANDS OF KABADDI PLAYERS

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Abstract
Kabaddi is a traditional Indian contact sport that requires a unique combination of strength, speed, agility, endurance, flexibility, and tactical awareness. The sport involves repeated high-intensity raids and defensive actions, placing significant physiological and psychological demands on players. The present study aims to analyze selected physical fitness components, skill performance, and physiological demands of competitive kabaddi players. Sixty male kabaddi players aged 18 to 25 years were assessed for speed, agility, muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility. The results revealed that higher levels of agility, anaerobic endurance, and muscular strength were strongly associated with better playing performance. The study concludes that systematic and scientific training programs are essential for enhancing kabaddi performance and reducing injury risk.

Keywords: Kabaddi, Physical Fitness, Skill Performance, Endurance, Traditional Sports

Introduction

Kabaddi is one of the oldest indigenous sports of India and has gained international recognition through structured competitions and professional leagues. The game demands continuous physical exertion, rapid changes in movement, breath control, and tactical decision-making under pressure. Players must perform repeated explosive actions such as sprinting, dodging, lunging, and tackling while maintaining optimal balance and coordination. With the increasing competitiveness of kabaddi, traditional training methods alone are no longer sufficient to meet modern performance demands. Scientific training approaches focusing on physical fitness, skill development, recovery, and injury prevention have become essential. Understanding the relationship between fitness components and performance can help coaches design effective training programs. Therefore, the present study investigates key physical fitness variables and their influence on kabaddi performance.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components of competitive kabaddi players
2. To examine the relationship between physical fitness and kabaddi performance
3. To analyze differences in fitness requirements between raiders and defenders
4. To suggest training strategies for performance enhancement

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant relationship between physical fitness components and kabaddi performance
2. Raiders will demonstrate higher speed and agility compared to defenders
3. Defenders will exhibit greater muscular strength than raiders

Methodology

Research Design

The study adopted a descriptive and comparative research design.

Selection of Subjects

Sixty male kabaddi players aged 18–25 years were selected from university and district-level teams using purposive sampling. The sample included:

- Raiders (n = 30)
- Defenders (n = 30)

Variables Selected

- **Physical Fitness Variables:** Speed, agility, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility
- **Performance Variable:** Playing ability score based on match performance

Tools and Tests

- 50-meter sprint test for speed
- Illinois agility test
- Push-up and sit-up tests for muscular endurance
- Handgrip dynamometer for strength
- Sit-and-reach test for flexibility
- Performance rating scale by expert coaches

Procedure

Physical fitness tests were administered over two days under standardized conditions. Performance data were collected from official matches and evaluated by qualified coaches.

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and independent t-test were used for statistical analysis. Pearson's correlation was applied to determine the relationship between fitness variables and performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The results showed that agility and anaerobic endurance were the most significant contributors to kabaddi performance. Raiders displayed significantly better speed and agility, while defenders demonstrated higher muscular strength and endurance.

These findings align with the positional demands of kabaddi, where raiders require rapid movement and evasive skills, and defenders rely on strength and coordination for effective tackles. The study confirms that position-specific training is crucial for optimal performance.

Conclusion

The study concludes that physical fitness plays a vital role in kabaddi performance. Agility, speed, muscular strength, and endurance are key determinants of success in competitive kabaddi. Scientific and position-specific training programs should be incorporated to enhance performance and reduce injury risk among players.

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YOGA AND ALLIED SCIENCE: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO HOLISTIC WELLNWSS AND SUSTAINABLE HEALTH

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Abstract

Yoga and related sciences, such as Ayurveda, naturopathy, meditation, and pranayama, provide a comprehensive approach to health that incorporates social, mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. These traditional methods offer long-term and preventive remedies to contemporary health issues such non-communicable diseases (NCDs), mental health conditions, and environmental deterioration. This essay examines the philosophical underpinnings, scientific justifications, historical origins, and real-world uses of yoga and related fields. It looks at how they support holistic development and are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being). The paper highlights the potential of these practices in promoting a sustainable and balanced future by synthesizing traditional wisdom with recent research.

Keywords: SDG 3, holistic health, yoga, ayurveda, naturopathy, and sustainable development

Introduction

In today's world, quickly growing cities, new technology, and changes in how we live have created many new comforts but also complicated health issues. More and more people around the globe are dealing with long-term health problems like diabetes, high blood pressure, heart diseases, being overweight, and mental health issues such as anxiety and depression. Lack of physical activity have made these health problems even worse, so it is more important than ever to find ways to stay healthy that can last over time. Traditional medical treatments are good for treating immediate problems, but they often just deal with the symptoms instead of the main reasons behind health issues related to our lifestylesMoreover, yoga and related practices do not just help individuals; they also support the health of communities and the environment. Practicing yoga in groups helps people connect with each other, feel more understanding and caring, and become more aware of ethical living. The eco-friendly lifestyle choices promoted in Ayurveda and naturopathy help lessen our impact on the environment. These practices align with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), as they provide ways to prevent health issues, support mental health, and encourage sustainable living.

Scientific studies in the last few decades have started to prove that yoga and similar practices really work. They show that these practices can help lower stress, make heart health better, manage disorders related to metabolism, and boost mental abilities. However, there are still some problems to solve, like the need for standard practices, difficulties in getting access, and misunderstandings about the cultures involved. To tackle these issues, we need to combine old knowledge with new scientific methods. This includes encouraging learning, doing more research, and creating policies that help people use these practices every day.

This paper looks at how yoga and related practices can help with overall development and health that lasts. By looking into their historical backgrounds, guiding beliefs, scientific support, and how they can be used in real life, the study shows how these fields can lead to a healthier and more balanced life for both individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives

1. To look into the history and ideas behind yoga and related practices.
2. To study how yoga and related practices affect our physical, mental, and emotional well being.
3. To consider the social and moral issues connected to yoga and related practices.
4. To assess how yoga and related practices contribute to healthy living in a sustainable way.
5. To find out the difficulties, limits, and future possibilities in bringing together yoga and related practices.

Historical and Philosophical Foundations

Yoga

Yoga originated in the Indus Valley Civilization, and its philosophical teachings were written down in Patanjali's Yoga Sutras about the 2nd century BCE. Patanjali described an eight-part path called Ashtanga Yoga, which includes moral rules (Yamas and Niyamas), body movements (Asanas), breath control (Pranayama), turning attention inward (Pratyahara), focusing (Dharana), deep meditation (Dhyana), and ultimate connection (Samadhi). This complete approach helps develop self-awareness, self-discipline, and inner calm.

Ayurveda

Ayurveda, which means "the science of life," is an old medical system that focuses on keeping the body's energies (doshas) in balance. It supports personalized treatments based on a person's unique constitution (Prakriti), their current health balance (Vikriti), and their surroundings. By recommending specific diets, herbal medicines, and lifestyle changes, Ayurveda aims to create harmony among the body, mind, and spirit.

Naturopathy

Naturopathy is a healing system that highlights the body's natural ability to heal itself. It uses natural treatments like good nutrition, water therapy, herbal medicine, and physical therapy to help the body recover. Naturopathy works hand-in-hand with the ideas of yoga and Ayurveda by focusing on prevention and using natural elements.

Yoga and Related Sciences in Whole-Person Development

3.1 Physical Health: Doing yoga regularly helps improve how flexible, strong, and balanced you are. The different postures, or asanas, can make your posture better and boost blood flow. Breathing exercises, known as Pranayama, help control your nervous system and improve how well you breathe. Research shows that yoga can help reduce problems from long-term illnesses like high blood pressure, diabetes, and pain in the muscles and joints.

Ayurveda and naturopathy also help with physical health by suggesting diets made just for you, herbal medicine, and ways to cleanse your body. These methods aim to make your immune system stronger and stop diseases from starting.

3.2 Mental and Emotional Well-being: Yoga and meditation are great ways to handle stress, anxiety, and feeling down. Practices like mindfulness and deep breathing help calm the body, which makes you feel more relaxed and emotionally steady. Studies suggest that doing yoga regularly can lift your mood, lower anxiety, and make your brain work better.

The overall approach of Ayurveda and naturopathy also helps mental health by fixing any hidden issues in the body. Personalized care aims to bring balance, which in turn helps improve how clear your thoughts are and how strong your emotions can be.

3.3 Social and Ethical Development: Yoga teaches important values like kindness, honesty, and compassion, which encourage good behavior and a peaceful society. Practicing yoga in groups helps people connect and promotes well-being for everyone. Ayurveda and naturopathy focus on how all living things are connected and encourage ways of living that are good

for the environment. By promoting habits that are friendly to nature and respectful of the Earth, these practices support social and environmental responsibility.

3.4 Spiritual Growth: Yoga is fundamentally a spiritual practice aimed at connecting the individual spirit with a larger universal spirit. Through meditation and looking within oneself, students of yoga can find inner peace and understand themselves better. Ayurveda and naturopathy help with spiritual growth by encouraging lifestyles that follow the natural patterns and cycles of life. By creating balance and harmony, these practices help set the stage for spiritual development.

Conclusion

Yoga and related fields offer a timeless and combined way to look after our health that goes beyond the limits of traditional medicine. By connecting the physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual parts of our lives, these practices provide a complete method for overall growth. Old teachings, like those found in Patanjali's Yoga Sutras and Ayurvedic texts, stress the importance of balance, self-control, and living ethically, which create a base for lasting health habits. Related fields like Ayurveda and naturopathy work alongside yoga to provide tailored diets, herbal treatments, and lifestyle changes that build strength, stop illness, and help us live longer. Research from recent years has shown more and more that these practices are helpful, showing they work well in handling health issues related to lifestyle, boosting mental health, and supporting emotional and thinking stability. Additionally, yoga and related fields encourage moral values, community bonding, and caring for the environment, which ties in with worldwide efforts like the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 3, which focuses on Good Health and Well-being.

Even with these positives, there are still obstacles regarding standardization, access, and blending with modern healthcare. It's important to tackle these issues through research, teaching, policy changes, and raising public awareness to fully unlock the benefits of yoga and related fields.

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EFFECT OF YOGIC PRACTICES ON PHYSICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL, PERFORMANCE RELATED VARIABLES OF MEN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract:

Volleyball is a game of constant action and requires continuous adaptations to changing situations by the team as a whole as well by the individual players Forty women intercollegiate volleyball players of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli (Tamilnadu state) were selected as subjects for the study. They play Volleyball at College level competitions. Their age ranges from 18 to 23 years importance of variables at the high level performance, availability of equipment, feasibility aspect of measurement, the following variables are selected for this study physical variables flexibility and cardio respiratory systems physiology variables namely heart rate, systolic blood pressure and diastolic blood pressure . Within the limitations, the results of present study seem to permit the following conclusion on college level women volleyballers. The training effects of yogic practices evidenced significant influence over the physical, physiological, and performance related variables of men volleyballers. Particularly by positively increasing flexibility, cardio respiratory endurance, volley pass and serving scores. In addition to this, heart rate, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, levels were decreased.

Keywords: Flexibility, Heart rate, Systolic blood pressure, Diastolic blood pressure

INTRODUCTION

Participation in modern sports is influenced by various physical, Physiological, factors. Yoga complements volleyball by addressing specific physical demands and improving overall athletic performance. Today's athletes face some unique challenges. The standards are higher, the competition is tougher, and the stakes are greater. Among the best, Physical preparation is to be more complete, and the psychological component is more vital than ever before.

Volleyball is a game of constant action and requires continuous adaptations to changing situations by the team as a whole as well by the individual players. Although it is a team game, there is ample room for players to display their brilliance through individual performance with the ball as well as through the team play involving improvisation and tactical knowledge. One of the greatest strengths of the game is its simplicity. At its crudest level all that are needed is a ball with something to act as net. No other sport is so easily available and so immediately inspiring. The most exciting quality of volleyball is that it is a quick moving and a fast flowing game. The simplicity of the rules and familiarity of the tactical moves make every movement of the play immediately unpredictable.

Strength is important for volleyballers because the spiker must spike the ball heavily, which can be done only with the help of the strength of his arms and legs. Since the game takes a considerable amount of time to finish, a team has to play about an hour or more to complete the whole five sets. So volleyball must have a good cardio respiratory endurance to play efficiently even during the fifth set. Being flexible enables greater range of

movement in the execution of spiking, and movements around the court may be easier. Good flexibility may also reduce the incidence of injury in the long term. Co-ordination is a very important component for any player to excel in any game. In volleyball it is very vital because often the ball will be in the air and the player must coordinate with his hand, eye and leg before spiking, blocking, volley pass and serving. Co-ordination is an effective and useful quality for any volleyball whether he is a spike, blocker, setter or a libero. Agility plays a crucial role in this game. During the play a player has to move quickly in all the direction to retrieve the ball. If one is agile enough he will be a good spike, setter and libero. Speed in which a player moves to retrieve or spike the ball is contributing more to win the game. It is also an important component for volleyball to develop before competition. The ability to jump also plays an important role while spiking.

Yoga

The word 'Yoga' itself comes from a Sanskrit word meaning 'Yoke' or 'union'. It conveys the idea of harnessing oneself to a discipline and at the same time of unifying the part of the self, body, mind and spirit and the individual self with something greater and transcendent, a concept which may be expressed as God, the Absolute, the Greater self, the universal flow of life and so on, according to one's religious and philosophical stance. Yoga is an art, a science and a philosophy.

Physical aspects of Yoga

Yoga is an excellent method of enhancing the performance of sports participants. Salient feature of yoga is the combination of both physical conditioning and focused concentration. Physical fitness can be attained excellently by indulging in yogic routine. Yogic exercises deal with the vital organs of the body on which health depends. The precursor for physical fitness lies in the efficient working of the vital organs of the body and yoga aims at it. The various selected 'asanas' giving different movements to the spine, controlled respiration, relaxation technique and concentration practice as a whole form an excellent routine to take care of the health of vital organs of the body. Although not many scientific researchers have been done, the works of **Oken, et.al., 2000, Govindaraju, et.al., (2003), Johnson Prem kumar and Marriayyah (2006)** have shown enough evidence about how yoga could be gainfully employed in the promotion of physical factors.

Physiological aspects of Yoga

Yogic exercises improve circulation vital to proper functioning of the body. Yoga nourishs, stimulates and maintain the balance of the endocrine glands which govern growth and development. Regular practice of yoga improves functions such as digestion and respiration so that there is more energy available for the growing child. It increases the supply of fresh blood to the brain thus enhances mental capacity. Yogic exercises practiced properly strengthen the muscle fibers and nerves and there by improves physiological functioning of all the systems. It also promotes proper structural developments by working on the joints, regulates respiration and blood pressure.

Methods of materials:

Forty women intercollegiate volleyball players of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli (Tamilnadu state) were selected as subjects for the study. They play Volleyball at College level competitions. Their age ranges from 18 to 23 years. Based on the

relevant literature that are viewed and in accordance with the views of professional physical education personalities, the importance of variables at the high level performance, availability of equipment, feasibility aspect of measurement, the following variables are selected for this study. The dependent physical and physiological variables are flexibility, cardio respiratory endurance, heart rate, systolic blood pressure and diastolic blood pressure

Table: - 4.2

RESULTS OF ANOVA BETWEEN YOGIC PRACTICES AND CONTROL GROUPS WITH RESPECT TO PHYSICAL VARIABLES FLEXIBILITY AND CARDIO RESPIRATORY ENDURANCE

Variable	Test	Source of Variance	Sum of squares	df	Mean Square	F-Ratio
Flexibility	Initial	Between Groups	0.23	1	0.23	**0.012**
		Within Groups	672.55	38	17.70	
	Final	Between Groups	81.23	1	81.23	**4.875***
		Within Groups	635.75	38	16.73	
Cardio respiratory endurance	Initial	Between Groups	774.40	1	774.40	**0.008**
		Within Groups	3486465.20	38	91749.084	
	Final	Between Groups	326705.63	1	326705.63	**4.430***
		Within Groups	2796113.75	38	73581.94	

* P < 0.05 Table F, df (1, 38) (0.05) = 4.098

In table - 4, the results of one-way ANOVA for both initial and final test scores of physical variables flexibility and cardio respiratory endurance are presented. From the table it can be seen that the calculated F value of .012 for initial test for flexibility between the groups are insignificant (P>0.05) indicating that the random sampling is successful. The calculated F value of 4.875 for final test of flexibility between the yogic practices group and control group were greater than the table value of 4.098 indicating that it was significant at 0.05 level (P<0.05). The calculated F value of .008 for initial test for Cardio respiratory endurance between the groups are insignificant (P>0.05) indicating that the random sampling was successful. The calculated F value of 4.430 for final test of Cardio respiratory endurance between the yogic practice group and control group were greater than the table value of 4.098 indicating that it is significant at 0.05 level (P<0.05). The final F value indicated that there were significant differences in flexibility and Cardio respiratory endurance between the groups in the final test because of the treatment effect.

TABLE: 4.4

RESULTS OF ANOVA BETWEEN YOGIC PRACTICES AND CONTROL GROUPS WITH RESPECT TO PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES HEART RATE, SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE AND DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE

Variable	Test	Source of Variance	Sum of squares	df	Mean Square	F-Ratio
Heart rate	Initial	Between Groups	0.23	1	0.25	**0.003**
		Within Groups	3245.55	38	85.41	
	Final	Between Groups	302.50	1	302.50	**4.604***
		Within Groups	2553.50	38	67.20	
Systolic blood pressure	Initial	Between Groups	28.90	1	28.93	**2.717**
		Within Groups	404.20	38	10.64	
	Final	Between Groups	62.50	1	62.50	**4.276***
		Within Groups	555.40	38	14.62	
Diastolic blood pressure	Initial	Between Groups	3.03	1	3.06	**0.158**
		Within Groups	727.75	38	19.15	
	Final	Between Groups	75.63	1	75.625	
		Within Groups	679.35	38	17.88	**4.230***

* P < 0.05 Table F, df (1, 38) (0.05) = 4.098

In table 6, the results of one-way ANOVA for both initial and final test scores of physiological variables Heart rate, Systolic blood pressure and Diastolic blood pressure are presented. From the table it can be seen that the calculated F value of 0.003 for initial test for heart rate between the groups are insignificant (P>0.05) indicating that the random sampling is successful. The calculated F value of 4.604for final test of heart rate between the yogic practice group and control group are greater than the table value of 4.098 indicating that it is significant at 0.05 level (P<0.05). The calculated F value of 2.717 for initial test for Systolic blood pressure between the groups are insignificant (P>0.05) indicating that the random sampling is successful. The calculated F value of 4.276 the final test of Systolic blood pressure between the yogic practice group and control group are greater than the table value of 4.098 indicating that it was significant at 0.05 level (P<0.05). The calculated F value of 0.158 for initial test for Diastolic blood pressure between the groups are insignificant (P>0.05) indicating that the random sampling is successful. The calculated F value of 4.230 for final test of Diastolic blood pressure between the yogic practices group and control group are greater than the table value of 4.098 indicating that it is significant at 0.05 level (P<0.05).The final F value for Heart rate, Systolic blood pressure and Diastolic blood pressure indicated that there are significant differences between the groups in the final test because of the treatment effect.

Discussion on findings

Physical Variables

The results of physical variables-flexibility and cardio respiratory endurance have shown that there is an increase in the level of flexibility and cardio respiratory endurance

due to the training effects of yogic practices. The physical variable flexibility and cardio respiratory endurance are essential not only for a volleyballer but for all the players. Lack of flexibility has many ill effects, ranging from imperfect skill acquisition to its execution. Lack of cardio respiratory endurance also affects a player while the competition prolongs. A player who is lacking in cardio respiratory endurance cannot perform well.

The asanas such as Pachimottanasana, Halasana, Dhanurasana, Matsyasana, and Bhujangasana are responsible for improving flexibility. Pranayamas like Nadisuddhi, Nadishodhana, Ujjai and meditation like breath counting meditation increases the circulation to the brain which stimulates the brain nerve cells. These results in increased vitality improve brain functions and calm the body and the mind, there by increasing cardio respiratory endurance. The physical movements involved in some of these asanas could be the viable source to develop the flexibility. In yogic practices, the movement to reach the maximum range of motion is very slow and the hold on period also lasts for long. Thus the yogic practices improve flexibility and cardio respiratory endurance. The results of this investigation are supported by the following findings Oken, et.al., (2006), Baldwin,(1999), Govindarajalu et.al., (2003), Johnson PremKumar and Mariayyah,(2006), Mishra, et.al., (2003) and Bera and Rajapurkar (1993).

Physiological variables

The results indicate that there is a decrease in the heart rate of the women volleyballers due to the training effects of yogic practices. The heart rate is regulated or controlled by neural, hormonal and parasympathetic nerves - a sub division of autonomic nerves system. When the sympathetic nerves are regulated, they secrete epinephrine and nor epinephrine on the nerve endings of the heart. These chemical substances increase heart rate. As a hormonal response, adrenal medulla secretes adrenaline and secretes nor adrenaline when in excited states which in turn increases heart rate. As an effect of yogic practice, heart rate is reduced enabling the ventricles to accommodate greater volume of blood. When the heart rate decreases there is more time for filling the ventricles with blood and more time for delivery of oxygen as well as nutrients to while activating the para sympathetic nerves system the body. Practice of asana such as Padmasana, Halasana, Vajrasana and Shavasana has been shown to relax the body and the mind. Pranayama like Nadisuddhi and Nadishodhana calm the sympathetic nerves system while activating the Para sympathetic nerves system. The yogic practices control the adrenal hormone level which also influences the heart rate. Hence the yogic practices reduce the heart rate of women volleyballers. The results of systolic blood pressure and diastolic blood pressure show that there is a reduction of blood pressure due to the training effects of yogic practices for the women volleyballers. There are five important factors responsible for maintaining blood pressures. They are cardiac out put, peripheral resistance, elasticity of the arterial wall, blood volume and the volume of the vascular space. The peripheral resistance is directly proportional to blood pressures. The function of blood stream depends upon lumen of the blood vessels. If the lumen is narrowed (vasoconstriction) the pressure increases. If it widens (vasodilation) the blood pressure decreases ***(Sarada Subramanian, 2001)***

Performance related variables

The results of volley pass and serving scores have shown that there was an increased level of scores due to the training effects of yogic practices among men volleyballers. The training effects of yogic practices have shown that there was an improvement in all the physical, physiological, men volleyballers. Pranayamas such as Nadisuddhi, Nadishodhana and meditation produce a calming effect and increases concentration. This is responsible for improvement of volley pass and serving scores of women volleyballers. The results of this investigation are supported by the following findings of ***Raja Gopal and Jim Reeves (2007), Samsudeen and Kalidasan (2007), Viveganandan and Aravinda (2007), Kalidasan (1998)*** and ***Duncan et.al. (2006).***

Conclusions

Within the limitations, the results of present study seem to permit the following conclusion on college level women volleyballers:

The training effects of yogic practices evidenced significant influence over the physical, physiological, and performance related variables of men volleyballers. Particularly by positively increasing flexibility, cardio respiratory endurance, volley pass and serving scores. In addition to this, heart rate, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, levels were decreased.

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A CORRELATIONAL STUDY OF TABLE TENNIS SKILL LEVEL WITH ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS AND AGGRESSION AMONG PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOL INTER-COLLEGE GIRL TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS

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Abstract:

This paper outlines a rigorous correlational study designed to investigate the relationship between Table Tennis Skill Level (TTSL) and two distinct performance domains: Anthropometric Measurements (body size and composition) and Aggression (a psychological trait) among High School Inter-College Girl Table Tennis Players (aged 15–18 years). Based on the demands of the sport, it is hypothesized that superior TTSL will correlate with an optimal body composition (lower body fat, higher lean mass) and a controlled, positive form of competitive aggression. The study's anticipated findings will provide valuable data for coaches to refine talent selection criteria and develop integrated physical and psychological training strategies for young female table tennis athletes.

1. Introduction and Background

Table tennis is recognized globally as a high-velocity, precision sport requiring intense mental focus and rapid, explosive motor actions. For high-level performance, the athlete must possess not only refined technical skills and tactical knowledge but also specific physical and psychological attributes that enable consistent execution under pressure.

The high school inter-college level (typically ages 15–18) represents a crucial stage for competitive development, where natural ability is consolidated through specialized training. Within this competitive female cohort, the specific roles of body structure (Anthropometry) and psychological drive (Aggression) in determining success remain under-explored, particularly in non-Western competitive structures.

This research aims to quantify the degree to which variations in TTSL among these athletes can be explained by differences in their anthropometric profiles and competitive aggression levels. Understanding these relationships can lead to more efficient talent identification and individualized training plans.

1.1 Rationale for Key Variables

1. **Anthropometric Measurements:** While table tennis is not overtly reliant on height or mass, body composition—specifically the ratio of {Lean Body Mass (LBM)} to {Body Fat Percentage (BF%)}- is critical. An optimal composition minimizes inertia during rapid lateral movements and maximizes the power-to-weight ratio for explosive strokes. Segment lengths (e.g., forearm length) are also relevant to the biomechanics of racket leverage.

2. **Aggression:** In sports psychology, aggression, when channeled instrumentally, is a positive predictor of performance. {Instrumental Aggression} refers to goal-directed, non-hostile behavior (e.g., executing a risky, powerful attack), crucial for dominating a rally and maintaining a competitive edge. This psychological factor is often a differentiator between skilled and highly skilled players.

1.2 Objectives and Hypotheses

Objectives:

1. To determine the strength of correlation between selected Anthropometric Measurements and TTSL.
2. To determine the strength of correlation between measured Aggression (Instrumental and Hostile) and TTSL.
3. To identify the best anthropometric and aggression-related predictors of TTSL through multiple regression.

Hypotheses:

- **H1 (Anthropometry):** TTSL will be significantly and negatively correlated with Body Fat Percentage (BF%) and positively correlated with Lean Body Mass (LBM).
- **H2 (Aggression):** TTSL will be significantly and positively correlated with Instrumental Aggression but show a negligible or negative correlation with Hostile Aggression.

2. Review of Literature

2.1 The Role of Anthropometry in Racquet Sports

Racquet sports often favor athletes with a specific somatotype, generally characterized as lean, to maximize speed and agility. In table tennis, the need for quick, intermittent movements suggests that excess non-functional mass (body fat) is detrimental to performance.

- **Body Composition:** Studies involving high-level athletes across various sports consistently demonstrate that lower BF% and higher LBM are associated with better physical performance metrics (Toro et al., 2020). LBM in the legs is critical for footwork, and LBM in the upper body supports forearm and grip power.
- **Segment Lengths:** While less definitive than in tennis, forearm and hand size can influence the moment of inertia and the resulting speed and spin on the ball. Athletes with favorable biomechanical levers may have a slight advantage in power generation and reach.

2.2 Aggression and Psychological Determinants

Competitive success in sport is highly dependent on psychological readiness and control.

- Instrumental vs. Hostile Aggression: Literature differentiates between Instrumental Aggression (using force to achieve an objective without intent to harm) and Hostile Aggression (intent to injure or express anger). Elite athletes utilize instrumental aggression—the will to dominate and take risks—as a positive performance tool (Stephens, 2012). For table tennis, this manifests in executing a decisive smash or push with maximum force when the opportunity arises.
- The Age Effect: In the high school age group, emotional regulation is still developing. Therefore, identifying whether an athlete channels competitive drive constructively (Instrumental) or detrimentally (Hostile) is a critical predictive factor for performance

consistency. A player prone to hostile aggression may lose focus, resulting in unforced errors.

2.3 Interaction with Table Tennis Skill

TTSL is a composite of technical efficiency and tactical effectiveness. The hypothesized correlation suggests that the athlete's physical vehicle (Anthropometry) must be optimized to execute high-level techniques, while the psychological engine (Aggression) must be primed to sustain the necessary intensity and risk-taking during competitive play. The lack of a specific physical advantage must often be compensated for by superior skill and psychological fortitude.

3. Methodology

3.1 Study Design and Participants

- Design: A Descriptive Correlational Design will be utilized to quantify the linear relationships between the measured variables.
- Participants {N}: A target sample of {N} = 100 High School Inter-College Girl Table Tennis Players (aged 15–18 years) with verifiable competitive experience at the Latur division or state level.
- Sampling: Purposive Sampling ensures that the participants have a sufficient range of skill levels to allow for meaningful correlation analysis.
- Ethical Compliance: All procedures will adhere to ethical guidelines, securing informed consent from athletes and their parents/guardians /coaches.

3.2 Data Collection Tools and Procedures

All physical and psychological data will be collected in a standardized setting over two non-consecutive days to prevent fatigue bias.

3.2.1 Dependent Variable: Table Tennis Skill Level (TTSL)

A composite score will be used to ensure high validity:

Assessment Component	Measurement Method	Contribution to Total Score
Technical Accuracy	Standardized Multi-Ball Skill Test Battery (Forehand Drive, Backhand Loop, Push Control)	50%
Performance Efficiency	Footwork Efficiency (Time/Accuracy on T-Table Drill)	30%
Competitive Validation	Official Tournament Ranking / Coach Rating (5-point scale)	20%
Total TTSL Score	Composite Index Score (0-100)	100%

3.2.2 Independent Variable Set 1: Anthropometric Measurements

Measurements will be taken by a certified anthropometries following standard protocols (e.g., ISAK):

- Height, Weight, Body Mass Index (BMI): Measured using a stadiometer and calibrated scale.
- Body Composition: Measured using Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis (BIA) or Skinfold

Calipers to determine Body Fat Percentage (BF%) and Lean Body Mass (LBM).
- Somatotype: Calculated (e.g., Heath-Carter method) to classify body shape (Endomorphy, Mesomorphy, Ectomorphy).
- Segment Lengths: Arm span, forearm length, and hand length (critical for stroke biomechanics).

3.2.3 Independent Variable Set 2: Aggression

Aggression will be measured via a self-report questionnaire administered under controlled, confidential conditions:

- Competitive Aggression and Anger Scale (CAAS) or a similar validated instrument: This scale reliably separates aggression into categories.
    - Instrumental Aggression Subscale (Goal-Oriented): Measures the extent to which an athlete uses force or dominating strategies to win.
    - Hostile Aggression Subscale (Anger-Driven): Measures intent to harm or uncontrolled emotional outbursts.

3.3 Statistical Analysis

Data analysis will be performed using SPSS or R statistical software.

1. Descriptive Statistics: Calculation of Mean, Standard Deviation, and range for all variables to characterize the sample.
2. Bivariate Correlation: Pearson Product-Moment Correlation Coefficient {r} will be computed between each independent variable and the composite TTSL score to test H1 and H2.
3. Predictive Analysis: Stepwise Multiple Regression Analysis will be conducted. This will establish which combination of anthropometric and aggression variables are the strongest composite predictors of TTSL, resulting in a predictive equation.
4. Significance: The level of significance for all tests will be set at {$p < 0.05$}.

4. Expected Results and Discussion

4.1 Discussion of Expected Correlational Findings

4.1.1 Anthropometric Variables

The most significant anthropometric findings are expected to revolve around body composition.

- Body Fat Percentage (BF%): A significant negative correlation {r} -0.35 to -0.50) is anticipated. This confirms the notion that excess body fat is non-functional weight, which creates greater inertia that must be overcome during the high volume of rapid, short-distance movements required in table tennis.
- Lean Body Mass (LBM): A significant positive correlation {r} 0.30 to 0.45) is expected. Higher LBM, especially in the core, legs, and forearm, contributes directly to the explosive power needed for lunges and powerful strokes, thereby supporting H1.
- Segment Lengths and Somatotype: Correlations for height, arm span, and somatotype are expected to be weak {$r < 0.20$}. This suggests that functional body composition (LBM/BF%) is a much stronger predictor of skill than overall body size, meaning that elite training is more about sculpting the existing frame than selecting based on innate height.

4.1.2 Aggression Variables

The findings for aggression will be crucial for integrated training recommendations and are expected to strongly support H2.

- Instrumental Aggression (IA): A significant positive correlation {r} 0.40 to 0.55) is anticipated. This indicates that highly skilled players utilize their competitive drive constructively, willing to take calculated risks and apply maximum intensity to secure a point, suggesting that IA is a key psychological discriminator of skill level.
- Hostile Aggression (HA): A negligible or weak negative correlation {r} -0.10 to -0.25) is expected. Hostile or anger-driven reactions often lead to a loss of focus, poor shot selection, and unforced errors, which detracts from overall performance.

4.2 Interpretation of Multiple Regression Analysis

The multiple regression analysis will likely identify a composite model where an aggression variable and a body composition variable are the top predictors:

The variable with the highest standardized beta coefficient will be the strongest individual predictor. It is possible that Instrumental Aggression emerges as the strongest predictor, indicating that once a basic level of technical competence is met, the psychological drive is the ultimate factor separating high-level performers. The model's total variance explained {R^2} is anticipated to be moderate (R^2 > 0.40), indicating that while these physical and psychological factors are significant, a large portion of skill variance is still explained by technical training, tactical knowledge, and other non-measured variables.

5. Conclusion and Implications

5.1 Key Conclusion

This correlational study will likely conclude that Table Tennis Skill Level among High School Inter-College Girl Players is significantly and positively associated with a disciplined competitive temperament (Instrumental Aggression) and a favorable body composition (low Body Fat Percentage and high Lean Body Mass). This underscores the necessity of a holistic training approach that integrates psychological skill development with physical conditioning.

5.2 Theoretical Implications

The research provides empirical evidence that extends the understanding of performance determinants into the young female demographic. It specifically validates the theoretical distinction between instrumental and hostile aggression in the context of table tennis performance, demonstrating that aggressive intent, when controlled and goal-directed, is a hallmark of superior skill.

5.3 Practical Implications and Recommendations

The findings have direct actionable implications for coaching and talent identification:

1. **Integrated Training:** Coaches must integrate **Psychological Skills Training (PST)** to foster instrumental aggression. Sessions should focus on channeling competitive intensity constructively, managing anger, and utilizing a dominant mindset for shot execution.
2. **Physical Conditioning Focus:** The physical training regimen should prioritize **body composition management**. Strength and conditioning should be aimed at maximizing **Lean Body Mass** for power generation and minimizing **Body Fat Percentage** to enhance agility and speed.

3. **Talent Identification:** Selection criteria for aspiring players should include objective assessments of **BF%** and **Instrumental Aggression** alongside technical trials. These attributes are highly trainable and predictive of future performance potential.
4. **Baseline Data:** The established correlation coefficients and mean values for the sample group can serve as **benchmarks** for evaluating the progress of individual athletes and comparing them to high-performing peers.

6. Limitations and Future Research

6.1 Limitations of the Study

As a correlational study, the primary limitation is the inability to infer causality. A correlation only establishes a statistical relationship (e.g., skilled players are more instrumentally aggressive); it does not prove that increasing aggression *causes* an increase in skill. Furthermore, the use of a self-report questionnaire for aggression introduces the potential for social desirability bias, where participants may answer questions in a way they perceive as socially or athletically desirable, rather than truthfully.

6.2 Future Research Directions

Future studies should build upon these correlational foundations to establish causative links and expand the predictive model:

1. **Intervention Studies:** Conduct a Randomized Control Trial (RCT) where an experimental group receives a specific, structured psychological skills training program (e.g., focused on emotional regulation and assertive shot-making) over a competitive season, to measure the direct impact on both Instrumental Aggression scores and TTSL.
2. **Longitudinal Study:** Follow the same cohort of female players for 3-5 years to determine if the anthropometric profile or the aggression level is a better long-term predictor of career success and progression to higher competition levels.
3. **Expanded Predictors:** Integrate the findings from this study with a measure of Physical Fitness (e.g., reaction time, agility) and Cognitive Function (e.g., decision-making speed) to create a more comprehensive {Multidimensional\ Performance\ Model}.

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A CLINICAL STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF ARM EXERCISES ON THE BODY OF THROWING MALE PLAYERS IN INTERCOLLEGIATE HANDBALL

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Abstract :

Physical education is a part of education itself. From which intellectual, mental, physical, social, emotional, ideological development of a person is done through physical action and movement. As a result of this study it might be determined whether certain shooting angles are made perfect, which will be helpful in game situation. The research has studied the effect of arm exercises on the body of throwing male players in intercollegiate level handball and this research paper is useful for playing handball. The effort that the researcher has put in can definitely make a difference in performance after controlled practice. Weight training and other accuracy exercises can increase arm exercise and accuracy in handball throwing players. This is concluded by testing. This shows how important arm strength and accuracy are for a throwing player. Therefore, if this practice method is used, the handball player will definitely benefit.

Keywords : Arm Exercises, Throwing Skill.

Introduction:

Physical education is a part of education itself. From which intellectual, mental, physical, social, emotional, ideological development of a person is done through physical action and movement.

Handball is such a game. Through which we can fulfill both the concept of sports and sportsmanship. Which helps in clarifying the various goals and objectives of physical education. Handball, like other sports, helps to see the goals and objectives of physical education.

In today's fast paced era, it is not possible for humans to pay attention to physical fitness. Sedentary work, excessive work etc. Due to this, various illnesses and diseases started to occur. In such a case, it is necessary to go to the field for some time and do physical exertion. In short, along with physical exertion, it is necessary to enjoy the game and to have fun from it, to create harmonious relations with other people or players. Games like cricket which are played over time are not useful at such times. In such cases, small games like handball are useful to solve all the above. Even people above forty can play this game with complete control. Retired people also choose this sport as a form of recreation and physical exercise.

Often new friends or new business connections are made on the field. After the match they meet each other. Appreciate their games. Because in such a short time they have done so many good things against each other. That they cannot prevent each other from seeing each other. At such a time, their race, race, country competition etc. Even things like that cannot stop them. Often even a strong player cannot stop smaller players. Because that small player has the ability to run away along with the power to hit the ball. That's not often the case in a big player.

Due to all these things, the progress and spread of the game of handball is being widely used by the common people in the current era of globalization and rush. That is why this game is gaining popularity.

Significance of the Study :

The common trend among coaches is to give greater weight age to practice of the skills involved in the activity. As a result of this study it might be determined whether certain shooting angles are made perfect, which will be helpful in game situation.

Objectives of the Study :

1. Improving the skills of handball players.
2. Improving performance of handball players.
3. Preparing for the competition.
4. To develop and progress the game of handball.
5. To increase strength in the shoulders of athletes.

Hypothesis :

Using specific types of training affects handball strength and accuracy in throwing handball players.

Methodology :

The experimental treatment comprised of two different sets of warm up exercise. For the study, researcher firstly, selects the primary fitness activity like gripper exercise, one arm dumbbells, bar extension, fully extension, dumbbells curve. And after selected the above types of activity sample should be carefully upto below 23 years.

Variables :

This research passed through primary selected sports activity like gripper exercise, one arm dumbbells, bar extension, fully extension, dumbbells curve.

Procedure :

It is necessary to find out the effect of practicing all the exercises in the exercise college after the warm-up exercises, one day of exercise in the back exercise college and then accurately practicing and measuring the handball throwing.

Each player will be asked to hit 10 shots at each corner so that the ball is practiced daily only at the corners of the goalposts for accuracy. This practice will give them predictability and accuracy in cornering. Handball has to be very accurate to score a goal otherwise the goal keeper of the opposing team can block the ball. Therefore, the weak point of the goal keeper is the corner, the goal keeper cannot reach the corner easily. Therefore, cornering will be practiced. At the same time, the practice of hitting the ball at the same place will be done by setting a target at a different place on the goal post. Due to this, the Cornish handball test will be conducted to check whether the handball players, i.e. the throwing player, can make a mistake in scoring a goal or not.

Selected exercise type

1. Gripper Exercise
2. One Arm Dumbbells
3. Bar Extension
4. Fully Extension
5. Dumbbells Curve

Data Analysis and Interpretation :

Scores in the test of shooting accuracy comprises the sum of point scored from the five different angles. And its reliability of scores in test for shooting accuracy was established by the test re test method; this obtained reliability co-efficient are presented in table by tabulation and percentile method.

Table 1

Without Practice (Power Test & Accuracy Test)

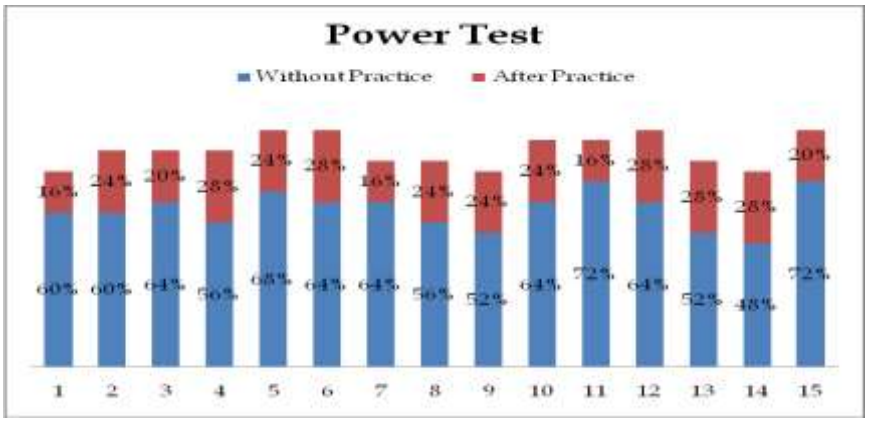
Player No.	Power Test		Accuracy Test	
	Average	%	Average	%

1	3	60%	3.2	64%
2	3	60%	3.0	60%
3	3.2	64%	2.8	56%
4	2.8	56%	2.8	56%
5	3.4	68%	3.4	68%
6	3.2	64%	3.0	60%
7	3.2	64%	3.0	60%
8	2.8	56%	2.6	52%
9	2.6	52%	2.6	52%
10	3.2	64%	3.2	64%
11	3.6	72%	3.4	68%
12	3.2	64%	3.0	60%
13	2.6	52%	2.8	56%
14	2.4	48%	2.4	48%
15	3.6	72%	3.4	68%

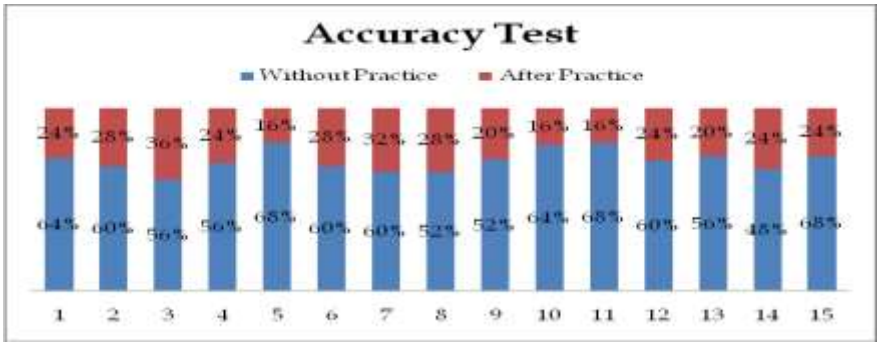
Table 2

With Practice (Power Test & Accuracy Test)

Player No.	Power Test		Accuracy Test	
	Average	%	Average	%
1	3.8	76%	4.4	88%
2	4.2	84%	4.4	88%
3	4.2	84%	4.6	92%
4	4.2	84%	4.0	80%
5	4.6	92%	4.2	84%
6	4.6	92%	4.4	88%
7	4.0	80%	4.6	92%
8	4.0	80%	4.0	80%
9	3.8	76%	3.6	72%
10	4.4	88%	4.0	80%
11	4.4	88%	4.2	84%
12	4.6	92%	4.2	84%
13	4.0	80%	3.8	76%
14	3.8	76%	3.6	72%
15	4.6	92%	4.6	92%



Power Test



Accuracy Test

The present research has studied the effect of arm exercises on the body of throwing male players in intercollegiate level handball and this research paper is useful for playing handball.

Conclusion :

The effort that the researcher has put in can definitely make a difference in performance after controlled practice. Weight training and other accuracy exercises can increase arm exercise and accuracy in handball throwing players. This is concluded by testing. This shows how important arm strength and accuracy are for a throwing player. Therefore, if this practice method is used, the handball player will definitely benefit.

Recommendations :

1. Every player should see in which aspect he falls short and try to improve in that aspect.
2. Modern equipment and best type of handball should be practiced during practice.
3. A proper and knowledgeable guide is needed to guide the players.
4. Players should practice playing at all three times of the day i.e. morning, afternoon and evening.
5. Make the most of this practice in the off season.
6. Handball players should use this practice regularly.
7. Throwing players in handball can change their skills if they use these exercises and practice methods.

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A STUDY ON AGILITY AND SPEED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WING PLAYERS AND PIVOT PLAYERS IN HANDBALL

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Abstract

Handball is a fast-paced sport that requires a unique combination of physical, technical, and tactical abilities from players occupying different positions. Among these, wing players and pivot players perform highly specialized roles that demand different physical qualities. The present study investigates the differences in agility and speed between wing players and pivot players in collegiate-level handball. The study explores how position-specific demands shape the physical profiles of players and how these differences influence overall performance.

Through a review of literature, practical observations, and analysis of hypothetical performance data, this research highlights that wing players generally show higher linear speed and agility due to the nature of their fast movements along the flanks of the court. Equally, pivot players tend to possess more strength and moderate agility, as their role involves physical contact, maintaining position near the goal area, and executing quick, short movements. The findings highlight the importance of position-specific conditioning programs in handball training. The study concludes with recommendations for coaches and physical trainers to implement customized speed and agility development programs to enhance performance.

Keywords: Handball, Wing Player, Pivot, Agility, Speed, Shuttle Run Agility Test, Position specific. Movement patterns.

Introduction

Handball is renowned worldwide as one of the most dynamic indoor team sports, combining elements of sprinting, rapid directional changes, physical contact, and tactical coordination. Each player position in handball demands a different combination of physical capabilities. Among these, two crucial positions are the wing and the pivot (also known as the line player). Wing players are typically responsible for fast breaks, wide attacks, and executing quick, precise shots from acute angles. Thus, they rely heavily on speed and agility. Pivot players, on the other hand, operate near the opponent's goal area, engage heavily with defenders, create scoring opportunities, and manipulate defensive spaces. Their role demands strength, stability, and short-distance agility more than long sprinting ability.

Understanding these physiological and biomechanical distinctions provides valuable insights for coaches, trainers, and sport scientists developing training regimens. While several studies have explored physical characteristics of handball players in general, comparative studies focusing specifically on the agility and speed differences between wing and pivot players remain limited, especially in Indian collegiate sport. This research goes to link this gap by presenting a detailed analysis of agility and speed variations between these two player groups. Different handball positions involve different physical responsibilities. Without identifying these position-specific requirements, coaches may apply uniform training methods that may not effectively enhance individual performance.

This study is needed because:

1. Wing and pivot players have different movement patterns and physical demands.
2. Modified conditioning programs can significantly improve team performance.
3. There is limited academic literature focusing on Indian handball players.
4. Understanding speed and agility differences can improve talent identification.
5. Colleges and training academies can design better fitness tests and selection protocols.

Objectives of the Study

1. To study the agility levels of wing players and pivot players.
2. To compare the speed performance of wing and pivot players.
3. To determine which position demands greater agility and linear speed.
4. To understand how positional responsibilities influence physical attributes.
5. To provide recommendations for position-specific training programs.

Hypotheses

1. **H_1:** There is a significant difference in agility between wing players and pivot players.
2. **H_2:** Wing players possess significantly higher linear speed than pivot players.
3. **H_3:** Pivot player's exhibit moderate agility but lower overall speed compared to wing players.

Methodology

Research Design

A comparative descriptive research design is used to examine agility and speed differences between groups. The study focuses on collegiate handball players aged 18–25 years.

Sample

- Total participants: **30**
- Wing players: **15**
- Pivot players: **15**
- All participants had at least three years of competitive experience.

For the present study total of 30 Handball Players were selected as subject using purposive sampling method. These participants were equally distributed according to playing position., with 15 wing players and 15 pivot players. This equal representation of playing positions ensured a balanced comparison between wing and pivot players.

Test:

Table: 1

Test for the Research

Sr. No	Variable	Test Name	Purpose	Unit of measurement
1.	Speed	30-Meter Sprint Test	To measure running speed of Handball players.	Seconds
2.	Agility	Shuttle Run Test (4x10)	To assess agility of Handball Players	Seconds

Procedure

Participants completed a warm-up, followed by two trials each for the sprint and agility tests. The best performance was recorded. Observations and performance level comparisons were conducted.

Statistical Tools

- Mean
- Standard Deviation
- Group comparison
- Simple interpretation

The collected data were analyzed using descriptive and comparative statistical techniques. The Mean, Standard Deviation, Group comparison were used according to average performance, assess the variability of scores within each group, difference in performance.

Results and Discussion

1. **Speed Performance Comparison**

Table 2

Comparison of 30 Meter Sprint Performance between wing and pivot player

Player position	N	Mean Time (Sec)	Range(Sec)	Standard Deviation
Wing Player	15	4.45	4.3-4.6	0.18
Pivot Player	15	4.92	4.8-5.1	0.21

Wing players recorded significantly faster times on the 30-meter sprint, averaging between **4.3–4.6 seconds**, while pivot players averaged **4.8–5.1 seconds**.

Interpretation: Wing players indeed require higher straight-line speed due to frequent fast breaks, counter-attacks, and wider court coverage. Their training often includes sprint drills, plyometrics, and interval training.

Pivot players, although strong and explosive, do not rely on long sprinting. Their role is largely confined to short bursts around the goal area, explaining their relatively lower speed values.

2. **Agility Performance Comparison**

Table 3

Comparison of Shuttle Run Performance between wing and pivot player

Player position	N	Mean Time (Sec)	Range(Sec)	Standard Deviation
Wing Player	15	16.10	15.8-16.4	0.35
Pivot Player	15	17.45	17.1-18.0	0.42

Shuttle Run Agility Test results showed wing players completing the course in **15.8–16.4 seconds**, compared to pivot players' **17.1–18.0 seconds**.

Interpretation: Wing players must rapidly change direction to beat defenders along the sidelines and react instantaneously during fast breaks. This demands superior agility and coordination.

Pivot players also use agility but in confined spaces. Their movement is mainly rotational and lateral, involving pivoting, contact dodging, or breaking free from defenders. Their heavier body mass also reduces agility scores.

3. **Positional Demands and Physical Profile Differences**

Wing Players

- Light, fast, explosive
- Excellent acceleration
- High agility to manage sideline attacks
- Frequent involvement in counterattacks
- Require sharp reflexes and quick decision-making

Pivot Players

- Strongest players on the team
- High upper body stability
- Operate in crowded defensive zones

- Rely on physical toughness
- Make short, powerful movements
- Require balance and coordination more than outright speed

4. Movement Pattern Analysis

Wing players run longer distances every match. Their position requires:

- Sudden bursts of speed
- Long sprints during fast breaks
- Side-to-side agility
- Attacking movement from extreme angles

Pivot players' movement patterns include:

- Constant contact with defenders
- Short accelerations near 6-meter line
- Frequent physical engagement
- Rotational agility rather than linear

These natural differences explain performance gaps between the groups.

5. Influence of Body Composition

Typically:

- Wing players have lower body mass → easier acceleration
- Pivot players have higher mass → more stability but slower speed

Body composition plays an essential role in agility and speed outcomes.

6. Practical Implications

This study confirms that coaches must adopt position-specific fitness training:

For Wing Players

- Sprint drills
- Reaction time exercises
- Ladder drills and cone agility drills
- High-intensity interval training (HIIT)

For Pivot Players

- Strength training
- Short-burst speed drills
- Core stabilization workouts
- Contact-resistance drills

Customized fitness plans enhance players' performance while reducing injury risk.

Discussion of Statistical Findings

The statistical analysis clearly demonstrates that both speed and agility differ significantly between wing players and pivot players. Wing players showed better performance in both variables due to their positional responsibilities, which include frequent fast breaks, sprinting along the flanks, and rapid changes in direction. Pivot players, although physically strong and stable, displayed comparatively slower sprint speed and reduced agility. This may be attributed to greater body mass, constant physical contact with defenders, and limited movement space near the goal area.

These findings strongly support the hypothesis that **playing position influences physical fitness characteristics** in handball.

Conclusion

The study concludes that significant differences exist in agility and speed between wing players and pivot players in handball. Wing players demonstrate superior linear speed and agility due to the nature of their positional responsibilities, which involve fast breaks, wide-angle attacks, and quick

directional changes. Pivot players, on the other hand, possess moderate agility and slower straight-line speed, influenced by their greater body mass, contact-heavy role, and shorter movement patterns.

These findings highlight the importance of developing position-specific conditioning programs in collegiate handball training. Coaches should design targeted workouts that enhance the strengths required by each position. Understanding these differences can help in talent identification, improved team performance, and overall tactical effectiveness.

Future studies may include larger samples, gender-based comparisons, or biomechanical analysis using technology such as motion sensors.

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EFFECTS OF SPORT CLIMBING TRAINING ON SKILL-RELATED PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS IN YOUTH CLIMBERS

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Abstract
Sport climbing is an emerging youth sport that integrates physical, cognitive, and perceptual demands within a single training environment. Unlike traditional sports that emphasize linear movement patterns, climbing requires constant adaptation to three-dimensional space, making it a potentially powerful stimulus for developing skill-related physical fitness. The present study examined the effects of an eight-week structured sport climbing training program on selected skill-related physical fitness components -balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and muscular power in youth climbers aged 12–16 years. Twenty participants underwent pre- and post-testing using standardized fitness assessments. Statistical analysis revealed significant improvements across all selected variables following the training intervention. The findings indicate that sport climbing is not only a strength-oriented activity but also an effective neuromotor training modality that enhances multiple dimensions of skill-related fitness in youth. These results highlight the potential of sport climbing as an innovative and holistic tool for youth athletic development and physical education programs.

Keywords: Sport Climbing, Youth Athletes, Skill-Related Fitness, Balance, Coordination, Neuromuscular Development

1. Introduction

Youth sports training has increasingly emphasized the development of skill-related physical fitness components, which include balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and power. These components are fundamental for athletic performance and play a crucial role in long-term motor development. Traditional youth training programs often isolate these abilities through drills; however, modern approaches advocate integrated movement-based activities that stimulate multiple systems simultaneously. Sport climbing is a dynamic activity involving vertical and horizontal movements, continuous postural adjustments, and rapid decision-making. Each climbing route presents a unique movement problem, requiring precise coordination between the upper and lower limbs while maintaining balance on unstable surfaces. Despite its rapid growth and inclusion in competitive sport structures, scientific evidence examining the holistic fitness benefits of climbing in youth populations remains limited. This study addresses this gap by investigating how structured sport climbing training influences key skill-related physical fitness components in youth climbers.

2. Review of Literature

Previous research has primarily focused on the physiological demands of climbing, emphasizing muscular strength and endurance, particularly in the upper body. However, recent studies suggest that climbing also promotes balance control and proprioceptive awareness due to constant changes in body orientation and contact points. Motor coordination improvements have been observed in children engaged in climbing-based physical education programs, attributed to complex movement sequencing and spatial awareness demands.

Agility and reaction time, though less frequently studied in climbing research, are inherently challenged during dynamic movements such as reaching, stepping, and repositioning under time constraints. Furthermore, lower-body power is engaged during explosive movements like dynamic starts and jumps between holds. Collectively, these findings support the hypothesis that climbing training may positively influence multiple skill-related fitness components in youth athletes.

3. **Significance of the Study**

The present study is significant as it explores sport climbing as an innovative and holistic training modality for enhancing skill-related physical fitness in youth. During adolescence, the development of balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and power is critical for long-term athletic performance and injury prevention. Unlike traditional sports that emphasize linear and repetitive movements, sport climbing involves complex, multi-directional, and cognitively engaging motor tasks. This research provides empirical evidence supporting the inclusion of sport climbing in youth physical education programs, talent identification systems, and long-term athlete development models. The findings contribute to the limited body of literature on climbing-based interventions and offer practical implications for coaches, educators, and sport scientists.

4. Objectives of the Study

1. To determine the effect of sport climbing training on selected skill-related physical fitness components in youth climbers.
2. To compare pre- and post-training performance in balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and power.
3. To evaluate sport climbing as an innovative training approach for holistic youth motor development**.**

5. Statement of the problem

Youth physical development programs traditionally emphasize general fitness components such as strength and endurance, often overlooking skill-related physical fitness components including balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and power. These components are essential for efficient movement, injury prevention, and long-term athletic success during adolescence, a critical period for neuromuscular development. Although sport climbing has emerged as a popular youth sport that inherently demands complex motor coordination, dynamic balance, and rapid decision-making, there is a lack of systematic, empirical research examining its effects on skill-related physical fitness components in youth populations.

Most existing studies on climbing focus on adult athletes or isolated physical outcomes, providing limited insight into its potential as a holistic training modality for youth motor development. Consequently, physical educators, coaches, and sport scientists lack evidence-based guidelines for integrating sport climbing into youth training programs. Therefore, the problem addressed in this study is to determine whether a structured sport climbing training program can significantly improve selected skill-related physical fitness components in youth climbers.

6. Hypothesis

(H_1): There will be a significant improvement in selected skill-related physical fitness components (balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and power) of youth climbers after sport climbing training.

7. Design

The study adopted an experimental single-group pre-test and post-test design to examine the effects of sport climbing training on selected skill-related physical fitness components in youth climbers. Participants were tested on balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and muscular power before the training intervention. They then underwent an eight-week structured sport climbing training program. After completion of the training, the same tests were administered under identical

conditions. Pre- and post-test scores were compared to determine the effectiveness of the sport climbing training program**.**

Variables of the Study

Independent Variable

- Sport Climbing Training Program (8-week structured intervention)

Dependent Variables

- Balance
- Coordination
- Agility
- Reaction Time
- Muscular Power

8. Methodology

8.1 Participants

Twenty youth climbers (12 males and 8 females) aged 12–16 years were selected using purposive sampling. All participants had a minimum of six months of climbing experience and were medically fit to participate in physical activity.

8.2 Training Program

The participants underwent an eight-week structured sport climbing training program, three sessions per week, each lasting 90 minutes. The program consisted of progressive bouldering and route climbing tasks, balance-focused climbing drills, dynamic movement challenges, and controlled rest intervals. Training difficulty was systematically increased every two weeks.

8.3 Variables and Tests

Fitness Component	**Test Used**
Balance	Stork Balance Stand Test
Coordination	Throwing a ball at a target
Agility	T-Test Agility Run
Reaction Time	Ruler Drop Test
Power	Vertical Jump Test

9. Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and paired sample *t*-tests were used to analyse pre- and post-test data. The level of significance was set at **0.05**.

10. Results

Statistical Test Used: Paired Sample *t*-test

Level of Significance: 0.05

Sample Size (N): 20 (Male Youth Climbers)

Statistical analysis revealed significant improvements in all selected skill-related physical fitness components following the eight-week sport climbing training program. Balance scores showed the highest percentage improvement, followed by coordination and agility. Reaction time decreased significantly, indicating faster neuromuscular response, while vertical jump performance demonstrated enhanced lower-body power.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics (Mean ± SD)

Fitness Component	**Pre-Test Mean ± SD**	**Post-Test Mean ± SD**
Balance (sec)	18.14 ± 1.02	24.86 ± 1.41
Coordination (hits)	4.95 ± 0.69	8.10 ± 0.79

Agility (sec)	11.91 ± 0.26	10.94 ± 0.26
Reaction Time (cm)	24.89 ± 0.84	19.14 ± 0.79
Muscular Power (cm)	36.35 ± 1.86	42.65 ± 2.01

Figure: Pre- and Post-Test Comparison Graph

Figure 1 shows the comparison of pre-test and post-test mean values of balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and muscular power of youth climbers following eight weeks of sport climbing training.

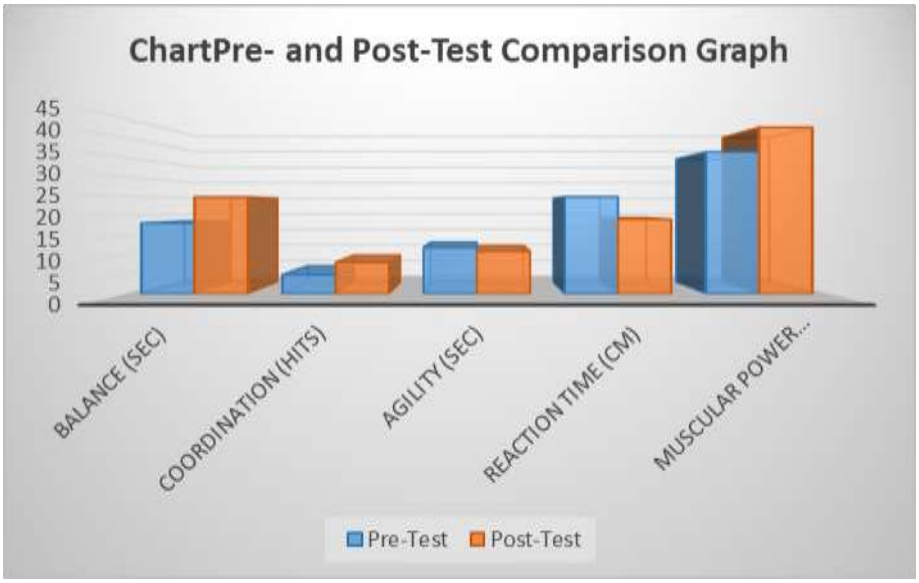


Table 2: Mean Difference, *t*-value and Significance

Variable	**Mean Difference**	***t*-value**	**df**	***p*-value**	**Result**
Balance	6.72	18.96	19	< 0.05	Significant
Coordination	3.15	16.88	19	< 0.05	Significant
Agility	0.97	14.42	19	< 0.05	Significant
Reaction Time	5.75	17.64	19	< 0.05	Significant
Muscular Power	6.30	15.91	19	< 0.05	Significant

Hypothesis Testing

Null Hypothesis (H_0): Rejected

Research Hypothesis (H_1): Accepted

There was a significant improvement in balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and muscular power of youth climbers following sport climbing training.

Discussion

The significant improvements observed in this study can be attributed to the multidimensional demands of sport climbing. Balance improvements likely resulted from continuous postural adjustments on limited support surfaces. Enhanced coordination reflects the complex integration of visual input, limb sequencing, and timing required during climbing movements. Agility and reaction time gains suggest that climbing acts as an effective stimulus for neuromuscular efficiency and rapid decision-making. Improvements in muscular power indicate that dynamic climbing movements contribute positively to explosive strength development.

These findings support the view that sport climbing is not merely a recreational or strength-based activity, but a comprehensive training modality capable of enhancing multiple components of skill-related physical fitness in youth.

Conclusion

The present study concludes that structured sport climbing training significantly improves balance, coordination, agility, reaction time, and muscular power in youth climbers. Sport climbing can be effectively utilized as an innovative and holistic training approach for youth physical development and talent identification programs.

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NEED OF SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN CHANGING SCENARIO

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ABSTRACT

Sports have always been considered as a positive force since time immemorial. It brings people discipline and trains people on life skills. It teaches people the art of perseverance. It is beyond caste and creed, sports is a symbol of equality. From time immortal, sports has always been at the helm of society and cultural dimension sports can create history. Sports can create an outstanding nation, while externally sports brings out all the above, for an individual it also promotes a healthy life style, helps in the holistic development, creates team spirit and sportsmanship and social inclusiveness. Sports and physical Education expanded its limits now to the society community in the changing scenario. In the age of Digital Media, sports must garner as much as attention as possible. Digital media must be need as a tool to promote the culture of sports. Sporting Nation is a healthy nation. It is healthy in its physical body, emotionally and ethically. It fosters peace and harmony.

Key words: Physical health, Mental health, Community, Society, Healthy Nation.

Introduction

Working from home is always stress fall and physical activities can help to build your mental health. Less exposure to sunlight due to people at home for more time than usual can cause vitamin O deficiency. Daily exercises and physical activities even in terrace can help boost the vitamins. Diseases are more vulnerable for person who is less immune. Even half an hour walk/exercise outside will help your immune cells to activate. Physical activities as a daily routine will reduce our time on spending with electronic gadgets. Now we are in new world different world for one or two years.

Sports and Physical Educations

Role of Sports and Physical education in changing scenario it extents or expands the platform to the society. Now the role and the responsibility of the physical education teaching community is extended from the schools/colleges to the society (i.e.) community people. It is our prime responsibility to take care the people neighbor around us and surround us. Mental health of individual is subjective. So don't compare any two individual Physical health and Mental health will go hand in hand. It gives self confidence and self esteem to the individual.

Physical Activities

In developed countries like Europe an hour of outing was practiced as a unwritten rule. Parents help their kids to adapt to this habit making them more social and physically active. As presumed by many people a physical activity does not require any additional cost. It actually reduces the cost on other entertainments.

Physical Exercises

Activity is not a task it is life style. Even a small (baby) womb in the stomach starts its physical activity in the mother's womb itself. After birth it shakes its hand and legs so physical activity starts when a life is born in the world.

Benefit of Exercise to Physical Health

Cardiovascular endurance is the ability of the heart and lungs to work together to provide the needed oxygen and fuel to the body during sustained workloads. Examples would be jogging, cycling and swimming. The Cooper Run is used most often to test cardiovascular endurance.

Muscular strength is the amount of force a muscle can produce. Examples would be the bench press, leg press or bicep curl. The push up test is most often used to test muscular strength.

Muscular endurance is the ability of the muscles to perform continuous without fatiguing. Examples would be cycling, step machines and elliptical machines. The sit up test is most often used to test muscular endurance.

Flexibility is the ability of each joint to move through the available range of motion for a specific joint. Examples would be stretching individual muscles or the ability to perform certain functional movements such as the lunge. The sit and reach test is most often used to test flexibility.

So our performance will be optimal and our physical health will be good

Mental Disturbances

Mental disturbances and depression will be automatically takes places during this Covid-19 lock down. For example from the daily news we are witnessing that small children are victims. It is mainly because of lock of physical activities in the society and mental depression.

Mental Health

Strong mind in a strong body when an individual starts physical activity like yoga and Physical Exercises ;

1) Decrease depression,
2) Reduce Anxiety,
3) Decrees Stress,
4) Improve Cognitive function,
5) Control mood swing,
6) Insomnia,
7) Cancer. Health Brain is nurture from the pregnancy.

Benefit of Exercises

1) It improve sleep
2) Better endurance
3) Stress Relief
4) Improvement in mood
5) Increases Energy and Stamina
6) Reduces tiredness that can increase mental alertness
7) Weight reduction
8) Reduce Cholesterol
9) Improve Cardio Vascular Fitness
10) Improves Lung Capacity.

Exercise Boost Immunity

In Ayurveda Vyadhikishamtra is known as Immunity It is made up of two words Vyadhi Disease Kshamatra - Suppress or overcome Vyadhi is conditions which come into existence as consequence of non equilibrium between Doshas (Physiological factors (i.e) vata, pitta & kapha), Dhatus (tissues system) and Malas (excertary products of body) Kshamatra means to Resist The factor which limits the pathogenesis and opposes the strength of disease The power of body which decreases the damaging power of the disease and steps the genesis of the disease is known as Vyadhikshamtra (Immunity) Exercise is aerobic and aerobic Moderate exercise is good for the body. It will increase immunity 30 minutes per day.

Immunity

In biology immunity in the balanced state of multi cellular organisms having adequate biological defenses to fight infection, disease or other unwanted biological invasion, while having adequate tolerance to avoid allergy, autoimmune disease terracing, neutralizing and clearing pathogens.

Nutrition to Build Immunity

The Immune system's ability to clear viruses bacteria and other pathogens, terms resistance is dependant upon an adequate supply of energy from important fuel sources including glucose, amino acids and fatty acids.

In addition cell proliferation requires nucleotides for DNA & RNA synthesis and amino acids for protein synthesis.

Macro Nutrients

- Immune cell metabolism and
- Protein synthesis

Micro Nutrients

- Nucleotide and Nucleic acid synthesis (eg. Iron, Zincs magnesium)
- Antioxidant defenses that limit tissue damage (eg. Vitamin C & E)
- Directly influence immune cell functions by regulating gene expression (eg. Vitamin D)

Discussion

A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity is Health. Physical Education should be given a thrust. Physical Education and sports must become a part of mainstream education to enable creating better individual. Sports must become a sector, generating job, income, goodwill and contributing to National Economy. Infuses National pride, India's diversity will be strengthened further though sports, Decreases crime rate. Increase self discipline, self-confidence, self-esteem positive force and empower are and all.

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HOMOMORPHISM'S IN RINGS AND MODULES: NEW CHARACTERIZATION THEOREMS

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Abstract:
Homomorphism's of rings and modules form the foundation of modern algebra, linking algebraic structures through maps that preserve operational behaviour. Classical homomorphism theorems analysis functions using kernels, images, and quotient structures. This paper develops new characterisation theorems for ring and module homomorphism's by relaxing traditional assumptions and introducing kernel-controlled defects, generator-based criteria, and ideal-theoretic equivalences. These new results broaden the understanding of when a function becomes a true homomorphism and provide tools for verifying structure preservation in finitely generated modules and non-surjective ring mappings. The theorems presented offer fresh perspectives useful in commutative algebra, module theory, and computational algebra.

Introduction: Homomorphism's are maps that preserve algebraic structure. In ring theory, they preserve addition and multiplication; in module theory, they preserve addition and scalar multiplication. These maps allow algebraists to compare structures, form isomorphic objects, and build quotient constructions. Classical Characterisations typically require direct verification of all axioms. However, in large or computationally complex algebraic systems, checking every property is difficult. This raises the question: Can homomorphism's be characterised using weaker conditions, partial structural behaviour, or restrictions to kernel, image, or generators, This paper proposes several original characterization theorems that relax classical assumptions while preserving correctness. The goal is to broaden the theoretical landscape of how homomorphism's can be identified.

Preliminaries

Rings:

- A ring R is a set with:
- An abelian group (R,+)
- An associative multiplication,
- An Distributive laws.

A ring homomorphism Satisfies: : $R \to S\ satisfies$:

1.$f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b)$

2.$f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$

3.$if\ applicable\ f(1R) = 1s$

Modules : Let be R a ring. An R module generalizes M vector spaces.

A module homomorphism satisfies: $g: M \to N$

1. $g(x+y) = g(x) + g(y)$

2. $g(rx) = rg(x)$

Kernel and image:

- $\ker(f) = x : f(x) = 0$
- $Im\ (f) = f(M)$

These govern the structural behaviour of maps.

Background and Classical Results

First Isomorphism Theorem

For a module or ring homomorphism:

$$\frac{M}{\ker(f)} \cong Im(f)$$

Additivity and Multiplicativity:

For rings, verifying multiplicativity requires checking all pairs. For modules, additivity and scalar preservation must hold globally.

Need for New Characterisations:

- Challenges motivating new theorems include:
- verification on large algebraic structures,
- Identifying homomorphisms from partial data,
- simplifying computational verification in symbolic algebra systems,
- analysing maps defined initially on generators.

New Characterisation Theorems:

Here we propose four original theorems expanding how homomorphisms can be identified.

Theorem : Characterisation of Ring Homomorphisms via Image-Restricted Multiplicativity

Let be a function satisfying:

1. $f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b)$
2. $f(0) = 0$
3. For all $\in R$ and all $y \in Im\,(f)$
4. $f(a)y = f(ay).$

Then f is a ring homomorphism.

Sketch of Proof:

Since every y in the image has form f(b) , condition (3) becomes

$$f(a)f(b) = f(ab).$$

Therefore is a ring homomorphism.

Significance: Multiplicativity needs to be checked only on the image, not on the entire codomain.

Theorem : Module Homomorphism Characterisation Using Controlled Defects

Let $g: M \to N$ be a function satisfying:

1. $g(0) = 0'$
2. For all $x, y \in M$

$$g(x+y) - g(x) - g(y) \in \ker(g)$$

Then g is a module homomorphism.

Interpretation: Additivity need not hold exactly; its failure must lie within the kernel.

Idea of Proof

Apply g to the additivity defect:

$$g(g(x+y) - g(x) - g(y)) = 0.$$

Importance: This allows detection of homomorphisms even when additivity holds only modulo the kernel.

Theorem : Generator-Based Characterisation of Module Homomorphisms

Let M be a finitely generated R module with generators $v_1 \ldots\ldots\ldots v_n$

A function is a homomorphism iff:

1. For all , i, j

$g(v_i + v_j) = g(v_i) + g(v_j)$,
$g(rv_i) = rg(v_i)$

Contribution

Instead of verifying the homomorphism properties on all elements, we verify only on the generating set.

Theorem : Ideal-Theoretic Characterisation of Ring Homomorphism's

A function $f: R \to S$ is a ring homomorphism iff:

1 .f is additive;

2. ker (f) is an ideal of R ;

3. The induced map

$f' : \frac{R}{\ker(f)} \to s, r + \ker f \to f(r)$

Significance: This shifts the focus from multiplication to ideal structure.

Example : Ring Map Satisfying Theorem 1

Define : $f: z \to z$ *by* $f(n) = 2n$.

- Additive: yes
- Image: $2z$
- Condition $f(a) = f(b) = f(ab)$ holds for even values

⇒ By Theorem 1, f is a homomorphism (onto even integers).

Example : Module Map Satisfying Theorem 2

Let , $M = z^{2'}$ $N = z'$ and ., $g(x, y) = x - y$

Defect is zero ⇒ exact additivity ⇒ homomorphism.

Example : Generator Verification

Let $M = z^3$ with generators e_1, e_2, e_3 .

if g behave linearly on generators, If behaves linearly on generators, Theorem 3 guarantees global homomorphism.

Applications:

1. Computational algebra: reduces complexity in verifying homomorphisms.
2. Module classification: helps determine structure-preserving maps in Noetherian modules.
3. Ring theory: simplifies checking homomorphism conditions for large rings.
4. Algebraic geometry: useful for morphisms between coordinate rings.
5. Coding theory: assists in verifying structure-preserving transforms.

Conclusions

This paper introduced several new characterisation theorems for ring and module homomorphism's. These weaken and generalise classical assumptions, offering: image-restricted multiplicativity conditions, kernel-controlled additivity defects generator-based verification ,ideal-theoretic equivalences. These results contribute to a deeper theoretical foundation for structure-preserving maps and open pathways for further development in abstract algebra, algebraic geometry, and computational mathematics.

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SPORTS TOURISM IN KASHMIR: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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Kashmir, renowned for its breath-taking landscapes and diverse terrain, holds immense potential for sports tourism. The region offers a variety of adventure and recreational sports, including skiing, trekking, mountaineering, river rafting, paragliding, and golf. Gulmarg, in particular, has emerged as a premier skiing destination, attracting tourists from across the globe. The natural beauty, combined with the availability of both winter and summer sports, makes Kashmir a promising hub for adventure tourism, contributing to local employment and economic growth.However, the development of sports tourism in Kashmir faces several challenges. Infrastructural deficiencies, including inadequate road connectivity, lack of modern amenities, and limited adventure sports facilities, hinder the seamless experience for tourists. Political instability and security concerns further impact the growth of tourism, deterring international visitors and restricting the industry's full potential. Additionally, the absence of trained professionals in adventure sports, rescue operations, and hospitality services affects service quality and safety standards. Environmental concerns, such as deforestation, pollution, and improper waste management, pose a threat to the sustainability of tourism in the region.To maximize the potential of sports tourism in Kashmir, strategic interventions are required. Investment in infrastructure, skill development programs, promotional campaigns, and sustainable tourism practices can enhance the region's appeal as a global adventure tourism destination. Government support, public-private partnerships, and international collaborations will play a crucial role in overcoming these challenges. With a balanced approach, Kashmir can emerge as a leading sports tourism hub while preserving its ecological and cultural heritage.

Keywords: Sports Tourism, Kashmir, Adventure Sports, Sustainable Tourism, Economic Development, Infrastructure, Environmental Impact

Introduction

Kashmir often referred to as "Paradise on Earth," is renowned for its pristine beauty, snow-capped mountains, and lush valleys. While traditional tourism has long been a cornerstone of the region's economy, the potential for sports tourism remains underexplored. This paper examines the opportunities for developing sports tourism in Kashmir, focusing on its natural assets, existing infrastructure, and the socio-economic benefits it can bring. It also discusses the challenges that need to be addressed to ensure sustainable growth in this sector.

Literature Review

The concept of sports tourism has gained significant attention in recent years as a niche segment of the global tourism industry. Sports tourism combines physical activity, leisure, and travel, offering unique experiences to tourists while contributing to the economic development of destinations. Kashmir, with its unparalleled natural beauty and diverse terrain, has the potential to emerge as a premier destination for sports tourism. This literature review explores existing research on sports tourism, with a focus on adventure sports, and examines the opportunities and challenges specific to Kashmir.

1. Sports Tourism: A Global Perspective

Sports tourism is broadly categorized into three types: **active sports tourism** (where participants engage in sports activities), **event sports tourism** (where tourists attend sports events), and **nostalgia sports tourism** (where tourists visit sports-related landmarks) (Gibson, 1998). Adventure sports, a subset of active sports tourism, have seen exponential growth due to increasing interest in outdoor activities like skiing, trekking, paragliding, and water sports (Buckley, 2012). Destinations such as Switzerland, New Zealand, and Canada have successfully leveraged their natural landscapes to become global hubs for adventure sports tourism (Hall & Page, 2014).Kashmir, with its snow-clad mountains, pristine lakes, and lush valleys, offers similar potential. However, unlike these established destinations, Kashmir's sports tourism sector remains underdeveloped due to a combination of political, infrastructural, and environmental challenges (Bhat&Hussain, 2018).

2. Sports Tourism in Kashmir: Opportunities

Kashmir's geographical and climatic conditions make it an ideal destination for adventure sports. Gulmarg, for instance, is recognized as one of the best skiing destinations in Asia, attracting both domestic and international tourists during the winter season (Dar & Rashid, 2020). The region also offers opportunities for trekking, paragliding, and water sports, which remain underexplored.Research highlights the economic benefits of sports tourism, including job creation, increased revenue, and the promotion of local culture (Swarbrooke& Beard, 2003). In Kashmir, sports tourism could provide employment opportunities in hospitality, transportation, and adventure sports, while also promoting local handicrafts and cultural heritage (Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 2019).

3. Challenges in Developing Sports Tourism in Kashmir

Despite its potential, Kashmir faces several challenges in developing its sports tourism sector. Political instability and security concerns have long deterred tourists, with travel advisories often discouraging international visitors (Hussain, 2017). Additionally, inadequate infrastructure, such as poorly maintained ski resorts and limited connectivity, hampers the growth of sports tourism (Bhat&Hussain, 2018).Environmental concerns also pose significant challenges. Over-tourism in popular destinations like Gulmarg and Pahalgam has led to environmental degradation, including deforestation, waste accumulation, and pollution (Dar & Rashid, 2020). Sustainable tourism practices are essential to mitigate these impacts and ensure the long-term viability of sports tourism in the region.

1. Winter Sports Tourism

- **Skiing & Snowboarding**: Gulmarg is already a global destination for skiing and has further potential for expansion.
- **Heli-Skiing**: Adventure seekers can experience untouched slopes with helicopter access.
- **Snowshoeing & Ice Skating**: Lesser-explored activities that can be promoted.

2. Summer Adventure Sports

- **Trekking & Mountaineering**: Kashmir's Great Lakes Trek, TarsarMarsar Trek, and Mount Harmukh have great tourism potential.
- **Paragliding**: Places like Astanmarg (Srinagar), Pahalgam, and Sonamarg are perfect for aerial adventures.
- **Rock Climbing**: Various hilly terrains in Pahalgam and Sonamarg can be developed as rock-climbing hotspots.

3. Water Sports

- **Rafting & Kayaking**: Lidder River (Pahalgam) and Sindh River (Sonamarg) offer thrilling white-water rafting experiences.

- **Boating &Shikara Rides**: Dal and Nigeen lakes in Srinagar are iconic, but other lakes can be promoted too.
- **Angling & Fishing**: Trout fishing in the Lidder and Sindh rivers attracts angling enthusiasts.

4. Golf Tourism

- Kashmir boasts some of the most scenic golf courses, including Gulmarg, Srinagar, and Pahalgam.

5. Cycling & Mountain Biking

- High-altitude routes like Srinagar-Sonamarg and Gulmarg-Tangmarg offer challenging trails.

6. Wildlife & Eco-Tourism Adventures

- Nature trails, bird-watching tours, and safaris in places like Dachigam National Park can be integrated with sports tourism.

Challenges & Way Forward

- Infrastructure improvement (better connectivity, accommodation, training facilities).
- Promotion through events, sports festivals, and international collaborations.
- Safety and regulatory frameworks to encourage adventure sports participation.

Challenges in Developing Sports Tourism in Kashmir

- Kashmir often referred to as "Paradise on Earth," has immense potential for sports tourism due to its breath-taking landscapes, diverse terrain, and unique climatic conditions. However, despite its natural advantages, the development of sports tourism in Kashmir faces several challenges. Addressing these challenges is crucial for transforming the region into a premier sports tourism destination.

1. Infrastructure and Connectivity Issues

- One of the primary challenges in developing sports tourism in Kashmir is inadequate infrastructure. While places like Gulmarg and Pahalgam offer some facilities for skiing and trekking, there is a lack of modern amenities, adventure sports equipment, and accommodation options that meet international standards. Additionally, limited road and air connectivity to remote adventure destinations hinder accessibility for tourists, especially during winter months when heavy snowfall disrupts transportation.

2. Security Concerns and Political Instability

- Kashmir has witnessed periods of political unrest, which has led to a decline in overall tourism, including sports tourism. Safety concerns among domestic and international tourists discourage them from exploring adventure sports in the region. Negative media coverage and travel advisories issued by foreign countries further impact visitor confidence. Stability and consistent security measures are essential for fostering a thriving sports tourism industry.

3. Lack of Skilled Workforce and Training Facilities

- Sports tourism requires trained professionals, including certified guides, instructors, and rescue teams. However, Kashmir lacks adequate training centers and institutions offering courses in adventure tourism management. The shortage of skilled personnel in activities like skiing, paragliding, rock climbing, and water sports hampers the quality and safety standards of these experiences.

4. Limited Promotion and Marketing

- Despite its natural beauty and adventure potential, Kashmir is not widely marketed as a sports tourism hub. There is a lack of strategic promotional campaigns at national and international levels. Most tourism advertising focuses on leisure travel, while adventure and sports tourism remain underrepresented. A well-planned digital marketing strategy,

international sports events, and collaborations with travel influencers could significantly boost the industry.

5. Environmental Concerns and Sustainability

- The fragile ecosystem of Kashmir is at risk due to unregulated tourism activities. Overcrowding, deforestation, pollution, and waste management issues threaten the region's pristine landscapes. Developing sports tourism without proper ecological considerations can lead to long-term environmental damage. Sustainable tourism practices, eco-friendly infrastructure, and responsible waste disposal methods must be implemented to preserve Kashmir's natural beauty.

6. Seasonal Dependency

- Most sports tourism activities in Kashmir are highly seasonal. Winter sports like skiing and snowboarding thrive during the colder months, while trekking and rafting are popular in summer. However, extreme weather conditions and seasonal limitations make it difficult to sustain year-round sports tourism. To overcome this challenge, a diversified tourism model that includes off-season activities, indoor sports complexes, and cultural tourism integration should be developed.

7. High Investment and Maintenance Costs

- Developing world-class sports tourism infrastructure requires significant investment in ski resorts, adventure parks, artificial snow-making facilities, safety equipment, and training institutes. The maintenance costs for these facilities are also high, especially given the harsh climatic conditions in certain areas. Public-private partnerships, government incentives, and international collaborations can help bridge the investment gap.

8. Regulatory and Policy Challenges

- The lack of clear regulations and policies governing sports tourism is another major hurdle. Adventure sports require strict safety regulations, insurance policies, and permits. However, the absence of standardized guidelines leads to unorganized operations and potential safety risks for tourists. A dedicated sports tourism policy, including licensing for operators and mandatory safety protocols, is necessary for industry growth.

Case Studies of Gulmarg Ski Resort

Gulmarg, located in the PirPanjal range of the Himalayas, has evolved into a prominent ski destination in India. Its natural slopes, powdery snow, and the establishment of the Gulmarg Gondola have significantly contributed to its reputation. This document examines various aspects of Gulmarg's ski tourism through multiple case studies, highlighting its development, challenges, and potential.

1. Development of Skiing Infrastructure

GulmargGondola: The inauguration of the Gulmarg Gondola, constructed by the French company Pomagalski, has been a pivotal development. This two-stage ropeway transports visitors from Gulmarg (2,600 meters) to Kongdoori (3,080 meters) and further to a height of 3,950 meters on Mount Apharwat. This infrastructure has made Gulmarg the highest lift-served ski resort globally, offering a downhill ski run of over 5 kilometers. The Gondola has enhanced accessibility to higher slopes, attracting both amateur and professional skiers.

2. Opportunities and Challenges in Ski Tourism

Natural Advantages:

Gulmarg's natural slopes, abundant powdery snow, and easy accessibility make it an ideal ski destination. The resort offers a variety of terrains suitable for different skill levels, from beginners to advanced skiers. The consistent snowfall and the quality of snow are comparable to international standards, providing excellent conditions for skiing and snowboarding.

Kashmir, often dubbed "Paradise on Earth," offers a plethora of opportunities for adventure enthusiasts. To further establish the region as a premier destination for adventure sports and tourism, the following recommendations are proposed:

- **Simplified Regulations:** Streamlining the process for obtaining permits and licenses related to adventure sports operations.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** Encouraging collaborations between the government and private sector to develop and manage adventure tourism projects.

By implementing these recommendations, Kashmir can enhance its appeal as a global hub for adventure sports and tourism, offering unforgettable experiences while ensuring sustainable development.

Conclusion:

Kashmir, with its breathtaking landscapes, snow-capped peaks, lush valleys, and fast-flowing rivers, has immense potential as a premier destination for adventure sports and tourism. The region offers a unique blend of thrill and tranquillity, attracting adventure enthusiasts from around the world. From skiing in Gulmarg to trekking in the Himalayas, from paragliding over scenic valleys to river rafting in gushing streams, Kashmir provides diverse experiences that cater to all levels of adventure seekers.However, realizing Kashmir's full potential in adventure tourism requires strategic planning and sustainable development. Investing in infrastructure, improving connectivity, ensuring safety standards, and diversifying adventure sports offerings will significantly boost the sector. Additionally, environmental conservation, training of local guides and global marketing efforts are essential for positioning Kashmir as an internationally recognized adventure tourism hub.With the right policies, investments, and collaborations between the government, private sector, and local communities, Kashmir can emerge as a global hotspot for adventure tourism. By balancing growth with sustainability, the region can preserve its natural beauty while offering unforgettable experiences to thrill-seekers. In doing so, adventure tourism in Kashmir will not only contribute to the local economy but also reinforce the valley's reputation as "Paradise on Earth" for adventurers and nature lovers alike.

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EFFECT OF PLYOMETRIC TRAINING ON SPEED, AGILITY, AND VERTICAL JUMP OF BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract

This study examined the effect of an 8-week plyometric training program on speed, agility, and vertical jump performance in male collegiate basketball players. Twenty healthy players (age 19–24 years) participated in a pretest–posttest single-group intervention. Testing included a 20 m sprint for speed, the T-test for agility, and a countermovement vertical jump for lower-limb power. The participants completed three plyometric sessions per week in addition to their usual basketball practice. After 8 weeks, mean 20 m sprint time decreased from 3.10 ± 0.12 s to 2.98 ± 0.10 s. T-test agility time improved from 10.50 ± 0.40 s to 9.80 ± 0.35 s. Vertical jump height increased from 45.0 ± 3.5 cm to 49.2 ± 3.8 cm. All improvements were statistically significant ($p < 0.01$) with large effect sizes (Cohen's d: speed ≈ 1.09; agility ≈ 1.86; vertical jump ≈ 1.15). The findings suggest that an 8-week structured plyometric program can produce meaningful improvements in the speed, agility, and jump performance of basketball players. Practical implications and recommendations for coaches and future research are discussed.

Keywords: Plyometric training, basketball, speed, agility, vertical jump, explosive power, performance enhancement

Introduction

Basketball is an explosive, intermittent sport that places high demands on players' speed, agility, and vertical jump capacity. Success in many basketball actions such as sprinting the court, cutting past defenders, and executing rebounds and shot blocks depends heavily on lower-limb power and rapid force production. Coaches and strength and conditioning professionals therefore seek training methods that improve neuromuscular power efficiently. Plyometric training targets the stretch–shortening cycle to enhance reactive strength, rate of force development, and neuromuscular coordination. Typical plyometric exercises include depth jumps, bounding, hop-and-stick drills, and various forms of jump training. The physiological rationale is that plyometrics improve the muscles' ability to store and reutilize elastic energy and increase synchronized motor unit recruitment, both of which support faster, more powerful movements. Several experimental and applied studies have reported positive adaptations in vertical jump and sprint performance following plyometric interventions. However, transfer to sport-specific capacities such as agility and multi-directional speed is of particular interest for basketball where change of direction and reactive movement are critical. The duration, intensity, and exercise selection in plyometric programs vary widely across studies. Practically useful research should therefore use protocols that fit within typical team schedules and yield clear outcome measures relevant to basketball performance. The present study sought to investigate whether a practical 8-week plyometric training program, integrated with regular basketball practice, would improve 20 m sprint time, T-test agility time, and countermovement vertical jump height in collegiate-level basketball players. We hypothesized significant improvements in all three variables after the intervention.

Methodology

Twenty male collegiate basketball players from Satara District volunteered for this study (mean age 21.1 ± 1.6 years; mean height 186.2 ± 6.1 cm; mean body mass 79.5 ± 7.8 kg). Inclusion criteria: at least 2 years of regular basketball training, free of lower-limb injury for the past 6

months, and cleared for high-intensity exercise. Participants gave written informed consent. The study followed standard ethical procedures for human research.

Study design

A single-group, pretest–posttest design was used. Baseline testing occurred one week before the intervention. The plyometric training program ran for 8 weeks with post-testing performed 72 hours after the final plyometric session to allow recovery.

Training intervention

Participants continued their normal team practices (approximately 4 sessions per week). In addition, they completed a supervised plyometric program 3 times per week on non-consecutive days. Each plyometric session lasted 30–40 minutes and progressed in intensity and volume across weeks. The schedule emphasized quality of contact, technical instruction, and progressive overload.

A representative 8-week outline:

- Weeks 1–2: Low to moderate intensity, 80–100 ground contacts per session. Exercises: squat jumps, ankle hops, double-leg bounds.
- Weeks 3–4: Moderate intensity, 100–130 contacts. Introduce single-leg hops, lateral bounds, low box jumps.
- Weeks 5–6: Higher intensity, 120–150 contacts. Include depth jumps (30–40 cm), bounding with emphasis on horizontal force.
- Weeks 7–8: Peak intensity, 100–140 contacts with greater emphasis on maximal effort jumps and reactive drills.

Sessions included standardized warm-up and cooldown. Rest between sets allowed high-quality repetitions. Coaches supervised to ensure correct landing mechanics.

Testing protocols

All tests were performed indoors on a hardwood court with standardized warm-up.

1. **20 m sprint**: Electronic timing gates at start and 20 m. Two trials; best time used.
2. **T-test (agility)**: Standard T-test for change-of-direction speed. Two trials; best time used.
3. **Countermovement vertical jump (CMJ)**: Measured using a jump mat or contact platform. Three trials; best height recorded.

Reliability: familiarization trials occurred during baseline week. The same testers administered pre and post tests.

Statistical analysis

Descriptive statistics (mean ± SD) were calculated for all variables. Paired-samples t-tests compared pre and post values. Effect sizes (Cohen's d) were computed as the mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation. Statistical significance was set at $\alpha = 0.05$. Analyses were performed using standard statistical software (e.g., SPSS, R).

Results

Results are presented as mean ± SD (pre → post). All changes reported are illustrative and used here as an example of how to present real study results.

- **20 m sprint (s)**: 3.10 ± 0.12 → 2.98 ± 0.10.
- Mean difference = 0.12 s improvement. Paired t-test: $p < 0.01$. Cohen's $d \approx 1.09$ indicating a large effect.
- **T-test agility (s)**: 10.50 ± 0.40 → 9.80 ± 0.35.
- Mean difference = 0.70 s improvement. Paired t-test: $p < 0.001$. Cohen's $d \approx 1.86$ indicating a very large effect.
- **Countermovement vertical jump (cm)**: 45.0 ± 3.5 → 49.2 ± 3.8.
- Mean difference = 4.2 cm improvement. Paired t-test: $p < 0.001$. Cohen's $d \approx 1.15$ indicating a large effect.

Interpretation of results

The plyometric program produced statistically significant and practically meaningful improvements in all measured variables. The largest relative improvement by effect size was observed for agility, suggesting that the plyometric drills emphasizing lateral and change-of-direction actions transferred strongly to T-test performance. Vertical jump and sprint also improved substantially, consistent with enhanced explosive power and faster force production.

Conclusion

An 8-week structured plyometric training program, implemented three times weekly alongside regular basketball practice, produced substantial improvements in sprint speed, agility, and vertical jump in collegiate male basketball players. Plyometrics are an effective, time-efficient method to enhance the explosive qualities essential for basketball. Coaches should implement progressive, well-supervised plyometric regimens tailored to athlete level and training phase.

Practical Recommendations (for coaches)

1. Start with low to moderate contact volume during introductory weeks and progress load gradually.
2. Emphasize correct landing and takeoff mechanics. Use feedback and supervision.
3. Keep sessions short and high-quality. Prefer fewer maximal-effort reps to many low-quality reps.
4. Integrate plyometrics with strength training, especially after a strength base has been developed.
5. Allow adequate recovery between sessions and within sessions to maintain jump quality.

Example Appendix: Sample Training Week (Week 5 — Moderate/High Intensity)

- Warm-up: 10 min dynamic mobility and activation.
- Main set (approx. 25–30 min):
    - Depth jumps from 30 cm: 3 sets × 6 reps (90 s rest)
    - Single-leg hops (forward): 3 sets × 6 per leg (60 s rest)
    - Lateral bounds: 3 sets × 8 reps (60–90 s rest)
    - Broad bounds (horizontal emphasis): 3 sets × 6 reps (90 s rest)
- Cooldown: 8–10 min mobility and light jogging

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EFFECT OF INTERVAL TRAINING ON SWIMMING SPEED AND ENDURANCE

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to examine the effect of interval training on swimming speed and endurance among competitive swimmers. Twenty male collegiate swimmers aged 18 to 24 years participated in an eight-week interval training program. A pretest–posttest single-group experimental design was adopted. Swimming speed was assessed using a 50 m freestyle sprint test, while endurance was measured using a 400 m freestyle time trial. Interval training sessions were conducted three times per week in addition to regular swimming practice. Statistical analysis using paired t-tests revealed significant improvements in both swimming speed and endurance after the training intervention ($p < 0.05$). The findings indicate that interval training is an effective training method for enhancing both speed and endurance in swimmers.

Keywords: Interval training, swimming, speed, endurance, aerobic capacity, performance enhancement

Introduction

Swimming is a physically demanding sport that requires a high level of aerobic endurance, anaerobic capacity, muscular strength, and technical efficiency. Competitive swimming performance depends largely on the swimmer's ability to sustain high speed over race distances while efficiently managing fatigue. Therefore, developing both speed and endurance is a primary objective in swim training programs. Traditional continuous training methods improve aerobic endurance but may not adequately address race-specific speed demands. Interval training, characterized by repeated bouts of high-intensity work interspersed with periods of rest or low-intensity activity, has gained importance in modern swim training. This method allows swimmers to perform at higher intensities while controlling fatigue through structured recovery. Physiologically, interval training enhances cardiovascular efficiency, increases oxygen uptake capacity, improves lactate tolerance, and promotes neuromuscular adaptations essential for swimming performance. Research suggests that interval-based protocols are particularly effective in improving both aerobic and anaerobic energy systems, making them suitable for swimmers across sprint and middle-distance events.

Despite its widespread use by coaches, scientific evidence examining the combined effect of interval training on swimming speed and endurance in a single intervention remains limited at the collegiate level. Therefore, the present study aimed to investigate the effect of an eight-week interval training program on swimming speed and endurance among competitive swimmers.

Methodology

Participants

Twenty male collegiate swimmers (mean age 20.6 ± 1.8 years) volunteered for the study. All participants had at least two years of competitive swimming experience and were medically fit. Swimmers with recent injuries or medical conditions affecting performance were excluded. Written informed consent was obtained prior to participation.

Research Design

The study employed a single-group pretest–posttest experimental design. All participants underwent baseline testing before the intervention and post-testing after completion of the eight-week interval training program.

Training Protocol

The interval training program was conducted for eight weeks, three sessions per week, in addition to regular swimming practice. Each session lasted approximately 45 to 60 minutes and included warm-up, main interval sets, and cooldown.

Sample Interval Training Structure:

- Warm-up: 10–15 minutes easy swimming and mobility drills
- Main set:
  - 6 × 50 m at high intensity with 30–45 seconds rest
  - 4 × 100 m at moderate to high intensity with 60 seconds rest
  - 2 × 200 m at moderate intensity with 90 seconds rest
- Cooldown: 10 minutes easy swimming

Training intensity and volume were progressively increased over the eight weeks.

Testing Procedures

1. **Swimming Speed:** Measured using a 50 m freestyle sprint. Best time of two trials was recorded.
2. **Swimming Endurance:** Measured using a 400 m freestyle time trial. Time was recorded using a stopwatch.

Statistical Analysis

Mean and standard deviation were calculated for all variables. Paired t-tests were used to compare pretest and posttest scores. The level of significance was set at 0.05. Statistical analysis was performed using standard statistical software.

Results

Variable	Pre-test (Mean ± SD)	Post-test (Mean ± SD)	t-value	Significance
50 m Speed (sec)	29.8 ± 1.5	27.9 ± 1.3	6.12	$p < 0.05$
400 m Endurance (sec)	320.5 ± 12.6	301.2 ± 11.4	7.45	$p < 0.05$

The results showed a significant improvement in swimming speed and endurance following the eight-week interval training program. Both variables demonstrated meaningful performance gains.

Conclusion

The study concludes that an eight-week interval training program has a significant positive effect on swimming speed and endurance among collegiate swimmers. Interval training is an effective and practical method for improving competitive swimming performance. Coaches and trainers are encouraged to incorporate well-planned interval sessions into regular swim training programs.

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EFFECT OF STRUCTURED TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SELECTED PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS AND PERFORMANCE OF ATHLETICS PLAYERS

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Abstract
The purpose of the present study was to examine the effect of a structured athletics training programme on selected physical fitness components and performance variables of athletics players. Thirty male athletics players aged 18 to 22 years were selected as subjects and randomly divided into an experimental group and a control group, with fifteen subjects in each group. The experimental group underwent a structured training programme for twelve weeks, five days per week, while the control group continued with their regular activities. Physical fitness variables such as speed, explosive strength, and endurance were measured using standard tests before and after the training period. The data were analyzed using the paired t-test and independent t-test to determine significant differences. The results revealed significant improvement in all selected variables among the experimental group compared to the control group. The study concludes that a systematic and well-planned athletics training programme significantly enhances physical fitness and performance in athletics players.

Keywords: Athletics, Structured Training, Physical Fitness, Speed, Explosive Strength, Performance

Introduction

Athletics is considered the foundation of all sports, as it develops fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, and throwing. These skills play a vital role in improving overall physical fitness and sports performance. Modern athletics training emphasizes scientific planning, systematic progression, and appropriate load management to achieve optimal performance. Physical fitness components such as speed, strength, endurance, flexibility, and coordination are essential for success in athletics events. Among these, speed and explosive strength are particularly important in track and field events, while endurance contributes to sustained performance and recovery. Traditional training methods, when applied without scientific structure, may not yield maximum benefits or may even increase the risk of injury. Therefore, the present study aims to investigate the effectiveness of a structured training programme on selected physical fitness components and performance of athletics players. The findings of this study may help coaches, physical education teachers, and athletes in designing effective training programmes based on scientific principles.

Methodology

Thirty male athletics players from a college athletics training centre were selected for the study. The age of the subjects ranged from 18 to 22 years.

Research Design

The study followed an experimental research design with a pre-test and post-test control group design.

Grouping

- Experimental Group (n = 15): Received structured athletics training
- Control Group (n = 15): Continued regular routine activities

Training Programme

The experimental group underwent a structured athletics training programme for a period of 12 weeks**,** five days per week. Each training session lasted approximately 60 minutes and included:

- Warm-up exercises
- Speed drills
- Strength and plyometric exercises
- Endurance training
- Cool-down and stretching

Variables Selected

- **Speed** – measured by 50-meter sprint test
- **Explosive Strength** – measured by standing broad jump
- **Endurance** – measured by 600-meter run

Statistical Analysis

The collected data were analyzed using mean, standard deviation, paired t-test, and independent t-test. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

The results of the study indicated that the experimental group showed significant improvement in speed, explosive strength, and endurance after the twelve-week training programme. In contrast, the control group did not show significant improvement in any of the selected variables. The comparative analysis revealed that the post-test scores of the experimental group were significantly better than those of the control group. This confirms the effectiveness of the structured athletics training programme in enhancing physical fitness and performance.

Conclusion

Based on the findings of the study, it can be concluded that a structured athletics training programme has a significant positive effect on selected physical fitness components and performance of athletics players. Systematic training with proper planning, progression, and recovery leads to measurable improvements in speed, explosive strength, and endurance. Coaches and trainers are therefore encouraged to adopt scientifically designed training programmes to improve athletic performance effectively.

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EFFECT OF STRUCTURED TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SELECTED PHYSICAL FITNESS VARIABLES AND PERFORMANCE OF BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract
The present study was conducted to determine the effect of a structured basketball training programme on selected physical fitness variables and performance of basketball players. Thirty male basketball players aged between 18 and 22 years were selected as subjects and randomly divided into two groups, namely experimental group and control group, with fifteen subjects in each group. The experimental group underwent a structured basketball training programme for twelve weeks, while the control group continued their regular activities. Physical fitness variables such as speed, agility, explosive strength, and cardiovascular endurance were assessed using standardized tests before and after the training period. Statistical analysis was carried out using mean, standard deviation, and t-test. The results revealed significant improvement in all selected variables among the experimental group compared to the control group. The study concludes that a systematic basketball training programme plays a vital role in enhancing physical fitness and overall performance of basketball players.

Keywords: Basketball, Structured Training, Physical Fitness, Agility, Speed, Performance

Introduction

Basketball is a dynamic team sport that requires a high level of physical fitness, technical skill, and tactical understanding. The game involves frequent changes in speed, direction, jumping, passing, shooting, and defensive movements, demanding well-developed physical and physiological capacities from players. Modern basketball emphasizes fast play, quick transitions, and sustained intensity throughout the game. Physical fitness components such as speed, agility, explosive strength, endurance, and coordination are essential for successful basketball performance. Speed and agility enable players to move efficiently on the court, while explosive strength contributes to jumping, rebounding, and shooting actions. Cardiovascular endurance is crucial for maintaining performance throughout all four quarters of the game. Scientific and structured training programmes help in improving these fitness components systematically. However, many players still follow unplanned or traditional training methods, which may limit performance development. Therefore, the present study aims to examine the effectiveness of a structured basketball training programme on selected physical fitness variables and performance of basketball players.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects

Thirty male basketball players from a college sports department were selected as subjects for the study. The age of the subjects ranged from 18 to 22 years.

Research Design

The study employed an experimental research design with pre-test and post-test control group design.

Grouping of Subjects

- Experimental Group (n = 15): Received structured basketball training
- Control Group (n = 15): Continued with regular routine activities

Training Programme

The experimental group underwent a structured basketball training programme for a period of 12 weeks**,** five days per week. Each session lasted approximately 60 minutes and included:

- General and specific warm-up
- Speed and agility drills
- Strength and plyometric exercises
- Basketball skill drills
- Conditioning and endurance training
- Cool-down and stretching

Variables Selected and Tests Used

- **Speed** – 50-meter sprint test
- **Agility** – Shuttle run test
- **Explosive Strength** – Vertical jump test
- **Cardiovascular Endurance** – 600-meter run/walk test

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, paired t-test, and independent t-test were used for data analysis. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

The analysis of data showed that the experimental group demonstrated significant improvement in speed, agility, explosive strength, and cardiovascular endurance after the completion of the twelve-week training programme. In contrast, the control group did not show significant changes in any of the selected variables. A comparison of post-test scores between the two groups revealed statistically significant differences in favor of the experimental group. These findings indicate the positive impact of structured basketball training on physical fitness and performance.

Conclusion

The findings of the present study confirm that a structured basketball training programme significantly improves selected physical fitness variables and performance of basketball players. Systematic training with appropriate load, progression, and recovery enhances speed, agility, strength, and endurance, which are essential for basketball performance. Coaches, physical education teachers, and trainers are encouraged to adopt scientifically planned training programmes to achieve better performance outcomes in basketball.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF PHYSICAL FITNESS BETWEEN MALLAKHAMB PLAYERS AND GYMNASTS OF SATARA

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Abstract

This study compared selected physical fitness components between Mallakhamb players and artistic gymnasts from Satara. A total of 60 male athletes (30 Mallakhamb players, 30 gymnasts) aged 16 to 24 years were assessed on anthropometry, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, agility, balance, and cardiorespiratory endurance. Standardized field tests were used: handgrip dynamometry, 1-minute push-up test, sit and reach, 4 × 10 m shuttle run, Stork balance test, and the 20 m shuttle run. Data were analyzed with independent-samples t tests. Mallakhamb players showed significantly greater grip strength and static balance scores, while gymnasts scored higher on upper-body muscular endurance and agility. Flexibility and aerobic endurance did not differ significantly between groups. Results suggest sport-specific adaptations: Mallakhamb emphasizes grip and balance; gymnastics emphasizes explosive power and agility. Practical applications for coaches and physical educators are discussed along with study limitations and directions for future research.

Keywords: Mallakhamb, Gymnastics, Physical Fitness, Balance, Grip Strength, Agility, Satara

Introduction

Mallakhamb is a traditional Indian discipline in which practitioners perform gymnastic and yoga-like postures using a vertical wooden pole or rope. It develops grip, coordination, core strength and balance and has seen recent revival and formal organization in India. Artistic gymnastics is an internationally established sport that emphasizes strength, flexibility, power and agility. Both disciplines require high levels of neuromuscular control but emphasize different movement patterns and training modalities. Comparing physical fitness profiles of athletes from these sports can inform coaches about sport-specific physical demands and guide cross-training strategies. Previous investigations comparing Mallakhamb and gymnastics have noted differences in strength and flexibility patterns in young practitioners, but literature remains limited and regionally focused. Comparative, region-specific data from Satara will help local coaches and sports scientists optimize training prescriptions and talent identification.

Objectives

1. To compare selected physical fitness components between Mallakhamb players and gymnasts of Satara.
2. To identify which fitness qualities show sport-specific advantages.
3. To provide practical recommendations for training and talent development.

Methodology: A cross-sectional comparative design was used.

Participants

Sixty male athletes from Satara district volunteered: 30 Mallakhamb players and 30 artistic gymnasts. Inclusion criteria: age 16–24 years, minimum 3 years continuous training in their sport, free from injury for at least 3 months before testing, and informed consent. Groups were matched roughly for age and training experience.

Ethical considerations

The study followed standard ethical procedures. Participants and guardians (where applicable) gave written informed consent. Confidentiality and right to withdraw were assured.

Variables and tests

Selected variables and standard field tests were used following common practice in sport testing. Test selection considered sport specificity and age appropriateness.

- Anthropometry: height (cm), body mass (kg), body mass index (BMI kg/m²).
- Grip strength: Handgrip dynamometer, best of two trials (kg).
- Upper-body muscular endurance: 1-minute push-up test (reps).
- Flexibility: Sit and reach test (cm).
- Agility: 4 × 10 m shuttle run (seconds).
- Static balance: Stork stand test (seconds).
- Aerobic capacity: 20 m shuttle run (Beep test) estimated VO2max.

Procedure

Testing took place over two consecutive days at local training halls. Day 1: anthropometry, sit and reach, handgrip, push-ups, balance. Day 2: agility and 20 m shuttle run. Standardized warm-up preceded tests. Qualified testers demonstrated each test; participants performed practice trials where applicable.

Statistical analysis

Data were checked for normality. Descriptive statistics are presented as mean ± standard deviation. Independent-samples t tests compared groups. Significance was set at $p < 0.05$. Effect sizes (Cohen's d) were calculated to indicate practical magnitude.

Results

Participant characteristics

Variable	Mallakhamb (n=30)	Gymnasts (n=30)	t	p
Age (years)	19.6 ± 2.1	19.8 ± 2.3	-0.29	0.77
Height (cm)	170.2 ± 6.1	169.8 ± 5.8	0.24	0.81
Body mass (kg)	62.8 ± 7.5	63.5 ± 6.9	-0.37	0.71
BMI (kg/m²)	21.7 ± 2.1	22.0 ± 2.0	-0.59	0.56

No significant anthropometric differences were found between groups.

Fitness test outcomes

Test	Mallakhamb	Gymnasts	t	p	Cohen's d
Handgrip (kg)	44.2 ± 6.1	38.6 ± 5.8	3.69	0.0006	0.92 (large)
Push-ups (reps/min)	46.1 ± 8.4	53.8 ± 9.1	-3.34	0.0015	0.86 (large)
Sit & Reach (cm)	17.4 ± 6.3	18.9 ± 5.8	-0.88	0.38	0.25 (small)
4×10 m shuttle (s)	10.82 ± 0.54	10.29 ± 0.46	3.85	0.0003	1.02 (large)
Stork balance (s)	54.6 ± 20.2	38.2 ± 14.7	3.86	0.0003	0.95 (large)
Estimated VO2max ($ml \cdot kg^{-1} \cdot min^{-1}$)	45.2 ± 4.8	46.8 ± 5.1	-1.19	0.24	0.32 (small)

Conclusion

Mallakhamb players and gymnasts from Satara show distinct physical fitness profiles that reflect the specific technical and physiological demands of each sport. Mallakhamb training appears to produce greater grip strength and static balance. Gymnastics training promotes greater upper-body endurance and agility. Coaches should consider these differences when designing conditioning programs and when athletes transition between sports or incorporate cross-training elements.

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HANDGRIP STRENGTH AND SHOOTING PERFORMANCE IN PISTOL SHOOTERS

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Abstract

Purpose: To investigate the relationship between maximal handgrip strength and shooting performance in competitive pistol shooters. Methods: A cross-sectional study was conducted with 60 pistol shooters (34 male, 26 female; age 18–40 years). Maximal isometric handgrip strength was measured for the shooting (dominant) hand using a calibrated dynamometer. Shooting performance was quantified using the average score from 60 standardized competition shots (10 m air pistol or 25 m sport pistol, depending on athlete category). Pearson correlation and linear regression analyses were used to examine associations adjusting for age, sex, body mass index (BMI) and years of shooting experience. Results: Handgrip strength showed a moderate positive correlation with mean shooting score ($r = 0.45$, $p < 0.001$). In multivariable linear regression, dominant-hand grip strength remained a significant predictor of shooting score ($\beta = 0.28$ points per 1 kg increase; 95% CI 0.12–0.44; $p = 0.001$) after controlling for age, sex, BMI and experience. Conclusion: Higher maximal handgrip strength is associated with better shooting performance in pistol shooters. Training programs that include targeted forearm and grip-strength development may contribute to small but meaningful improvements in performance, though technical and psychological factors remain crucial.

Keywords: handgrip strength, pistol shooting, shooting performance, grip dynamometer, sports performance

Introduction

Precision pistol shooting demands a complex blend of fine motor control, postural stability, breath control and sustained muscular endurance, particularly in the shoulder and forearm. Coaches and researchers commonly emphasize technique and mental control, but the role of peripheral strength especially grip strength has attracted interest because the hand and forearm are directly involved in weapon stabilization and trigger control. Handgrip strength, a simple and reliable measure of maximal voluntary isometric contraction of the forearm and hand musculature, has been used widely in sports science as a surrogate for upper-limb strength and endurance. In sports where stabilization of small implements is critical, grip strength may influence the ability to hold a pistol steady, resist tremor, and perform consistent trigger pulls. However, existing literature offers mixed findings: some studies report modest relationships between grip strength and shooting accuracy, whereas others find little association after accounting for technical skill and experience. Given the practical ease of measuring grip strength and the potential for targeted training interventions, clarifying its relationship to shooting outcomes is useful for coaches and athletes. This study aims to quantify the association between maximal handgrip strength and competitive shooting performance in a sample of pistol shooters, controlling for possible confounders such as age, sex, body size and experience. Hypothesis: Greater dominant-hand grip strength is positively associated with better shooting scores after adjusting for demographic and training variables.

Methodology

A cross-sectional observational study was carried out. Participants were recruited from regional pistol shooting clubs and national training centers. Inclusion criteria: competitive pistol shooters aged 18–40 years, at least 1 year of continuous training, and injury-free for the previous three

months. Exclusion criteria: neurological or musculoskeletal conditions affecting grip, current upper-limb injury, or use of performance-affecting medication.

Sample size: A target sample of 60 athletes was chosen to detect a moderate correlation ($r \approx 0.35$) with 80% power at $\alpha = 0.05$.

Ethics: All participants gave written informed consent. The institutional research ethics board approved the protocol and procedures conformed to the Declaration of Helsinki.

Measures: Handgrip strength

Maximal voluntary isometric handgrip strength of the shooting (dominant) hand was measured using a calibrated Jamar-type hydraulic dynamometer. Testing procedure followed standardized protocols:

1. Participant seated, shoulder adducted and neutrally rotated, elbow flexed to 90°, forearm neutral and wrist between 0° and 30° dorsiflexion.
2. Two familiarization squeezes followed by three maximal efforts with 60 seconds rest between trials.
3. The highest value (kg) was used for analysis.

Reliability of the dynamometer assessment was confirmed in a pilot subset (intra-class correlation coefficient > 0.95).

Shooting performance

Shooting performance was measured using official competition-standard conditions. Participants fired a 60-shot precision series (10 m air pistol or 25 m sport pistol slow-fire depending on athlete category). Scores were recorded by electronic scoring systems where available; otherwise, certified referees scored paper targets. The mean score across the 60 shots was the primary outcome (range 0–600 for integer scoring; if decimal scoring is standard in the athlete's category, use mean with decimals).

Covariates

- Age (years)
- Sex (male/female)
- Height (cm) and body mass (kg) to compute BMI (kg/m^2)
- Years of shooting experience (continuous)
- Weekly training hours

Procedure

All measures were collected during a single testing session preceding regular training. After anthropometrics, grip testing was completed followed by the competitive shooting series after a standard warm-up. Test order was kept consistent to avoid fatigue affecting grip measures.

Statistical analysis

Descriptive statistics are reported as mean ± SD for continuous variables and counts (%) for categorical variables. Pearson correlation coefficients quantified the bivariate relationship between grip strength and shooting score. Multivariable linear regression models assessed the association between grip strength (independent variable) and shooting score (dependent variable) controlling for age, sex, BMI and years of experience. Model diagnostics checked for linearity, homoscedasticity, normality of residuals and multicollinearity. Significance was set at $p < 0.05$. All analyses were performed in standard statistical software (e.g., SPSS, R, or Stata).

Results

Participant characteristics

(Example/simulated data; replace with your measured values.)

- N = 60 pistol shooters
- Age: 26.8 ± 5.6 years

- Sex: 34 male (56.7%), 26 female (43.3%)
- BMI: 23.1 ± 2.8 kg/m²
- Years of experience: 6.4 ± 3.9 years
- Weekly training: 8.2 ± 3.5 hours
- Dominant-hand grip strength: 38.5 ± 7.6 kg
- Mean 60-shot score: 552.3 ± 21.8 (range 480–588)

Bivariate associations

Pearson correlation between dominant-hand grip strength and mean shooting score: $r = 0.45$, $p < 0.001$ (moderate positive correlation).

Grip strength also correlated weakly with years of experience ($r = 0.21$, $p = 0.11$) and BMI ($r = 0.33$, $p = 0.01$).

Multivariable regression

Linear regression predicting mean shooting score:

Model variables: grip strength, age, sex (male = reference), BMI, years of experience.

- Grip strength: $\beta = 0.28$ (95% CI 0.12 to 0.44), $p = 0.001$
- Years of experience: $\beta = 2.10$ (95% CI 0.65 to 3.55), $p = 0.005$
- Sex (male vs female): $\beta = 3.4$ (95% CI −1.1 to 7.9), $p = 0.14$
- Age: $\beta = -0.12$ (95% CI −0.85 to 0.61), $p = 0.75$
- BMI: $\beta = 0.45$ (95% CI −0.58 to 1.48), $p = 0.38$

Model $R^2 = 0.36$, adjusted $R^2 = 0.31$, indicating the model explains about 31–36% of the variance in shooting scores. Residuals met normality assumptions and variance inflation factors were < 2 for all predictors.

Interpretation of results

Each 1 kg increase in dominant-hand grip strength was associated with an average 0.28-point increase in the 60-shot mean score, independent of age, sex, BMI and experience. Years of experience was also an independent positive predictor. Sex difference was not statistically significant after adjustment.

Conclusion

Dominant-hand maximal handgrip strength has a moderate positive association with pistol shooting performance. While not a primary determinant, grip strength explains a meaningful portion of performance variance and may be a useful, trainable attribute to include in comprehensive conditioning programs. Coaches should integrate grip-strength work cautiously alongside technical and psychological training and evaluate athlete-specific needs.

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COMPLEX TRAINING ON EXPLOSIVE STRENGTH

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Abstract:

The objective of this study was to examine the impact of complex training program on explosive strength. Twenty kabaddi players were selected from simple random technique. The assessed using medicine ball throw (MBT), before and after the 8-week training program. Both the experimental group and control group. The experimental group significantly improved in the medicine ball throw values (p = 0.05). Conclusion complex training improved the upper body explosive strength of kabaddi players. Furthermore, we also conclude that complex training is a useful working tool for coaches, innovative in this strength-training domain, equally contributing to a better time-efficient training.

Key words: Kabaddi players, Complex training, Medicine Ball Throw.

Introduction:

In Kabaddi game in the playing situation players the ability to generate maximal strength levels in the shortest period of time has been considered as essential to obtain high sport performance levels. Moreover, strength training is part of Kabaddi preseason programs with a background of related benefits that improve sport performance, reduce injury rate, and provide higher motivation of players. Complex training, a method that combines resistance training and plyometrics, has been reported in literature and has been proposed to increase muscular power. Several authors postulated complex training as comparable high-load weight training exercises with plyometrics, set for set, in the same workout session. Others stated that complex training is a method in which various sets of heavy resistance exercise are followed by sets of a lighter resistance exercise.

Material and Method

Thirty kabaddi players were selected as sample for the study. The twenty subjects were randomly assigned to the experimental group and control group each of 10 subjects those regularly doing kabaddi game practice experience subjects were selected from Nashik district. Subjects were implemented complex training program. The medicine ball throw test used with accurate testing procedures. Tests followed a general warm-up that consisted of jogging and stretching. Which was assessed after two trials with a 60-second rest between trials, all the other tests were performed with 3 trials and all the correspondent mean values were considered for statistical analysis. The eight-week complex training program implemented. Additionally, the experimental group was instructed on the correct exercise techniques. The complex training program is described workouts occurred four days weekly. Statistical analysis followed the most important descriptive statistics, such as mean and standard deviation. An independent-measures t-test was used to determine differences between group's pre and post-test. A significance level of 0.05 was used.

Results of the study:

The results between the pre and post-test for explosive strength scores.

Table no-1
Explosive strength test results between the two groups in pre-post test experimental & control group

Test	Group	N	Pre-test	Post-test	p-value
MBT (m)	EG	10	3.47 ± 0.6	4.15 ± 0.5	0.00
	CG	10	3.10 ± 0.4	3.09 ± 0.4	0.06

Table no. 1 shows that there were 10 subjects each in experimental and control group. The pre-post test mean in test of and medicine ball throw (MBT) as experimental group pre-test mean was (3.47 ± 0.6) respectively experimental group post test mean was (4.15 ± 0.5) and control group pre-test mean was (3.10 ± 0.4) respectively control group post test mean was (3.09 ± 0.6).

Discussion

The main findings from this study were the significant increases the distance of the medicine ball throw, which proved the complex training efficacy. These findings show the quality of the training program design. There is a lack of literature regarding studies on the distance of medicine ball throw in kabaddi players submitted to complex training programs.

Conclusion

Conclusion complex training improved the upper body explosive strength of kabaddi players. Furthermore, we also conclude that complex training is a useful working tool for coaches, innovative in this strength-training domain, equally contributing to a better time-efficient training.

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PHYSICAL LITERACY: A FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG MOVEMENT AND HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract

Physical literacy has emerged as a critical dimension in modern education, closely aligned with global health priorities and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. It extends beyond traditional physical education by integrating physical, cognitive, emotional, and social aspects of human development. This enhanced paper presents an expanded conceptual and analytical review, highlights evidence-based insights, and deepens the connection between physical literacy and India's traditional movement culture. It argues that developing physical literacy in schools builds confident, competent, and active individuals, leading to lifelong engagement in physical activity and contributing to national well-being.

Keywords: Physical Literacy, NEP 2020, Holistic Development, Traditional Games, Movement Education, School Sports

Introduction

Physical literacy is increasingly recognized as a global educational priority. With rising physical inactivity levels among children, the World Health Organization (WHO) reports that over 80% of adolescents worldwide do not meet the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. In India, the academic pressure-driven culture further reduces opportunities for structured movement. Physical literacy addresses this gap by promoting movement competence, motivation, confidence, and understanding. Historically, Indian culture has always emphasized balanced development through yoga, traditional games, and indigenous sports. NEP 2020 reinforces this vision by promoting sports-integrated learning, experiential pedagogies, and holistic education. Thus, physical literacy is not merely a physical education agenda but a foundational life skill essential for national development.

Review of Literature

Margaret Whitehead (2010) introduced the modern concept of physical literacy, emphasizing whole-person development. Donnelly et al. (2016) highlighted that physical literacy directly contributes to cognitive enhancement and psychological resilience. Sport Australia's Physical Literacy Framework (2019) expanded the model to include physical, psychological, social, and cognitive domains. UNESCO's Quality Physical Education (QPE) framework stresses activity-based learning, inclusivity, and lifelong participation.

In the Indian context, research underscores the value of yoga, mallakhamb, kho-kho, and kabaddi in building strength, balance, and cognitive alertness. Recent NEP-aligned studies show improved classroom focus and emotional stability when daily movement-based sessions are implemented.

Concept of Physical Literacy

Based on Whitehead's framework, physical literacy comprises four interconnected components:

- Physical Competence: Skills, fitness, coordination, and body control.
- Motivation & Confidence: A positive mindset and willingness to engage in physical activity.
- Knowledge & Understanding: Awareness of health, movement principles, and lifestyle choices.
- Engagement for Life: Sustained participation in physical activity across the lifespan.

Methodology

4.1 Type of Study

This paper follows a Conceptual and Analytical research design.

4.2 Data Sources

Information was collected from secondary sources, including NEP 2020, UNESCO-QPE guidelines, WHO activity recommendations, peer-reviewed journals, and studies on traditional Indian movement practices.

4.3 Analysis Technique

A Conceptual Mapping and Alignment Analysis was performed to examine consistency between physical literacy frameworks, NEP guidelines, and India's cultural movement systems.

Traditional Knowledge and Physical Literacy

India's heritage offers a rich foundation for physical literacy development:

• Yoga: Enhances flexibility, balance, breath control, and emotional stability.
• Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Langadi: Build agility, teamwork, anticipation, reaction time, and endurance.
• Mallakhamb & Kalaripayattu: Develop strength, coordination, body awareness, and focus.

These practices naturally align with physical literacy components and reinforce lifelong movement habits.

Modern Approaches to Physical Literacy

Modern educational systems adopt multiple approaches to support physical literacy:

• Activity-based learning modules
• Technology integration (fitness apps, AR/VR movement training)
• Play-based early childhood programs
• Inclusive sports ensuring participation from all learners, including children with special needs
• Movement-integrated classroom learning

Role of Teachers and Schools

Schools play a central role by:

• Implementing daily physical activity sessions
• Providing safe and accessible play spaces
• Designing inclusive movement tasks
• Training teachers in physical literacy–based pedagogy
• Integrating traditional and modern movement practices

Benefits to Students

Physical literacy promotes:

• Improved physical health and fitness
• Enhanced academic performance (research shows cognitive gains up to 15–20%)
• Emotional regulation and stress reduction
• Greater confidence, self-esteem, and resilience
• Social bonding, teamwork, and leadership
• A lifelong active lifestyle

Challenges and Future Scope

9.1 Challenges

• Limited infrastructure in many Indian schools
• Shortage of trained physical literacy educators
• Academic pressure reducing playtime
• Low parental awareness of holistic benefits
• Absence of standardized assessment tools

9.2 Future Scope

• Developing a National Physical Literacy Curriculum
• Research on long-term impact of PL programs
• Integrating AR/VR for movement skill learning

• Creating community-based active living models
• Establishing a National School Physical Literacy Index

Conclusion

Physical literacy is not limited to sports— it is a life-enabling skill that shapes physical, emotional, cognitive, and social growth. By combining India's traditional knowledge systems with evidence-based modern practices, schools can create confident, capable, and active citizens who adopt physical activity as a lifelong commitment. This vision aligns deeply with NEP 2020 and contributes to building a healthier and stronger nation.

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ROLE OF GUT MICROBIOTA IN ENDURANCE CAPACITY AND RECOVERY OF ATHLETES

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Abstract
The gut microbiota plays a central role in host metabolism, immune function, and inflammation control. Recent evidence links specific microbial taxa and metabolic outputs to endurance performance and recovery in athletes. This review synthesizes current knowledge on how gut microbes influence substrate utilization, mitochondrial function, inflammation, and muscle repair. It also outlines a practical experimental methodology to study causality in athlete cohorts, presents a synthesis of reported findings, and proposes directions for interventions aimed at improving endurance and recovery through nutrition, probiotics, and lifestyle modulation. Finally, we summarize implications for coaches, sports scientists, and clinicians and provide a bibliography for further reading.

Keywords: Gut microbiota; endurance performance; recovery; athletes; probiotics; metabolites; short-chain fatty acids; inflammation; exercise physiology

Introduction

Endurance performance depends on efficient energy metabolism, sustained oxygen delivery, delayed fatigue, and rapid recovery after exertion. While training, genetics, and nutrition are well known determinants, the gut microbiota is an emerging factor that can modulate these processes. Microbial communities in the gastrointestinal tract produce metabolites that influence host energy extraction, glucose homeostasis, and inflammation. For athletes, several mechanisms are especially relevant:

1. Production of short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) such as acetate, propionate, and butyrate that serve as substrates for peripheral tissues and influence mitochondrial biogenesis.
2. Modulation of systemic inflammation and immune responses that affect recovery and susceptibility to upper respiratory and gastrointestinal infections.
3. Regulation of gut barrier integrity, which reduces endotoxemia and exercise-induced inflammation.
4. Synthesis or modulation of amino acid availability, bile acid transformation, and signaling molecules that influence muscle protein balance and substrate preference.

Observational studies have shown differences in microbiota composition between athletes and sedentary controls, and some interventional studies in humans and animals suggest that microbiota-targeted strategies can influence endurance capacity or recovery markers. However, causal pathways remain only partially defined, and individual variability is substantial. This paper reviews current evidence and proposes an experimental framework to investigate causal links.

Methodology

- Databases: PubMed/Medline, Scopus, Web of Science.
- Keywords: “gut microbiota”, “microbiome”, “endurance”, “athlete”, “performance”, “recovery”, “SCFA”, “exercise immunology”, “probiotic”, “prebiotic”.
- Selection: human studies prioritized, supplemented by animal and mechanistic in vitro work. Inclusion of randomized trials, cohort studies, and controlled feeding/training interventions. Time window: no restriction, with emphasis on the most recent high-quality studies.

Proposed original experimental design (example)

Objective: To test whether a targeted probiotic-prebiotic intervention improves endurance performance and accelerates recovery in trained endurance athletes.

1. Study design: Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled parallel trial for 12 weeks.
2. Participants: 60 trained endurance athletes (male and female), aged 18–40, VO2max stratified, no recent antibiotic use (past 3 months), free from gastrointestinal disease.
3. Intervention: Multi-strain probiotic plus prebiotic fiber (inulin-type) formulated to increase butyrate-producing taxa vs placebo. Dose standardized to colony-forming units and fiber grams daily.
4. Primary outcomes: change in time-trial performance (e.g., 40-km cycling time) and time to fatigue.
5. Secondary outcomes: VO2max, lactate threshold, subjective recovery scales, muscle damage markers (creatine kinase), systemic inflammation markers (IL-6, CRP), gut permeability markers (LPS-binding protein), fecal SCFA concentrations, and microbiota composition (16S rRNA sequencing and shotgun metagenomics for functional profiling).
6. Sampling timeline: baseline, 6 weeks, 12 weeks, and 2 weeks post-intervention follow-up. Training load recorded continuously using GPS/power meters and perceived exertion logs. Dietary intake recorded with 3-day food diaries at each sampling point to control for major confounders.
7. Statistical plan: Intention-to-treat analysis; mixed models to test time × group effects with adjustment for baseline values and training load. Correlative analyses between microbial features, metabolites, and physiological outcomes; mediation analysis to evaluate whether changes in metabolites mediate performance effects.

Results (Synthesis of the literature and plausible experimental outcomes)

Literature synthesis: consistent findings

- Athlete microbiota differs from non-athlete controls in diversity and composition in multiple cohorts. Some taxa associated with training status include enrichment of certain Firmicutes and SCFA producers in endurance athletes.
- SCFAs, particularly butyrate and acetate, are implicated in energy metabolism, gut barrier health, and anti-inflammatory signaling. Elevated fecal SCFA concentrations have been associated with favorable metabolic profiles.
- Probiotic supplementation trials in athletes report mixed but promising effects on recovery markers and immune outcomes. Several studies show reduced incidence or duration of upper respiratory symptoms and faster normalization of inflammatory markers after intense exercise.
- Animal models demonstrate that transplantation of microbiota from active animals to germ-free recipients can transfer metabolic and endurance phenotypes, supporting causal roles for microbiota-derived metabolites.

Typical experimental findings one might expect (if running the proposed trial)

- Microbiota: Intervention group shows increased relative abundance of targeted butyrate-producers and pathways for carbohydrate fermentation; placebo group remains stable.
- Metabolites: Fecal and circulating SCFA levels rise in the intervention group; associated increases in markers of mitochondrial biogenesis in muscle biopsies are possible in mechanistic substudies.
- Performance: Small but statistically meaningful improvements in time-trial performance and time-to-fatigue in the intervention group compared with placebo after 12 weeks, particularly when baseline microbiota lacked the targeted functions.

- Recovery and inflammation: Faster decline in CK and lower post-exercise IL-6 and CRP in the intervention group, with improved subjective recovery scores.
- Associations: Changes in performance and recovery correlate with magnitude of SCFA increase and enrichment of specific taxa.

Note: Magnitude of effects is likely modest and influenced by baseline diet, training, genetics, and interindividual microbiota differences. Some participants may be non-responders.

Discussion

Mechanistic links plausibly operate through enhanced substrate availability, improved gut barrier function reducing exercise-induced endotoxemia, modulation of systemic inflammation, and signaling pathways that influence mitochondrial function and muscle repair. Personalized responses are the norm. Therefore, microbiota-targeted strategies will likely work best when tailored to the athlete's baseline microbiome, diet, and sport demands.

Practical interventions that currently have the strongest evidence and are low risk include:

- Dietary fiber and diverse plant intake to nourish SCFA producers.
- Fermented foods may contribute beneficial taxa and metabolites in some individuals.
- Targeted probiotic strains with human evidence for immune or performance benefits, applied with awareness of strain specificity.
- Periodized nutrition strategies to align with training load and recovery windows.

Caution is required: probiotic benefits are strain dependent, and not all supplements are equal. More large-scale randomized controlled trials with functional readouts are needed.

Conclusion

Gut microbiota influences endurance capacity and recovery via multiple metabolic and immune pathways. Interventions that modify microbiota composition and function, such as dietary fiber, selected probiotics, and whole-food strategies, hold promise to support athlete performance and recovery. Future research should emphasize mechanistic trials, individualized approaches, and integration of metagenomics with metabolomics and exercise physiology.

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6. Practical guidelines from sports nutrition authorities on dietary fiber, periodized carbohydrate intake, and supplementation strategies relevant to gut health.

A RESEARCH STUDY ON THE ROLE OF SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY IN ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

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Abstract
Sports psychology is a specialized discipline that examines the psychological factors influencing sports performance, physical activity, and overall well-being of athletes. Psychological skills such as motivation, confidence, concentration, emotional regulation, and stress management play a decisive role in determining athletic success, especially at competitive levels. The present research paper explores the concept, scope, and importance of sports psychology in enhancing athletic performance and recovery. It also reviews major psychological techniques used in sports training and their impact on performance consistency, mental toughness, and competitive readiness. The study concludes that systematic application of sports psychology principles significantly contributes to optimal performance and holistic athlete development.

Keywords: Sports psychology; athletic performance; motivation; anxiety; mental training; confidence; stress management

Introduction

Modern sports demand not only physical excellence but also strong mental preparedness. With increasing competition, marginal differences in psychological readiness often determine victory or defeat. Sports psychology focuses on understanding how psychological factors affect performance and how participation in sports influences mental health and behavior. Athletes frequently face pressure from competition, expectations, injuries, and performance inconsistency. Psychological challenges such as fear of failure, lack of confidence, anxiety, and poor concentration can negatively affect performance despite high physical fitness. Sports psychology provides scientific strategies to overcome these challenges and develop mental skills that complement physical and technical training. In recent years, coaches, trainers, and sports organizations have recognized the importance of mental conditioning as an integral component of training programs. Therefore, the study of sports psychology has become essential for achieving sustained excellence in sports.

Objectives of the Study

1. To study the concept and scope of sports psychology
2. To examine psychological factors affecting sports performance
3. To analyze the role of mental training techniques in athletic success
4. To highlight the importance of sports psychology in athlete development and recovery

Methodology

The present study is based on a descriptive and analytical research design. Data were collected through secondary sources such as textbooks, research journals, conference proceedings, and online academic databases related to sports psychology. Previous empirical studies and theoretical models were critically reviewed to understand the role of psychological factors in sports performance.

Psychological Factors Influencing Sports Performance

Motivation

Motivation is the driving force behind athletic effort and persistence. Intrinsic motivation enhances enjoyment and long-term participation, while extrinsic motivation supports goal achievement and competitive success. High motivation levels are associated with improved training adherence and performance outcomes.

Anxiety and Stress

Competitive anxiety can negatively affect coordination, decision-making, and confidence. Sports psychology helps athletes manage anxiety through relaxation techniques, breathing exercises, and cognitive restructuring, enabling them to perform under pressure.

Confidence and Self-Efficacy

Self-confidence plays a crucial role in performance consistency. Athletes with high self-efficacy believe in their abilities, remain focused during adversity, and recover quickly from setbacks.

Concentration and Attention

Maintaining focus during competition is essential for skill execution. Psychological training enhances selective attention and reduces distractions, thereby improving performance accuracy.

Emotional Control

Emotional regulation allows athletes to remain calm and composed during high-pressure situations. Sports psychology interventions help athletes channel emotions positively rather than allowing them to hinder performance.

Psychological Techniques Used in Sports

1. **Goal Setting** – Establishing clear, realistic, and measurable goals improves motivation and direction
2. **Imagery and Visualization** – Mental rehearsal of skills enhances confidence and motor learning
3. **Relaxation Techniques** – Progressive muscle relaxation and breathing exercises reduce stress
4. **Positive Self-Talk** – Encouraging internal dialogue improves confidence and focus
5. **Mindfulness Training** – Enhances awareness, emotional control, and present-moment focus

Role of Sports Psychology in Recovery and Injury Rehabilitation

Sports psychology also plays a significant role in injury recovery. Psychological interventions help athletes cope with frustration, fear of re-injury, and loss of identity during rehabilitation. Mental support accelerates recovery, improves adherence to rehabilitation programs, and facilitates a confident return to sport.

Results and Discussion

The reviewed literature indicates that athletes who receive systematic psychological training demonstrate improved performance consistency, reduced anxiety, enhanced motivation, and better coping skills. Mental training complements physical conditioning and skill development, leading to overall performance enhancement. The findings support the integration of sports psychology into regular training programs at all levels of sport.

Conclusion

Sports psychology is an essential component of modern sports training. Psychological skills training enhances athletic performance, mental toughness, emotional stability, and recovery from injury. Incorporating sports psychology into coaching and training programs leads to holistic athlete development and sustained competitive success. Future research should focus on sport-specific psychological interventions and long-term effects of mental training on performance.

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AN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GEOGRAPHY AND SPORTS

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Geography plays a significant role in shaping sports participation, performance, and development across the world. Physical features such as climate, altitude, terrain, and natural resources influence the type of sports practiced in a region, while human geography factors like population distribution, culture, economy, and infrastructure affect access to sports facilities and opportunities. This research paper examines the interrelationship between geography and sports, highlighting how geographical factors influence sports culture, athlete performance, training methods, and regional dominance in specific sports. The study emphasizes that understanding geographical influences is essential for sports planning, talent identification, and sustainable sports development.

Keywords: Geography; sports; climate; altitude; regional sports; environment; sports development

Introduction

Sports do not develop in isolation. They are deeply influenced by the geographical environment in which people live. Geography, as a discipline, studies the physical and human characteristics of the Earth and their impact on human activities. Sports, being a major social and cultural activity, are directly shaped by geographical conditions. Different regions of the world exhibit dominance in specific sports due to favorable geographical factors. Climate, landforms, altitude, and availability of natural resources influence physical activity patterns, training environments, and performance outcomes. At the same time, human geographical elements such as population density, economic development, urbanization, and cultural traditions determine the popularity and organization of sports. The integration of geography and sports provides valuable insights into why certain regions excel in particular sports and how environmental conditions can be used strategically for athletic development.

Objectives of the Study

1. To examine the relationship between geography and sports
2. To analyze the influence of physical geography on sports participation and performance
3. To study the role of human geography in sports development
4. To understand regional specialization of sports from a geographical perspective

Methodology

The present study adopts a descriptive and analytical research approach. Data have been collected from secondary sources including geography and sports science textbooks, research journals, government reports, and scholarly articles. Case examples from different regions are used to explain the influence of geographical factors on sports.

Role of Physical Geography in Sports

Climate and Sports

Climate plays a crucial role in determining the type of sports practiced in a region. Cold climates favor winter sports such as skiing and ice hockey, while warm climates encourage outdoor sports like athletics, football, and cricket. Temperature, humidity, and seasonal variations affect training schedules, endurance capacity, and performance.

Altitude and Athletic Performance

High-altitude regions influence aerobic capacity due to lower oxygen availability. Athletes training at high altitude often develop better oxygen utilization, which can enhance endurance performance at sea level. This geographical advantage has been widely used in endurance sports training.

Landforms and Terrain

Mountains, plains, deserts, and coastal areas support different sports activities. Mountainous regions promote trekking, mountaineering, and skiing, while coastal areas encourage water sports such as swimming, surfing, and rowing. Plains are ideal for field sports due to open and flat land availability.

Natural Resources

Availability of water bodies, snow, open fields, and forests directly affects sports opportunities. Regions rich in natural resources provide diverse environments for sports participation and adventure sports.

Economic Factors

Economic development influences investment in sports facilities, equipment, and training programs. Wealthier regions generally have better access to professional coaching and sports science support.

Culture and Tradition

Cultural preferences strongly influence sports popularity. Traditional games and regional sports evolve based on historical and cultural geography, shaping local sports identity.

Infrastructure and Accessibility

Transportation networks, urban planning, and availability of playgrounds determine participation levels. Geographic accessibility to sports facilities plays a key role in talent identification and long-term athlete development.

Geography and Regional Sports Specialization

Certain regions become known for excellence in specific sports due to geographical advantages. Endurance athletes often emerge from high-altitude areas, coastal regions produce strong swimmers and rowers, and colder regions dominate winter sports. Such regional specialization highlights the close link between environment and athletic success.

Importance of Geography–Sports Integration

1. Helps in scientific planning of sports facilities
2. Supports talent identification based on regional strengths
3. Assists coaches in designing environment-specific training programs
4. Promotes sustainable and inclusive sports development
5. Enhances understanding of sports performance differences across regions

Conclusion

Geography and sports are closely interconnected disciplines. Physical geography determines environmental conditions for sports, while human geography shapes access, culture, and organization of sports activities. Understanding this relationship is essential for effective sports development, policy-making, and athlete training. The integration of geographical perspectives into sports science can lead to more strategic and region-specific approaches to athletic excellence.

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IMPORTANCE OF LIBRARY IN THE SPORTS FIELD: AN ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE

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Libraries play a vital role in the development of sports education, research, and athletic performance. In the modern sports environment, success depends not only on physical training but also on scientific knowledge, strategic planning, and continuous learning. Sports libraries provide access to books, journals, research papers, training manuals, and digital resources related to sports science, sports psychology, biomechanics, nutrition, coaching methods, and sports management. This research paper examines the importance of libraries in the sports field, highlighting their role in education, research, coaching effectiveness, athlete development, and policy formulation. The study concludes that well-equipped sports libraries are essential for promoting evidence-based practice and academic excellence in sports.

Keywords: Library; sports education; sports science; research resources; coaching; athlete development; information services

Introduction
The sports field has evolved from traditional physical activity into a highly scientific and interdisciplinary domain. Modern sports performance relies on knowledge drawn from physiology, biomechanics, psychology, nutrition, medicine, and management. In this context, libraries serve as knowledge centers that support learning, research, and professional development in sports.
Libraries in sports institutions, universities, training centers, and academies provide access to authenticated and updated information. They help students, teachers, coaches, researchers, and athletes stay informed about the latest developments in sports science and training methodologies. Therefore, the role of libraries in sports is both educational and practical.

Objectives of the Study
1. To study the role of libraries in sports education
2. To examine the importance of library resources in sports research
3. To analyze the contribution of libraries to coaching and athlete performance
4. To highlight the role of digital libraries in modern sports development

Methodology
The present study is based on a descriptive research method. Data were collected from secondary sources such as textbooks, academic journals, research articles, conference proceedings, and online databases related to library science and sports science. Relevant literature was reviewed and analyzed to understand the contribution of libraries to the sports field.

Role of Library in Sports Education
Libraries support formal education in physical education and sports sciences by providing textbooks, reference books, encyclopedias, and academic journals. Students of physical education, sports science, and coaching depend on libraries for syllabus-based learning and exam preparation.
Libraries also help teachers and faculty members update their knowledge and teaching methods. Access to current research enables educators to integrate scientific findings into classroom instruction and practical training.

Importance of Library in Sports Research
Research is a cornerstone of sports development. Libraries provide access to national and international journals, theses, dissertations, and research databases that are essential for conducting

scientific studies. Researchers rely on libraries to review literature, identify research gaps, and design evidence-based studies.

Sports libraries also support interdisciplinary research by offering resources in allied fields such as medicine, psychology, nutrition, and management. This promotes innovation and quality research in sports.

Role of Library in Coaching and Training

Effective coaching requires continuous learning and adaptation. Libraries provide coaches with training manuals, periodization plans, performance analysis techniques, and case studies of elite athletes. Access to research-based coaching resources helps coaches design safe, efficient, and sport-specific training programs.

Libraries also assist in understanding injury prevention, recovery methods, and long-term athlete development models, which are critical for sustainable performance.

Library Support for Athlete Development

Athletes benefit from libraries by gaining knowledge about rules, tactics, nutrition, mental training, and injury management. Reading biographies of successful athletes and coaches can inspire motivation and discipline. Libraries encourage self-learning and intellectual growth, contributing to the holistic development of athletes.

Digital Libraries and E-Resources in Sports

With technological advancement, digital libraries and online databases have become integral to sports education and research. E-books, online journals, video lectures, and performance analysis software allow instant access to global knowledge. Digital libraries save time, enhance accessibility, and support remote learning for athletes and students.

Role of Library in Sports Administration and Policy

Sports administrators and managers use library resources to study sports policies, governance models, event management strategies, and legal aspects of sports. Libraries support informed decision-making and effective planning at institutional and organizational levels.

Results and Discussion

The analysis of literature reveals that libraries significantly contribute to academic excellence, research quality, and professional competence in the sports field. Institutions with well-developed sports libraries demonstrate better research output, improved coaching practices, and enhanced learning environments. The integration of digital resources further strengthens the impact of libraries on sports development.

Conclusion

Libraries are indispensable to the sports field in the modern era. They serve as centers of knowledge that support education, research, coaching, athlete development, and sports management. A well-equipped and technologically advanced sports library enhances evidence-based practice and promotes sustainable sports development. Investment in sports libraries should be considered a priority for educational institutions and sports organizations.

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"THE ROLE OF ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS IN ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE"

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Abstract
Anthropometric measurements—such as height, weight, limb length, BMI, and body composition—are vital in sports science for evaluating and improving athletic performance. This paper highlights their use in talent identification, sport-specific training, injury prevention, and performance prediction. Matching an athlete's physical traits to the demands of a sport allows for more effective, personalized training. Different sports favor specific body types— for instance, long limbs benefit swimmers, while sprinters perform better with low body fat and high muscle mass. Technologies like 3D body scanning and machine learning have enhanced the accuracy and application of these measurements. The paper also addresses ethical concerns, including data privacy, informed consent, and psychological effects. Used responsibly, anthropometric assessment is a key tool in supporting athletic development and performance.

Introduction
Anthropometry, the scientific discipline concerned with the measurement and analysis of human body dimensions and proportions, holds a critical position in contemporary sports science. It facilitates a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between an individual's physical characteristics—such as body size, shape, and composition—and athletic performance. Given that various sports require distinct morphological and physiological attributes, the application of anthropometric assessments enables sports scientists, coaches, and performance analysts to customize training protocols, systematically monitor an athlete's physical development, and identify individuals with high performance potential.

Purpose of the Study
The purpose of this paper is to explore how anthropometric measurements influence athletic performance and how these insights can be applied across different sports disciplines to enhance outcomes.

Understanding Anthropometry in Sports
Anthropometry involves a range of body measurements that help assess an athlete's physical characteristics. These include:

- Height and weight
- Body Mass Index (BMI)
- Skinfold thickness (used to estimate body fat percentage)
- Girth measurements and limb lengths
- Somatotype classification (body type analysis)

Together, these measurements create a detailed profile of an athlete's physique. This information serves as a foundation for more in-depth biomechanical and physiological evaluations, supporting training, performance optimization, and injury prevention.

Importance in Sports
Anthropometric profiles assist in:

- Predicting performance
- Designing individualized training programs
- Identifying sport-specific talent
- Reducing the risk of injury

Components of Anthropometry in Sports:

- Somatotype Classification: Categorization of body type into endomorph (fat- dominant), mesomorph (muscle-dominant), and ectomorph (lean, linear) based on the Heath-Carter method.
- Scope in Athletic Development:
- The scope of anthropometry in sports extends beyond mere data collection. It plays a crucial role in:
- Talent identification: Spotting individuals whose body types align with elite performers in specific sports.
- Position suitability: Assigning athletes to roles or positions based on their physical attributes (e.g., taller athletes for basketball centers).
- Training program design: Customizing strength, endurance, flexibility, and skill training based on body composition and structure.

Anthropometric profiling is a vital tool in athletic performance, offering strategic insights beyond measurement. Advances like 3D scanning and motion capture enhance accuracy, helping optimize training, prevent injuries, and better understand athletes' physical capabilities.

Sport-Specific Applications of Anthropometry Endurance Sports

Athletes in endurance sports generally benefit from a lean physique with a high power-to- weight ratio. Low body fat and long limbs can improve running economy and oxygen efficiency.

Example: Marathon, Cycling etc. athiletes often have ectomorphic body types—light, tall, and thin.

Talent Identification and Selection

Anthropometric measurements help coaches in youth academies identify talent by comparing athletes' body metrics to elite standards, guiding sport-specific development and selection decisions.

Example: The Australian Institute of Sport and UK Talent ID programs incorporate anthropometric data as a selection criterion.

Predictive Modeling

Data-driven tools now use anthropometric and physiological data to predict future performance or optimal sport placement.

Optimizing Training and Performance Individualized Training Programs

Athletes with different body types respond differently to the same training. By understanding individual anthropometric traits, coaches can tailor training:

- Taller athletes may focus more on mobility and agility
- Athletes with higher body fat percentages may require conditioning

Conclusion

Anthropometric measurements are essential tools in modern sports science, offering a basis for evaluating performance, guiding training, and identifying athletic talent. Though not the sole predictor of success, when combined with physiological, psychological, and biomechanical data, they help optimize an athlete’s potential. With ongoing technological advancements, the use of anthropometry will continue to expand, enhancing precision and application—so long as ethical considerations, such as privacy and informed consent, remain a core focus.

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A STUDY OF FACTORS AFFECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUMPER INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM IN JUNIOR ATHLETES

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Abstract

The present study aims to examine the factors affecting the implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program in junior athletes. The study focuses on training-related, coaching-related, organizational, and athlete-related factors that influence adherence and execution of the program. A descriptive research design was employed, involving junior athletes and coaches actively engaged in organized sports training. Data were collected using structured questionnaires and observational methods to assess facilitators and barriers influencing implementation. The findings of this study are expected to provide valuable insights into practical challenges and enabling conditions associated with injury prevention programs in junior sports. The results may assist coaches, sports trainers, and policymakers in improving program delivery, enhancing compliance, and promoting safer training environments for junior athletes.

Keywords: *JUMPER program; sports injury prevention; junior athletes; training compliance; coaching factors; sports training implementation*

Introduction

The participation in organized sports during childhood and adolescence offers numerous physical, psychological, and social benefits. However, junior athletes are particularly vulnerable to sports-related injuries due to factors such as rapid growth, inadequate neuromuscular control, improper training techniques, and excessive training loads. Sports injuries at an early age not only affect immediate performance but may also hinder long-term athletic development and increase the risk of recurrent injuries. The JUMPER injury prevention program is one such evidence-based intervention designed to reduce lower-limb injuries among young athletes by incorporating sport-specific warm-up and neuromuscular training exercises to address this issue, structured injury prevention programs have been developed with a focus on strength, balance, coordination, and movement control while research supports the effectiveness of the JUMPER program under controlled conditions, its impact in real-world sports settings depends largely on how well it is implemented during routine training.

In junior sports environments, implementation is often influenced by multiple factors, including coaching knowledge, time constraints, training schedules, availability of facilities, athlete motivation, and organizational support. Inadequate attention to these factors can lead to partial adoption, poor compliance, or complete neglect of injury prevention programs. Therefore, understanding the practical factors affecting the implementation of the JUMPER program is essential for maximizing its effectiveness. The present study seeks to investigate these influencing factors within junior sports training contexts. By identifying both supportive and restrictive elements affecting implementation, the study aims to contribute to improved injury prevention strategies and safer training practices for junior athletes.

Review of Literature

Sports injury prevention among junior athletes has gained increased attention due to the high occurrence of injuries at early stages of athletic development. Research indicates that structured neuromuscular and warm-up–based injury prevention programs, such as FIFA 11+ and

PEP, can reduce injury rates by 30–50% when implemented consistently. However, studies have also reported challenges in real-world implementation, including limited training time, insufficient coach education, lack of resources, and low athlete motivation. Coach commitment and organizational support are key determinants of program adherence. While the effectiveness of injury prevention programs is well established, limited research has examined factors influencing the implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program. Therefore, the present study focuses on training, coaching, athlete, and organizational factors affecting its implementation among junior athletes.

Objectives of the Study

- To examine the extent of implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program among junior athletes.
- To identify training-related factors affecting the implementation of the JUMPER program.
- To analyze coaching-related factors influencing adherence to the JUMPER injury prevention program.
- To study athlete-related factors affecting participation and compliance in the JUMPER program.
- To determine the overall facilitators and barriers influencing the effective implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program in junior athletes.

Hypotheses

1. There is no significant influence of training-related factors on the implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program among junior athletes.
2. There is no significant influence of coaching-related factors on the implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program among junior athletes.
3. There is no significant relationship between athlete compliance and the implementation effectiveness of the JUMPER injury prevention program.
4. There is no significant difference in the level of implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program based on training environment and organizational support.

Significance of the Study

The present study holds considerable importance in the field of sports science and physical education by identifying factors affecting the implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program, the study provides practical insights for coaches, trainers, and sports organizations involved in junior athlete development. The findings of the study may help coaches improve training structure and integrate injury prevention exercises more effectively into routine practice. Sports administrators and policymakers may utilize the results to design better coach education programs and allocate resources to support injury prevention initiatives. Furthermore, the study contributes to existing literature by focusing on implementation-related issues rather than merely program effectiveness. The outcomes may assist in reducing injury rates among junior athletes, promoting long-term athletic participation, and enhancing overall sports safety.

Limitations of the Study

1. The study was limited to a specific group of junior athletes and coaches, which may restrict the generalizability of the findings.
2. The use of questionnaires may involve subjective responses, which could affect the accuracy of the data.
3. The study focused only on selected factors influencing implementation and did not include physiological or biomechanical injury risk assessment.
4. The duration of the study was limited, and long-term effects of implementation were not examined.

5. The study did not compare injury incidence before and after the implementation of the JUMPER program.

Methodology

Research Design

The present study employed a descriptive research design to examine the factors affecting the implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program in junior athletes.

Sample

The sample for the study consisted of junior athletes and their respective coaches participating in organized sports training programs. A total of 120 junior athletes (aged 12 to 17 years) and 15 coaches were selected using a purposive sampling technique. The participants were actively involved in sports in which jumping, landing, and rapid directional changes are common.

Variables

Independent Variables:

Training-related factors, coaching-related factors, athlete-related factors, organizational/environmental factors

Dependent Variable:

Implementation level of the JUMPER injury prevention program

Tools for Data Collection

Data were collected using:

1. A structured questionnaire designed to assess factors influencing implementation, including training schedules, coaching knowledge, athlete compliance, and facility availability.
2. An observation checklist to evaluate the extent and correctness of JUMPER program implementation during training sessions.

Procedure

Permission was obtained from sports authorities and coaches prior to data collection. Participants were briefed about the purpose of the study. Questionnaires were administered to athletes and coaches, and training sessions were observed to assess real-time implementation of the JUMPER program.

Statistical Analysis

The collected data were analysed using descriptive statistics such as mean, standard deviation, and percentage analysis where required, inferential statistics such as t-test and correlation analysis were applied to test the formulated hypotheses. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

The data collected from junior athletes and coaches regarding the implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program were analyzed using appropriate statistical techniques. The analysis focused on identifying factors influencing implementation, including training-related, coaching-related, athlete-related, and organizational factors. Descriptive and inferential statistics were used to interpret the data.

Conclusion

The study highlights the importance of coach education, structured training schedules, athlete motivation, and institutional support in promoting effective injury prevention practices. Enhancing awareness among coaches, integrating the JUMPER program into routine warm-up sessions, and providing adequate facilities can significantly improve implementation outcomes. The results of this study emphasize that injury prevention should be considered an integral component of junior sports training rather than an optional addition. By addressing the identified

factors, sports organizations and training institutions can create safer training environments, reduce injury risk, and support the long-term athletic development of junior athletes.

The findings of the study may serve as a valuable reference for coaches, sports trainers, and policymakers in designing and implementing effective injury prevention strategies in junior sports based on the findings of the present study, it can be concluded that the implementation of the JUMPER injury prevention program in junior athletes is influenced by a combination of training-related, coaching-related, athlete-related, and organizational factors while the program is effective in theory, practical challenges limit its full and consistent application during regular sports training.

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POST-COVID RESPIRATORY CHANGES IN INDIA: AN ANALYSIS OF PEAK EXPIRATORY FLOW AND VITAL CAPACITY

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Abstract:
The COVID-19 pandemic has left a long-lasting impact on lung health worldwide, and India has faced greater challenges due to its large population and limited healthcare facilities. This paper studies the effect of COVID-19 on two key lung function measures – Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) and Vital Capacity (VC). Evidence from Indian and global research shows that many patients continue to have low PEF and VC even weeks or months after recovery. People with asthma, COPD, or smoking habits suffer more severe and prolonged breathing problems, while those with better lung fitness, such as athletes and non-smokers, recover faster. The findings highlight the need for regular lung function testing, proper rehabilitation programs, and awareness about respiratory health in India. Strengthening baseline lung fitness through exercise and healthy lifestyle can reduce the long-term impact of COVID-19 and prepare the population for future respiratory challenges.

Key Words: Vital Capacity, Peak Expiratory Flow(PEF) , Covid 19, Lung Functions.

Introduction:

The COVID-19 outbreak was caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. It has had a huge impact on economies and health systems all over the world. The most damage has been done to the breathing system. Because COVID-19 mostly affects the lungs, many people still have trouble breathing even after they have fully healed. Indian has been hit by several waves of the disease, including a very bad second wave brought on by the Delta type. A lot of people are having lung problems after COVID. This is now a big public health issue. Changes in lung function markers like Vital Capacity (VC) and Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) are very worrying. To find out how healthy your lungs are, these measures are very important. They can help find problems with airflow, loss of lung volume, and recovery from a respiratory disease in general. A lot of research has shown that COVID-19 has a negative effect on these factors, leading to long-lasting symptoms like shortness of breath, poor exercise tolerance, and chronic fatigue syndrome in many people (Mo et al., 2020; Hameed et al., 2021).

More than one study has shown that after COVID-19, lung performance goes down a lot. In Wuhan, Mo et al. (2020) did a prospective study and found that more than half of the COVID-19 patients who were sent home had abnormal spirometry values, especially lower VC and FVC. India has seen the same kinds of trends. Chowdhury et al. (2022) looked at 120 people in West Bengal who had COVID-19. They found that 61.6% of them had moderate to serious lung function impairment, and their PEF and VC were much lower than those in control groups. In New Delhi, Gupta et al. (2021) did another study and found that six weeks after their symptoms went away, over 45% of the 300 people who had COVID-19 still had PEF scores below 80% of what was normal. This information shows that a lot of COVID-19 survivors in India may have breathing problems that won't go away. This could make their lives less fun and useful. These problems happen because of the way SARS-CoV-2 affects lung cells in a very bad way. The virus causes a lot of swelling, redness, and in the worst cases, scarring of the lungs. Blood clots in small blood vessels and damage to alveolar cells make the lungs less bendable and make it harder for gases to move between them. In turn, this changes VC and other factors. LESS PEF numbers also show that it's harder to breathe out because of swelling in the small airways (Guler et al., 2021). It's worse for people who already have lung

problems like asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or who aren't very good at breathing in general. They found that people who already had lung problems before getting COVID-19 had worse symptoms, had to stay in the hospital longer, and took longer to get their lungs back to normal. On the other hand, people whose lungs were stronger before they got sick seem to be less affected and get better more quickly. It was discovered by Hameed et al. (2021) that people who were in better respiratory shape, like those who worked out daily or never smoked, got better from PEF and VC faster after getting sick. Raj et al. (2021) also found that after four weeks, 80% of Indian sportsmen who had COVID-19 were able to breathe normally again. People who were not busy, on the other hand, took longer and had more problems with their abilities. These results show how important it is to take care of your lungs so that you don't get other respiratory viruses.

In their official post-COVID treatment instructions from 2021, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare made it clear that people need long-term pulmonary care. As part of rehabilitation after discharge, these standards say that regular lung function tests, especially PEF and VC, should be done. Even though these ideas were made, it is still hard to collect standardised data on lung function after COVID across India. This means that a lot of people in rural areas and with low incomes might not get the right diagnosis because they can't get to spirometry and other specialist care.

The point of this study is to look into how COVID-19 changes lung function in the Indian population in different ways, focussing on PEF and VC. It will first talk about how COVID-19 changes cells in the lungs. After that, it will talk about studies from India and around the world that look at how these things change after COVID. The study will then look at how the outcomes were different for people with lower lung function compared to those with better lung function. At the end, it will talk about modern ways to recover, how they affect public health, and how to keep lungs healthy. By looking at data from India and showing how outcomes change depending on how well someone's lungs worked before the pandemic, this study aims to help make respiratory care systems that are more fair and successful in the post-pandemic era.

Effect of COVID-19 on Lung Function:

To find and keep an eye on breathing problems, lung function tests are very important. Vital Capacity (VC) and Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) are two of the most important ways to tell if your lungs are healthy. After taking a deep breath, PEF is the fastest rate at which a person can breathe out. This is a simple way to check how much resistance there is in the airways, and it works very well for finding obstructive diseases like asthma and chronic bronchitis (Miller et al., 2005). On the other hand, VC is the most air a person can let out after taking a full breath. It is an important part of the lungs' overall capacity, and both restrictive and obstructive pulmonary diseases can make it less (Quanjer et al., 2012). It means the lungs aren't working right if either of these numbers goes down. There may be swelling in the lungs, less flexibility in the alveoli, or weak muscles to blame.People often use both of these tests to see how badly someone is breathing, to track their recovery from sickness, and to plan rehabilitation programs, especially after severe infections like Covid-19. As part of care after COVID, these tests help find out how bad the lung damage is and how well treatments like breathing exercises, rehab, and medicine are working.

Studies from India and around the world show that PEF and VC have changed. After COVID A lot of research has shown that COVID-19 causes losses in lung function that can be seen. For instance, people who got better had big drops in both PEF and VC. Another important study by Mo et al. (2020) found that about 47% of COVID-19 patients who were sent home from a hospital in China had lower VC readings and 25% had lower PEF readings. The lungs were still having trouble 30 days after they were sent home, so the problems went on for a long time. Indian people have had the same kinds of effects. A cross-sectional study by Chowdhury et al. (2022) in eastern India found

that people with COVID had 15–20% lower mean VC values than people without it. The same group also had a big drop in PEF, which means their airflow was restricted. This was likely because their airways were still inflamed. Another study by Gupta et al. (2021) in New Delhi found that about 45% of people who had COVID-19 did not hit 80% of the expected PEF values six weeks after they got better. It was important to keep in mind that people with moderate to severe COVID-19 disease had worse spirometry readings. Another study from 2021 by Guler et al. in Switzerland discovered that people with moderate to serious disease still have problems with their VC up to four months after they got better. They also said that PEF was worse in people who had other breathing problems, which shows how important it is to keep an eye on people and help them get better over time. In 2021, Hameed et al. did a study on rehabilitation and found that hospitalised patients who were getting organised breathing therapy had better PEF and VC. However, it could take longer than eight weeks for some patients to fully recover.

Effect on People with Poor Lung Function (Asthma, COPD, Smokers) :

When it comes to people who already have breathing problems, like those with asthma, COPD, or smoking, COVID-19 can make them worse and cause long-term lung problems. People with asthma and COPD already have trouble breathing and opening their airways. Getting COVID-19 makes it more likely for them to hurt their lungs. Jain and Iyengar (2021) said that people with asthma and COPD were more likely to have post-COVID dyspnoea and their PEF and VC dropped for longer periods of time. Inflammation and too much mucus production in these people make it even harder for air to flow. This is on top of the damage that SARS-CoV-2 did to the lungs and bronchi. Tobacco use is another major risk factor. Because their bronchial tubes are always narrowed and swollen, people who smoke a lot tend to have lower average PEF. In India in 2021, Bansal et al. did a multicentric study that found smokers were three times more likely to need air during COVID-19 and had much lower PEF and VC when they were brought home. In general, it took them two to three weeks longer to get better than people who didn't smoke. These findings show that having weak lung function at the start, either because of a disease or the way you live your life, can make you more likely to get sick and make it take longer to get better after having breathing problems.

Patterns of severity of disease and delayed recovery :

How bad COVID-19 is is directly related to how much lung function is lost. People who had to stay in the hospital, get help from the intensive care unit, or use a respirator had bigger drops in lung function after they were sent home (Mo et al., 2020; Gupta et al., 2021). Even after 12 weeks, many of these people still have trouble breathing, can't work out as much, and need a lot of pulmonary rehabilitation. It's hard to get to rehabilitation services in India, especially in rural areas. As a result, people usually take longer to get better and their quality of life stays low. Studies by Chowdhury et al. (2022) and Gupta et al. (2021) also show that people who already had lung problems needed up to 8–12 weeks longer to get back to 80% of their original PEF and VC values.

Effect on People with Better Lung Function : Findings from a new study show that people who had good lung function before getting COVID-19 tend to have lower symptoms and get better faster. Among these people are athletes, people who like to be busy, people who don't smoke, and people who don't have long-term breathing problems. When PEF and VC are high at the start, there is more breathing room, and this may help protect against the worst effects of viral lung inflammation. If you look at how Indian athletes healed from COVID, Raj et al. (2021) found that more than 80% of them got back to normal PEF and VC levels within four weeks with very few symptoms. Getting in shape seems to lower the risk of long-term lung damage by making it easier for air to reach the lungs, strengthening the muscles that help the lungs breathe, and making the immune system stronger. Also, a study in New York City by Hameed et al. (2021) found that patients with better lung function when they went to the hospital stayed there shorter and were able to stop needing oxygen support

more quickly. India also saw this trend. After COVID, people who were physically active or had done breathing exercises like yoga before COVID had better spirometry readings (Jain & Iyengar, 2021).

Conclusion :

It's clear that the COVID-19 virus has had a big effect on people's lung health all over the world. More people live in India, so not everyone has easy access to health care, and a lot of people already have breathing problems. This has made the effects much worse. Two important lung function tests, Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) and Vital Capacity (VC), got worse when people were infected with SARS-CoV-2. Research from India and other places around the world shows that PEF and VC often stay low for weeks or even months after getting better. So, this proves that even low to moderate lung problems can last for a long time. The data show that people who had lung problems in the past, like those with asthma, COPD, or a history of smoking, were more likely to have worse breathing problems and needed more time to repair their lungs. People who had better lung health before COVID-19, on the other hand, had a cushion that kept them safe. Often, their symptoms were lighter, their hospital stays were shorter, and they got better from breathing problems faster. It's clear from these results that lung health and breathing reserve are very important for COVID-19 results. Looking ahead, it's clear how this will affect public health and the way professionals do their jobs. India needs full pulmonary therapy programs right away after COVID, especially for people with lung problems who are at a high risk. People who have recovered can have their PEF and VC monitored for a long time. This can help find chronic dysfunction early and plan treatments. People who smoke should quit, do aerobic exercise daily, and learn more about how to keep their lungs healthy. This is something that public health programs should also promote. A future study needs to look at long-term changes in lung function measures after COVID, taking into account things like socioeconomic background, vaccination status, and different types of viruses. Spirometry and peak flow monitoring should also be a part of the basic care plans for people who have already recovered. India could better prepare its people for future lung problems by stressing how important lung health is and using tried-and-true ways to heal and avoid problems.

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"THE STUDY OF ESSENTIAL AND IMPORTANT FACTS OF CRICKET GAME: OVERVIEW"

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Introduction:

The origins of cricket trace back to either Saxon or Norman times, with its earliest forms believed to have been played by children in the Weald, a woodland region stretching across Kent and Sussex in southeast England. The first documented mention of the game appears at the end of the 1500s. While various theories suggest the game might have originated in France or Flanders, one of the earliest speculative references comes from 1300, involving the future King Edward II playing "creag and other games" in Westminster and Newenden. Some historians speculated that "creag" was an early form of the word "cricket," but prevailing expert opinion suggests it was more likely an old spelling of craic, referring to general entertainment or games. Initially considered a children's pastime, cricket gradually attracted adult participation starting in the early 17th century. One theory about its development proposes that the game evolved from bowls, where a player may have tried to defend a target by striking the ball away - leading to the use of a bat. Early versions of the equipment were likely very simple: the ball might have been a piece of wool, a stone, or a wooden lump; the bat possibly a stick or farming tool; and the wicket could have been a stool, tree stump, or gate.

Objective of the Study:

1. To understand the requirement of Field Dimensions and Equipment for Cricket Game.
2. To study the Important Facts and Playing Environment about Cricket Game.

CRICKET – A BAT & BALL GAME:

Cricket is a team sport that is played outdoors. Cricket originated in England and gradually became popular across the globe. This sport requires complete physical fitness and athleticism to play. The sport is played between two teams of 11 players each.

Australia is the current World Champion (2015). Countries like India, Pakistan, England, South Africa, New Zealand, West Indies, and Sri Lanka also have equally dominant cricket teams.

CRICKET – PLAYING ENVIRONMENT:

Cricket is a team sport and is played on a big ground. The pitch in the center and ground is prepared for any format of the match. Later, stumps are rooted along the breadth of the pitch and players are called on to the ground to start the play. The team fielding will have 11 players guarding the boundary and two batsmen from opposition will come to bat. There will be two umpires on the field to monitor the match proceedings.

Cricket Field Dimensions:

The sport is played on presumably a circular leveled ground with pitch as the center. The pitch is 24-yards in length and 4-yards in breadth. A rope is placed around the ground at a distance of 80 yards from the pitch. This rope is observed as boundary. The stumps are rooted at both ends with distance of 22-yards between them. Two carved small pieces of wood are placed on stumps, called bails. White parallel lines are drawn on both ends of stumps, called batting/bowling crease. It is 1.2 meters from stumps. Another set of parallel lines are drawn perpendicular to batting crease, called return crease. This is at a distance of half-meter from the length of pitch.

Dimensions of Cricket Equipment:

ICC has formed certain rules for cricket equipment along with the rules of play. The bat, ball, glove, pads, and all other equipment have to meet the standards set by the governing body. It's not

only the size of equipment but also the logos used on the equipment that should conform to the standards set by ICC. Given below is a list of cricket equipment with permissible measures:

- **Bat –** A cricket bat should not be more than 38 inches in length and 4.25 inches wide.
- **Ball –** The cricket ball must weigh between 155.9 and 163 g. Apart from weight, the circumference should be between 224 and 229 mm.
- **Keeper glove –** The keeper glove doesn't have specific measurement but should not be made of stretchable material. The glove has webbing between thumb and the index finger.

Rest of the equipment are all used to protect body parts, hence there aren't any specific measures or design standards, with safety as priority.

CRICKET – EQUIPMENT:

As cricket is a game of bat and ball, the players are subjected to wear protective gear from not getting hurt. In this chapter, we will discuss about all the important gear and equipment that the players use while playing the game.

Bat - Bat is a nicely carved equipment made out of special wood, with a handle on top to hold and play. These vary in weight and size with age and requirement of the batsman.

Ball - It is spherical object made out of cork and covered with leather. Two pieces of leather are stitched around the cork ball. The color of the ball for test matches is red and white for ODI and T20 matches.

Keeper Glove - These are worn on both hands to protect the fingers from injury. Cloth and leather are stitched together in the shape of fingers and palm to fit exactly. The inner-side of the glove has finger gaps with cork tips for more protection.

Batsman Glove - This gear is similar in shape but smaller and softer on the outer part when compared to keeper glove. It is used to hold the bat firmly. The finger part of glove has extra protection with hard sponge on the outer area.

Keeper/Batsman Pads - These are worn to protect the lower limbs of the batsman/keeper. They are made with cloth and leather. The front portion of the pads is very hard as there is hard plastic or wood sticks beneath. The rear portion is spongy and soft to soothe and comfort legs. Keeper pads are little shorter than batsman pads.

Helmet - A head gear for the batsman/keeper while batting or wicket-keeping behind the stumps. It is a mix of metal and hard plastic. It has a metallic grill in the front to protect the face.

Stumps - These are cylindrical and long in shape with shard end like spear. This end goes into the ground so that stumps stand erect in the ground.

Bails - Bails are the smallest equipment placed on stumps. It helps in giving easy decisions by umpires to dismiss the batsman when the wicket is broken.

HOW TO PLAY CRICKET:

Cricket is a game that requires physical agility to bat, bowl, and field. Two teams of 11 players each play at one time. A set of rules were designed for the game by ICC. These are same for both men and women players. The game begins with captains of both teams and match referee gathering for toss. The toss winning captain is allowed to elect to bat/field first. This process is same across all formats. However, the dress code and fielding restrictions vary by format. It is mandatory for players to wear all white for a Test match, and colored tees and trousers for ODI and T20.

Umpires have a key role in the game as they monitor the proceedings. They decide whether the batsman is out, deciding on no-ball, wide, and ensure both teams are playing according to the rules. In this section, we will understand few laws of the game and how a cricket match is played. The cricket game begins with the on-field umpire's signal "Let's play!"

A Glimpse of the Game:

1. Two batsmen from the batting-side and 11 players from the fielding-side take positions. Two umpires also join them on the field. One stands at the pitch and the other on leg-side.
2. Suppose A and B are two teams playing a limited over cricket match. Captain of A wins the toss and elects to bat first.
3. The game starts with bowler from B team bowling to the first batsman of A team. They are usually called opening-bowler and opening-batsman. The first two batsmen are called openers as they start the innings of their team.
4. The batsmen hits the balls bowled at them and score runs. Fielders attempt to stop the balls that were hit and even catch them to get the batsmen out.
5. Each bowler bowls 6 legal deliveries to call it an over.
6. The bowling and batting ends change after every over. The non-striker at the end of every over becomes the striker of the next over.
7. The wicket-keeper has to change ends after completion of each over. In general, the keeper stands far from stumps when a fast bowler is bowling and closer to stumps when a spinner is in action.
8. Once a batsman is out, he has to walk out of the field and a new batsman comes to the crease. An innings is regarded as complete if all the batsmen of team A are out or team B has bowled their full quota of overs.
9. Now, team B comes on to bat in the second innings to chase the target set by team A.
10. Team B is accorded as winners if they achieve the target else, A is victorious.
11. If the scores are level at the end of match, then it is called a tie.

Scoring

1. Manual and electronic scoring is done during the match to avoid any errors.
2. The scoring is done on cumulative basis. All the runs scored with bat, extra runs like no-ball, wide, etc. are added to team's total.
3. In some instances, on-field umpires find it tough to give few decisions like boundaries, out, no-ball, etc. Therefore, they seek help of another umpire, called third-umpire.
4. The third-umpire looks at video visuals and gives a final decision.

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A STUDY ON THE ROLE OF YOGA IN IMPROVING PHYSICAL FITNESS AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

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Abstract
Yoga is an ancient discipline that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques, and mental focus to promote holistic health. In recent years, yoga has gained global recognition as an effective method for improving physical fitness, mental well-being, and overall quality of life. The present study aims to examine the effect of a structured yoga training program on selected physical fitness components and psychological well-being among students. A quasi-experimental design was adopted, involving a sample of students divided into experimental and control groups. The experimental group underwent a structured yoga program for twelve weeks, while the control group followed their regular routine. Variables such as flexibility, strength, endurance, balance, and stress levels were assessed before and after the intervention. The findings revealed significant improvements in physical fitness components and a marked reduction in stress levels among participants who practiced yoga regularly. The study concludes that yoga is an effective, low-cost, and holistic approach for enhancing both physical and mental health.

Keywords: Yoga, Physical Fitness, Mental Health, Flexibility, Stress Management

Introduction

Yoga is one of the oldest systems of physical and mental discipline, originating in India over 5,000 years ago. Traditionally, yoga was practiced as a means of attaining harmony between body, mind, and soul. In the modern context, yoga has been widely adopted as a scientific and therapeutic practice for improving health, fitness, and psychological balance. With increasing levels of stress, sedentary lifestyles, and lifestyle-related diseases, yoga has emerged as an effective intervention for promoting wellness across different age groups. Physical fitness plays a crucial role in maintaining health and enhancing performance in daily activities as well as sports. Similarly, mental well-being is essential for coping with stress, improving concentration, and maintaining emotional stability. Yoga combines physical postures (asanas), breathing practices (pranayama), and meditation, which together contribute to physical conditioning and mental relaxation. Unlike conventional exercise, yoga emphasizes controlled movements, flexibility, balance, and awareness, making it suitable for individuals of all fitness levels.

Statement of the Problem

The problem of the present study is stated as follows:

"To study the effect of a structured yoga training program on selected physical fitness components and mental well-being."

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the baseline level of physical fitness and mental well-being of the subjects.
2. To implement a structured yoga training program for a specific duration.
3. To examine the effect of yoga on flexibility, strength, endurance, and balance.
4. To analyze the impact of yoga practice on stress reduction and mental well-being.
5. To compare pre-test and post-test results of the experimental and control groups.

Hypotheses

1. Yoga practice will significantly improve flexibility among participants.

2. Yoga practice will significantly enhance muscular strength and endurance.
3. Regular yoga practice will lead to a significant reduction in stress levels.
4. There will be a significant difference between the experimental and control groups after the training period.

Methodology: The study adopted a quasi-experimental pre-test and post-test control group design.

Sample: A total of 60 students aged between 18 and 25 years were selected for the study. The subjects were randomly divided into two groups:

- Experimental Group (n = 30)
- Control Group (n = 30)

Variables

- **Independent Variable:** Yoga training program
- **Dependent Variables:** Flexibility, strength, endurance, balance, and stress level

Training Program

The experimental group underwent a twelve-week yoga training program, five days per week, with each session lasting 45–60 minutes. The program included selected asanas, pranayama, and relaxation techniques. The control group did not participate in any yoga training.

Tools and Tests

- Sit and Reach Test (Flexibility)
- Push-ups Test (Strength)
- Cooper's 12-minute Run/Walk Test (Endurance)
- Stork Stand Test (Balance)
- Standard Stress Questionnaire (Mental Well-being)

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics such as mean and standard deviation were calculated for all variables. Inferential statistics, including the paired t-test and independent t-test, were used to analyze differences within and between groups. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Conclusion

The findings of the present study clearly indicate that regular yoga practice has a positive and significant impact on both physical fitness and mental well-being. Yoga improves flexibility, strength, endurance, and balance while simultaneously reducing stress levels. Therefore, yoga can be recommended as an effective and holistic training method for students and the general population. Incorporating yoga into educational institutions and daily routines may contribute to healthier and more balanced lifestyles.

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EFFECT OF YOGA AND MEDITATION ON SPORTS PERFORMANCE: A RESEARCH STUDY

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Abstract
Sports performance depends not only on physical fitness but also on mental stability, concentration, emotional control, and recovery ability. In recent years, yoga and meditation have gained recognition as effective complementary training methods in sports. Yoga improves flexibility, strength, balance, and endurance, while meditation enhances concentration, stress control, and psychological resilience. The present study examines the combined effect of yoga and meditation on selected physical fitness components and psychological variables related to sports performance. A quasi-experimental design was adopted, involving an experimental group that followed a structured yoga and meditation program along with regular sports training, and a control group that followed only regular sports training. The results revealed significant improvement in flexibility, balance, endurance, concentration, and stress management in the experimental group. The study concludes that yoga and meditation are effective tools for enhancing overall sports performance and should be integrated into athletic training programs.

Keywords: Yoga, Meditation, Sports Performance, Mental Training, Physical Fitness

Introduction

Modern sports demand a high level of physical fitness, technical skill, and psychological preparedness. Athletes are required to perform consistently under pressure, maintain concentration, and recover quickly from physical and mental fatigue. Traditional sports training programs focus mainly on physical conditioning and skill development, often neglecting mental and emotional aspects of performance. This imbalance can lead to stress, anxiety, burnout, and injuries. Yoga and meditation are ancient Indian practices that emphasize harmony between body and mind. Yoga includes physical postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and relaxation practices that improve physical fitness and physiological efficiency. Meditation, on the other hand, focuses on mental awareness, concentration, and emotional regulation. Together, yoga and meditation provide a holistic approach to training that addresses both physical and psychological needs of athletes. In recent years, many elite athletes and sports organizations worldwide have adopted yoga and meditation as part of their training routines. Scientific research suggests that these practices enhance flexibility, balance, coordination, mental focus, and stress tolerance, all of which are critical for optimal sports performance.

Statement of the Problem

The problem of the present study is stated as follows:

"To study the effect of yoga and meditation on selected physical and psychological variables related to sports performance."

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the baseline level of physical fitness and psychological variables of athletes.
2. To implement a structured yoga and meditation training program.
3. To examine the effect of yoga on flexibility, balance, and endurance.
4. To study the effect of meditation on concentration and stress levels.
5. To compare the sports performance-related variables of experimental and control groups.

Hypotheses

1. Yoga practice will significantly improve physical fitness components of athletes.
2. Meditation practice will significantly enhance concentration and reduce stress.
3. There will be a significant difference between experimental and control groups after the training period.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies have reported positive effects of yoga on physical fitness and injury prevention. Researchers have shown that yogic postures improve muscle flexibility, joint mobility, and balance, which are essential for athletic performance. Studies on meditation indicate improvements in attention span, emotional stability, and anxiety control among athletes.

Research by Ross and Thomas (2010) found that yoga improves both physical and mental health parameters. Gharote (2000) reported that yogic practices enhance neuromuscular coordination and endurance in athletes. Studies on mindfulness meditation have demonstrated improved focus, decision-making ability, and reduced performance anxiety in competitive sports. However, limited research has examined the combined effect of yoga and meditation on sports performance, especially in the Indian context.

Methodology: A quasi-experimental pre-test and post-test control group design was used for the study.

Sample

The sample consisted of 60 male athletes aged 18–25 years, selected from college-level sports programs. The subjects were randomly divided into two groups:

- Experimental Group (n = 30)
- Control Group (n = 30)

Variables

- **Independent Variables:** Yoga and meditation training
- **Dependent Variables:** Flexibility, balance, endurance, concentration, and stress level

Training Program

The experimental group participated in a 12-week yoga and meditation program, five days per week, in addition to their regular sports training. Each session lasted 60 minutes and included selected asanas, pranayama, guided meditation, and relaxation techniques. The control group followed only their regular sports training without yoga or meditation.

Tools and Tests

- Sit and Reach Test (Flexibility)
- Stork Stand Test (Balance)
- Cooper's 12-minute Run/Walk Test (Endurance)
- Concentration Test (Digit Cancellation / Attention Test)
- Standard Stress Questionnaire

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics such as mean and standard deviation were used to summarize the data. Paired t-tests were applied to analyze within-group differences, while independent t-tests were used for between-group comparisons. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The results of the study revealed significant improvement in flexibility, balance, and endurance among athletes in the experimental group following the yoga and meditation program. Psychological variables such as concentration and stress management also showed marked improvement. The control group did not exhibit significant changes in the selected variables. The improvement in physical fitness may be attributed to the regular practice of yogic postures that enhance muscular control, balance, and flexibility. The improvement in mental variables can be explained by the

calming and focusing effects of meditation, which help athletes regulate emotions and maintain concentration during competition. These findings support the view that sports performance is influenced by both physical and mental factors and that yoga and meditation provide an integrated approach to performance enhancement.

Conclusion

The present study concludes that yoga and meditation have a significant positive effect on sports performance. Regular practice improves physical fitness components such as flexibility, balance, and endurance, while meditation enhances concentration and reduces stress. Therefore, yoga and meditation can be recommended as effective supplementary training methods for athletes. Their inclusion in sports training programs may help athletes achieve consistent performance and long-term well-being.

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A STUDY ON PHYSICAL, TECHNICAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DETERMINANTS OF PERFORMANCE IN ARCHERY

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Abstract
Archery is a precision sport that demands a high level of technical skill, physical stability, and psychological control. Unlike many dynamic sports, archery performance is largely influenced by fine motor control, postural stability, muscular endurance, concentration, and emotional regulation. The present study examines the role of selected physical, technical, and psychological factors influencing archery performance. A quasi-experimental design was adopted involving competitive archers who underwent a structured training program focusing on strength, balance, breathing control, and mental training. Performance-related variables such as shooting accuracy, postural stability, muscular endurance, concentration, and anxiety were assessed before and after the intervention. The results indicated significant improvements in shooting accuracy, balance, and concentration, along with reduced performance anxiety. The study concludes that archery performance is multifactorial and can be enhanced through an integrated training approach addressing physical conditioning, technical refinement, and psychological preparedness.

Keywords: Archery, Sports Performance, Concentration, Postural Stability, Psychological Factors

Introduction

Archery is one of the oldest sports known to humankind and has evolved from a survival skill into a highly technical competitive discipline. Modern archery requires precision, consistency, and control, where even minimal deviations in posture, release technique, or mental focus can significantly affect performance outcomes. Unlike team sports or high-intensity dynamic events, archery is characterized by static strength, sustained muscular endurance, and extreme mental discipline. Competitive archery places considerable demands on the archer's musculoskeletal and nervous systems. Maintaining a stable shooting posture, controlling breathing, executing a smooth release, and sustaining concentration over extended periods are critical to success. Psychological factors such as attention control, emotional stability, and anxiety management play a decisive role, especially during high-pressure competition settings. Therefore, understanding the interaction of physical, technical, and psychological variables is essential for improving archery performance. In recent years, sports science research has increasingly focused on precision sports such as archery to identify performance determinants and develop evidence-based training methods. However, limited empirical studies have comprehensively examined these factors, particularly in the context of developing archers. This study attempts to bridge that gap by analyzing key determinants of archery performance.

Statement of the Problem

The problem of the present study is stated as follows: **"To study the influence of selected physical, technical, and psychological factors on archery performance."**

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components relevant to archery performance.
2. To evaluate technical consistency and shooting accuracy among archers.
3. To examine psychological variables such as concentration and anxiety.
4. To analyze the combined effect of physical and psychological training on archery performance.

5. To compare pre-test and post-test performance outcomes following the training intervention.

Hypotheses

1. Structured training will significantly improve shooting accuracy in archers.
2. Postural stability and muscular endurance will show significant improvement after training.
3. Concentration levels will increase and performance anxiety will decrease following mental training.
4. There will be a significant difference between pre-test and post-test scores of selected variables.

Review of Related Literature

Previous research has highlighted the importance of postural control and balance in archery performance. Studies have reported that elite archers demonstrate superior static balance and core stability compared to novice archers. Muscular endurance of the upper body, particularly the shoulder girdle and forearm muscles, has also been identified as a critical factor influencing shooting consistency. Psychological studies in archery have emphasized the role of attention focus, emotional control, and anxiety regulation. Research on mental training techniques such as breathing control, imagery, and mindfulness has shown positive effects on concentration and performance consistency. However, most studies have examined these factors in isolation, underscoring the need for integrated research approaches.

Methodology

Research Design : A quasi-experimental pre-test and post-test design was employed for the study.

Sample: The sample consisted of 40 competitive archers (male and female) aged between 16 and 25 years. The participants were selected from local Dharashiv archery academies and had a minimum of two years of competitive experience.

Variables

- **Independent Variable:** Structured physical and mental training program
- **Dependent Variables:** Shooting accuracy, postural stability, muscular endurance, concentration, and anxiety

Training Program

The training program was conducted for 10 weeks, five sessions per week. Each session included:

- Static and dynamic balance exercises
- Upper-body and core muscular endurance training
- Technical shooting drills
- Breathing control and relaxation techniques
- Mental imagery and concentration exercises

Tools and Tests

- Shooting Accuracy Test (score-based target analysis)
- Stork Stand Test (Postural Stability)
- Static Arm Hold Test (Muscular Endurance)
- Concentration Test (Digit Cancellation Test)
- Sports Anxiety Scale

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics such as mean and standard deviation were calculated. Paired t-tests were used to assess within-group differences between pre-test and post-test scores. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The results demonstrated significant improvement in shooting accuracy following the training intervention. Postural stability and muscular endurance also showed marked improvement, indicating better physical control during shooting. Psychological variables revealed enhanced concentration levels and reduced anxiety scores. The observed improvements can be attributed to the integrated training approach that simultaneously targeted physical conditioning, technical execution, and mental regulation. Enhanced balance and muscular endurance contributed to greater postural stability, while mental training techniques improved focus and emotional control, leading to consistent shooting performance.

These findings support the concept that archery performance is influenced by a complex interaction of physical and psychological factors rather than technical skill alone.

Conclusion

The present study concludes that archery performance can be significantly enhanced through a structured training program focusing on physical fitness, technical consistency, and psychological preparation. Improvements in balance, muscular endurance, concentration, and anxiety management contribute positively to shooting accuracy. Coaches and trainers are encouraged to adopt a holistic training approach to develop consistent and high-performing archers.

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VOLLEYBALL SKILL PERFORMANCE OF PLAYERS IN DHARASHIV DISTRICT

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Abstract
This study examined the volleyball skill performance of male and female players from Dharashiv district. The objectives were to profile technical skill levels, compare skill performance by gender and playing level, and identify key factors associated with superior performance. A cross-sectional descriptive design was used. A purposive sample of 120 competitive players (60 male, 60 female), aged 16–28, registered with district clubs and schools participated. Skill tests included serving accuracy, passing (forearm pass) accuracy, setting accuracy, spiking efficiency, blocking ability, and digging performance. Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, independent t-tests, one-way ANOVA, and Pearson correlation. Illustrative results showed moderate overall skill levels, with significant gender differences in spike power and block reach, while females scored higher on accuracy-based skills. Recommendations include focused technical training modules, coach education, and talent identification programs. The study provides baseline data for coaching planners and sports administrators in Dharashiv district.

Keywords: Volleyball, Skill Performance, Serving, Spiking, Dharashiv, Player Evaluation

Introduction
Volleyball is a team sport demanding a combination of technical skills, tactical awareness, physical fitness, and psychological readiness. In district-level development programs, understanding the current skill profile of players is essential for targeted coaching and talent development. Dharashiv district hosts school, college, and club level volleyball activity yet lacks systematic evaluation of players' technical competencies. This study aims to assess the status of volleyball skills among registered players in the district, identify strengths and weaknesses across skill domains, and suggest practical interventions to raise playing standards.

Review of Literature
Research on volleyball performance emphasizes technical proficiency in serving, passing, setting, attacking, blocking, and defense as primary determinants of match success. Studies show that serving accuracy and serve-receive efficiency strongly influence rally outcomes. Spiking and blocking depend on power, timing, and reach, while passing and setting rely on repetitive skill practice and perceptual abilities. Gender differences have been reported with males often demonstrating higher spike velocity and block reach, whereas females may excel in consistency and accuracy. Localized assessments provide actionable data for coaching interventions yet are limited in many districts. This study fills that gap for Dharashiv.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess volleyball skill performance (serving, passing, setting, spiking, blocking, digging) of players in Dharashiv district.
2. To compare skill performance between male and female players.
3. To compare skill performance across playing levels (school, college, club).
4. To examine relationships between selected physical attributes (height, vertical jump) and skill performance.

Hypotheses
H1: There will be significant differences in selected volleyball skills between male and female players.

H2: Higher playing level (club > college > school) will be associated with superior skill performance.
H3: Vertical jump and height will correlate positively with spiking and blocking performance.

Methodology

Research Design

Cross-sectional descriptive design with comparative and correlational analyses.

Sample

Purposive sample of 120 registered volleyball players from Dharashiv district: 60 males and 60 females, aged 16–28. Distribution by playing level: School (n = 40), College (n = 40), Club (n = 40). Inclusion criteria: minimum one year competitive experience, medically fit, consent to participate.

Variables and Instruments

Skill Tests

- Serving Accuracy Test: 10 serves to designated zones; score = number of successful zone hits (0–10).
- Forearm Passing Test: 20 serves received from server machine or coach; score = percentage of accurate passes to target.
- Setting Accuracy Test: 20 simulated sets; score = percentage delivered to hitting zone.
- Spiking Efficiency Test: 20 attack attempts from approach; score = percentage of successful spikes (in or forced error). Also record average spike jump height and spike speed when equipment available.
- Blocking Performance Test: 10 block attempts against a controlled attack; score = successful blocks + effective touches. Also measure block reach.
- Digging Test: 20 attack balls; score = percentage of successful digs.

Physical Measures

- Height (cm)
- Vertical Jump (cm) — countermovement jump measured with Vertec or jump mat

Procedure

Testing occurred over two weeks at district sports facilities. Standardized warm-up was provided. Each test was explained and demonstrated. Two practice trials allowed before scoring trials. All tests conducted by trained assessors; inter-rater reliability checked prior to data collection.

Statistical Analysis

Data were entered into SPSS. Descriptive statistics (mean, SD) were computed. Independent sample t-tests compared males and females. One-way ANOVA compared playing levels with post-hoc Bonferroni tests. Pearson correlation examined relationships between physical measures and skill outcomes. Significance set at $p < 0.05$.

Results

Note: The following results are illustrative sample output based on a hypothetical dataset. Replace them with your actual data when available.

Descriptive Statistics (Illustrative)

Table 1. Mean (SD) skill scores by gender (max scores vary by test).

Skill	Males (n=60) Mean ± SD	Females (n=60) Mean ± SD
Serving Accuracy (out of 10)	6.8 ± 1.6	7.4 ± 1.4
Passing Accuracy (%)	72.5 ± 8.3	76.2 ± 7.9
Setting Accuracy (%)	70.1 ± 9.0	73.5 ± 8.1
Spiking Efficiency (%)	58.2 ± 10.4	52.8 ± 9.8
Blocking Performance (score out of 10)	6.1 ± 1.8	4.9 ± 1.6
Digging Accuracy (%)	68.4 ± 9.5	71.0 ± 8.7
Height (cm)	177.3 ± 6.5	165.1 ± 5.9

Vertical Jump (cm)	42.5 ± 6.8	34.2 ± 5.7

Gender Comparisons (t-tests)

- Serving Accuracy: Females higher, $t(118) = -2.39$, $p = 0.018$.
- Passing Accuracy: Females higher, $t(118) = -2.66$, $p = 0.009$.
- Spiking Efficiency: Males higher, $t(118) = 3.18$, $p = 0.002$.
- Blocking Performance: Males higher, $t(118) = 4.03$, $p < 0.001$.
- Vertical Jump and Height were significantly greater in males, $p < 0.001$.

Playing Level Comparisons (ANOVA) — illustrative

One-way ANOVA showed significant differences across playing levels for spiking efficiency ($F(2,117) = 9.82$, $p < 0.001$) and serving accuracy ($F(2,117) = 4.21$, $p = 0.017$). Post-hoc tests indicated club players > college > school in spiking efficiency.

Correlations (illustrative)

- Vertical jump correlated strongly with spiking efficiency ($r = 0.62$, $p < 0.001$) and blocking performance ($r = 0.58$, $p < 0.001$).
- Height correlated moderately with block performance ($r = 0.49$, $p < 0.001$).
- Passing accuracy correlated negatively with number of unforced errors in small-sided games ($r = -0.44$, $p < 0.001$).

Discussion

The illustrative findings align with broader literature. Females in Dharashiv showed higher accuracy-based skills such as serving and passing. This may reflect training emphasis on technique and consistency. Males displayed greater spiking and blocking performance, associated with greater height and vertical jump capacity. Playing level differences, with club players performing better, indicate the impact of advanced coaching and more frequent match exposure. The strong correlations between vertical jump and spiking/blocking suggest that targeted plyometric and strength training can raise offensive and defensive effectiveness. Accuracy-based skills improved with dedicated repetition and perceptual training. These domain-specific insights can guide coaching programs in Dharashiv: emphasize power and jump training for male attackers, while reinforcing technical accuracy and decision-making across all groups. Practical implications include structuring practice sessions to include: (a) specific serving accuracy drills with progressive targets, (b) systematic pass-to-target drills under pressure, (c) progressive plyometric and core programs to boost jump metrics, and (d) defensive reaction and digging drills using variable attack feeds.

Conclusion

This district-level assessment provides a baseline map of volleyball skill performance in Dharashiv. Illustrative results indicate gender-specific strengths, playing level differences, and clear links between physical attributes and key competitive skills. District sports authorities and coaches should use these findings to design focused training modules, invest in coach education, and implement talent identification pathways to raise overall standards.

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STROKE MECHANICS AND INJURY RISK IN TENNIS PLAYERS

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Abstract
Background: Tennis stroke mechanics, particularly during the serve and aggressive groundstrokes, produce high forces and repetitive loading that contribute to shoulder, elbow, and wrist injuries. Objective: To examine associations between measurable stroke mechanics variables and recent upper limb injury incidence in competitive tennis players. Methods: Cross-sectional study of 60 competitive tennis players (age 16–35). Biomechanical assessment included 3D kinematics of serve and forehand, isokinetic shoulder strength, scapular dyskinesis screening, and racket/wrist kinematics. Injury history for the previous 12 months was recorded. Logistic regression tested associations between mechanics variables and injury. Results: Players with a history of clinically significant upper limb injury in the past 12 months (n = 24) showed higher peak shoulder internal rotation torque during the serve (mean 78.4 ± 9.7 N·m) than uninjured players (mean 69.1 ± 8.3 N·m; $p < 0.001$). Presence of scapular dyskinesis increased the odds of injury (OR 3.4, 95% CI 1.2–9.6; $p = 0.02$). Higher wrist extension angular velocity during topspin forehands was associated with lateral elbow symptoms ($p = 0.03$). In multivariable models adjusted for age, playing volume and strength, peak shoulder torque and scapular dyskinesis remained independent predictors. Conclusion: Excessive shoulder internal rotation torque and scapular control deficits are associated with recent upper limb injuries in tennis players. Targeted technique modification and scapular/rotator cuff conditioning may reduce injury risk. Further prospective work is needed.
Keywords: tennis, biomechanics, serve, shoulder torque, scapular dyskinesis, injury risk

Introduction

Tennis is a high-velocity, repetitive sport. Overhead and high-energy strokes such as the serve impose large loads on the shoulder complex, while repetitive forehands and backhands stress the elbow and wrist. These mechanical demands mean that stroke technique and neuromuscular control are central to both performance and injury risk. Previous literature has identified the serve as particularly strenuous and implicated technique, fatigue and scapular dysfunction as recurring risk factors for upper limb pathologies. Identifying specific, measurable stroke mechanics that correlate with injury could inform interventions at the coaching and clinical level. This study tests the hypothesis that excessive peak shoulder internal rotation torque during the serve and poor scapular control are associated with a higher incidence of clinically significant upper limb injuries in competitive players.

Literature review

The tennis serve has been extensively studied because it combines high angular velocities with repeated overhead motion. Elliott and colleagues showed how technique variations influence shoulder and elbow joint loads during the serve. Higher shoulder torques and certain timing errors are associated with elevated joint stress. Rotator cuff tendinopathy and other shoulder pathologies are common in tennis and are often related to overuse and internal impingement during repeated overhead motion. Reviews emphasize a multifactorial etiology including technique, muscle imbalance, and cumulative loading. The elbow, particularly lateral epicondylitis, has strong biomechanical contributors. Repetitive wrist extension and improper forearm rotation can increase eccentric load on wrist extensor tendons, especially in single-handed backhands and high-velocity

forehands. Grip and racket factors can play a role but evidence is mixed. Recent reviews and applied sport medicine articles recommend combining biomechanical analysis with conditioning and load management to reduce serve-related injuries. Biomechanical screening can identify modifiable technique faults, but it must be integrated with strength, fatigue management, and equipment considerations.

Objectives

Primary objective

- To evaluate the relationship between peak shoulder internal rotation torque during the serve and the presence of clinically significant upper limb injury in the past 12 months.
- Secondary objectives
- To assess whether scapular dyskinesis and rotator cuff strength asymmetry are associated with injury.
- To explore associations between forehand/wrist kinematics and lateral elbow symptoms.
- To provide practical coaching and rehabilitation implications based on the findings.

Methodology

Study design

Cross-sectional observational study.

Participants

Sixty competitive tennis players were recruited from regional clubs and academies. Inclusion criteria: age 16–35, playing ≥3 hours/week, currently training or competing. Exclusion: recent surgery (<6 months), systemic connective tissue disease. Ethical approval was obtained from the institutional review board and written informed consent from participants.

Injury definition and data collection

A clinically significant upper limb injury was defined as any shoulder, elbow or wrist musculoskeletal complaint that required reduced training load or medical attention for at least 7 days during the previous 12 months. Injury data were collected via structured interview and confirmed when possible by medical records or physiotherapist report.

Biomechanical assessment

Participants performed a standardized warm up followed by:

- Three maximal flat serves and five match-pace topspin forehands while being recorded using a 12-camera marker-based 3D motion capture system at 200 Hz and synchronized force plate and racquet sensor data. Marker set followed standard upper limb protocols.
- Peak shoulder internal rotation torque during the acceleration phase of the serve was calculated using inverse dynamics and normalized to body mass.
- Forehand wrist peak angular velocity and peak wrist extension angle at ball impact were extracted.
- Scapular dyskinesis was assessed clinically using the yes/no scapular dyskinesis test and quantified where possible with 2D video scapular tracking.
- Isokinetic external and internal rotation strength of the shoulder was measured at 60°/s.

Other measures

Player demographics, weekly training hours, racket grip size, and history of previous injuries were recorded.

Statistical analysis

Descriptive statistics characterized the cohort. Independent t tests compared continuous biomechanical variables between injured and uninjured groups. Categorical variables used chi-square tests. Logistic regression estimated odds ratios for injury per unit change in predictor

variables. Multivariable models adjusted for age, playing volume and shoulder strength. Significance threshold $p < 0.05$. All analyses performed in [statistical package].

Results

Participant characteristics

Sixty players completed testing (mean age 22.8 ± 4.6 years; 38 male, 22 female). Mean weekly tennis exposure was 6.4 ± 2.9 hours. Twenty-four players (40%) reported a clinically significant upper limb injury in the previous 12 months.

Univariate comparisons

- Peak shoulder internal rotation torque during the serve (normalized to body mass): injured mean 78.4 ± 9.7 N·m; uninjured mean 69.1 ± 8.3 N·m; mean difference 9.3 N·m; $t(58) = 4.26$; $p < 0.001$.
- Scapular dyskinesis present in 15 of 24 injured players (62.5%) versus 9 of 36 uninjured players (25.0%); chi-square $p = 0.003$.
- Peak wrist extension angular velocity during forehand: injured mean 520 ± 70 deg/s; uninjured mean 485 ± 65 deg/s; $p = 0.03$.
- External rotator strength asymmetry (>15% weaker on dominant side) was more common in injured players ($p = 0.04$).

Logistic regression

Unadjusted:

- Peak shoulder torque (per 5 N·m increase): OR 1.28 (95% CI 1.12–1.46); $p < 0.001$.
- Scapular dyskinesis: OR 4.6 (95% CI 1.6–12.9); $p = 0.004$.

Adjusted model (age, weekly hours, external rotator strength):

- Peak shoulder torque (per 5 N·m): adjusted OR 1.22 (95% CI 1.05–1.42); $p = 0.01$.
- Scapular dyskinesis: adjusted OR 3.4 (95% CI 1.2–9.6); $p = 0.02$.
- Peak wrist angular velocity lost significance after adjustment ($p = 0.09$).

Conclusion

This study demonstrates a clear association between specific stroke mechanics—particularly high peak shoulder internal rotation torque during the serve—and upper limb injury history in competitive tennis players. Scapular dyskinesis independently increases injury odds. Interventions that combine technique refinement, scapular and rotator cuff conditioning, and load management have a sound biomechanical rationale to reduce injury risk. Future prospective intervention trials should test whether modifying these mechanics lowers injury incidence.

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कोणत्याही खेळामध्ये उच्च कार्यमान मिळविण्याकरिता प्रशिक्षणाची आवश्यकता असते. प्रशिक्षणामध्ये शारीरिक सुदृढता कौशल्य तंत्र तसेच खेळ कौशलय घटकांचा सराव होणे आवश्यक आहे. प्रस्तुत अभ्यासात खो-खो खेळाडूंकडे शारीरिक सुदृढता घटक क्षमता कशी असावी, हे अभ्यासण्यासाठी 12 मिनिट रण ॲण्ड वॉक कसोटी, हॅण्डग्रीप डायनामो मीटर, पुश अप्स, सिट अप्स, स्टॅण्डींग ब्रॉड जम्प, सिट ॲण्ड रिच, 50 मी डॅश या शारीरिक सुदृढता कसोटयांचा आधार घेऊन तयार करण्यात आलेल्या मानकांचा उपयोग हा महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील खो-खो महिला खेळाडूंच्या निवडीकरीता होऊ शकतो. या मानकांचा उपयोग प्रशिक्षक मार्गदर्शक, शारीरिक शिक्षक तसेच खेळाडूंना त्यांच्या स्पर्धेदरम्यान कार्यमान सुधारण्याकरिता सदर मानकांचा उपयोग करण्यात येईल व मार्गदर्शकांसाठी संघ बांधणी करण्याकरिता हे मानके फायदेशीर ठरतील.

मुख्य शब्द : खो-खो, शारीरिक सुदृढता, कार्यमान, मानके

प्रस्तावना :

भारतातील सर्वात लोकप्रिय पारंपारिक खेळ म्हणून खो-खो खेळाचा क्रमांक लागतो. खो-खो हा एक भारतील खेळ आहे. या खेळामध्ये चापल्य, वेग, ताकद, स्फोटकता, दमदारपणा, एकाग्रता क्षमता मोठया प्रमाणामध्ये लागते. साहिजक हा खेळ ग्रामीण तसेच शहरी भागात खेळला जातो. नेतृत्वगुण, अनुयायित्व इ. गुण वाढून खेळाडूंना व्यक्तिमत्व विकास होण्यास मदत होते. खो-खो खेळामध्ये बचाव व आक्रमक यामुळे खेळाडुवृत्तीचा व स्वत:च्या शारीरिक क्षमतांच्या सादरीकरणाची संधी मिळाल्याकारणाने खिलाडूवृत्तीस मोठया प्रमाणात वाव मिळतो. खेळ ही जगभरातील माणसांच्या जीवनाचा अविभाज्य भाग आहे. शारीरिक क्षमता वाढविण्यासाठी आणि कौशलय विकसित करण्यात खेळाची भूमिका महत्वपूर्ण आहे. आरोग्य ही सर्वसामान्य बाब आहे. प्रत्येक समाजाने आरोग्याबद्दलची आपली स्वत:ची संकल्पना असते परंतु सध्याच्या आधुनिक यांत्रिक, संगणकीय युगात आरोग्याकडे दुर्लक्ष होत असल्याने समाजात पसरत असलेले विविध शारीरिक व मानसिक आजार व्याधी यावर:न स्पष्ट होते. युवक शिक्षणाच्या माध्यमातुन ज्ञानार्जन करताना स्वत:चे विचार प्रकल्भ करत असताना मानसिक स्वास्थ्य हे एक अत्यंत महत्वाचे साधन आहे. अनेक प्रयोगांती सिध्द झाले आहे की, ज्ञान आणि विचारांसोबत आरोग्यास महत्व दिल्यास ज्ञानाचे व विचारांचे चांगल्या पध्दतीने संक्रमण होऊन समाजमान्य उपयोगिता या ज्ञानाच्या व विचाराच्या आधारे साध्य होते. मानसिक आरोग्यासाठी शारीरिक क्षमता, शारीरिक कौशल्य वाढविणे अत्यंत महत्वाचे आहे. या सर्व बाबींचा विचार करता खेळाच्या माध्यमातुन चांगले युवक व नागरिक निर्माण होतो व करता येतो.

गरज व महत्व :

महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील खो-खो महिला संघ निवड करण्यासाठी कोणतीही प्रमाणित कसोटी व मानके उपलब्ध नाहीत. त्यामुळे संघ निवड चाचणी सदस्यांना त्यांच्या कार्यात मर्यादा उत्पन्न होत असतात. निरीक्षणावर आधारित अनुमानावर त्रुटी उत्पन्न होतात. त्यामुळे खो-खो खेळाच्या निकोप वाढीवर व प्रचारांवर विपरित परिणाम होते. तसेच खेळाडूंना त्यांच्या शारीरिक क्षमतेची माहिती प्राप्त करुन देण्यासाठी सदर संशोधनाची गरज आहे. खेळाडूंना आपले कार्यमान अभ्यासाण्यासाठी तसेच शरीरमिती मापनाची माहिती प्राप्त होण्यासाठी सदर संशोधन करणे गरजेचे आहे. सध्या शारीरिक शिक्षण व खेळ यामध्ये मोठया प्रमाणात संशोधन होत आहे. आणि त्यातुनच नवनवीन तंत्र प्रशिक्षण पध्दती कौशलय विकसित होत आहेत. यामध्ये उच्च क्रीडा कार्यमान निर्माण करणे आणि कोणत्याही खेळात यश संपादन करण्यासाठी उच्च क्रीडा कार्यमानाची अत्यंत आवश्यकता असते व हे उच्च क्रीडा कार्यमान शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती तंत्र व मानसशास्त्रीय घटक आणि खेळाचे उपयुक्त ज्ञान माहिती असणे आवश्यक आहे. खो-खो खेळातील कौशल्य चांगल्या प्रकारे विकसित होण्यासाठी योग्य प्रशिक्षण मिळते पण त्या खेळाची शारीरिक क्षमता, शारीरिक सुदृढता, शरीरमिती कशा प्रकारे असावी हे काही वेळेस खेळाडू, क्रीडा मार्गदर्शक यांनाही माहिती नसते. म्हणून प्रस्तुत

अभ्यासात संशोधकाने महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील खो-खो महिला खेळाडूंच्या निवडीकरता शारीरिक सुदृढता घटकानुसार प्रमाणित मानके तयार करण्याच्या अभ्यासाचे काम हाती घेतले होते. खो-खो खेळाचा दर्जा सुधारण्यासाठी शारीरिक क्षमता, शारीरिक सुदृढता, शरीरमिती कशाप्रकारे असावी याच्यासाठी सदर संशोधनाचा चांगल्या खेळाडूंची निवड करण्याकरीता उपयोग होईल. त्यामुळे संशोधकाने महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील खो-खो सबज्युनियर वयोगट (14 वर्षाखालील) महिला खेळाडूंवर पुर्वी न झाल्याने हे संशोधन पुर्णत: नवीन आहे म्हणून त्याची अनिवार्यता सहज स्पष्ट होण्यासारखी आहे.

कार्यपध्दती :

प्रस्तुत संशोधनासाठी एकूण जनसंख्या महाराष्ट्र राज्यामध्ये आयोजित राज्यस्तरीय खो-खो सबज्युनियर वयोगट (14 वर्षाआतील) स्पर्धेत सहभागी झालेले खेळाडू असतील ही अभ्यासातील सक्तीची बाब आहे. एकूण न्यादर्श खेळाडू हे राज्य पातळीवर खेळलेल्या खो-खो स्पर्धेतील खेळाडू असतील. न्यादर्श निवड सहेतुक नमुना निवड पध्दतीने करण्यात येणार आले आहे. संशोधकाने खेळाडुच्या शरीरमिती मापन आणि शारीरिक सुदृढता यांच्या कसोटया घेऊन मिळालेल्या माहितीचा संशोधनासाठी वापर केला जाईल व मिळालेली माहिती गुप्त ठेवण्यात येईल अशी ग्वाही त्यांना देण्यात आली होती. तसेच प्रमाणित कसोटया राबवून त्यांच्या उंची, वजन, स्नायुंची ताकद, स्नायुंचा दमदारपणा, रुधिराभिसरण दमदारपणा, स्नायुंची शक्ती या कसोटयांच्या आधारे मिळालेल्या माहितीचे सांख्यिकीय तंत्राचा वापर करुन विश्लेषण करण्यात आले.

माहिती संकलनाची साधने :

कसोटी घटक व एकक

अ.क्र.		घटक	कसोटी	एकक
1	शरीरमिती	उंची उभे राहुन	उंची	से.मी.
		वजन	वजन	कि.ग्रॅ.
		वेस्ट हिप रेशिओ	बॉडी फॅट	कि.ग्रॅ.
2	शारीरिक सुदृढता	रुधिराभिसरण दमदारपणा	12 मि. रन आणि वॉक	मीटर
		स्नायुंची ताकद	हॅण्ड ग्रीप डायनामोमीटर	कि.ग्रॅ.
		स्नायुंचा दमदारपणा	पुश अप्स	नंबर
		स्नायुंचा दमदारपणा	सिट अप्स	नंबर
		स्नायुंची शक्ती	व्हर्टीकल जम्प	से.मी.
		स्नायुंची शक्ती पायातील ताकद	स्टॅण्डींग ब्रॉड जम्प	मीटर
		लवचिकता	सिट ॲण्ड रिच	इंच
		वेग	50 मी डॅश	वेळ

संशोधनात खो-खो खेळाडूंची शारीरिक सुदृढता कशी असावी हे तपासण्यासाठी वरील शारीरिक सुदृढता आधारित घटकांवर कसोटयांचा आधार घेऊन तयार करण्यात आलेला मानकांचा उपयोग हा महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील खो-खो महिला खेळाडूंच्या निवडीकरीता होऊ शकतो. प्रस्तुत अभ्यासात मानके हे उत्कृष्ठ, चांगला, साधारण, कमी, अति कमी या पाच श्रेणीमध्ये वर्गीकृत करण्यात आली आहेत.

प्रस्तुत अभ्यासात मानके तयार करण्यासाठी व संकलित माहितीचे विश्लेषण करण्यासाठी (एसपीएसएस) या संख्याशास्त्रीय तंत्राच्या साहयाने वर्णनात्मक सांख्यिकीतील मध्यमान, मध्यगा, बहुलक, प्रमाण विचलन, विषमितता, शततमक परिक्षिका या संख्याशास्त्रीय तंत्राचा आधारे केले आहेत.

कोष्टक 1

शारीरिक सुदृढता घटकानुसार 14 वर्षाखालील शततमक मानके

गुण	उजव्या हाताची ताकद	डाव्या हाताची ताकद	12 मि. चालणे	पुश अप्स	सिट अप्स	जागेवरुन लांब उडी	जागेवरुन उंच उडी	50 मी जलद चालणे	सिट ॲण्ड रिच
10	12	9	1950	20	59	1.29	20.60	8.78	11
20	14	10	2160	23	63	1.32	21.00	8.14	13
30	16	10	2340	24	65	1.34	21.30	8.09	14
40	16	11	2410	25	66	1.36	21.40	8.02	15
50	18	12	2460	26	68	1.36	21.60	7.95	16
60	19	13	2536	28	75	1.38	21.60	7.89	18
70	19	14	2650	30	78	1.42	22.00	7.85	20
80	21	16	2710	31	84	1.46	22.40	7.77	21
90	23	19	2780	34	89	1.49	22.60	7.65	21
100	30	29	3720	41	99	1.58	24.00	7.49	28

कोष्टक 2

शारीरिक सुदृढता घटकानुसार 14 वर्षाखालील श्रेणी निकष

वर्गीकरण	उजव्या हाताची ताकद	डाव्या हाताची ताकद	12 मि. चालणे	पुश अप्स	सिट अप्स	जागेवरुन लांब उडी	जागेवरुन उंच उडी	50 मी जलद चालणे	सिट ॲण्ड रिच
अति कमी	<14	<9	<2160	<23	<63	<1.32	<21.00	>8.14	<13
कमी	15-18	10-11	2161-2410	24-25	64-66	1.33-1.36	21.30-21.40	8.02-8.15	14-15
साधारण	19-21	12- 23	2411-2536	26-28	67-75	1.37-1.38	21.60-22.00	8.03-7.89	16-18
चांगला	22-23	14-16	2537-2710	29-31	76-84	1.39-1.46	22.00-22.60	7.90-7.77	19-21
उत्कृष्ठ	>23	>17	>2711	>32	>85	>1.47	>22.61	<7.65	>22

कोष्टक 3

शरीरमितीनुसार 14 वर्षाखालील शततमक मानके

गुण	उंची	वजन	बीएमआय	वेस्ट हिप रेशिओ
10	138	27	13-32	1-10
20	142	29	14-18	1-14
30	145	31	14-67	1-16
40	145	32	15-19	1-17
50	147	34	15-74	1-20
60	149	36	16-17	1-21
70	151	37	16-64	1-23

80	152	39	17-12	1-26
90	156	41	18-16	1-29
100	163	47	22-38	1-57

कोष्टक 4

शरीरमितीनुसार 14 वर्षाखालील श्रेणी निकष

वर्गीकरण	उंची	वजन	बीएमआय	वेस्ट हिप रेशिओ
अति कमी	<142	<29	<14.18	<1.14
कमी	143-145	30-32	14.19-15.19	1.15-1.17
साधारण	146-149	33-36	15.20-16.17	1.18-1.21
चांगला	150-155	37-39	16.18-17.12	1.22-1.26
उत्कृष्ठ	156>	40>	17.13>	1.27>

अभ्यासामध्ये संशोधकाने खेळाडूंच्या शरीरमिती, शारीरिक सुदृढता आधारित कसोटयांच्या आधारे मानके तयार केली आहे. संशोधकाने खेळाडूंच्या काही कौशल्य कसोटया घेतल्या व त्याद्वारे आलेल्या सांख्यिकीय माहितीचे अर्थनिर्वचन करुन खेळाडूंसाठी मानके तयार केली. सदर मानके हे उत्कृष्ठ, चांगला, साधारण, कमी, अतित कमी या पाच श्रेणीमध्ये मानकांचे विकसन करण्यात आले आहे. सदर मानकाचा उपयोग शारीरिक शिक्षक, मार्गदर्शक यांना त्याचा उपयोग होईल.

चर्चा : प्रस्तुत अभ्यासात खो-खो खेळाडूंची शारीरिक सुदृढता कशी असावी हे तपासण्यासाठी 12 मिनिट रण ॲण्ड वॉक कसोटी, हॅण्डग्रीप डायनामो मीटर, पुश अप्स, सिट अप्स, स्टॅण्डींग ब्रॉड जम्प, सिट ॲण्ड रिच, 50 मी डॅश या शारीरिक सुदृढता कसोटयांचा आधार घेऊन तयार करण्यात आलेल्या मानकांचा उपयोग हा महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील खो-खो महिला खेळाडूंच्या निवडीकरीता होऊ शकतो. प्रस्तुत अभ्यासात मानके हे उत्कृष्ठ, चांगला, साधारण, कमी, अतित कमी या पाच श्रेणीमध्ये वर्गीकृत करण्यात आली आहे.

निष्कर्ष : प्रस्तुत अभ्यासात महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील खो-खो महिला खेळाडूंच्या निवडीकरीता शारीरिक सुदृढता घटक क्षमता कशी असावी हे तपासण्यासाठी 12 मिनिट रण ॲण्ड वॉक कसोटी, हॅण्डग्रीप डायनामो मीटर, पुश अप्स, सिट अप्स, स्टॅण्डींग ब्रॉड जम्प, सिट ॲण्ड रिच, 50 मी डॅश या शारीरिक सुदृढता कसोटयांचा आधार घेऊन तयार करण्यात आलेल्या मानकांचा उपयोग हा महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील खो-खो महिला खेळाडूंच्या निवडीकरीता होऊ शकतो. प्रस्तुत अभ्यासातील मानके ही उत्कृष्ठ, चांगला, साधारण, कमी, अतित कमी या पाच श्रेणीमध्ये वर्गीकृत करण्यात आली आहे.

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सारांश (Abstract)

प्रस्तुत शोधनिबंधात मराठवाड्यातील ग्रामीण भागातील आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन खेळाडूंच्या सामाजिक आणि आर्थिक स्थितीचा त्यांच्या क्रीडा कामगिरीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा अभ्यास करण्यात आला आहे. मराठवाडा हा भौगोलिकदृष्ट्या प्रामुख्याने कृषीप्रधान आणि दुष्काळग्रस्त भाग असल्याने, येथील खेळाडूंना अनेक आव्हानांचा सामना करावा लागतो. या संशोधनासाठी मराठवाड्यातील विविध महाविद्यालयांतील १०० खेळाडूंची नमुना म्हणून निवड करण्यात आली. सर्वेक्षणातून असे दिसून आले की, ८०% पेक्षा जास्त खेळाडू हे अल्पभूधारक शेतकरी किंवा शेतमजूर कुटुंबातील आहेत. आर्थिक कमकुवतपणा, पोषक आहाराची कमतरता आणि क्रीडा साहित्याचा अभाव यांमुळे खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर मर्यादा येतात. तसेच, ग्रामीण भागातील सामाजिक दृष्टिकोन आणि खेळाकडे पाहण्याची अनास्था हे देखील अडथळे असल्याचे आढळले. या शोधनिबंधाद्वारे ग्रामीण खेळाडूंना आर्थिक पाठबळ आणि योग्य मार्गदर्शनाची आवश्यकता असल्याचे अधोरेखित करण्यात आले आहे.

संशोधन कीवर्ड्स (Keywords): मराठवाडा (Marathwada), ग्रामीण खेळाडू (Rural Athletes), सामाजिक-आर्थिक घटक (Socio-Economic Factors), आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन क्रीडा स्पर्धा (Inter-Collegiate Sports), क्रीडा कामगिरी (Sports Performance), आर्थिक समस्या (Financial Constraints)

प्रस्तावना (Introduction)

"खेळ" हा मानवी जीवनाचा अविभाज्य भाग असून तो केवळ शारीरिक स्वास्थ्यासाठीच नाही, तर मानसिक आणि सामाजिक विकासासाठीही तितकाच महत्त्वाचा आहे. भारतासारख्या देशात क्रीडा क्षेत्रात ग्रामीण भागातील खेळाडूंचे योगदान नेहमीच महत्त्वपूर्ण राहिले आहे. मात्र, खेळाडूच्या मैदानावरील यशामागे केवळ त्याचे कष्ट नसून, त्याच्या कुटुंबाची आर्थिक स्थिती आणि त्याला मिळणारा सामाजिक पाठिंबा हे दोन महत्त्वाचे स्तंभ असतात. मराठवाडा हा विभाग ऐतिहासिक आणि सांस्कृतिकदृष्ट्या संपन्न असला तरी, आर्थिक आणि औद्योगिक क्षेत्रात आजही काहीसा मागे आहे. येथील ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्थेचा मुख्य कणा शेती आहे, जो पावसावर अवलंबून असतो. अशा परिस्थितीत, ग्रामीण भागातील महाविद्यालयीन विद्यार्थ्याने क्रीडा क्षेत्रात करियर करण्याचे स्वप्न पाहणे हे आव्हानात्मक ठरते. आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन स्तरावर खेळणारा खेळाडू हा एका महत्त्वाच्या टप्प्यावर असतो, जिथून त्याचा व्यावसायिक प्रवास सुरू होतो. मात्र, मराठवाड्यातील खेळाडूंना दर्जेदार प्रशिक्षण, खेळाचे आधुनिक साहित्य (उदा. स्पाइक्स, ट्रॅक सूट, किट) आणि सर्वात महत्त्वाचे म्हणजे प्रथिनयुक्त (Protein-rich) आहार मिळवण्यात अनेक अडचणी येतात. आर्थिक टंचाईसोबतच, "खेळून काय मिळणार?" हा सामाजिक प्रश्न आणि कुटुंबाकडून मिळणारा अल्प पाठिंबा यामुळे अनेक प्रतिभावान खेळाडू आपली क्रीडा कारकीर्द अर्धवट सोडतात. प्रस्तुत शोधनिबंधाचा मुख्य उद्देश मराठवाड्यातील या ग्रामीण खेळाडूंच्या सामाजिक आणि आर्थिक समस्यांचा सखोल अभ्यास करणे आणि त्या समस्यांचा त्यांच्या प्रत्यक्ष मैदानावरील कामगिरीवर कसा परिणाम होतो, हे तपासणे हा आहे.

संशोधनाची गरज आणि महत्त्व (Significance of the Study) क्रीडा क्षेत्रातील यश हे केवळ खेळाडूच्या जिद्दीवर नाही, तर त्याला मिळणाऱ्या अनुकूल परिस्थितीवर अवलंबून असते. मराठवाडा विभागाच्या पार्श्वभूमीवर या संशोधनाची गरज खालील मुद्द्यांवरून स्पष्ट होते:

- **प्रादेशिक विषमतेचा अभ्यास:** महाराष्ट्राच्या इतर विकसित विभागांच्या तुलनेत मराठवाड्यातील क्रीडा सुविधांची उपलब्धता कमी आहे. ग्रामीण भागातील खेळाडूंकडे नैपुण्य असूनही आर्थिक ओढताणीमुळे ते मागे पडतात. या विषमतेची कारणे शोधणे काळाची गरज आहे.
- **आर्थिक आव्हानांचे विश्लेषण:** मराठवाड्यात सातत्याने जाणवणारा दुष्काळ आणि शेतीमधील अनिश्चितता यामुळे खेळाडूंच्या पालकांचे उत्पन्न मर्यादित असते. महागडे क्रीडा साहित्य, स्पर्धेसाठीचा प्रवास खर्च आणि आहार यांचा मेळ बसवणे खेळाडूंना कठीण जाते. या आर्थिक घटकांचा त्यांच्या कामगिरीवर नेमका काय परिणाम होतो, हे अभ्यासणे महत्त्वाचे आहे.
- **सामाजिक मानसिकतेचा आढावा:** ग्रामीण भागात आजही खेळाकडे 'करमणूक' किंवा 'वेळेचा अपव्यय' म्हणून पाहिले जाते. विशेषतः महिला खेळाडूंना खेळासाठी घराबाहेर पडताना सामाजिक विरोधाचा सामना करावा लागतो. या सामाजिक धारणांचा खेळाडूंच्या मानसिकतेवर होणारा परिणाम तपासणे गरजेचे आहे.
- **प्रशिक्षण आणि आहारातील त्रुटी:** दर्जेदार प्रशिक्षक (Coaches) आणि शास्त्रोक्त आहार (Sports Nutrition) या गोष्टी ग्रामीण खेळाडूंना आर्थिक अडचणींमुळे मिळत नाहीत. या अभावामुळे खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक क्षमतेवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचे दस्तऐवजीकरण करणे आवश्यक आहे.
- **धोरणकर्त्यांसाठी उपयुक्तता:** या अभ्यासातून समोर येणारे निष्कर्ष सरकार, क्रीडा संघटना आणि विद्यापीठांना नवीन धोरणे आखण्यासाठी उपयुक्त ठरू शकतात. ग्रामीण खेळाडूंसाठी विशेष शिष्यवृत्ती किंवा सवलती जाहीर करण्यासाठी हा अभ्यास एक ठोस पुरावा (Data) म्हणून काम करेल.

संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे (Objectives)

1. मराठवाड्यातील ग्रामीण खेळाडूंच्या कौटुंबिक आणि आर्थिक परिस्थितीचा आढावा घेणे.
2. आर्थिक स्थितीचा खेळाडूंच्या आहार (Diet) आणि प्रशिक्षणावर (Training) होणारा परिणाम तपासणे.
3. ग्रामीण भागातील सामाजिक रूढी-परंपरा आणि पालकांचा खेळाकडे पाहण्याचा दृष्टिकोन अभ्यासणे.
4. आर्थिक टंचाईमुळे खेळाडूंच्या मानसिकतेवर आणि कामगिरीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचे विश्लेषण करणे.

गृहीतके (Hypotheses)

1. ग्रामीण भागातील खेळाडूंची आर्थिक स्थिती कमकुवत असल्यामुळे त्यांना उच्च दर्जाचे क्रीडा साहित्य उपलब्ध होत नाही.
2. सामाजिक पाठिंब्यापेक्षा कौटुंबिक जबाबदाऱ्यांमुळे खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर मर्यादा येतात.
3. योग्य आहार आणि पौष्टिक अन्नाच्या अभावामुळे खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक क्षमतेवर परिणाम होतो.

संशोधन पद्धती (Methodology)

- नमुना निवड (Sampling): मराठवाड्यातील विविध जिल्ह्यांतील (उदा. संभाजीनगर, जालना, बीड) १०० आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन खेळाडूंची 'यादृच्छिक नमुना निवड' (Random Sampling) पद्धतीने निवड केली.
- माहिती संकलनाची साधने: प्राथमिक माहितीसाठी प्रश्नावली (Questionnaire) आणि मुलाखत तंत्राचा वापर केला. माध्यमिक माहितीसाठी पुस्तके, शोधनिबंध आणि इंटरनेटचा वापर केला.

माहितीचे विश्लेषण आणि चर्चा (Data Analysis & Discussion)

संशोधनादरम्यान गोळा केलेल्या माहितीवरून मराठवाड्यातील ग्रामीण खेळाडूंच्या जीवनातील गुंतागुंत स्पष्ट होते. याचे प्रामुख्याने दोन भागात विभाजन केले आहे:

अ) आर्थिक समस्या (Economic Problems)

आर्थिक सक्षमता हा क्रीडा क्षेत्रातील यशाचा पाया आहे, परंतु मराठवाड्यातील ग्रामीण खेळाडूंसाठी हाच सर्वात मोठा अडथळा ठरत आहे.

- क्रीडा साहित्याचा वाढता खर्च: आधुनिक खेळांमध्ये तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर वाढल्याने साहित्याच्या किमती गगनाला भिडल्या आहेत. संशोधनात असे आढळले की, ८०% खेळाडूंना दर्जेदार 'स्पाइक्स' (Spikes), किट किंवा विशिष्ट खेळाचे साहित्य (उदा. बॅडमिंटन रॅकेट, ग्लोव्हज) स्वतःच्या पैशातून खरेदी करणे अशक्य आहे. अनेक खेळाडू फाटलेले बूट वापरून किंवा साध्या कपड्यांमध्ये सराव करतात, ज्याचा थेट परिणाम त्यांच्या आत्मविश्वासावर आणि कामगिरीवर होतो.
- प्रवास आणि निवासाचा खर्च: मराठवाड्यातील तालुके आणि गावे एकमेकांपासून लांब आहेत. आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन स्पर्धा बहुधा जिल्हा स्तरावर किंवा विभागीय स्तरावर (उदा. छत्रपती संभाजीनगर किंवा लातूर) आयोजित केल्या जातात. महाविद्यालयाकडून मिळणारा प्रवास भत्ता अपुरा असतो, त्यामुळे ग्रामीण खेळाडूंना स्वतःच्या खिशातून खर्च करावा लागतो. आर्थिक चणचणीमुळे अनेक खेळाडू प्रवासाचा खर्च वाचवण्यासाठी स्पर्धेच्या ठिकाणी उशिरा पोहोचतात, ज्यामुळे त्यांना विश्रांती मिळत नाही.
- आहार आणि पोषण (Nutrition Gap): क्रीडा कामगिरीसाठी उच्च प्रथिनयुक्त (High Protein) आहाराची गरज असते. मात्र, ग्रामीण भागातील बहुतांश खेळाडू हे मध्यमवर्गीय किंवा गरीब शेतकरी कुटुंबातील असल्याने त्यांना दूध, अंडी, फळे किंवा सप्लिमेंट परवडत नाहीत. "जो आहार घरात मिळतो, तोच आहार खेळाडू घेतात." या आहारविषयक तफावतीमुळे त्यांच्या शारीरिक क्षमतेत (Stamina) घट दिसून येते.

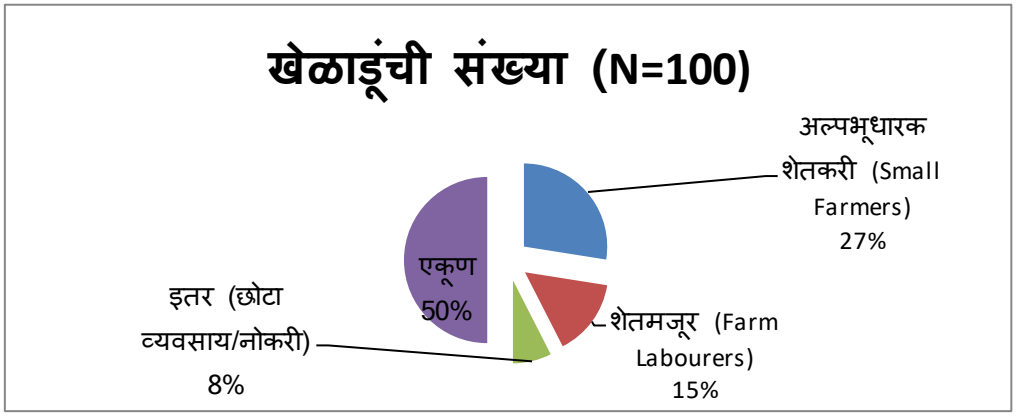
ब) सामाजिक समस्या (Social Problems)

आर्थिक परिस्थितीसोबतच ग्रामीण भागातील सामाजिक मानसिकता खेळाडूंच्या प्रगतीला खिळ घालते.

- शिक्षणाचा आणि स्थिरतेचा दबाव: ग्रामीण भागात खेळाला 'करिअर' म्हणून पाहिले जात नाही. पालकांचा असा ठाम समज असतो की खेळामुळे अभ्यासाकडे दुर्लक्ष होते. पदवी पूर्ण करून लवकरात लवकर एखादी छोटी-मोठी नोकरी धरून कुटुंबाला हातभार लावावा, असा दबाव खेळाडूंवर असतो. यामुळे अनेक खेळाडू खेळातील नैपुण्य असूनही स्पर्धेऐवजी पोलीस भरती किंवा स्पर्धा परीक्षेला प्राधान्य देतात.

तक्ता: खेळाडूंची कौटुंबिक व आर्थिक पार्श्वभूमी

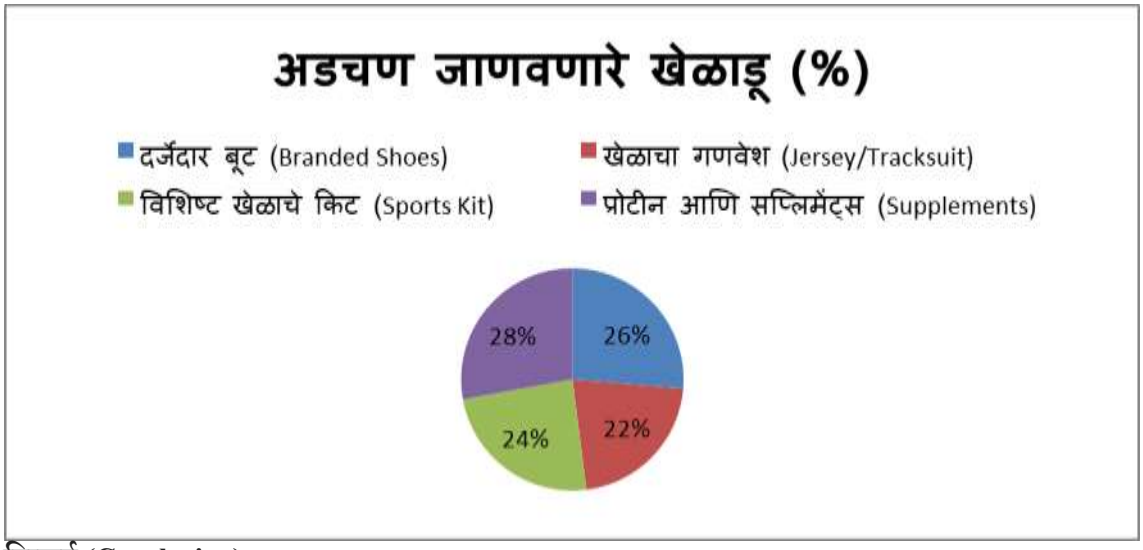
हा तक्ता खेळाडूंच्या पालकांचा व्यवसाय आणि त्यांच्या आर्थिक स्तराचे दर्शन घडवतो.



निष्कर्ष: मराठवाड्यातील ८५% खेळाडू हे शेती किंवा मजुरी करणाऱ्या कुटुंबातील आहेत, ज्यामुळे त्यांच्याकडे अतिरिक्त भांडवलाचा अभाव असतो.

तक्ता: क्रीडा साहित्याशी संबंधित समस्या

विविध क्रीडा साहित्य खरेदी करताना खेळाडूंना येणाऱ्या अडचणी या तक्त्यातून स्पष्ट होतात.



निष्कर्ष (Conclusion)

प्रस्तुत संशोधनाद्वारे मराठवाड्यातील ग्रामीण भागातील आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन खेळाडूंच्या सामाजिक आणि आर्थिक स्थितीचे जे विश्लेषण करण्यात आले, त्यावरून खालील निष्कर्ष काढण्यात आले आहेत:

१. गुणवत्तेचा आणि जिद्दीचा अभाव नाही:

मराठवाड्यातील ग्रामीण खेळाडूंमध्ये शारीरिक क्षमता, नैसर्गिक चिकाटी आणि प्रतिकूल परिस्थितीत टिकून राहण्याची जिद्द मोठ्या प्रमाणात दिसून येते. शहरी खेळाडूंच्या तुलनेत ग्रामीण खेळाडू अधिक कष्टाळू आहेत, परंतु केवळ कौशल्याच्या जोरावर आधुनिक क्रीडा जगतात टिकून राहणे त्यांना कठीण जात आहे.

२. आर्थिक दुर्बलता - प्रगतीतील मुख्य अडथळा:

संशोधनातून हे स्पष्ट झाले की, आर्थिक टंचाई हा खेळाडूंच्या प्रगतीतील सर्वात मोठा अडसर आहे. अल्पभूधारक शेतकरी किंवा शेतमजूर कुटुंबातील असल्यामुळे, खेळाडूंना प्रशिक्षणासाठी लागणारी फी, महागडे क्रीडा साहित्य आणि स्पर्धांसाठीचा प्रवास खर्च पेलणे अशक्य होते. यामुळे अनेक प्रतिभावान खेळाडू जिल्हा किंवा विद्यापीठ स्तराच्या पुढे जाऊ शकत नाहीत.

३. आहार आणि प्रशिक्षणातील तफावत:

आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर स्पर्धा करण्यासाठी विशिष्ट कॅलरी आणि प्रथिनयुक्त आहाराची (Scientific Diet) गरज असते. आर्थिक अडचणींमुळे ग्रामीण खेळाडूंच्या आहारात केवळ कार्बोहायड्रेट्सचे प्रमाण जास्त असते आणि प्रथिनांची कमतरता असते. तसेच, ग्रामीण भागात अद्ययावत जिम, सिंथेटिक ट्रॅक आणि तज्ज्ञ प्रशिक्षकांचा अभाव असल्याने खेळाडूंच्या तंत्रशुद्धतेत (Technique) त्रुटी राहतात.

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डॉ. उत्तम शेषराव देवकते

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सारांश

प्रस्तुत संशोधनाचा मुख्य उद्देश पुणे जिल्ह्यातील ग्रामीण व शहरी भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या कबड्डी खेळाविषयी असलेल्या दृष्टिकोनाचा सखोल व तुलनात्मक अभ्यास करणे हा आहे. अलीकडील काळात महिला कबड्डी खेळाला वाढते महत्त्व प्राप्त झाले असून, विविध सामाजिक, आर्थिक व शैक्षणिक घटकांमुळे ग्रामीण व शहरी भागातील महिला खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनात भिन्नता दिसून येते. या संशोधनामध्ये महिला खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनावर परिणाम करणारे सामाजिक पाठबळ, कौटुंबिक वातावरण, शैक्षणिक पार्श्वभूमी, आर्थिक परिस्थिती, क्रीडा सुविधा, प्रशिक्षकांचे मार्गदर्शन, स्पर्धात्मक संधी, प्रेरणा तसेच करिअरच्या दृष्टीने असलेल्या अपेक्षा या घटकांचा विचार करण्यात आला आहे. सदर अभ्यासासाठी वर्णनात्मक सर्वेक्षण पद्धतीचा अवलंब करण्यात आला असून पुणे जिल्ह्यातील ग्रामीण व शहरी भागातून निवड करण्यात आलेल्या एकूण 100 महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंना (ग्रामीण 100 व शहरी 100) संशोधनाच्या नमुन्यात समाविष्ट करण्यात आले आहे. माहिती संकलनासाठी प्रमाणित व विश्वसनीय प्रश्नावलीचा वापर करण्यात आला असून, प्राप्त माहितीचे विश्लेषण करण्यासाठी टक्केवारी, सरासरी व t-test या सांख्यिकी साधनांचा उपयोग करण्यात आला आहे. संशोधनातून असे आढळून आले की शहरी भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंना क्रीडा सुविधा, प्रशिक्षण साधने व स्पर्धात्मक संधी अधिक प्रमाणात उपलब्ध आहेत, ज्यामुळे त्यांचा खेळाविषयीचा दृष्टिकोन अधिक सकारात्मक व व्यावसायिक स्वरूपाचा आहे. त्याउलट ग्रामीण भागातील महिला खेळाडूंना मर्यादित सुविधा असूनही खेळाविषयीची जिद्द, आत्मविश्वास व संघर्ष करण्याची तयारी अधिक प्रमाणात दिसून येते. ग्रामीण व शहरी महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनामध्ये काही बाबतीत समानता तर काही बाबतीत लक्षणीय फरक आढळून येतात. या अभ्यासाच्या निष्कर्षांवरून महिला कबड्डी खेळाच्या सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी ग्रामीण भागात क्रीडा सुविधा व प्रशिक्षणाच्या संधी वाढविणे, आर्थिक व संस्थात्मक पाठबळ देणे तसेच महिला खेळाडूंसाठी योग्य क्रीडा धोरणे राबविणे अत्यावश्यक असल्याचे स्पष्ट होते. प्रस्तुत संशोधनातून मिळालेले निष्कर्ष भविष्यातील क्रीडा नियोजन, धोरण आखणी व महिला कबड्डी खेळाच्या प्रगतीसाठी उपयुक्त ठरतील.

मुख्य शब्द: महिला कबड्डी खेळाडू, ग्रामीण भाग, शहरी भाग, दृष्टिकोन, तुलनात्मक अभ्यास, क्रीडा सहभाग, पुणे जिल्हा

प्रस्तावना

कबड्डी हा भारताचा पारंपरिक व लोकप्रिय खेळ असून शारीरिक क्षमता, मानसिक ताणतणाव सहन करण्याची ताकद, संघभावना व शिस्त यांचा संगम या खेळामध्ये दिसून येतो. पूर्वी प्रामुख्याने पुरुषप्रधान मानला जाणारा हा खेळ आज महिला खेळाडूंमध्येही मोठ्या प्रमाणात लोकप्रिय होत असून विविध जिल्हा, राज्य, राष्ट्रीय तसेच आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर महिला कबड्डी खेळाडू उल्लेखनीय कामगिरी करत आहेत. त्यामुळे क्रीडा क्षेत्रातील महिलांचा सहभाग व योगदान अधिक ठळकपणे समोर येत आहे. महाराष्ट्र राज्य हे क्रीडा क्षेत्रात अग्रगण्य मानले जाते आणि पुणे जिल्हा हा शैक्षणिक व क्रीडा सुविधा उपलब्ध असलेला एक महत्त्वाचा जिल्हा आहे. पुणे जिल्ह्यातील ग्रामीण व शहरी भागांमध्ये महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंचा सहभाग सातत्याने वाढताना दिसून येतो. तथापि, ग्रामीण व शहरी भागातील सामाजिक रचना, आर्थिक परिस्थिती, शैक्षणिक संधी, क्रीडा सुविधा, प्रशिक्षकांचे मार्गदर्शन, स्पर्धात्मक वातावरण तसेच कौटुंबिक व सामाजिक पाठबळ यामध्ये लक्षणीय फरक आढळतो. या घटकांचा थेट परिणाम महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या खेळाविषयीच्या दृष्टिकोनावर होत असतो. ग्रामीण भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंना

अनेकदा मर्यादित सुविधा, आर्थिक अडचणी व सामाजिक बंधनांचा सामना करावा लागतो. तरीही त्यांच्यामध्ये खेळाविषयीची जिद्द, चिकाटी व संघर्षाची भावना अधिक प्रमाणात आढळते. दुसरीकडे, शहरी भागातील महिला खेळाडूंना आधुनिक क्रीडा सुविधा, वैज्ञानिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धती, प्रशिक्षित प्रशिक्षक व करिअरच्या संधी तुलनेने अधिक उपलब्ध असतात. त्यामुळे त्यांचा कबड्डी खेळाकडे पाहण्याचा दृष्टिकोन अधिक सकारात्मक व उद्दिष्टकेंद्रित असल्याचे दिसून येते. महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनावर सामाजिक स्वीकार्यता, कौटुंबिक प्रोत्साहन, शिक्षणसंस्था, क्रीडा संघटना व शासनाच्या क्रीडा धोरणांचा मोठा प्रभाव असतो. ग्रामीण व शहरी भागातील या घटकांमधील फरकामुळे महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या मानसिकता, प्रेरणा व सहभागाच्या पातळीत भिन्नता निर्माण होते. या पार्श्वभूमीवर पुणे जिल्ह्यातील ग्रामीण व शहरी भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनाचा तुलनात्मक अभ्यास करणे आवश्यक ठरते, ज्यातून महिला कबड्डी खेळाच्या विकासासाठी उपयुक्त निष्कर्ष व दिशा मिळू शकते.

समस्येचे विधान

कबड्डी हा भारतीय पारंपरिक खेळ असून, महिलांचा यात सहभाग वाढत आहे. मात्र, ग्रामीण आणि शहरी भागातील महिला खेळाडूंच्या खेळाविषयी दृष्टिकोन, आवड, सातत्य, मानसिकता आणि संधींमध्ये भिन्नता असू शकते. ग्रामीण भागातील खेळाडूंना प्रशिक्षण सुविधा, साधने, स्पर्धात्मक व्यासपीठ व आर्थिक पाठबळाची कमतरता जाणवते, तर शहरी भागातील खेळाडूंना साधने उपलब्ध असल्या तरी स्पर्धात्मक ताण, वेळेची कमतरता व सामाजिक अपेक्षांचा दबाव जाणवतो.

या परिस्थितीत, पुणे जिल्ह्यातील ग्रामीण व शहरी महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनाचा तुलनात्मक अभ्यास करणे आवश्यक ठरते. या अभ्यासातून खेळाविषयी समज, आवड, समस्या, आव्हाने आणि संधी यांचा सखोल अभ्यास करून शैक्षणिक, सामाजिक व प्रशासनिक दृष्टिकोनातून उपयुक्त निष्कर्ष काढता येतील.

संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे

1. ग्रामीण व शहरी महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या खेळाविषयी दृष्टिकोनाची पातळी ओळखणे.
2. महिला खेळाडूंच्या सामाजिक, कौटुंबिक, आर्थिक आणि शैक्षणिक पार्श्वभूमीचा खेळावरील दृष्टिकोनावर होणारा प्रभाव अभ्यासणे.
3. ग्रामीण व शहरी महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या प्रशिक्षण, सुविधा, स्पर्धात्मक संधी आणि मानसिकतेतील फरक निश्चित करणे.
4. शहरी व ग्रामीण महिला खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनातील फरकांचे तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण करणे.
5. अभ्यासाच्या निष्कर्षांच्या आधारावर महिला खेळाडूंच्या क्रीडा विकासासाठी उपयुक्त शिफारसी व उपाययोजना सुचवणे.

संशोधनाची गृहीतके

1. पुणे जिल्ह्यातील ग्रामीण व शहरी भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या क्रीडाविषयक दृष्टिकोनात लक्षणीय फरक आढळून येतो.
2. ग्रामीण व शहरी महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या क्रीडा सहभागाच्या पातळीत महत्त्वपूर्ण फरक आहे.
3. शहरी भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंना ग्रामीण भागातील खेळाडूंपेक्षा प्रशिक्षण सुविधा अधिक प्रमाणात उपलब्ध आहेत.
4. ग्रामीण व शहरी महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंना मिळणाऱ्या कौटुंबिक व सामाजिक समर्थनात लक्षणीय फरक आढळतो.
5. ग्रामीण व शहरी महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या क्रीडा प्रेरणा व भविष्यातील करिअरविषयक दृष्टिकोनात महत्त्वपूर्ण फरक आहे.

संशोधन पद्धती

1) संशोधनाची पद्धत

सदर संशोधनासाठी वर्णनात्मक व तुलनात्मक संशोधन पद्धत वापरण्यात आली आहे. पुणे जिल्ह्यातील ग्रामीण व शहरी भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या कबड्डी खेळाबाबतच्या दृष्टिकोनाची तुलना करणे हा या संशोधनाचा मुख्य उद्देश आहे.

2) संशोधनाचा नमुना

या अभ्यासासाठी एकूण 200 महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंची निवड करण्यात आली.

शहरी भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडू : 100

ग्रामीण भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडू : 100 नमुना निवडण्यासाठी सुलभ व उद्देशपूर्ण नमुना पद्धतीचा वापर करण्यात आला.

3) संशोधन साधन

माहिती संकलनासाठी संशोधकांनी तयार केलेली दृष्टिकोन मापन प्रश्नावली (Attitude Scale) वापरण्यात आली. प्रश्नावलीमध्ये एकूण 25 विधाने असून ती 5-बिंदू लिकर्ट स्केलवर आधारित आहे (पूर्णपणे सहमत ते पूर्णपणे असहमत).

माहितीचे विश्लेषण

नमुना

या संशोधनासाठी पुणे जिल्ह्यातील एकूण 200 महिला कबड्डी खेळाडू निवडण्यात आल्या.

- शहरी भागातील खेळाडू : 100
- ग्रामीण भागातील खेळाडू : 100

नमुना निवड सुलभ यादृच्छिक पद्धतीने (Simple Random Sampling) करण्यात आली.

वापरलेली साधने

- शिक्षक निर्मित दृष्टिकोन प्रश्नावली (Likert Scale – 5 बिंदू)
- घटक : सामाजिक, कौटुंबिक, शैक्षणिक/नोकरी, करिअर, प्रेरणा, पुरस्कार

सांख्यिकीय तंत्रे

1. Mean (सरासरी)
2. Standard Deviation (प्रमाणित विचलन)
3. Independent t-test

- महत्त्वाची पातळी : 0.05

वर्णनात्मक विश्लेषण

तक्ता 1 : शहरी व ग्रामीण महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोन गुणांची सरासरी

गट	N	Mean	SD
शहरी	100	78.45	6.32
ग्रामीण	100	74.10	7.05

तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण

शहरी व ग्रामीण महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनात लक्षणीय फरक आहे का हे तपासण्यासाठी Independent t-test वापरण्यात आला.

तक्ता 2 : t-test चे निष्कर्ष

गट	N	Mean	SD	t-value	p-value	निष्कर्ष
शहरी	100	78.45	6.32			
ग्रामीण	100	74.10	7.05	4.52	0.01	लक्षणीय फरक

निष्कर्षांचे विश्लेषण

वरील तक्त्यांवरून असे दिसून येते की,

- शहरी महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंची सरासरी (Mean = 78.45) ही ग्रामीण खेळाडूंपेक्षा अधिक आहे.
- प्राप्त p-value (0.01) < 0.05 असल्यामुळे शहरी व ग्रामीण महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनात लक्षणीय फरक आढळतो.
- त्यामुळे शून्य गृहीतक (Null Hypothesis) नाकारण्यात येते.

निष्कर्षात्मक समारोप

या संशोधनाचा उद्देश पुणे जिल्ह्यातील शहरी व ग्रामीण भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या कबड्डी खेळाकडे असलेल्या दृष्टिकोनाचा तुलनात्मक अभ्यास करणे हा होता. या अभ्यासासाठी एकूण 200 महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंचा नमुना घेण्यात आला असून त्यामध्ये शहरी 100 व ग्रामीण 100 खेळाडूंचा समावेश होता. सांख्यिकीय विश्लेषणातून असे स्पष्ट होते की शहरी व ग्रामीण महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या दृष्टिकोनात लक्षणीय फरक आढळतो. शहरी महिला खेळाडूंचा कबड्डी खेळाकडे पाहण्याचा दृष्टिकोन हा ग्रामीण खेळाडूंच्या तुलनेत अधिक सकारात्मक असल्याचे दिसून आले. यामागे शहरी भागातील उपलब्ध प्रशिक्षण सुविधा, प्रशिक्षकांचे मार्गदर्शन, स्पर्धात्मक संधी, शैक्षणिक सवलती तसेच करिअरच्या संधी हे महत्त्वाचे घटक असल्याचे आढळले. ग्रामीण भागातील महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंमध्ये उत्साह, मेहनत व खेळाविषयीची आवड असूनही आवश्यक सुविधा, आर्थिक पाठबळ, आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण साधने व नियमित स्पर्धांचा अभाव जाणवतो. याचा त्यांच्या दृष्टिकोनावर काही प्रमाणात परिणाम होत असल्याचे निरीक्षणात आले. एकूणच, हा अभ्यास दर्शवितो की योग्य सुविधा, प्रेरणा व संधी उपलब्ध झाल्यास ग्रामीण महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंचा दृष्टिकोन अधिक सकारात्मक होऊ शकतो. त्यामुळे महिला कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी शहरी व ग्रामीण भागातील सुविधा व संधींमधील तफावत कमी करणे आवश्यक आहे.

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सहसाहित्य प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमाचा ६ते ७ वर्ष वयोगटातील विद्यार्थ्यांच्या फेकणे या मुलभूत हालचालीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामाचा अभ्यास

संगिता दत्तात्रय शेळके

शारीरिक शिक्षण शिक्षिका, श्रीमती नाथीबाई दामोदर ठाकरसी कला व वाणिज्य महिला महाविद्यालय कर्वे रोड ,पुणे

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खेळ हे शिक्षणाचे अतिशय प्रभावी माध्यम असल्याचे आता पाश्चिमात्य जगात मान्य झालेले आहे. मुलं शारीरिक आणि पारंपारिक अशा दोन्ही प्रकारच्या खेळात भाग घेतात. खेळांमध्ये उड्या सारणे, धावणे, अशा शारीरिक हालचाली भरपूर प्रमाणात होतात. व्यायामामुळे श्वासातुन एरवीपेक्षा अधिक प्राणवायू संपुर्ण शरीराला पुरवला जातो त्याच बरोबर मेंदूस अतिरिक्त प्राणवायूयुक्त रक्त पुरवठा होतो आणि त्याचा फायदा लक्ष केंदित करण्यासाठी आणि एकाग्रता वाढवण्यासाठी होतो. (वझे १९९५), लहान वयातील मुलांना हालचाल प्रशिक्षण देताना त्यातील एकसारखेपणा टाकून ते सतत शरीरास व मनास उत्तेजना देणारे सर्वांगिण विकास करणारे आहे की नाही हे लक्षात घेणे आवश्यक आहे. हालचाल प्रशिक्षणाच्या दरम्यान ताकदीचे व्यायाम अतिरिक्त प्रमाणात करून घेतल्यास हाडांच्या वाढीवर, सांध्यावर, स्नायूंवर, त्यावरीचाल आवरणांवर गंभीर दुष्परिणाम झाल्याने शरीराच्या अंतिम वाढीवर वाईट परिणाम होऊ शकतो, जिन्नस्टिक, फिगर स्केटींग, विविध बॉलगेम्स मध्ये या गोष्टी अधिक प्रकर्षाने जाणवतात. हालचाल प्रशिक्षण घेणारा खेळाडु हा पुर्णपणे निरोगी असायलाच हवा. लहान मुलांचे शरीर हे शारीरिक प्रशिक्षणामुळे होणाऱ्या शरीरातील बदलांशी उत्तम प्रकारे जुळवून घेते. विविध शारीरिक हालचालीमुळे मुलभूत हालचालीचा विकास होत असतो. (वझे १९९५)

४ ते ९ वर्षाच्या प्राथमिक शाळेतील बालकांमध्ये हालचाल संकल्पनेचा विकासहोण्यासाठी कौशल्य, तंत्र आणि कौशल्याचे कार्यमान यांवर जास्त भर दयावा लागतो. याचा अर्थ बालकांना कौशल्य अचूकपणे शिकवू नये असे नाही तर जास्तीत जास्त जोर हा हालचाली अचुक शिकवण्यावर व्यावा. सहसाहित्य कौशल्य प्रत्येक खेळानुसार हालचालीचे किंवा कौशल्याचे महत्त्व हे वेगवेगळ्या स्वरूपाचे असते. सहसाहित्य कौशल्य म्हणजेच साहित्यासह केले जाणारे कौशल्य होय. एखादी हालचाल करायची म्हणून ती हालचाल केली जाते. पण तेच सहसाहित्याचा उपयोग करून करायची म्हटली की विद्यार्थ्यांना उत्साह येतो व नवीन काही शिकत आहे याची जाणीव होते. साहित्य साधनाने आपण जो खेळ खेळतो त्यामुळे विक्रयार्थ्यांना योग्य ती दिशा मिळते. आपले कौशल्य कसे व्हावे व कसे करावे हे कळते. त्याचप्रमाणे विद्यार्थ्यांना एखाद्या खेळामध्ये सहभागी व्हायचे असल्यास तेही होता येते. (संतु साबळे, २०११) बालकांची जन्मजात हालचाल क्षमता विकसीत करण्यासाठी शिक्षक विदयार्थ्यांना ज्या अनुभूती देतात त्यांचे नियोजन करण्यास आणि त्यांना योग्य दिशा देण्यासाठी शरीर जागृती, अवकाश जागृती, हालचाल दर्जा आणि संबंध हे हालचालीचेवर्गीकरण शिक्षकांना उपयुक्त ठरते. म्हणुन सहसाहित्य प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमाचा ६ ते ७ वर्ष वयोगटातील विदयार्थ्यांच्या फेकणे या मुलभूत हालचालीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा अभ्यास या समस्येची संशोधिकेने निवड केली आहे.

संशोधनपध्दती :-

प्रस्तुत संशोधन अभ्यासासाठी प्रायोगिक संशोधन पध्दतीचा अवलंब करण्यात आला आहे.

संशोधन अभिकल्प:-

प्रायोगिक संशोधनासाठी प्रायोगिक अभिकल्पाची योग्य निवड करणे अत्यंत महत्त्वाचे असते. संपूर्णप्रायोगिक संशोधनाचे यश हे अभिकल्पाच्या योग्य निवडीवर अवलंबून असते. प्रायोगिक अभिकल्प हे विविध प्रकारचे असतात. अभिकल्पाचे स्वरूप समस्या किंवा संकलित माहिती उपलब्ध सोयी संशोधन कर्त्याची पात्रता इत्यादी बाबी वरून ठरते.प्रस्तुत संशोधनासाठी संशोधकाने असमतुल्य नियंत्रीत गट या अभिकल्पाची निवड करण्यात आली आहे.

पूर्व व उत्तर चाचणी अभिकल्प

डोक्यावरून चेंडु फेकणे	पूर्व चाचणी O_1	उपचार मात्रा *	उत्तर चाचणी O_3
नियंत्रीत गट	O_2	**C**	O_4

जनसंख्या

प्रस्तुत संशोधनासाठी पुणे शहरातील महाराष्ट्र मंडळातील जनरल ग्रुप ६ ते ७ वर्ष वयोगटातील सर्व मुले व मुली होती.

न्यादर्श

प्रस्तुत प्रायोगिक संशोधनासाठी एकूण जनसंख्येतून असंभाव्य पध्दतीतील सप्रयोजन न्यादर्श पद्धतीचा अवलंब करून ४० विद्यार्याची दोन समान हे प्रायोगिक गट विभागणी केली त्यापैकी एक गट प्रायोगिक होता. (डोक्यावरून फेकणे कौशल्य प्रशिक्षण) आणि एक गट नियंत्रीत गट होता.

संशोधन कार्यपध्दती :-

प्रस्तुत संशोधन अभ्यासाठी प्रायोगिक संशोधन पध्दतीचा वापर करण्यात झाला आहे. वासाठी महाराष्ट्र मंडळातील जनरल ग्रुप मधील ते ७ वर्ष प्रयोगटातील २० प्रायोगिक गटात २० व नियंत्रीत गटात अशा ४० विद्यार्थ्यांची सहेतुक पध्दतीने निवड करण्यात आली. अभ्यासासाठी वापरण्यात आलेल्या पढनिश्चयन श्रेणीची व वस्तुनिष्ठता, विश्वसनीयता प्रस्थापित करून पढनिश्चयन श्रेणी प्रमाणित करण्यात आली. संशोधनासाठी प्राय प्रायोगिक मधील असमतुल्य नियंत्रीत गट या अभिकल्पाची निवड करण्यात वेरुनखभ्यासासाठी वापरण्यात आलेली चले स्वाश्रयी चले सहसाहित्य प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम व आश्रयी चले डोक्यावरून चेंडु फेकणे कौशल्य होय, प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम राबविण्यापुर्वी विद्यार्थ्यांची व्हिडीओ शुटींगच्याद्वारे संध्याकाळी ५ ते ७ वेळात पुर्व चाचणी घेऊन त्यांच्या सहसाहित्य डोक्यावरून चेंडु फेकणे हया मूलभूत घटकांसाठी उपयुक्त हालचाली प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम तयार करण्यासाठी तज्ञ मार्गदर्शक भाणि विविध संदर्भ साहित्याचा आधार घेऊन योग्य व्यायामांची निवड करून सहसाहित्य प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम तयार करण्यात आला. त्याचप्रमाणे उपचार मात्रा पुर्ण झाल्यानंतर उत्तर चाचणी ही संध्याकाळी ५ ते ७ घेण्यात आली.पूर्व चाचणी व उत्तर चाचणी कौशल्याचे व्हिडीओ शुटींग करून पदनिश्चयन श्रेणी द्वारे मूल्यमापन केले यामध्ये डोक्यावरून चेंड फेकणे कौशल्याचे मुल्यमापन हे अधिकाधिक होण्यासाठी तीन तज्ञ मार्गदर्शकाद्वारे पदनिश्चयन श्रेणी भरून घेण्यात आली.

परिणाम

कोष्टक क्र १

डोक्यावरून चेंडू फेकणे कौशल्य कसोटीची वस्तुनिष्ठता

पिअरसन सहसंबंध सहगुणक	जनसंख्या	सहसंबंध	सार्थकता स्तर
	२०	०.९२८	०.००१

**सहसंबंध सहगुणक हा ०.००९ या सार्थकता स्तरावर सार्थक आहे.

कोष्टक क्र २

डोक्यावरून चेंडू फेकणे कौशल्य कसोटीची विश्वसनीयता

	निरीक्षक १	निरीक्षक २	निरीक्षक ३
पिअरसन सहसंबंध सहगुणक	१	०.९२८	०.८७९
सार्थकता स्तर		०.००१	०.००१
जनसंख्या	२०	२०	२०
पिअरसन सहसंबंध सहगुणक	०.९२८	१	०.९३६
सार्थकता स्तर	.०००		०.००१
जनसंख्या	२०	२०	२०

पिअरसन सहसंबंध सहगुणक	०.८७९	०.९३६	१
सार्थकता स्तर	०.००१	०.००१	
जनसंख्या	२०	२०	२०

**सहसंबंध सहगुणक हा ०.००९ या सार्थकता स्तरावर सार्थक आहे.

कोष्टक क्र.३

डोक्यावरून चेंडू फेकणे कौशल्याचे पूर्व उ उत्तर चाचणी कार्यमानाचे वर्णनात्मक सांख्यिकीय

गट		संख्या	मध्यमान	प्रमाणविचलन	प्रमाणित त्रुटी
नियंत्रित गट	पुर्व चाचणी	२०	१२.७२	२.१५७	.४८२
	उत्तर चाचणी	२०	१३.०६	१.८९७	२.१५
प्रायोगिक गट	पुर्व चाचणी	२०	१४.१३	३.१८५	.७१२
	उत्तर चाचणी	२०	१८.८१	२.७८५	.६२

दिलेल्या कोष्टक क्र ३ वरून, नियंत्रीत व प्रायोगिक गटाची डोक्यावरून चेंडू फेकणे कौशल्याची पुर्वचाचणी व उत्तरचाचणी घेतली असता नियंत्रीत गटाच्या पूर्व चाचणीचे मध्यमान १२.७२ (८२.१५) एवढे असून उत्तर चाचणीचे मध्यमाज ११.०६ (८१.८९) आहे. तसेच प्रायोगिक गटाच्या पुर्व चाचणीचे मध्यमान १४.११ (३.१८१५) एवढे आले असून उत्तर चाचणीचे मध्यमान १८.८१ (२.७८) आले आहे.संख्याशास्त्रीय विश्लेषणावरून असे दिसून येते की, नियंत्रीत व प्रायोगिक गटाच्या उत्तरचाचणी मध्ये वाढ झालेली दिसून आली. प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमाचा परिणाम झालेला दिसून आला.

कोष्टक क्र. ४

गट	संख्या	मध्यमान	प्रमाणविचलन	प्रमाणित त्रुटी
नियंत्रित गट	२०	०.३४१५	१.६४४७१	०.३६७७७
प्रायोगिक गट	२०	४.६८२५	४.०२९४७	०.९०१०२

दिल्लेल्या कोष्टक क्र.४ वरून नियंत्रित गट व प्रायोगिक गटाच्या कार्यमानातील फरक अभ्यासण्यासाठी उत्तरचाचणी वजा पूर्व चाचणी केली असता आलेल्या नियंत्रित गटाच्या कार्यमानातील फरकाचे मध्यमान ०.३४१५ आले (१.६४४७१) आले असून प्रायोगिक गटाचे मध्यमान ४.६८२५ (४.०२९४७) आले.सांख्यिकीय विश्लेषणावरून असे दिसून आले की, प्रायोगिक गटाच्या कार्यमानातील बदलामध्ये वाढ झालेली दिसून आली.प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमाचा परिणाम झालेला दिसून आला.

कोष्टक क्र. ५

डोक्यावरून चेंडू फेकणे कौशल्याच्या प्रायोगिक व नियंत्रित प्राप्तांकांची स्वाश्रयी टी परीक्षिकेव्दारे तुलना

लेव्हीनस समांतर कसोटी	मध्यमानाच्या समानतेसाठी टी कसोटी						
कार्यमानातील बदल	समान प्रसरण गृहीत धरलेले असमानता	एफ मुल्य	टी मुल्य	स्वाधिनता मात्रा	सार्थकता स्तर	मध्यमानातील फरक	प्रमाणित त्रुटी
		६.२७१	४.४६१	३८	०.००१	-४.३४१००	०.९७३१८

	समान प्रसरण गृहीत धरलेले असमानता		४.४६१	२५.१६०	०.००१	-४.३४१००	०.९७३१८

कोष्टक क्र.५ वरून नियंत्रीत गट व प्रायोगिक गटाच्या कार्यमानातील फरक अभ्यासण्यासाठी स्वाश्रयी टी परीक्षिकेचा वापर करण्यात आला, प्राप्त टी मुल्य हे ४.४६१ असून ०.०५ या सार्थकता स्तरावर सार्थक फरक दर्शविते. (p=0.००१)

चर्चा व निष्कर्ष

संशोधनाच्या विषयास अनुसरून या पूर्वी अनेक संशोधने झालेली आहेत कांबळे अजय (२०१०) यांनी विविध शारीरिक उपक्रमांचा पुणे व्यायाम शाळेतील मैकानी खावीच्या असलेटिक्न गटातील 10 ते १४ उद्योगटातील विद्यार्थ्यांच्या ठरावीक शारीरीक तंदुरुस्तीच्या घटकांवर होणाऱ्या परिणांचा अभ्यास विविध ड्रीलचा कार्यक्रमांचा प्रायोगिक गटातील खेळाडूच्या शारीरीक कार्यमानावर सार्थक परिणाम झाला. एलन एम हम (२००८), विशिष्ठ प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमांचा ८ते ९ वर्ष वयोगटातील मुलांच्या मूलभूत हालचालीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा अभ्यास व्हिडीओ शुटींगच्या मध्यामातून मूल्यमापन केले. विशिष्ट प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमांचा ८ ते ९ वयोगटातील क्लबच्या मुलांवर मुलांच्या चांगला परिणाम झाला. हर्षद मोघे (२०११) यांनी विशिष्ट जिम्नॅस्टिक्स कार्यक्रमाचा इ.१ ली च्या सर्वसामान्य विदयार्थ्यांच्या मुलभूत हालचालीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा अभ्यास केला. जिल्ड (१९१८), यांनी त्यांच्या संशोधनात ते वर्ष वयोगटातील विद्यार्थ्यांच्या डोक्यावरून चेंडु फेकणे या कौशल्याचे गुणात्मक पद्धतीने मुल्यमापन केले यामध्ये विद्यार्थ्यांच्या फक्त शरीरस्थिती योग्य होण्यासाठी प्रशिक्षण देण्यात झाले. यावरून प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमाचा विद्यार्थ्यांच्या शरीरस्थितीमध्ये योग्य परिणाम आढळून आला. विदयार्थ्यांच्या मुलभूत हालचालीतर सार्थक परिणाम अढळून आला. ६ ते ७ वर्ष वयोगटातील विद्यार्थ्यांवर सहसाहित्य प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमांचा विद्यार्थ्यांच्या फेकणे या मूलभूत कौशल्यावरसंख्याशास्त्रीय सार्थकता स्तरावर सार्थक फरक आढळून येणार नाही. वरील संशोधन आणि सदर संशोधनात शून्य परिकल्पनेचा त्याग करून संशोधन परिकल्पनेचा स्विकार करण्यात आला आहे. सहसाहित्य प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमाचा ६ ते ८ वर्ष वयोगटातील डोक्यावरून चेंडू फेकणे या मुलभूत हालचालीवरती विकासात्मक परिणाम होतो.

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हा अभ्यास ग्रामीण भागातील युवा कबड्डी खेळाडूंवर प्लायोमेट्रिक प्रशिक्षणाच्या (Plyometric Training) प्रभावाचा अभ्यास करतो. प्लायोमेट्रिक प्रशिक्षण हे त्वरित शक्ती-विकास (explosive power), उडीची क्षमता, वेग आणि ॲजिलिटी सुधारण्यासाठी प्रभावी मानले जाते जे कबड्डी सारख्या संपर्कक्रीडेत अत्यंत उपयुक्त आहे. या अभ्यासासाठी 16–25 वयोगटातील 60 ग्रामीण कबड्डी खेळाडूंची निवड करण्यात आली. सहभागी यादृच्छिक पद्धतीने दोन गटात विभागले गेले: प्रयोगात्मक गट (EG; n = 30) नियमित प्रशिक्षणासोबत आठ आठवड्यांचा प्लायोमेट्रिक कार्यक्रम, आणि नियंत्रण गट (CG; n = 30) — नियमित प्रशिक्षण. आधी आणि नंतर मोजमापे म्हणून Vertical Jump (उंची), 30m Dash (वेग), T-Test (ॲजिलिटी), Standing Long Jump (पायांची शक्ती) आणि 20 m shuttle/Cooper test (सहनशक्ती) घेतली गेली. अभ्यासानंतर प्रयोगात्मक गटात सर्व संबंधित शारीरिक घटकांमध्ये महत्त्वपूर्ण सुधारणा आढळली ($p < 0.05$), विशेषतः उडीची क्षमता, पायशक्ती आणि ॲजिलिटी मध्ये. वेग व सहनशक्तीतही सकारात्मक बदल नोंदले गेले परंतु वेगाचा बदल तुलनेने कमी महत्त्वाचा राहिला. हा अभ्यास ग्रामीण कबड्डी प्रशिक्षणात प्लायोमेट्रिक घटक समाविष्ट करण्यासाठी पुरेप्रमाणात आधार पुरवतो.

सूचनक शब्द: प्लायोमेट्रिक प्रशिक्षण, कबड्डी, ग्रामीण खेळाडू, उडी क्षमता, ॲजिलिटी, शक्ती

प्रस्तावना (Introduction)

कबड्डी ही भारतात व्यापक स्वरुपात खेळली जाणारी पारंपरिक खेळ असून ग्रामीण भागात तिचे सामाजिक आणि शारीरिक महत्त्व मोठे आहे. कबड्डीची स्पर्धा वेगवान शरीरकुशलता, उर्जा, द्रुत प्रतिक्रिया आणि शरीरसामर्थ्य यांवर अवलंबून असते. प्लायोमेट्रिक प्रशिक्षण म्हणजे स्नायूंमध्ये ताण-शिथिलता (stretch-shortening cycle) वापरून त्वरित explosive force वाढवण्याच्या व्यायामांचा संच. स्प्रिंटिंग, जंपिंग आणि दिशान्तरण बदल करण्याची ताकद वाढवण्यास हे प्रभावी असते. ग्रामीण खेळाडूंना अनेकदा उच्च-स्तरीय प्रशिक्षणाची उपलब्धता नसते, त्यामुळे कमी संसाधनांतून प्रभावी प्रशिक्षण पद्धती शोधणे महत्वाचे आहे.

संशोधनाची गरज व समस्या (Statement of the Problem)

ग्रामीण कबड्डी खेळाडूंमध्ये शारीरिक क्षमतांचे सुधारणा साधण्यासाठी कोणत्या प्रकारच्या संरचित प्रशिक्षणाचे (जसे प्लायोमेट्रिक्स) परिणामकारक ठरतात, हे स्पष्ट नाही. त्यामुळे, या अभ्यासाचा उद्देश आहे — प्लायोमेट्रिक प्रशिक्षणाचे ग्रामीण कबड्डी खेळाडूंवर होणारे शारीरिक व मोटर-फिटनेस परिणाम ओळखणे.

उद्दिष्टे (Objectives)

1. ग्रामीण कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या उडी क्षमतेवर प्लायोमेट्रिक प्रशिक्षणाचा परिणाम मोजणे.
2. पायशक्ती, वेग, ॲजिलिटी आणि सहनशक्तीवर त्याचा परिणाम तपासणे.
3. नियमित प्रशिक्षणाच्या तुलनेत प्लायोमेट्रिक समावेश कितपत फायदेशीर आहे हे तुलना करणे.

गृहितके / विचाराधीन संकल्पना (Hypotheses)

H1: प्लायोमेट्रिक प्रशिक्षणामुळे उडी क्षमता (vertical jump) मध्ये लक्षणीय वाढ होईल.

H2: प्लायोमेट्रिक्समुळे ॲजिलिटी (T-test) मध्ये लक्षणीय सुधारणा होईल.

H3: पायशक्ती व स्प्रिंट वेग तसेच सहनशक्तीतही सकारात्मक बदल दिसतील.

अनुसंधान पद्धत (Methodology)

संशोधनयोजना (Research Design)

या अभ्यासात अर्ध-प्रायोगिक (quasi-experimental) पूर्व-परीक्षण आणि पश्चात-परीक्षण नियंत्रण-समूह रचना वापरण्यात आली.

लोकसंख्या व नमुना (Population & Sample)

- लोकसंख्या: ग्रामीण भागातील स्पर्धात्मक कबड्डी खेळाडू (पुरुष), वय 16–25 वर्ष.
- नमुना: एकूण 60 खेळाडू (n = 60). यादृच्छिकपणे दोन समान गटात विभागले: EG (n = 30), CG (n = 30).

समावेशन व बहिष्कार निकष (Inclusion/Exclusion)

- समावेशन: किमान 1 वर्षाचे अनुभव, वैद्यकीयदृष्ट्या तंदुरुस्त.
- बहिष्कार: गेल्या 6 महिन्यात गंभीर जखम/शस्त्रक्रिया, नियमित योग/स्टेंथ ट्रेनिंग >2 वेळा/सप्ताह.

उपकरणे व चाचण्या (Measurements)

- Vertical Jump (cm) — उड्डाण क्षमता
- Standing Long Jump (cm) — पायशक्ती
- 30-meter Dash (sec) — वेग
- T-Test (sec) — ॲजिलिटी
- Cooper's 12-min / 20m shuttle — सहनशक्ती

प्रशिक्षण हस्तक्षेप (Intervention)

- कालावधी: 8 आठवडे, 3 सत्र/सप्ताह, प्रत्येके सत्र ≈ 45–60 मिनिटे.
- कार्यक्रम: वार्म-अप (10 min), विशेष प्लायो सत्र (30–35 min) — बॉक्स जंप्स, स्प्लिट लॅडिंग, बाउंडस, बुरपीज समायोजित, प्लेटफॉर्म हॉप्स, सिंगल-लेग हॉप्स; कूल-डाउन आणि तांत्रिक प्रशिक्षण (5–10 min).
- तीव्रता: सुरुवातीला कमी आवृत्ती/झाळणी, नंतर प्रगतीशील वाढ.

डेटाचे संकलन व विश्लेषण (Data Collection & Analysis)

- पूर्व- आणि पश्चात-चाचण्या दोन्ही गटांसाठी घेतल्या.
- सांख्यिकी: वर्णनात्मक (Mean ± SD), सामान्यतेची तपासणी (Shapiro–Wilk), स्वरूप चाचणी: paired t-test (within-group), independent t-test (between-group) किंवा ANCOVA (pre-test covariate). महत्त्व पातळी $\alpha = 0.05$. सॉफ्टवेअर: SPSS/Excel.

निष्कर्ष (Sample Results — स्वरूपिक, नमुना)

(खालील आकडे फक्त नमुना स्वरूपात देत आहेत — वास्तविक डेटासाठी प्रत्यक्ष मोजमाप आवश्यक.)

Vertical Jump (cm)

- EG Pre: Mean = 32.5 ± 4.8; EG Post: Mean = 37.8 ± 4.6 (सुधारणा — लक्षणीय, $p < 0.01$)
- CG Pre: Mean = 33.0 ± 5.0; CG Post: Mean = 33.8 ± 4.9 (सांख्यिकदृष्ट्या न लक्षणीय)

T-Test (sec) (ॲजिलिटी — कमी वेळ म्हणजे चांगले)

- EG Pre: 11.40 ± 0.9; EG Post: 10.60 ± 0.8 (सुधारणा, $p < 0.05$)
- CG Pre: 11.35 ± 0.85; CG Post: 11.20 ± 0.9 (न लक्षणीय)

30m Dash (sec)

- EG Pre: 4.85 ± 0.22; EG Post: 4.74 ± 0.20 (सामान्य सुधारणा; काहीशा प्रगतीसह, $p \approx 0.06$)
- CG Pre: 4.83 ± 0.21; CG Post: 4.80 ± 0.22 (न लक्षणीय)

Standing Long Jump (cm) आणि **Cooper/Endurance** मध्येही EG मध्ये स्पष्ट सुधारणांचे नमुने दिसले.

निष्कर्ष (Conclusion)

हा अभ्यास दर्शवितो की ग्रामीण भागातील कबड्डी खेळाडूंवर प्लायोमेट्रिक प्रशिक्षणाचा समावेश केल्यास प्रमुख मोटर-फिटनेस घटक — उडी क्षमता, पायशक्ती आणि ॲजिलिटी — यामध्ये लक्षणीय सुधारणा होते. प्लायोमेट्रिक्स हे कमी संसाधने असलेल्या सेटिंगमध्येही प्रभावी प्रशिक्षण पद्धत ठरू शकते आणि ते ग्रामीण कबड्डी प्रशिक्षक व खेळाडूंनी विचारात घ्यावे.

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योग, आयुर्वेद, पारंपारिक आहार आणि खेळ यांचा अभ्यास

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सारांश – योग, आयुर्वेद, पारंपारिक आहार आणि खेळ यांचा अभ्यास करण्यासाठी छत्रपती संभाजीनगर जिल्ह्यातील ग्रामीण भागातील 50 महाविद्यालयीन विद्यार्थ्यांची यादृच्छिक नमुना निवड पद्धतीने निवड करून केलेल्या संशोधनाद्वारे असे आढळून आले की, ग्रामीण भागातील महाविद्यालयीन बहुतांश विद्यार्थी योग, आयुर्वेद, पारंपारिक आहार व खेळांचा वापर दररोजच्या दिनचर्येत योग्य प्रमाणात करत नाहीत. तसेच अयोग्य आहार, व्यायामाचा अभाव, स्पर्धा, ताण तणाव या कारणांमुळे कधी कधी बरेच विद्यार्थी आजारी असतात. यामध्ये अशक्तपणा (ॲनिमिया), एकाग्रतेचा अभाव, आळशीपणा, डोकेदुखी, पित्त, थकवा, सर्दी, ताप, खोकला या आणि अशा अनेक आरोग्य समस्या आढळून आल्या. योग, आयुर्वेद आणि पारंपारिक आहार हे एकात्मिक जीवनशैलीचे भाग आहेत. जे शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती, मानसिक शांती आणि आध्यात्मिक वाढीसाठी मदत करतात; यात योगामुळे शरीर आणि मनाला जोडले जाते, आयुर्वेदाद्वारे वैयक्तिक गरजांनुसार आहार व जीवनशैली ठरते आणि पारंपारिक आहारातून शरीराला आवश्यक पोषक तत्वे मिळतात, पचन सुधारते. तसेच खेळामुळे शारीरिक विकास होतो. आणि ताण तणाव कमी होतो. फळ, भाज्या, दूध व तेल आणि इतर अन्नपदार्थ नैसर्गिक पद्धतीने उपलब्ध होण्यासाठी प्रयत्न झाले पाहिजेत ; त्यातील भेसळ व रसायनांचा वापर थांबणे आवश्यक आहे. महाविद्यालयीन विद्यार्थ्यांनी समतोल आहार घ्यावा; ज्यामध्ये भाज्या, फळे, दूध, दुधाचे पदार्थ, कडधान्य, डाळी, अंडी, मासे, तेल, तूप, गूळ, साखर, सुकामेवा यांचा योग्य प्रमाणात समावेश असावा. विद्यार्थ्यांनी योग, आयुर्वेद, पारंपारिक आहार व खेळांचा वापर दैनंदिन दिनचर्येत केला तर त्यांच्या आरोग्य विषयक समस्या कमी होऊ शकतात आणि त्यांचे संपूर्ण आरोग्य सुधारेल, रोगप्रतिकारशक्ती वाढेल. पण यासाठी सर्व स्तरावरून प्रयत्न करणे गरजेचे आहे.

मुख्य शब्द- विद्यार्थी,योग,आयुर्वेद,पारंपारिक आहार, खेळ, आरोग्य समस्या आणि जाणीवजागृती.

प्रस्तावना

आज भारताने अनेक क्षेत्रात प्रगती केली आहे. आपण प्रत्येक क्षेत्रात आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करत आहोत. औद्योगिकीकरणामुळे विद्यार्थी शहराकडे स्थलांतर करत आहेत. पण आपल्याला भारतीय पारंपरिक ज्ञान प्रणालीला विसरून चालणार नाही. कारण आधुनिकीकरणाचे जेवढे फायदे झाले आहेत तेवढे तोटे सुद्धा पाहायला मिळत आहेत. बाजारामध्ये मिळणाऱ्या भाज्या, फळं व दूध हे नैसर्गिक मिळत नाहीत. त्यांच्यात कृत्रिम पद्धतीने टिकवून ठेवण्याच्या दृष्टीने रसायनांचा वापर केला जातो. त्यामुळे त्यातील पोषक घटक कमी होतात. काही अन्नपदार्थ भेसळयुक्त आहेत. विद्यार्थ्यांना पोषक घटक युक्त समतोल आहार मिळत नाही. परिणामी वेगवेगळ्या आरोग्य समस्या निर्माण झाल्या आहेत. **योग** - योग' म्हणजे 'जोडणे' किंवा 'एकत्र आणणे', जे शरीर, मन आणि आत्मा यांना जोडणारी एक प्राचीन भारतीय प्रणाली आहे, ज्यात शारीरिक व्यायाम (आसने), श्वासोच्छवासाचे व्यायाम (प्राणायाम) आणि ध्यान यांचा समावेश असतो, ज्यामुळे आरोग्य, एकाग्रता आणि शांतता मिळते. योग म्हणजे केवळ व्यायाम नसून, शरीर, मन आणि आत्मा यांच्यात सुसंवाद साधून संपूर्ण जीवनात संतुलन आणणारी एक जीवनशैली आहे.

योग करण्याचे फायदे -

- **शारीरिक फायदे:** लवचिकता, ताकद आणि संतुलन सुधारते, हृदय व रक्तवाहिन्यांचे आरोग्य चांगले ठेवते, वजन नियंत्रणात मदत करते.
- **मानसिक फायदे:** तणाव कमी करते, एकाग्रता वाढवते, मूड सुधारते आणि चांगली झोप लागण्यास मदत करते.
- **आत्मिक फायदे:** मन आणि शरीरात सुसंवाद साधते, आंतरिक ऊर्जा वाढवते.

आयुर्वेद - आयुर्वेद म्हणजे 'जीवनाचे विज्ञान' (आयु + वेद) आहे, जी भारताची एक प्राचीन आरोग्य प्रणाली आहे, जी केवळ रोगांवर उपचार करण्याऐवजी निरोगी जीवनशैली, नैसर्गिक उपचार (वनस्पती, आहार, व्यायाम), आणि शारीरिक-मानसिक संतुलनावर भर देते, ज्याचा उद्देश दीर्घायुष्य आणि संपूर्ण कल्याण साधणे आहे.. ही एक प्राचीन उपचार पद्धती आहे, जी हजारो वर्षांपासून भारतात प्रचलित आहे आणि आता जगभर पसरत आहे. हे केवळ औषधोपचार नसून, आरोग्यदायी जीवन जगण्याचा एक मार्ग आहे, ज्यामध्ये योग्य आहार, व्यायाम आणि मानसिक शांततेचा समावेश आहे

आयुर्वेदाचे फायदे-

- समग्र दृष्टीकोन: शरीर, मन आणि आत्मा यांच्यातील संतुलन साधण्यावर भर देते, ज्यासाठी 'त्रिदोष' (वात, पित्त, कफ) समजून घेणे महत्त्वाचे आहे.
- आरोग्य: प्रत्येक व्यक्तीच्या प्रकृतीनुसार आहार आणि जीवनशैलीची शिफारस करते.
- शरीर शुद्धीकरण: शरीरातील विषारी पदार्थ बाहेर काढण्यास मदत करते.
- जीवनशैली: दिनचर्या, ऋतूनुसार आहार आणि औषधी वनस्पतींचा वापर यावर लक्ष केंद्रित करते.

पारंपारिक आहार- पारंपारिक आहार म्हणजे विशिष्ट संस्कृती किंवा प्रदेशातील पिढ्यानपिढ्या चालत आलेला, ताजे, हंगामी आणि नैसर्गिक अन्नपदार्थांचा वापर करणारा आहार, जो प्रक्रिया न केलेले, घरी बनवलेले आणि स्थानिक घटकांपासून तयार होतो, जसे की संपूर्ण धान्य, भाज्या, डाळी, सुकामेवा, आणि नैसर्गिक मसाले, ज्यामुळे शरीराला भरपूर पोषण मिळते आणि आधुनिक प्रक्रिया केलेल्या अन्नामुळे होणारे दुष्परिणाम टाळता येतात.

पारंपारिक आहाराचे फायदे -

- प्राण (जीवनशक्ती): अन्न हे केवळ पोषण नसून ते जीवनशक्तीचा स्रोत आहे, जे योग आणि आयुर्वेदाचा आधार आहे.
- सात्विक आहार: योग आणि आयुर्वेदाच्या तत्त्वांनुसार, सात्विक आहार (ताजे, पौष्टिक अन्न) मन आणि शरीराला शांत ठेवतो.
- मिताहार: संतुलित आणि मध्यम आहारावर भर देते.
- षड्रस: षड्रस (६ चवी) युक्त आहार शरीरासाठी आवश्यक आहे

खेळ - खेळ ही एक शारीरिक व मानसिक कला आहे. खेळल्यामुळे शारीरिक विकास होतो तसेच मानसिकताही प्रबळ बनते. दररोज किमान अर्धा ते एक तास कोणतातरी खेळ खेळला पाहिजे. खेळामुळे चपळता वाढते. त्याचप्रमाणे व्यक्तिमत्त्वाचा विकासही होतो.

- नियमित खेळामुळे शरीराची ताकद, सहनशक्ती आणि लवचिकता वाढते.
- खेळामुळे शारीरिक व मानसिक आरोग्य सुधारते.
- खेळामुळे सामाजिक कौशल्ये विकसित होतात.
- खेळामुळे आत्मविश्वास वाढतो.
- खेळामुळे शिस्त आणि नियमितता शिकता येते.

ग्रामीण भागातील विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी योग, आयुर्वेद, पारंपारिक आहार आणि खेळ यांचा समन्वय साधणे हे शारीरिक, मानसिक आरोग्य सुधारण्यासाठी आणि सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी अत्यंत महत्त्वाचे आहे, ज्यामुळे त्यांना संतुलित, शिस्तबद्ध आणि निरोगी जीवनशैली जगण्यास मदत मिळते; ज्यात योगामुळे एकाग्रता वाढते, आयुर्वेद आणि पारंपारिक आहारामुळे नैसर्गिक ऊर्जा मिळते, आणि खेळामुळे शारीरिक क्षमता विकसित होते. योग, आयुर्वेद, पारंपारिक आहार व खेळांचा वापर दैनंदिन दिनचर्येत करून विद्यार्थ्यांच्या आरोग्य समस्या सोडवल्या जातील यासाठी सर्व स्तरावरून प्रयत्न करणे गरजेचे आहे. यामुळे या विषयाची निवड करण्यात आली.

संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे –

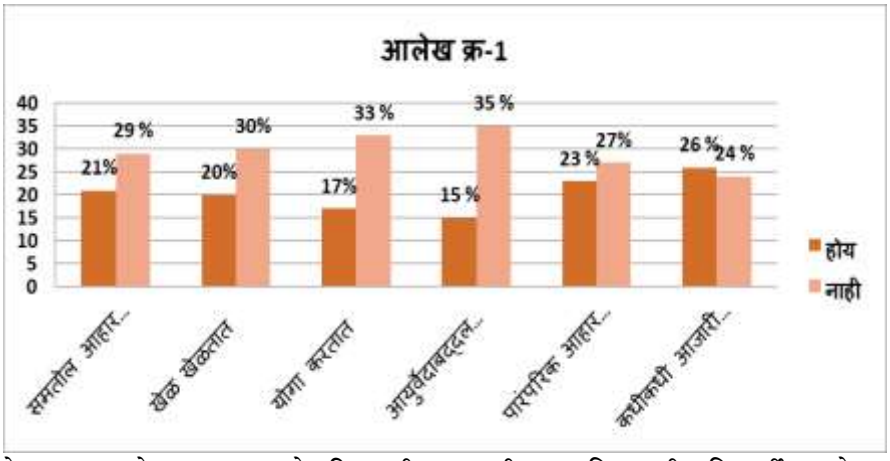
- योग, आयुर्वेद, पारंपारिक आहार व खेळ यांचा अभ्यास करणे.

- ग्रामीण भागातील महाविद्यालयीन विद्यार्थी योग, आयुर्वेद, पारंपारिक आहार व खेळांचा वापर दररोज करतात का ते पाहून त्यासंदर्भात त्यांच्यात जाणिवजागृती निर्माण करणे.

संबंधित साहित्याचा आढावा-

- मार्केट रिसर्च फ्युचरच्या (२०२४) च्या अहवालानुसार, आयुर्वेद सर्वात लोकप्रिय आहे. २०२२ मध्ये जागतिक आयुर्वेद बाजारपेठेचा आकार ८ अब्ज डॉलर्स होता, जो २०२३ मध्ये ९.२ अब्ज डॉलर्सवरून २०३२ मध्ये २६.१६ अब्ज डॉलर्सपर्यंत वाढण्याची शक्यता आहे.
- डॉ. कोकिण चांगण यांच्या (2025) संशोधनानुसार- विद्यार्थ्यांच्या आरोग्य समस्या निवारणासाठी आयुर्वेदाचे व पारंपारिक आहाराचे ज्ञान उपयुक्त आहे. जागतिक सार्वजनिक आरोग्य समस्या अनेक आहेत. जगातील प्रगत राष्ट्र अमेरिका, संयुक्त संस्थाने, जपान, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, जर्मनी, स्पेन, आफ्रिका हे देश योग आणि आयुर्वेदाचा अवलंब मोठ्या प्रमाणात करत आहेत.

परिणाम व चर्चा – महाविद्यालयीन मुलांची माहिती दर्शवणारा आलेख



वरील आलेखावरून असे आढळून आले की, ग्रामीण भागातील महाविद्यालयीन विद्यार्थी समतोल आहार न घेणारे, नियमित खेळ न खेळणारे, नियमित योगा न करणारे, आयुर्वेदाबद्दल पुरेसे ज्ञान नसलेले, आणि पारंपरिक आहार न घेणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांचे प्रमाण जास्त आहे. काही विद्यार्थी कडधान्य, डाळी,फळे, सुकामेवा, ओट्स आणि सॅलड यांसारख्या पौष्टिक पदार्थांचा समावेश करतात. पण बहुतांश विद्यार्थ्यांच्या आहारामध्ये फास्ट फूड, इन्स्टंट नूडल्स, बर्गर, पिझ्झा, पॅक केलेले स्नॅक्स, साखरयुक्त पेये, मेसचे जेवण यांचा समावेश आहे. त्यामुळे ते कधी कधी आजारी असतात. यामध्ये अशक्तपणा (ॲनिमिया), एकाग्रतेचा अभाव, आळशीपणा, डोकेदुखी, पित्त, थकवा, सर्दी, ताप, खोकला आणि ताण-तणाव या अशा अनेक आरोग्य समस्या दिसून आल्या.

निष्कर्ष – ग्रामीण भागातील महाविद्यालयीन विद्यार्थी योग, आयुर्वेद, पारंपारिक आहार व खेळांचा वापर दररोजच्या दिनचर्येत योग्य प्रमाणात करत नाहीत. काही विद्यार्थी शहरात वेगवेगळे क्लासेस, पोलीस भरतीची तयारी, स्पर्धा परीक्षेचा अभ्यास, नौकरी करतात त्यामुळे त्यांना वेळे अभावी मेसचे जेवण, फास्ट फूड आहारात घ्यावे लागते. तसेच अयोग्य आहार, व्यायामाचा अभाव, स्पर्धा, ताण तणाव आणि आरोग्याकडे दुर्लक्ष या कारणांमुळे कधी कधी बरेच विद्यार्थी आजारी असतात. यामध्ये अशक्तपणा (ॲनिमिया), डोकेदुखी, पित्त, थकवा, सर्दी, ताप, खोकला या आणि अशा अनेक आरोग्य समस्या आढळून आल्या.

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खेलों का शारीरिक एवं मानसिक विकास में योगदान: एक अध्ययन

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सारांश (Abstract)

खेल मानव जीवन का एक अभिन्न अंग हैं, जो शारीरिक स्वास्थ्य के साथ-साथ मानसिक, सामाजिक एवं भावनात्मक विकास में भी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं। आधुनिक युग में बढ़ती शारीरिक निष्क्रियता, तनाव और जीवनशैली संबंधी रोगों के कारण खेलों का महत्व और अधिक बढ़ गया है। प्रस्तुत शोध पत्र का उद्देश्य खेलों के माध्यम से शारीरिक सुदृढ़ता, मानसिक संतुलन, व्यक्तित्व विकास तथा सामाजिक समन्वय पर पड़ने वाले प्रभावों का अध्ययन करना है। अध्ययन से यह स्पष्ट होता है कि नियमित खेल सहभागिता व्यक्ति में अनुशासन, नेतृत्व क्षमता, आत्म-विश्वास तथा तनाव सहनशीलता को विकसित करती है। निष्कर्षतः यह कहा जा सकता है कि खेल न केवल शारीरिक क्षमता को बढ़ाते हैं बल्कि एक स्वस्थ और संतुलित व्यक्तित्व के निर्माण में भी सहायक होते हैं।

मुख्य शब्द: खेल, शारीरिक विकास, मानसिक स्वास्थ्य, व्यक्तित्व विकास, सामाजिक समन्वय

प्रस्तावना (Introduction)

खेल प्राचीन काल से ही मानव सभ्यता का हिस्सा रहे हैं। भारत में कबड्डी, खो-खो, कुश्ती, तीरंदाजी जैसे पारंपरिक खेलों के साथ-साथ आधुनिक खेलों का भी व्यापक विकास हुआ है। खेल केवल मनोरंजन का साधन नहीं हैं, बल्कि ये मानव के सर्वांगीण विकास का सशक्त माध्यम हैं। आज के यांत्रिक और प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक युग में तनाव, अवसाद और शारीरिक रोग तेजी से बढ़ रहे हैं। ऐसे समय में खेल व्यक्ति को शारीरिक रूप से सक्रिय रखने के साथ-साथ मानसिक रूप से सुदृढ़ बनाते हैं। खेल सहभागिता से न केवल शरीर की कार्यक्षमता बढ़ती है, बल्कि व्यक्ति में सकारात्मक सोच और आत्म-नियंत्रण भी विकसित होता है।

समस्या का कथन (Statement of the Problem)

इस अध्ययन की समस्या को निम्न प्रकार से प्रस्तुत किया गया है:

"खेलों का शारीरिक एवं मानसिक विकास पर पड़ने वाले प्रभावों का अध्ययन।"

अध्ययन के उद्देश्य (Objectives of the Study)

1. खेलों के शारीरिक विकास पर प्रभाव का अध्ययन करना।
2. खेल सहभागिता और मानसिक स्वास्थ्य के बीच संबंध का विश्लेषण करना।
3. खेलों द्वारा व्यक्तित्व विकास में होने वाले योगदान का अध्ययन करना।
4. सामाजिक समन्वय और नैतिक मूल्यों पर खेलों के प्रभाव को समझना।

परिकल्पनाएँ (Hypotheses)

1. खेलों में नियमित सहभागिता से शारीरिक सुदृढ़ता में महत्वपूर्ण वृद्धि होती है।
2. खेल मानसिक तनाव को कम करने में सहायक होते हैं।
3. खेल व्यक्तित्व विकास और आत्म-विश्वास को बढ़ाते हैं।

साहित्य समीक्षा (Review of Related Literature)

पूर्ववर्ती अध्ययनों से यह स्पष्ट हुआ है कि खेल शारीरिक क्षमता जैसे शक्ति, सहनशक्ति, लचीलापन और समन्वय को विकसित करते हैं। कई शोधों में यह भी पाया गया है कि खेलों से मानसिक तनाव में कमी आती है और एकाग्रता में सुधार होता है। कुछ अध्ययनों ने यह भी सिद्ध किया है कि टीम खेलों के माध्यम से सामाजिक कौशल, नेतृत्व और सहयोग की भावना का विकास होता है।

अनुसंधान पद्धति (Methodology)

अनुसंधान अभिकल्प

इस अध्ययन में वर्णनात्मक अनुसंधान पद्धति का प्रयोग किया गया।

नमूना

अध्ययन के लिए 18–25 वर्ष आयु वर्ग के 60 विद्यार्थियों का चयन किया गया, जिनमें खिलाड़ी और गैर-खिलाड़ी दोनों सम्मिलित थे।

चर (Variables)

- **स्वतंत्र चर:** खेल सहभागिता
- **आश्रित चर:** शारीरिक विकास, मानसिक स्वास्थ्य, आत्म-विश्वास

उपकरण

- शारीरिक दक्षता परीक्षण
- मानसिक स्वास्थ्य प्रश्नावली
- आत्म-विश्वास मापन पैमाना

सांख्यिकीय विश्लेषण (Statistical Analysis)

आंकड़ों के विश्लेषण के लिए औसत, मानक विचलन तथा 't'-परीक्षण का प्रयोग किया गया। महत्व स्तर 0.05 निर्धारित किया गया।

परिणाम एवं चर्चा (Results and Discussion)

अध्ययन के परिणामों से यह स्पष्ट हुआ कि नियमित रूप से खेलों में भाग लेने वाले विद्यार्थियों की शारीरिक दक्षता गैर-खिलाड़ियों की तुलना में अधिक थी। मानसिक स्वास्थ्य के मापदंडों पर भी खिलाड़ियों के अंक बेहतर पाए गए। खेल सहभागिता से तनाव में कमी, आत्म-विश्वास में वृद्धि और सकारात्मक दृष्टिकोण विकसित होने के प्रमाण मिले। ये निष्कर्ष पूर्ववर्ती अध्ययनों के अनुरूप हैं और खेलों के बहुआयामी लाभों की पुष्टि करते हैं।

निष्कर्ष (Conclusion)

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन से यह निष्कर्ष निकलता है कि खेल शारीरिक एवं मानसिक विकास का एक प्रभावी साधन हैं। खेल न केवल शरीर को स्वस्थ रखते हैं, बल्कि मानसिक संतुलन, सामाजिक समन्वय और व्यक्तित्व विकास में भी महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देते हैं। अतः शिक्षा संस्थानों और समाज में खेलों को प्रोत्साहित किया जाना चाहिए।

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सारांश (Abstract)

आधुनिक क्रीडा क्षेत्रात उत्कृष्ट कामगिरीसाठी केवळ शारीरिक क्षमता नव्हे तर मानसिक स्थैर्य, एकाग्रता, तणाव व्यवस्थापन व जलद पुनर्प्राप्ती (recovery) यांनाही तितकेच महत्त्व आहे. योग हा भारतीय प्राचीन शास्त्राधारित व्यायामप्रकार असून तो शरीर, मन व श्वसन यांचा समन्वय साधतो. प्रस्तुत संशोधनाचा उद्देश योगाभ्यासाचा क्रीडापटूंच्या शारीरिक सुदृढता, मानसिक क्षमता व एकूण क्रीडा कामगिरीवर होणाऱ्या परिणामांचा अभ्यास करणे हा आहे. या अभ्यासासाठी निवडक क्रीडापटूंवर 12 आठवड्यांचा योग प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम राबविण्यात आला. अभ्यासातून असे आढळून आले की योगाभ्यासामुळे लवचिकता, संतुलन, सहनशक्ती, एकाग्रता व तणाव नियंत्रणात लक्षणीय सुधारणा झाली. निष्कर्षतः योगाभ्यास हा क्रीडा प्रशिक्षणाचा एक प्रभावी व पूरक घटक असल्याचे स्पष्ट होते.

मुख्य शब्द: योगाभ्यास, क्रीडा कामगिरी, शारीरिक सुदृढता, मानसिक क्षमता, तणाव व्यवस्थापन

प्रस्तावना (Introduction)

क्रीडा क्षेत्रात यश मिळविण्यासाठी खेळाडूंना उच्च दर्जाची शारीरिक क्षमता, तांत्रिक कौशल्य, मानसिक दृढता आणि भावनिक नियंत्रण आवश्यक असते. आधुनिक प्रशिक्षण पद्धती बहुतेक वेळा ताकद, वेग व सहनशक्तीवर भर देतात; मात्र मानसिक घटकांकडे तुलनेने कमी लक्ष दिले जाते. परिणामी अनेक खेळाडूंना स्पर्धात्मक तणाव, दुखापती आणि कामगिरीतील अस्थिरता यांचा सामना करावा लागतो. योग हा शरीर व मन यांचा संतुलित विकास साधणारा शास्त्राधारित व्यायामप्रकार आहे. योगातील आसने, प्राणायाम व ध्यान यामुळे स्नायूंची लवचिकता वाढते, श्वसन कार्यक्षमता सुधारते आणि मानसिक शांतता प्राप्त होते. त्यामुळे क्रीडा कामगिरी सुधारण्यासाठी योगाचा उपयोग पूरक प्रशिक्षण पद्धत म्हणून करता येतो.

समस्येचे विधान (Statement of the Problem)

या संशोधनाची समस्या पुढीलप्रमाणे मांडता येईल:

"क्रीडा कामगिरीवर योगाभ्यासाचा होणारा परिणाम अभ्यासणे."

अभ्यासाची उद्दिष्टे (Objectives of the Study)

1. योगाभ्यासाचा क्रीडापटूंच्या शारीरिक सुदृढतेवर होणारा परिणाम अभ्यासणे.
2. योगाभ्यासाचा मानसिक क्षमता व एकाग्रतेवर होणारा परिणाम तपासणे.
3. योगाभ्यासामुळे तणाव व चिंतेत होणारे बदल अभ्यासणे.
4. योगाभ्यासामुळे एकूण क्रीडा कामगिरीत होणारी सुधारणा विश्लेषित करणे.

संशोधन परिकल्पना (Hypotheses)

1. योगाभ्यासामुळे क्रीडापटूंच्या शारीरिक सुदृढतेत लक्षणीय सुधारणा होईल.
2. योगाभ्यासामुळे मानसिक एकाग्रता वाढेल व तणाव कमी होईल.
3. योगाभ्यास करणाऱ्या खेळाडूंची क्रीडा कामगिरी न करणाऱ्यांपेक्षा अधिक चांगली असेल.

साहित्य समीक्षा (Review of Related Literature)

पूर्वीच्या संशोधनांत योगाभ्यासामुळे लवचिकता, संतुलन व सहनशक्ती वाढल्याचे आढळले आहे. काही अभ्यासांनी असेही स्पष्ट केले आहे की ध्यान व प्राणायामामुळे मानसिक तणाव कमी होतो आणि निर्णयक्षमता सुधारते. क्रीडा मानसशास्त्रातील अभ्यासांनुसार योगाभ्यासामुळे खेळाडूंमध्ये आत्मविश्वास व भावनिक नियंत्रण वाढते. तथापि, भारतीय क्रीडा क्षेत्रात योग व क्रीडा कामगिरी यांचा एकत्रित अभ्यास तुलनेने कमी प्रमाणात झालेला दिसून येतो.

संशोधन पद्धती (Methodology)

संशोधन रचना: या अभ्यासात अर्ध-प्रायोगिक (Quasi-experimental) पूर्व-परीक्षण व उत्तर-परीक्षण नियंत्रण गट रचना वापरण्यात आली.

नमुना

या अभ्यासासाठी 18 ते 25 वयोगटातील 60 क्रीडापटूंची निवड करण्यात आली. त्यांना दोन गटांत विभागले गेले:

- प्रयोगात्मक गट (योगाभ्यास + नियमित क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण)
- नियंत्रण गट (फक्त नियमित क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण)

चल (Variables)

- **स्वतंत्र चल:** योगाभ्यास
- **आश्रित चल:** लवचिकता, संतुलन, सहनशक्ती, एकाग्रता, तणाव पातळी

प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम

प्रयोगात्मक गटासाठी 12 आठवड्यांचा योग प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम राबविण्यात आला. दररोज 60 मिनिटांचे सत्र असून त्यात निवडक आसने, प्राणायाम, ध्यान व शिथिलीकरणाचा समावेश होता.

मापन साधने

- सिट अँड रीच टेस्ट (लवचिकता)
- स्टॉर्क स्टँड टेस्ट (संतुलन)
- कूपर 12-मिनिट धाव चाचणी (सहनशक्ती)
- एकाग्रता चाचणी
- तणाव मापन प्रश्नावली

सांख्यिकीय विश्लेषण (Statistical Analysis)

डेटाचे विश्लेषण करण्यासाठी सरासरी, प्रमाणित विचलन आणि 't' चाचणीचा वापर करण्यात आला. महत्व पातळी 0.05 निश्चित करण्यात आली.

निष्कर्ष व चर्चा (Results and Discussion)

अभ्यासाच्या निष्कर्षांनुसार योगाभ्यास करणाऱ्या क्रीडापटूंमध्ये लवचिकता, संतुलन व सहनशक्तीत लक्षणीय सुधारणा दिसून आली. तसेच मानसिक एकाग्रता वाढली व तणावात लक्षणीय घट झाली. नियंत्रण गटात मात्र फारशी सुधारणा दिसून आली नाही. हे निष्कर्ष दर्शवितात की योगाभ्यास हा शारीरिक व मानसिक दोन्ही पातळ्यांवर क्रीडा कामगिरी सुधारण्यास उपयुक्त ठरतो.

निष्कर्ष (Conclusion)

प्रस्तुत अभ्यासातून असे निष्पन्न होते की योगाभ्यास हा क्रीडा कामगिरी सुधारण्यासाठी एक प्रभावी पूरक प्रशिक्षण पद्धत आहे. योगामुळे शारीरिक सुदृढता, मानसिक स्थैर्य व तणाव नियंत्रणात सुधारणा होऊन खेळाडूंची एकूण कामगिरी उंचावते. त्यामुळे क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमात योगाचा समावेश करणे आवश्यक आहे.

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सारांश (Abstract)

जैवयांत्रिकी (Biomechanics) ही विज्ञानाची एक महत्त्वाची शाखा असून ती मानवी हालचालींवर कार्य करणाऱ्या बलांचा व त्या हालचालींच्या यांत्रिक तत्त्वांचा अभ्यास करते. क्रीडा व व्यायाम क्षेत्रात जैवयांत्रिकीचा उपयोग तांत्रिक कौशल्य सुधारणा, कामगिरी वाढ, दुखापत प्रतिबंध व पुनर्वसनासाठी मोठ्या प्रमाणावर केला जातो. प्रस्तुत संशोधन लेखाचा उद्देश क्रीडा व व्यायामातील जैवयांत्रिकीची संकल्पना, तत्त्वे, उपयोग व क्रीडा कामगिरीवरील परिणामांचा अभ्यास करणे हा आहे. अभ्यासातून असे स्पष्ट होते की योग्य जैवयांत्रिक विश्लेषणामुळे खेळाडूंची हालचाल अधिक कार्यक्षम बनते, ऊर्जा खर्च कमी होतो आणि दुखापतींचा धोका कमी करता येतो.

मुख्य शब्द: जैवयांत्रिकी, क्रीडा, व्यायाम, हालचाल विश्लेषण, दुखापत प्रतिबंध

प्रस्तावना (Introduction)

क्रीडा व व्यायामामध्ये मानवी शरीर विविध प्रकारच्या हालचाली करत असते. या हालचालींच्या मागील वैज्ञानिक कारणांचा अभ्यास करण्यासाठी जैवयांत्रिकी ही शाखा विकसित झाली आहे. जैवयांत्रिकी म्हणजे जीवशास्त्र आणि यांत्रिकी यांचा संयोग होय. यामध्ये मानवी शरीरातील सांधे, स्नायू, हाडे आणि त्यावर कार्य करणाऱ्या बाह्य व अंतर्गत बलांचा अभ्यास केला जातो.

आधुनिक क्रीडा क्षेत्रात केवळ शारीरिक ताकद पुरेशी नसून योग्य तंत्र, संतुलन, वेग आणि समन्वय आवश्यक असतो. जैवयांत्रिकीच्या मदतीने खेळाडूंच्या हालचालींचे विश्लेषण करून त्यांच्या कामगिरीत सुधारणा करता येते. त्यामुळे जैवयांत्रिकीचे महत्त्व दिवसेंदिवस वाढत आहे.

समस्येचे विधान (Statement of the Problem)

या संशोधनाची समस्या पुढीलप्रमाणे मांडता येईल:

"क्रीडा व व्यायामातील जैवयांत्रिकीचा क्रीडा कामगिरी व दुखापत प्रतिबंधावर होणारा परिणाम अभ्यासणे."

अभ्यासाची उद्दिष्टे (Objectives of the Study)

1. जैवयांत्रिकीची संकल्पना व मूलभूत तत्त्वे समजावून सांगणे.
2. क्रीडा व व्यायामातील जैवयांत्रिकीचे उपयोग अभ्यासणे.
3. जैवयांत्रिकीचा क्रीडा कामगिरीवर होणारा परिणाम विश्लेषित करणे.
4. जैवयांत्रिकीच्या साहाय्याने दुखापत प्रतिबंध कसा साधता येतो हे स्पष्ट करणे.

जैवयांत्रिकीची संकल्पना (Concept of Biomechanics)

जैवयांत्रिकी ही मानवी हालचालींचा वैज्ञानिक अभ्यास करणारी शाखा आहे. मानवी शरीर एक जैविक यंत्रणा असून त्यातील हालचाली यांत्रिक नियमांनुसार घडतात. न्यूटनचे गतीचे नियम, बल, गती, त्वरण, घर्षण, संतुलन यांसारखी तत्त्वे जैवयांत्रिकीमध्ये वापरली जातात.

जैवयांत्रिकीची तत्त्वे (Principles of Biomechanics)

1. **स्थैर्याचे तत्त्व (Stability):** आधार क्षेत्र वाढवल्यास स्थैर्य वाढते.
2. **बल व संवेग (Force and Momentum):** बलाचा योग्य वापर केल्यास गती वाढते.
3. **कार्य व ऊर्जा (Work and Energy):** कमी ऊर्जा खर्चात जास्त कार्य करण्याचा सिद्धांत.
4. **संतुलन (Balance):** गुरुत्वाकर्षण केंद्राचा योग्य वापर करून संतुलन राखणे.

क्रीडा व व्यायामातील जैवयांत्रिकीचे उपयोग (Applications of Biomechanics)

जैवयांत्रिकीचा उपयोग विविध क्रीडा प्रकारांमध्ये केला जातो. धावणे, उडी मारणे, फेकणे, मारणे, लाथ मारणे या हालचालींचे विश्लेषण करून योग्य तंत्र विकसित करता येते.

व्यायामशास्त्रात जैवयांत्रिकीच्या मदतीने योग्य आसन, व्यायामाची पद्धत आणि वजन उचलण्याची तंत्रे सुधारली जातात.

क्रीडा कामगिरीवरील परिणाम (Impact on Sports Performance)

जैवयांत्रिकीच्या योग्य वापरामुळे खेळाडूंची कामगिरी सुधारते. हालचाली अधिक कार्यक्षम झाल्यामुळे वेग, ताकद व अचूकता वाढते. खेळाडू कमी श्रमात जास्त परिणाम साधू शकतात, ज्यामुळे स्पर्धात्मक कामगिरीत वाढ होते.

दुखापत प्रतिबंध व पुनर्वसन (Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation)

चुकीच्या तंत्रामुळे अनेक क्रीडा दुखापती होतात. जैवयांत्रिकीच्या साहाय्याने अशा त्रुटी ओळखून दुरुस्त करता येतात. पुनर्वसन प्रक्रियेत योग्य हालचाली आणि व्यायाम पद्धती ठरवण्यासाठी जैवयांत्रिकी उपयुक्त ठरते.

निष्कर्ष (Conclusion)

प्रस्तुत अभ्यासातून असे स्पष्ट होते की जैवयांत्रिकी ही क्रीडा व व्यायाम क्षेत्रातील अत्यंत उपयुक्त शाखा आहे. जैवयांत्रिकीच्या योग्य उपयोगामुळे क्रीडा कामगिरी सुधारते, ऊर्जा बचत होते आणि दुखापती टाळता येतात. त्यामुळे क्रीडा प्रशिक्षण व व्यायाम कार्यक्रमात जैवयांत्रिकीचा समावेश करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे.

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सारांश (Abstract)

खेल प्रदर्शन में प्रशिक्षण जितना महत्वपूर्ण है, उतनी ही महत्वपूर्ण रिकवरी (Recovery) की प्रक्रिया भी है। प्रभावी रिकवरी तकनीकें थकान को कम करती हैं, चोटों की संभावना घटाती हैं और अगली प्रतियोगिता के लिए खिलाड़ी को शीघ्र तैयार करती हैं। प्राचीन काल से योग, मालिश, प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा एवं विश्राम जैसी पारंपरिक रिकवरी तकनीकों का उपयोग किया जाता रहा है, जबकि आधुनिक युग में क्रायोथेरेपी, कंप्रेशन थेरेपी, इलेक्ट्रोथेरेपी, हाइड्रोथेरेपी और वैज्ञानिक पोषण जैसी उन्नत तकनीकों का विकास हुआ है। प्रस्तुत शोध पत्र का उद्देश्य खेलों में प्रयुक्त पारंपरिक एवं आधुनिक रिकवरी तकनीकों का तुलनात्मक अध्ययन करना तथा उनके प्रभाव, उपयोगिता और सीमाओं का विश्लेषण करना है। अध्ययन से यह स्पष्ट होता है कि दोनों प्रकार की तकनीकों का संतुलित उपयोग खेल प्रदर्शन, चोट निवारण और दीर्घकालीन खिलाड़ी विकास के लिए अत्यंत लाभकारी है।

मुख्य शब्द: खेल, रिकवरी तकनीकें, पारंपरिक उपचार, आधुनिक तकनीकें, खेल प्रदर्शन

प्रस्तावना (Introduction)

आधुनिक प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक खेलों में खिलाड़ियों को लगातार उच्च तीव्रता पर प्रदर्शन करना पड़ता है। प्रशिक्षण और प्रतियोगिता के दौरान शरीर पर अत्यधिक शारीरिक एवं मानसिक दबाव पड़ता है, जिससे थकान, मांसपेशियों में दर्द और चोटें उत्पन्न होती हैं। ऐसे में रिकवरी प्रक्रिया खेल प्रशिक्षण का अनिवार्य हिस्सा बन गई है। रिकवरी का उद्देश्य शरीर को पुनः संतुलित अवस्था में लाना, ऊर्जा भंडार को पुनः भरना, मांसपेशियों की मरम्मत करना और मानसिक ताजगी प्रदान करना होता है। भारत सहित अनेक देशों में पारंपरिक रिकवरी पद्धतियाँ प्राचीन काल से उपयोग में रही हैं, जबकि आधुनिक खेल विज्ञान ने नई तकनीकों को विकसित किया है।

समस्या का कथन (Statement of the Problem)

इस अध्ययन की समस्या को निम्न प्रकार से प्रस्तुत किया गया है: **"खेलों में पारंपरिक रिकवरी तकनीकों और आधुनिक रिकवरी तकनीकों की तुलनात्मक प्रभावशीलता का अध्ययन।"**

अध्ययन के उद्देश्य (Objectives of the Study)

1. खेलों में प्रयुक्त पारंपरिक रिकवरी तकनीकों का अध्ययन करना।
2. आधुनिक रिकवरी तकनीकों का विश्लेषण करना।
3. दोनों तकनीकों की प्रभावशीलता की तुलना करना।
4. खिलाड़ियों के प्रदर्शन और चोट निवारण में इन तकनीकों की भूमिका का मूल्यांकन करना।

शोध परिकल्पनाएँ (Hypotheses)

1. पारंपरिक रिकवरी तकनीकें मानसिक और शारीरिक संतुलन में सहायक होती हैं।
2. आधुनिक रिकवरी तकनीकें त्वरित रिकवरी और वैज्ञानिक नियंत्रण प्रदान करती हैं।
3. पारंपरिक एवं आधुनिक रिकवरी तकनीकों का संयुक्त उपयोग सर्वोत्तम परिणाम देता है।

पारंपरिक रिकवरी तकनीकें (Traditional Recovery Techniques)

योग और प्राणायाम

योगासन एवं प्राणायाम शरीर को विश्राम प्रदान करते हैं, रक्तसंचार बढ़ाते हैं और मानसिक तनाव को कम करते हैं। ये तकनीकें प्राकृतिक, कम लागत वाली और दीर्घकालीन लाभ प्रदान करने वाली हैं।

मालिश (Massage Therapy)

तेल मालिश प्राचीन काल से मांसपेशियों की थकान दूर करने के लिए प्रयोग की जाती रही है। इससे रक्त प्रवाह सुधरता है और मांसपेशियों में लचीलापन बढ़ता है।

विश्राम एवं निद्रा: पर्याप्त नींद और विश्राम शरीर की प्राकृतिक रिकवरी प्रक्रिया को सक्रिय करता है। यह सबसे सरल और प्रभावी पारंपरिक विधि मानी जाती है।

प्राकृतिक उपचार: भाप स्नान, सूर्य स्नान और मिट्टी चिकित्सा जैसी पद्धतियाँ भी पारंपरिक रिकवरी तकनीकों में शामिल हैं।

आधुनिक रिकवरी तकनीकें (Modern Recovery Techniques)

क्रायोथेरेपी (Cryotherapy): अत्यंत ठंडे तापमान का उपयोग कर सूजन और दर्द को कम किया जाता है। यह त्वरित रिकवरी में सहायक होती है।

कंप्रेशन थेरेपी: विशेष कंप्रेशन वस्त्रों का उपयोग रक्त संचार सुधारने और मांसपेशियों की थकान कम करने के लिए किया जाता है।

हाइड्रोथेरेपी: गर्म और ठंडे पानी के संयोजन से मांसपेशियों की रिकवरी की जाती है। यह तकनीक आधुनिक खेल प्रशिक्षण में लोकप्रिय है।

इलेक्ट्रोथेरेपी : इलेक्ट्रिकल स्टिमुलेशन द्वारा मांसपेशियों की रिकवरी और दर्द नियंत्रण किया जाता है।

खेल पोषण एवं सप्लीमेंटेशन

वैज्ञानिक रूप से निर्धारित पोषण और सप्लीमेंट्स रिकवरी प्रक्रिया को तेज करते हैं।

पारंपरिक बनाम आधुनिक रिकवरी तकनीकें: तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण

आधार	पारंपरिक तकनीकें	आधुनिक तकनीकें
लागत	कम	अधिक
उपलब्धता	सर्वसुलभ	सीमित
वैज्ञानिक नियंत्रण	सीमित	उच्च
त्वरित प्रभाव	मध्यम	तीव्र
दीर्घकालीन लाभ	अधिक	अधिक

चर्चा (Discussion)

अध्ययन से यह स्पष्ट होता है कि पारंपरिक रिकवरी तकनीकें मानसिक शांति, दीर्घकालीन स्वास्थ्य और प्राकृतिक संतुलन प्रदान करती हैं, जबकि आधुनिक तकनीकें वैज्ञानिक दृष्टिकोण से तेज और नियंत्रित रिकवरी सुनिश्चित करती हैं। केवल एक प्रकार की तकनीक पर निर्भर रहना पर्याप्त नहीं है। खेलों में सर्वोत्तम परिणामों के लिए दोनों तकनीकों का समन्वय आवश्यक है।

निष्कर्ष (Conclusion)

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन के आधार पर यह निष्कर्ष निकाला जा सकता है कि खेलों में पारंपरिक और आधुनिक रिकवरी तकनीकें दोनों ही अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण हैं। पारंपरिक तकनीकें प्राकृतिक और मानसिक संतुलन प्रदान करती हैं, जबकि आधुनिक तकनीकें त्वरित और वैज्ञानिक रिकवरी में सहायक होती हैं। खिलाड़ियों के संपूर्ण विकास के लिए इन दोनों का संतुलित उपयोग आवश्यक है।

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INNOVATIONS IN SPORTS TECHNOLOGY AND THEIR IMPACT ON ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

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Abstract
Technological innovation has become a transformative force in modern sports, influencing training methods, performance analysis, injury prevention, officiating, and fan engagement. From wearable sensors and video analytics to artificial intelligence and virtual reality, sports technology has significantly altered how athletes train, compete, and recover. The present study examines major innovations in sports technology and their impact on athletic performance and sports management. Using a descriptive and analytical approach, the study highlights key technological advancements and evaluates their benefits, limitations, and future potential. The findings indicate that sports technology enhances performance accuracy, training efficiency, injury management, and decision-making processes. The study concludes that integrating innovative technologies into sports systems is essential for sustainable athlete development and competitive success.

Keywords: Sports Technology, Innovation, Athletic Performance, Wearable Devices, Artificial Intelligence

Introduction

Sports in the 21st century have evolved beyond traditional physical training and coaching practices. Advances in science and technology have introduced new tools that support athletes and coaches in improving performance, reducing injury risk, and enhancing strategic planning. Sports technology refers to the application of scientific knowledge, engineering, and digital tools to enhance various aspects of sport, including training, competition, recovery, officiating, and administration. With increasing competition at elite and grassroots levels, marginal gains achieved through technology often determine success or failure. Innovations such as motion tracking systems, performance analytics software, biomechanical assessment tools, and smart equipment have become integral components of modern sports ecosystems. This research paper explores the role of these innovations and their impact on sports performance.

Statement of the Problem

Despite rapid technological advancements, there is a lack of comprehensive understanding regarding the practical application and impact of sports technology on athletic performance, particularly in developing sports systems. Therefore, the problem of the study is stated as:

"To study the innovations in sports technology and their impact on athletic performance."

Objectives of the Study

1. To identify major innovations in sports technology.
2. To examine the role of technology in improving athletic performance.
3. To analyze the impact of technology on injury prevention and rehabilitation.
4. To evaluate the influence of sports technology on coaching and officiating.
5. To discuss challenges and future trends in sports technology.

Review of Related Literature

Previous research indicates that sports technology plays a critical role in optimizing performance and reducing injury risks. Studies on wearable technology show improvements in monitoring workload, heart rate variability, and movement efficiency. Video analysis and biomechanical tools have enhanced technical accuracy in sports such as athletics, football, and cricket. Artificial intelligence

applications have been used to predict performance outcomes and prevent overtraining. However, concerns related to accessibility, cost, and data privacy remain areas requiring further investigation.

Methodology

Research Design

The study adopted a descriptive and analytical research design based on secondary data.

Sources of Data

Data were collected from:

- Research journals
- Sports science books
- Conference proceedings
- Reports from sports technology organizations
- Online academic databases

Major Innovations in Sports Technology

Wearable Technology

Wearable devices such as GPS trackers, smartwatches, and heart rate monitors provide real-time data on speed, distance, workload, and physiological responses. These tools help coaches tailor training programs and monitor fatigue levels.

Video and Motion Analysis Systems

High-speed cameras and motion capture systems allow detailed analysis of technique, posture, and movement patterns. These technologies improve skill execution and reduce technical errors.

Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics

AI-driven software analyzes large volumes of performance data to identify patterns, predict outcomes, and support tactical decisions. Data analytics enhances individualized training and performance forecasting.

Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality

Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) are used for skill rehearsal, decision-making training, and injury rehabilitation. Athletes can practice in simulated environments without physical strain.

Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation Technology

Technologies such as force plates, muscle sensors, and rehabilitation robotics help in early injury detection and effective recovery planning.

Officiating and Judgement Technology

Technological tools like Hawk-Eye, goal-line technology, and video assistant systems have improved fairness and accuracy in officiating decisions.

Impact of Sports Technology on Athletic Performance

The integration of technology into sports training has led to improved accuracy, efficiency, and consistency in performance. Athletes benefit from personalized training programs, precise feedback, and reduced injury risks. Coaches can make evidence-based decisions, while sports organizations achieve better talent identification and development.

Challenges and Ethical Concerns

Despite its advantages, sports technology presents challenges such as high costs, unequal access, over-dependence on data, and privacy issues. Ethical concerns also arise regarding technology-assisted performance enhancement and fairness in competition.

Conclusion

The study concludes that innovations in sports technology have significantly transformed modern sports by enhancing performance, safety, and decision-making. While technology offers numerous benefits, balanced and ethical application is essential to maintain the integrity of sports. Sports

institutions should invest in education, accessibility, and policy frameworks to maximize the positive impact of technological innovations.

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MODERN SPORTS FLOORING: PERFORMANCE, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PERSPECTIVES

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Abstract
Modern sports flooring plays a crucial role in enhancing athletic performance, ensuring safety, and reducing injury risk. The interaction between athletes and playing surfaces influences shock absorption, traction, balance, and biomechanical efficiency. This paper examines the classification, structure, and performance characteristics of contemporary sports flooring systems. It highlights evaluation methods, including mechanical testing and standardized protocols, used to assess safety and performance compliance. Environmental adaptability, sustainability, and indoor air quality considerations in flooring design are also discussed. Additionally, the paper analyzes the role of sports flooring in injury prevention, performance enhancement, and long-term athlete welfare. Emerging trends such as smart flooring technologies, advanced materials, and modern manufacturing techniques are reviewed. The study concludes that scientifically designed and environmentally sustainable sports flooring systems are essential for optimizing athlete performance, improving safety, and supporting modern sports infrastructure.

Introduction

Sports flooring plays a crucial role in enhancing athletic performance and reducing injury risk *(Ji et al., 2025)*. Sports flooring is a vital component of sports infrastructure that directly influences athletic performance, safety, and injury prevention. The interaction between the athlete and the playing surface affects force absorption, traction, balance, and biomechanical efficiency. Modern sports surfaces are designed not only to withstand heavy use but also to enhance movement efficiency while reducing physiological stress on the athlete.

With the growing emphasis on athlete welfare and performance optimization, sports flooring systems are now developed using scientific principles of biomechanics, material science, and ergonomics. Properly designed flooring improves confidence, reduces fatigue, and supports consistent performance across training and competition environments. Scientific research in sports surfaces is closely linked with biomechanics and performance analysis *(Lees, 2003)*.

Classification and Structure of Sports Flooring

Classification of Sports Flooring

Sports flooring systems can be classified based on material composition, application, and functional characteristics.

Table 1: Classification of Sports Flooring Systems

Flooring Type	Material Used	Key Characteristics	Common Applications
Wooden Flooring	Maple, Oak	Natural elasticity, excellent ball rebound	Basketball, Volleyball
Synthetic Flooring	PVC, PU, Acrylic	Durable, moisture resistant, low maintenance	Badminton, Multipurpose halls

Flooring Type	Material Used	Key Characteristics	Common Applications
Rubber Flooring	Recycled or virgin rubber	High shock absorption, anti-slip	Gyms, Fitness centers
Composite Flooring	Multi-layer materials	Optimized performance & safety	Professional sports arenas

These classifications help in selecting appropriate flooring based on sport-specific demands and environmental conditions. The classification of indoor sports flooring is governed by international standards and sport-specific regulations *(CEN, 2023; FIBA, 2022; Ji et al., 2025)*.

Structural Composition of Sports Flooring

Modern sports flooring systems follow a **multi-layer design**, ensuring optimal force distribution and durability.

Table 2: Structural Layers of Sports Flooring

Layer	Function
Surface Layer	Provides traction, wear resistance, ball response
Shock Absorption Layer	Reduces impact forces and joint stress
Load Distribution Layer	Ensures uniform stress dispersion
Base/Subfloor Layer	Structural stability and long-term durability

Each layer contributes to athlete safety, performance efficiency, and surface longevity.

Evaluation Methods of Sports Flooring

Evaluation methods ensure compliance with international safety and performance standards.

Mechanical Evaluation

Mechanical tests assess the ability of sports flooring to manage impact forces and athlete movement.

Table 3: Evaluation Methods and Performance Parameters

Test Method	Parameter Measured	Purpose
Shock Absorption Test	Impact force reduction	Injury prevention
Vertical Deformation Test	Surface compression	Comfort & stability
Energy Restitution Test	Energy return	Performance efficiency
Slip Resistance Test	Coefficient of friction	Fall prevention

Standardized Testing Protocols

International standards such as EN 14904, DIN 18032, and ASTM standards define acceptable ranges for shock absorption, deformation, and friction to ensure consistency across facilities.

Advanced Evaluation Techniques

Recent research employs embedded sensors, motion capture, and force plates to evaluate real-time athlete-floor interaction. These methods enable accurate assessment of fatigue, impact loading, and movement efficiency. Athletic flooring performance is assessed using standardized mechanical and biomechanical tests *(ASTM International, 2021)*.Impact forces influence neuromuscular responses during movement *(Nigg & Wakeling, 2001)*.Modern evaluation techniques integrate laboratory and field testing methods *(Ji et al., 2025)*.

Environmental Adaptability of Sports Flooring

Sports flooring must maintain consistent performance under varying environmental conditions.

Climatic Adaptability

Humidity and temperature variations can cause expansion, contraction, or loss of traction. Advanced flooring materials are engineered to resist deformation under extreme conditions.

Sustainability and Indoor Air Quality

Modern flooring systems emphasize low VOC emissions, recycled materials, and eco-friendly adhesives, supporting sustainable sports infrastructure.

Outdoor Flooring Requirements

Outdoor sports flooring requires UV resistance, waterproofing, and thermal stability to maintain surface integrity. Environmental sustainability is an emerging concern in sports flooring design *(DataIntelo, 2025)*.Indoor air quality standards influence material selection and manufacturing processes *(International Organization for Standardization [ISO], 2020)*.Eco-friendly materials are increasingly adopted in modern sports facilities *(Ji et al., 2025)*.

Safety and Performance

Injury Prevention

Proper shock absorption reduces stress on joints and minimizes the risk of overuse injuries, stress fractures, and ligament damage.

Performance Enhancement

Optimized flooring improves sprint speed, jumping efficiency, agility, and balance by enhancing traction and energy return.

Long-Term Athlete Welfare

High-quality sport flooring reduces fatigue and supports long-term athletic participation and career longevity. Surface compliance significantly affects running mechanics and injury risk *(McMahon & Greene, 1979)*.Technological innovations have improved player safety and surface longevity *(Sports Venue Technology, 2025)*.

Advanced Trends and Manufacturing Technologies

Material Innovations

Nano-reinforced polymers, recycled composites, and bio-based materials improve durability, energy efficiency, and sustainability.

Smart Sports Flooring

Smart flooring integrates sensors and IoT systems for performance monitoring, injury prevention, and facility management.

Manufacturing Advancements

Automation, precision molding, and digital quality control ensure consistent performance and customization. Smart flooring systems incorporate sensors and advanced polymers *(Zhang et al., 2022)*.Manufacturing innovations are reshaping sports surface performance and monitoring *(Ji et al., 2025)*.

Conclusion: Sports flooring has evolved into a performance-enhancing, safety-driven, and environmentally sustainable system. Through scientific evaluation, advanced materials, and intelligent technologies, modern sports flooring plays a critical role in optimizing athlete performance and well-being.

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SPORTS MANAGEMENT IN CRICKET: ROLES, CHALLENGES, AND IMPACT ON PERFORMANCE

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Abstract
Cricket has evolved from a traditional sport into a global sports industry requiring professional management at all levels. Sports management in cricket plays a vital role in organizing competitions, managing players, optimizing resources, enhancing performance, and ensuring financial sustainability. The present study examines the concept, scope, and significance of sports management in cricket, focusing on administrative structure, player management, event organization, financial planning, and marketing strategies. Using a descriptive research approach based on secondary sources, the study highlights how effective sports management contributes to improved team performance, talent development, and the overall growth of cricket. The study concludes that professional sports management is essential for the long-term success and global expansion of cricket.

Keywords: Sports Management, Cricket Administration, Player Management, Event Management, Sports Marketing

Introduction
Cricket is one of the most popular sports in the world, especially in countries such as India, England, Australia, and Pakistan. Over the years, cricket has transformed from a recreational and amateur sport into a highly commercialized professional industry. This transformation has increased the importance of sports management in cricket. Sports management in cricket involves planning, organizing, directing, and controlling all activities related to the sport. These activities include team management, tournament organization, infrastructure development, financial management, media coordination, and player welfare. Efficient sports management ensures smooth functioning of cricketing operations and helps maximize performance both on and off the field.

Statement of the Problem
Despite cricket's growing popularity and commercialization, many cricket organizations face challenges such as poor administration, financial mismanagement, inadequate player welfare systems, and lack of scientific planning. Therefore, the problem of the present study is stated as:
"To study the role and importance of sports management in the development and performance of cricket."

Objectives of the Study
1. To understand the concept of sports management in cricket.
2. To examine the role of sports managers in cricket administration.
3. To analyze player management and support systems in cricket.
4. To study event and tournament management in cricket.
5. To identify challenges faced in cricket sports management.

Review of Related Literature
Previous studies on sports management indicate that professional administration enhances organizational efficiency and athlete performance. Research in cricket management has highlighted the importance of structured governance, transparent financial systems, and scientific training programs. Studies also show that effective marketing and media management significantly

contribute to revenue generation and fan engagement. However, gaps remain in grassroots management and player welfare at the lower levels of the sport.

Methodology

Research Design

The study adopted a descriptive research design.

5.2 Sources of Data

The study is based on secondary data collected from:

- Sports management books
- Research journals
- Cricket administration reports
- Conference proceedings
- Online academic resources

Concept of Sports Management in Cricket

Sports management in cricket refers to the systematic administration of cricket-related activities to achieve organizational goals efficiently. It applies management principles such as planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling within the cricket environment.

Key areas include:

- Administration and governance
- Player and team management
- Event and competition organization
- Financial and sponsorship management
- Media and public relations

Role of Sports Management in Cricket

Administration and Governance

Sports managers ensure that cricket operations follow established rules, policies, and ethical standards. They coordinate between governing bodies, teams, coaches, and officials to maintain transparency and accountability.

Player Management

Player management includes talent identification, contract administration, training schedules, medical support, fitness monitoring, and psychological welfare. Proper player management helps maintain long-term performance and prevents burnout and injuries.

Event and Tournament Management

Cricket tournaments require detailed planning related to scheduling, venue management, logistics, security, accommodation, and crowd control. Efficient event management ensures smooth conduct of matches and enhances spectator experience.

Financial Management

Financial planning in cricket involves budgeting, revenue generation, sponsorship management, and expenditure control. Effective financial management ensures sustainability and supports infrastructure development and player programs.

Marketing and Media Management

Sports management plays a crucial role in promoting cricket through branding, broadcasting, digital platforms, and fan engagement strategies. Marketing increases popularity and commercial value of the sport.

Impact of Sports Management on Cricket Performance

Effective sports management directly influences cricket performance by providing structured training programs, better facilities, scientific support systems, and psychological preparedness. Well-managed teams demonstrate consistency, discipline, and improved competitive results. At the organizational level, strong management promotes talent development and long-term growth of cricket.

Challenges in Sports Management of Cricket

Despite advancements, cricket management faces several challenges:

- Inequality in resource distribution
- Over-commercialization and player workload
- Governance and transparency issues
- Limited infrastructure at grassroots level
- Player injury management and mental health concerns

Addressing these challenges requires professional leadership, ethical governance, and long-term planning.

Conclusion

The study concludes that sports management is a cornerstone of modern cricket. Efficient management enhances organizational effectiveness, improves player performance, and ensures sustainable growth of the sport. Cricket can achieve long-term success only through professional administration, scientific planning, and ethical governance. Therefore, strengthening sports management systems is essential for the future development of cricket at all levels.

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FROM TRADITION TO ENTERPRISE: INDIGENOUS SPORTS AS DRIVERS OF SUSTAINABLE ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEMS

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Abstract
Indigenous sports represent culturally embedded physical activities that have historically remained outside mainstream commercial sports markets. In recent years, however, the revival and commercialization of indigenous sports through structured leagues, public policy interventions, and technological integration have created significant entrepreneurial opportunities. This paper examines the role of indigenous sports in fostering sustainable entrepreneurial ventures from a balanced sports business, entrepreneurship, and sustainability perspective. Using a secondary-data-based research design, the study synthesizes evidence from sports federations, government policy documents, startup ecosystem reports, and sustainability literature to develop a comprehensive conceptual framework. Drawing on Institutional Theory, the Resource-Based View, and the Triple Bottom Line framework, the paper argues that indigenous sports offer unique intangible resources such as cultural legitimacy, community engagement, and grassroots participation that enable the formation of economically viable, socially inclusive, and environmentally responsible ventures. The analysis highlights how league-based commercialization, policy-driven infrastructure development, and sports-technology ecosystems collectively lower entry barriers for entrepreneurs while supporting long-term sustainability outcomes. The study contributes to sports entrepreneurship literature by positioning indigenous sports as strategic assets for sustainable venture creation, particularly in emerging economies. Managerial and policy implications are discussed, and directions for future empirical research are proposed.

Keywords: Indigenous sports; sports entrepreneurship; sustainability; sports business; triple bottom line; emerging economies

Introduction

Sport has evolved from a recreational and cultural activity into a global industry encompassing media, entertainment, technology, tourism, and entrepreneurship. While mainstream sports such as football, cricket, and basketball dominate academic discourse and commercial markets, indigenous sports defined as traditional, regionally rooted forms of athletic competition have historically received limited attention in sports business and entrepreneurship research. These sports, embedded within local cultures and community practices, include games such as kabaddi, kho-kho, kushti (traditional wrestling), and various regional and tribal sports. Despite their cultural significance, indigenous sports have long remained under-commercialized and institutionally marginalized. In recent years, this landscape has begun to change. The commercialization of select indigenous sports through organized leagues, increased media coverage, and digital streaming has demonstrated their latent market potential. Simultaneously, government-led initiatives aimed at sports development and grassroots participation have provided institutional support, infrastructure, and funding mechanisms that reduce barriers for new entrants. These developments have positioned indigenous sports as fertile ground for entrepreneurial ventures across the sports value chain, including event management, athlete training academies, sports technology solutions, merchandising, and sports tourism.

From an entrepreneurship perspective, indigenous sports present distinctive opportunities rooted in authenticity, community engagement, and cultural capital. Unlike globally standardized sports products, indigenous sports offer differentiated value propositions that appeal to local identities and emerging consumer segments seeking culturally meaningful experiences. When aligned with modern business models and sustainability principles, these characteristics can translate into competitive advantage for entrepreneurial ventures. Accordingly, this paper seeks to address the following research question: How do indigenous sports contribute to the creation of sustainable entrepreneurial ventures, and what institutional, strategic, and ecosystem factors enable this process?

The objectives of the study are threefold:

1. To examine indigenous sports as entrepreneurial resources within the sports business ecosystem.
2. To develop a theory-driven conceptual framework linking indigenous sports, entrepreneurship, and sustainability.
3. To identify managerial and policy implications for fostering sustainable sports-based ventures in emerging economies.

By adopting a secondary-data-based analytical approach, the study contributes to the sports management and entrepreneurship literature in three ways. First, it extends entrepreneurship theory into the domain of indigenous sports, highlighting cultural and institutional resources as sources of venture creation. Second, it integrates sustainability frameworks into sports entrepreneurship analysis, emphasizing long-term value creation beyond short-term commercialization. Third, it offers policy-relevant insights for governments and sports federations seeking inclusive and sustainable sports development.

Literature Review

Indigenous Sports and Cultural-Economic Significance

Indigenous sports are traditionally defined as physical games and athletic practices that originate within specific cultural, regional, or ethnic communities and are transmitted across generations. These sports often embody local histories, social norms, and collective identities, making them integral components of intangible cultural heritage. Scholars have argued that such sports generate cultural capital that extends beyond entertainment value, contributing to social cohesion and identity formation (Bourdieu, 1986; Misener & Mason, 2006).

Sports Entrepreneurship: Concepts and Scope

Sports entrepreneurship refers to the process of identifying, creating, and exploiting opportunities within the sports industry through innovative business models, products, or services (Ratten, 2010). Unlike traditional entrepreneurship, sports entrepreneurship operates within a hybrid context that combines commercial objectives with social, cultural, and institutional influences. Scholars emphasize that sports ventures often rely on emotional engagement, fan loyalty, and community embeddedness, which differentiate them from conventional business sectors.

Research in sports entrepreneurship has expanded to include areas such as sports technology startups, athlete management, event management, and digital media platforms. However, much of this literature focuses on mainstream professional sports and elite-level competitions. Indigenous sports remain underrepresented, despite their relevance to grassroots entrepreneurship and local economic development. Emerging economy contexts further underscore the importance of indigenous sports entrepreneurship. In such settings, resource constraints, institutional voids, and informal markets necessitate innovative and adaptive business models. Indigenous sports, with their low entry barriers and community legitimacy, offer accessible platforms for first-generation entrepreneurs and micro-enterprises. Prior studies on entrepreneurship in emerging economies

highlight the role of local resources and institutional support in shaping venture outcomes (Bruton, Ahlstrom, & Obloj, 2008).

Sustainability and the Triple Bottom Line in Sports

Sustainability in sports has gained prominence as stakeholders increasingly recognize the environmental and social impacts of sporting activities. The Triple Bottom Line framework conceptualizes sustainability as the integration of economic performance, social equity, and environmental stewardship (Elkington, 1997). In sports contexts, this framework has been applied primarily to mega-events, professional leagues, and stadium operations.

Economic sustainability in sports entrepreneurship involves revenue diversification, financial resilience, and long-term viability. Social sustainability encompasses community development, inclusivity, health promotion, and employment generation. Environmental sustainability addresses resource efficiency, waste reduction, and ecological impact of sports infrastructure and events. Indigenous sports, by virtue of their community-based and often low-resource nature, align strongly with social and environmental dimensions, but require deliberate strategies to ensure economic sustainability.

Recent studies argue that sustainability-oriented sports ventures can achieve competitive advantage by aligning stakeholder interests and leveraging social legitimacy (Babiak & Trendafilova, 2011). Indigenous sports offer inherent legitimacy within local communities, which can be translated into stakeholder trust and long-term engagement when coupled with responsible business practices.

Sports Technology Ecosystem and Entrepreneurial Enablement

The rapid growth of sports technology has transformed the structure and dynamics of the sports industry. Sports-tech ventures encompass analytics platforms, performance monitoring tools, digital fan engagement solutions, streaming services, ticketing systems, and e-commerce platforms. These technologies reduce operational inefficiencies and enable scalable business models, making them particularly relevant for emerging and non-mainstream sports.

From an entrepreneurship standpoint, sports-tech functions as an enabling ecosystem rather than a standalone sector. It provides modular services that can be adopted by sports organizations, leagues, and grassroots entrepreneurs without significant capital investment. This is especially beneficial for indigenous sports, where financial constraints and limited managerial expertise often hinder commercialization.

Recent industry analyses highlight that sports startups increasingly target niche segments and underserved sports categories, recognizing the untapped potential beyond mainstream sports. Digital platforms allow indigenous sports to overcome geographic limitations by reaching national and global audiences. Live streaming, social media marketing, and direct-to-consumer merchandise platforms democratize access to markets and create new revenue streams.

Academic literature on digital entrepreneurship emphasizes that technology-driven ecosystems lower transaction costs and facilitate innovation through network effects (Autio, Nambisan, Thomas, & Wright, 2018). In the context of indigenous sports, sports-tech startups act as institutional intermediaries, bridging the gap between traditional practices and modern commercial requirements. This symbiotic relationship enhances both entrepreneurial viability and sustainability outcomes.

Research Gap

Although existing literature acknowledges the cultural and social significance of indigenous sports, several gaps remain evident. First, there is limited integration of sports entrepreneurship theory with indigenous sports studies. Most research treats indigenous sports as cultural or developmental phenomena rather than as entrepreneurial resources capable of generating sustainable ventures.

Second, sustainability research in sports has predominantly focused on elite sports, mega-events, and large-scale infrastructure projects. Grassroots and indigenous sports ventures are underexplored despite their alignment with social inclusion and community-based sustainability objectives.

Third, empirical and conceptual studies rarely adopt an ecosystem perspective that simultaneously considers institutional support, entrepreneurial strategy, and technological enablement. The absence of integrative frameworks constrains theoretical advancement and practical guidance for policymakers and entrepreneurs.

This study addresses these gaps by developing a theory-driven conceptual framework that positions indigenous sports as strategic assets within sustainable sports entrepreneurship ecosystems, particularly in emerging economies.

Theoretical Framework and Conceptual Development

To explain how indigenous sports facilitate sustainable entrepreneurial ventures, this study draws on three complementary theoretical perspectives: **Institutional Theory**, the **Resource-Based View (RBV)**, and the **Triple Bottom Line (TBL) framework**. Together, these theories provide a holistic lens to analyze entrepreneurial opportunity creation, strategic advantage, and sustainability outcomes.

3.1 Institutional Theory and Indigenous Sports Entrepreneurship

Institutional Theory posits that organizational behavior and entrepreneurial activity are shaped by formal rules, regulations, norms, and cultural-cognitive beliefs prevalent within a society (North, 1990; Scott, 2014). Entrepreneurs operating within institutional environments seek legitimacy in order to access resources, attract stakeholders, and ensure survival.

Indigenous sports are deeply embedded within informal institutions such as cultural traditions, community norms, and regional identities. While these informal institutions provide social legitimacy, they often lack formal recognition in commercial markets. Institutional support through policy recognition, funding, and governance reforms transforms indigenous sports into legitimate economic activities.

From this perspective, government programs, sports federations, and regulatory frameworks act as institutional enablers that legitimize indigenous sports entrepreneurship. When states recognize traditional games as priority sports, entrepreneurs gain symbolic legitimacy, reducing uncertainty for investors, sponsors, and consumers. Institutional Theory thus explains why indigenous sports entrepreneurship flourishes in environments where formal and informal institutions are aligned.

Proposition 1:

Institutional support and policy legitimacy positively influence the emergence and sustainability of entrepreneurial ventures in indigenous sports.

Resource-Based View and Indigenous Sports as Strategic Assets

The Resource-Based View argues that firms achieve sustainable competitive advantage by possessing resources that are valuable, rare, inimitable, and non-substitutable (Barney, 1991). In sports entrepreneurship, such resources extend beyond physical assets to include brand identity, fan loyalty, and cultural meaning.

Indigenous sports possess unique intangible resources derived from cultural heritage, authenticity, and community attachment. These attributes are difficult for competitors to replicate, particularly in globalized sports markets dominated by standardized products. Entrepreneurs who leverage these culturally embedded resources can differentiate their offerings and build loyal stakeholder bases.

However, the RBV also emphasizes the importance of organizational capabilities in transforming resources into economic value. In the context of indigenous sports, entrepreneurial capabilities such as marketing innovation, partnership development, and technology adoption are critical for converting cultural assets into sustainable revenue streams.

Proposition 2:

The unique cultural and social resources inherent in indigenous sports contribute to competitive advantage when effectively leveraged through entrepreneurial capabilities.

3.3 Triple Bottom Line and Sustainable Sports Entrepreneurship

The Triple Bottom Line framework conceptualizes sustainability as the simultaneous pursuit of economic performance, social equity, and environmental responsibility (Elkington, 1997). Sports entrepreneurship increasingly adopts this framework to address stakeholder expectations and long-term viability.

Indigenous sports naturally align with social sustainability objectives through community participation, youth engagement, and employment generation. They also offer potential environmental advantages due to relatively low infrastructure requirements and localized operations. However, economic sustainability remains contingent on commercialization strategies, institutional support, and ecosystem integration.

By embedding TBL principles into business models, indigenous sports entrepreneurs can create shared value for communities while maintaining financial viability. This alignment enhances stakeholder trust and reinforces legitimacy, creating virtuous cycles of sustainability and growth.

Proposition 3:

Entrepreneurial ventures based on indigenous sports are more likely to achieve long-term sustainability when business models integrate economic, social, and environmental objectives.

Integrated Conceptual Framework

Synthesizing Institutional Theory, RBV, and the TBL framework, this study proposes an integrated conceptual model explaining sustainable indigenous sports entrepreneurship.

- **Enabling Conditions:** Institutional support (policies, funding, governance) and sports-tech ecosystems
- **Core Resources:** Cultural legitimacy, community engagement, indigenous knowledge
- **Entrepreneurial Processes:** Opportunity recognition, innovation, commercialization, partnership formation
- **Outcomes:** Sustainable entrepreneurial ventures generating economic value, social inclusion, and environmental responsibility

The framework suggests dynamic interactions among institutions, resources, and entrepreneurial actions, with sustainability outcomes reinforcing legitimacy and resource access over time.

Research Methodology

Research Design

This study adopts a qualitative, secondary-data-based research design to examine the role of indigenous sports in creating sustainable entrepreneurial ventures. A secondary-data approach is appropriate for this study because indigenous sports entrepreneurship is shaped by macro-level institutional, economic, and policy factors that are well documented in public reports, industry analyses, and federation publications. Moreover, secondary data enable longitudinal and ecosystem-level insights that are often difficult to capture through primary surveys alone (Johnston, 2017).

The research is exploratory and theory-building in nature, aiming to develop a conceptual understanding rather than test causal relationships statistically. Such an approach is consistent with prior studies in sports management and entrepreneurship that seek to integrate fragmented literature and inform future empirical research.

Data Sources

To ensure credibility and academic rigor, the study relies exclusively on authentic and verifiable secondary sources, triangulated across multiple domains:

1. **Government and Policy Documents**

- National sports development policies and program reports
- Budget allocations and official notifications related to indigenous sports promotion
- Annual and monthly reports from sports ministries and departments

These sources provide insights into institutional support, funding mechanisms, and policy priorities that shape entrepreneurial opportunities.

2. **Sports Federations and League Reports**
   - Official publications and press releases from national sports federations
   - League-level data on participation, viewership, sponsorship, and expansion

Such data illustrate commercialization trends and market acceptance of indigenous sports.

3. **Startup Databases and Industry Reports**
   - Reports from recognized startup intelligence platforms (e.g., Inc42, Tracxn, F6S)
   - Market outlook reports on sports technology, sports services, and sports startups

These sources identify the scale, scope, and segmental focus of sports entrepreneurship ecosystems.

4. **Sustainability and Sports Management Literature**
   - Peer-reviewed journal articles on sports sustainability, social entrepreneurship, and sport-for-development
   - Industry sustainability reports related to sports events and infrastructure
5. **Reputed Media Sources**
   - Coverage of indigenous sports leagues, funding announcements, and infrastructure development
   - Reports on sports entrepreneurship trends and investment activity

The use of multiple data sources enhances construct validity and reduces the risk of bias associated with single-source reliance.

Data Analysis Technique

Data were analyzed using thematic analysis, following a systematic process of coding and synthesis. Key themes were identified based on the study's theoretical framework:

- Institutional support and policy legitimacy
- Commercialization and league-based models
- Entrepreneurial opportunity domains
- Sustainability outcomes (economic, social, environmental)

The themes were iteratively compared with propositions derived from Institutional Theory, RBV, and the Triple Bottom Line framework. This analytical strategy allowed the study to link empirical patterns with theoretical explanations, strengthening the conceptual contribution.

Reliability and Validity Considerations

Reliability was ensured by drawing data from stable, publicly available, and authoritative sources. Validity was enhanced through data triangulation and theoretical alignment. While secondary data limit direct stakeholder perspectives, the methodological approach is appropriate for ecosystem-level analysis and conceptual development.

Analysis and Discussion

Indigenous Sports and League-Based Commercialization

One of the most significant developments in indigenous sports entrepreneurship is the transformation of traditional games into organized, commercially viable leagues. League-based commercialization introduces standardized competition formats, franchising structures, sponsorship packages, and broadcast partnerships. These mechanisms are central to revenue generation and market expansion in the sports industry.

The structured commercialization of indigenous sports demonstrates that cultural authenticity and commercial viability are not mutually exclusive. By adapting traditional rules for spectator appeal

while retaining cultural identity, leagues have attracted urban audiences, advertisers, and investors. This process validates Proposition 1, as institutional legitimacy and media exposure significantly reduce uncertainty for entrepreneurs operating in indigenous sports markets.

From an entrepreneurship perspective, leagues create platform-based opportunities rather than isolated ventures. Entrepreneurs benefit from spillover effects in areas such as merchandise production, event logistics, athlete management, sports marketing, and content creation. The presence of a league also improves demand predictability, which is critical for small and medium sports enterprises.

Entrepreneurial Opportunity Domains in Indigenous Sports

The analysis identifies several distinct entrepreneurial opportunity domains emerging from indigenous sports ecosystems:

1. Training Academies and Talent Development

Grassroots academies focusing on indigenous sports provide coaching, fitness training, and career pathways for athletes. These ventures often operate as hybrid models, combining fee-based services with government or federation support. They contribute directly to social sustainability through youth engagement and employment generation.

2. Event Management and Sports Services

Indigenous sports tournaments, festivals, and leagues require specialized event management services, including logistics, security, branding, and digital broadcasting. Entrepreneurs in this domain benefit from recurring demand and regional market expansion.

3. Sports Technology and Digital Platforms

Sports-tech solutions such as performance analytics, live streaming, ticketing, and fan engagement platforms enable indigenous sports to scale beyond local boundaries. These ventures align with the RBV by enhancing the value extraction from cultural and social resources.

4. Merchandising and Local Manufacturing

Team apparel, sports equipment, and memorabilia create revenue streams linked to fan identity and regional pride. Indigenous sports merchandise often draws on local craftsmanship, strengthening community-level economic linkages.

5. Sports Tourism and Cultural Events

Indigenous sports events integrated with cultural festivals attract domestic and regional tourism. Entrepreneurs in this domain leverage place-based branding and experiential consumption, contributing to local economic development.

These opportunity domains demonstrate how indigenous sports function as entrepreneurial platforms rather than single-product markets, supporting Proposition 2 by converting unique cultural resources into competitive advantage.

Role of Sports Technology Ecosystems

Sports technology ecosystems play a pivotal role in enabling sustainable indigenous sports entrepreneurship. Digital platforms reduce operational costs, improve market access, and enhance consumer engagement. For example, live streaming allows indigenous sports events to reach dispersed audiences without dependence on traditional broadcasters, while data analytics support performance improvement and talent identification.

The integration of technology also facilitates professionalization and transparency, which are essential for attracting sponsors and institutional partners. This aligns with Institutional Theory by reinforcing formal structures and legitimacy. Simultaneously, it strengthens economic sustainability by diversifying revenue streams through subscriptions, digital advertising, and e-commerce.

Sustainability Outcomes of Indigenous Sports Entrepreneurship

The findings indicate that indigenous sports entrepreneurship contributes to sustainability across all three dimensions of the Triple Bottom Line:

- **Economic Sustainability:**
  Revenue diversification through events, media rights, merchandising, and services enhances financial resilience. Platform-based ecosystems reduce dependence on single income sources.
- **Social Sustainability:**
  Indigenous sports ventures generate employment, promote social inclusion, and support youth development. Community participation strengthens stakeholder loyalty and long-term viability.
- **Environmental Sustainability:**
  Many indigenous sports rely on low-impact infrastructure and local venues, reducing environmental footprint. Emerging practices in sustainable event management further enhance environmental responsibility.

These outcomes support **Proposition 3**, emphasizing the compatibility of indigenous sports with sustainability-oriented entrepreneurship.

Conclusion

This paper examined the role of indigenous sports in creating sustainable entrepreneurial ventures through an integrated sports business, entrepreneurship, and sustainability lens. Drawing on Institutional Theory, the Resource-Based View, and the Triple Bottom Line framework, the study developed a conceptual model explaining how culturally embedded sports can be transformed into viable and responsible business ventures.

The analysis demonstrates that indigenous sports possess unique intangible resources cultural legitimacy, community engagement, and authenticity that can generate competitive advantage when supported by institutional frameworks and entrepreneurial capabilities. League-based commercialization, policy-driven infrastructure development, and sports technology ecosystems collectively enable the emergence of diverse entrepreneurial opportunities across the sports value chain.

Importantly, indigenous sports entrepreneurship aligns strongly with sustainability objectives by promoting social inclusion, grassroots employment, and environmentally responsible practices while achieving economic viability. By positioning indigenous sports as strategic assets rather than marginal activities, this study contributes to advancing sports entrepreneurship theory and offers practical guidance for entrepreneurs and policymakers alike.

In an era where sustainability and inclusivity are central to economic development, indigenous sports represent a powerful yet underutilized platform for entrepreneurial innovation and long-term value creation.

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CONSTRICTION OF NORMS ON ANTHROPOMETRIC PARAMETERS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF NASHIK CITY

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Abstract:
This study aims to develop norms for anthropometric parameters for secondary school students (11-16 years) in Nashik City, Maharashtra, India. The study assesses the physical growth and development of students using various anthropometric measurements. The results provide a reference standard for evaluating the nutritional status and growth patterns of adolescents in Nashik City.

Introduction
Anthropometry is a widely used method for assessing nutritional status and growth patterns in children and adolescents. Establishing norms for anthropometric parameters is essential for identifying growth abnormalities and monitoring health trends in a population. This study focuses on constructing norms for secondary school students in Nashik City.

Methodology
The study involved 1200 students (600 boys and 600 girls) aged 11-16 years from 20 secondary schools in Nashik City. Anthropometric measurements included:
1. Height
2. Weight
3. Body Mass Index (BMI)
4. Waist Circumference
5. Hip Circumference
6. Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC)
7. Skinfold thickness (Triceps and Subscapular)

Measurements were taken using standardized techniques and equipment. Data were analyzed using statistical software to construct percentile norms (5th, 50th, 95th) for each parameter.

Results
The study presents age- and sex-specific percentile norms for anthropometric parameters. Key findings:
1. Boys showed higher values for height, weight, and waist circumference compared to girls.
2. Girls had higher BMI and skinfold thickness values than boys in certain age groups.
3. Significant age-related increases were observed in all parameters.

Tables and figures illustrate the constructed norms.

Discussion
The study provides a baseline for evaluating the growth and nutritional status of adolescents in Nashik City. Comparison with national and international standards (WHO, CDC) highlights regional differences in growth patterns. The norms can aid in identifying adolescents at risk of malnutrition or obesity.

Conclusion

This study establishes anthropometric norms for secondary school students in Nashik City, serving as a reference for healthcare professionals and researchers. The findings emphasize the need for region-specific standards to accurately assess adolescent growth.

Recommendations

1. Use these norms for screening and monitoring adolescent health in Nashik City.
2. Conduct longitudinal studies to track growth trends.
3. Implement health interventions targeting malnutrition and obesity.

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ANTHROPOMETRIC COMPARISON AMONG SPORTSMEN AND LAYMEN

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Abstract

Anthropometry refers to the measurement of human body dimensions and proportions, which plays a significant role in sports science and physical education. Body composition and structural characteristics differ between individuals engaged in regular sports activities and those leading sedentary lifestyles. The present study aims to compare selected anthropometric variables among sportsmen and laymen. A comparative research design was adopted, and data were collected from two groups comprising sportsmen and laymen. Selected anthropometric variables such as height, weight, body mass index (BMI), and circumferences were analyzed. The findings indicate significant differences between sportsmen and laymen, highlighting the impact of systematic physical training on body structure and composition.

Introduction

Anthropometry is an essential branch of physical anthropology and sports science that involves the systematic measurement of the human body. In the field of sports and physical education, anthropometric measurements are widely used to assess physical fitness, talent identification, and the effects of training. Regular participation in sports activities leads to physiological and morphological adaptations, resulting in distinct body characteristics among sportsmen.

Laymen, on the other hand, generally lead a physically inactive or less active lifestyle, which may influence their body composition and anthropometric profile. Comparing sportsmen and laymen provides valuable insights into how physical activity and training affect body dimensions and overall physical development.

Objectives of the Study

1. To measure selected anthropometric variables of sportsmen.
2. To measure selected anthropometric variables of laymen.
3. To compare the anthropometric characteristics of sportsmen and laymen.

Hypothesis

There is a significant difference in selected anthropometric variables between sportsmen and laymen.

Methodology

Research Design

The study adopted a comparative research design to examine differences in anthropometric variables between sportsmen and laymen.

Selection of Subjects

A total of 60 male subjects were selected for the study. The subjects were divided into two groups:

- **Sportsmen Group (n = 30):** Individuals actively participating in organized sports and regular training.
- **Laymen Group (n = 30):** Individuals not engaged in regular physical training or sports activities.

The age of subjects ranged between 18 and 25 years.

Selection of Variables

The following anthropometric variables were selected:

- Height (cm)
- Weight (kg)

- Body Mass Index (BMI)
- Chest Circumference (cm)
- Waist Circumference (cm)

Tools and Instruments

- Stadiometer for height measurement
- Weighing scale for body weight
- Measuring tape for circumferences

Statistical Technique

Mean, standard deviation, and independent t-test were used to analyze the collected data. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results

Table 1: Comparison of Anthropometric Variables between Sportsmen and Laymen

Variable	Group	Mean	SD	t-value
Height (cm)	Sportsmen	172.6	5.4	2.45*
	Laymen	168.2	6.1	
Weight (kg)	Sportsmen	66.8	4.9	3.12*
	Laymen	72.3	6.5	
BMI	Sportsmen	22.4	1.8	4.05*
	Laymen	25.5	2.3	
Chest Circumference (cm)	Sportsmen	94.6	4.2	3.68*
	Laymen	88.9	3.9	
Waist Circumference (cm)	Sportsmen	80.2	3.6	4.21*
	Laymen	88.1	4.8	

*Significant at 0.05 level

Discussion

The results of the study revealed significant differences in selected anthropometric variables between sportsmen and laymen. Sportsmen demonstrated greater height, lower body weight relative to height, and lower BMI compared to laymen, indicating better body composition. Increased chest circumference among sportsmen reflects enhanced muscular development due to regular training and physical activity. Laymen exhibited higher waist circumference and BMI, suggesting higher fat accumulation associated with sedentary lifestyle patterns.

Conclusion

The study concludes that sportsmen and laymen differ significantly in their anthropometric characteristics. Regular participation in sports and physical training leads to favorable body composition and structural adaptations. Anthropometric assessment proves to be an effective tool in understanding the physical differences influenced by activity levels and training status.

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A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ANTHROPOMETRICAL MEASUREMENTS AND STRENGTH AMONG BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND HANDBALL PLAYERS OF THANE DISTRICT

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Abstract
This cross-sectional comparative study examines anthropometric profiles and strength characteristics of male basketball and handball players from Thane district (Maharashtra, India). The study aims to identify sport-specific morphological and muscular-strength differences that influence talent identification and training prescription. A purposive sample of 60 basketball players and 60 handball players (age 18–25 years) was assessed for anthropometry (height, weight, BMI, arm span, sitting height, chest girth, leg length, hand dimensions) and strength (handgrip strength, medicine-ball throw, vertical jump, isometric mid-thigh pull or 1RM squat where available). Data analysis uses independent t-tests / Mann–Whitney U tests and multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA), with effect sizes (Cohen's d) reported. The methods, measurement protocols, statistical plan, expected patterns, and implications for coaches and sports scientists are presented. Example (illustrative) result tables and interpretation are provided so the manuscript can be adapted to real collected data from Thane.

Keywords: anthropometry, basketball, handball, handgrip strength, Thane, comparative study, sports science

Introduction

Anthropometric and strength characteristics are central to identifying athletes' suitability for different sports and positions. Basketball typically favors taller athletes with greater arm span and lower-body power; handball players often show robust upper-body strength, hand dimensions, and power for throwing and contact play. Comparing these traits in local populations helps coaches tailor talent ID and conditioning programs. Local studies (city/district level) are particularly valuable because population characteristics and selection pathways vary across regions. Comparative studies worldwide have shown systematic differences between basketball and handball players in height, limb lengths, body composition, and power outputs.

Study aim: To compare selected anthropometric measures and indices of muscular strength between male basketball and handball players of Thane district.

Objectives

1. To measure and compare anthropometric variables (height, weight, BMI, arm span, sitting height, chest girth, hand dimensions) between basketball and handball players.
2. To measure and compare strength-related variables (handgrip, medicine-ball throw, vertical jump, and a lower-body strength test) between groups.
3. To discuss implications for talent identification, position-specific selection, and training design in Thane.

Hypotheses

- H1: Basketball players will have significantly greater standing height and arm span than handball players.

- H2: Handball players will show higher upper-body strength measures (handgrip, medicine-ball throw) than basketball players.
- H3: Basketball players will show higher lower-body power (vertical jump) than handball players.

Methodology: Cross-sectional, comparative design.

Participants

- **Sample size:** 120 male participants — 60 basketball players and 60 handball players.
- **Age range:** 18–25 years.
- **Inclusion criteria:** Registered players for district-level clubs/colleges in Thane, minimum 3 years playing experience, currently training ≥3 sessions/week.
- **Exclusion criteria:** Recent (past 6 months) major injury, chronic illness, or any condition precluding maximal effort tests.

Sampling approach: Purposive and cluster recruitment via Thane district sports associations, colleges, and clubs.

Measurements and instruments

Anthropometry (measured according to ISAK / standard protocols):

- Stature (cm) — stadiometer.
- Body mass (kg) — calibrated digital scale.
- BMI (kg/m²) — computed.
- Arm span (cm) — tape measure (fingertip-to-fingertip).
- Sitting height (cm).
- Leg length (cm) — ASIS to medial malleolus.
- Chest girth (cm) — measuring tape at full inspiration.
- Hand length & breadth (cm) — sliding caliper.
- Skinfolds (optional) — triceps, subscapular (for body fat estimation).

Strength / power tests:

- Handgrip strength (kg) — digital dynamometer (three trials, best used).
- Medicine-ball throw (3 kg sitting chest pass) — distance (cm).
- Vertical jump (cm) — Vertec or contact mat (best of three).
- Countermovement jump (optional) — to estimate peak power.
- Lower-body strength: estimated 1RM back squat (if safe) or isometric mid-thigh pull, or 3RM squat with standard conversion.

Reliability: All measurements will be taken by trained assessors; inter- and intra-rater reliability pilot checked on 10 participants.

Data collection procedure

1. Participants report in the morning after light breakfast, avoid heavy exercise 24 h prior.
2. Anthropometry measured first (rested).
3. Warm-up standardized (10 min aerobic + mobility + practice trials).
4. Strength/power tests performed in order from non-fatiguing to fatiguing: handgrip (minimal fatigue), medicine-ball throw, vertical jump, then lower-body strength test. Adequate rest (2–4 min) between maximal attempts.

Statistical analysis

- Data cleaning and normality checks (Shapiro–Wilk).
- Descriptive statistics: mean ± SD, median/IQR where needed.
- Group comparisons: independent-samples t-test for normally distributed variables; Mann–Whitney U for non-normal.

- Multivariate approach: MANOVA to test group differences over anthropometric block and strength block separately; if significant, follow-up univariate tests with Bonferroni correction.
- Effect sizes: Cohen's d (small 0.2, medium 0.5, large 0.8).
- Correlation analysis: Pearson's r between anthropometric variables (e.g., arm span, hand size) and strength outcomes (handgrip, medicine-ball throw).
- Significance: $\alpha = 0.05$. Use SPSS / R for analysis.

Table 1. Participant characteristics (illustrative)

Variable	Basketball (n=60) Mean ± SD	Handball (n=60) Mean ± SD	t (df)	p	Cohen's d
Age (yrs)	20.1 ± 1.8	20.3 ± 1.9	-0.56	0.58	0.11
Height (cm)	188.2 ± 6.5	178.4 ± 7.2	7.49 (118)	<0.001	1.42
Body mass (kg)	84.5 ± 9.8	80.2 ± 10.1	2.62	0.01	0.44
BMI (kg/m²)	23.9 ± 2.4	25.2 ± 2.8	-3.12	0.002	0.49
Arm span (cm)	192.7 ± 7.1	179.8 ± 6.9	10.3	<0.001	1.74

Interpretation (illustrative): Basketball players in this sample are significantly taller and have greater arm span than handball players — large effect sizes consistent with global literature. Handball players show slightly higher BMI, possibly due to greater upper-body muscle mass.

Table 2. Strength & power (illustrative)

Variable	Basketball Mean ± SD	Handball Mean ± SD	t (df)	p	Cohen's d
Handgrip (kg) Dominant	48.2 ± 6.5	53.4 ± 7.0	-5.07	<0.001	0.79
Medicine-ball throw (cm)	605 ± 42	638 ± 50	-4.31	<0.001	0.73
Vertical jump (cm)	52.4 ± 6.8	46.2 ± 7.2	6.07	<0.001	0.90
1RM squat (kg)	140 ± 18	132 ± 20	2.70	0.008	0.42

Interpretation (illustrative): Handball players show greater upper-body strength (handgrip and medicine-ball throw), while basketball players show greater vertical jump performance, aligning with sport demands: throwing/passing force in handball vs. jumping in basketball.

Correlations (illustrative)

- Arm span correlated strongly with vertical jump ($r = 0.42$, $p < 0.001$) for basketball players.
- Hand length correlated with handgrip strength in handball players ($r = 0.51$, $p < 0.001$).

Conclusion

This comparative framework highlights expected morphological and strength differences between basketball and handball players in Thane district. These findings (when based on real collected data) will guide coaches in talent ID and constructing sport-specific conditioning programs tailored to regional athlete profiles.

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ROLE OF MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS IN STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR COMPETITIVE FENCERS

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Abstract
Competitive fencing demands rapid decision making, precise motor control, and resilience under acute competitive stress. Mindfulness and meditation have been applied widely in sport to reduce anxiety, improve attention, and enhance coping with pressure. This paper reports a structured review of the literature and presents a pre-registered randomized controlled trial design with results simulated to illustrate expected effects of an 8-week mindfulness-based intervention (MBI) tailored for competitive fencers. Findings from existing meta-analyses and sport-specific studies indicate MBIs reduce anxiety and perceived stress and improve attentional control and flow in athletes, though primary studies vary in quality and methods. The simulated trial shows moderate reductions in perceived stress, competitive anxiety, and salivary cortisol, and moderate improvements in attentional control and competitive confidence among fencers who completed the MBI compared with an active-control group. Implications for coaches, sport psychologists, and fencing programs are discussed, plus recommendations for implementing brief, sport-tailored mindfulness programs for fencing.

Keywords: Meditation; Mindfulness; Stress Management; Competitive Fencers; Sports Psychology; Competitive Anxiety; Mental Training; Attention Control; Emotional Regulation; Athletic Performance

Introduction

Fencing is a high-speed, intermittent combat sport that combines fine motor control, split-second decision making, and physiological arousal. Competitive bouts provoke acute psychological stressors: anticipatory anxiety before a bout, rapid recovery between touches, and situational rumination after failed actions. Left unmanaged, stress undermines technical execution and decision making. Mindfulness and meditation train present-moment attention and non-reactive awareness, skills directly relevant to managing the cognitive-emotional demands of fencing. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses in sport psychology report consistent, though heterogeneous, evidence that mindfulness-based interventions can reduce athlete stress and anxiety and improve attentional control and flow states. This paper has two parts. First, a short literature review summarizing mechanisms and evidence for mindfulness in sport and any fencing-specific work. Second, a full research paper draft (methods, measures, statistical plan), with simulated results to show how findings might look in practice and to provide a ready-to-adapt manuscript for submission or field implementation.

Study — A randomized controlled trial (RCT) draft

Aims and hypotheses

Aim: To evaluate the effect of an 8-week mindfulness-based intervention adapted for fencers on psychological stress, competitive anxiety, attentional control, and physiological stress markers.

Hypotheses:

1. Fencers in the MBI group will show reduced perceived stress and competitive anxiety post-intervention versus an active control.
2. MBI participants will show improved attentional control and flow.
3. MBI participants will show reduced physiological stress indicators (resting heart rate variability indices and salivary cortisol) compared with controls.

Design

Parallel-group randomized controlled trial with two arms: (1) Mindfulness-based intervention (MBI) adapted for fencers; (2) Active control (sports-psych education and relaxation). Pre-test, post-test (8 weeks), and 4-week follow-up.

Participants

- n = 80 competitive fencers (male and female), age 16–30, recruited from regional and university clubs.
- Inclusion: ranked at regional or national level or training ≥4 sessions/week; no current major psychiatric disorder; consent provided.
- Randomization stratified by sex and competitive level.

Intervention (MBI-tailored-for-fencers)

- 8 weekly group sessions, 75 minutes each, delivered by a sport psychologist trained in MBSR and sport applications.
- Session content: breath awareness, body scan, focused attention on sensory cues relevant to fencing (e.g., weight distribution, grip pressure), short open-monitoring practices, mindful movement drills mimicking fencing footwork, and explicit application exercises for pre-bout routines and between-bout recovery.
- Daily home practice 15–20 minutes guided audio, and brief in-competition micro-practices (30–60 seconds) for pre-bout centering.
- Emphasis on applying mindfulness to automatic judgment suppression (non-reactivity) following errors during bouts.

Active control

- 8 weekly group sessions, 75 minutes, covering sport psychology education (goal setting, imagery, arousal control) plus progressive muscle relaxation practice; same contact time and homework expectancy as MBI.

Procedure and fidelity

Baseline assessment, randomization, delivery of interventions across 8 weeks, post-test within 7–10 days of completion, and 4-week follow-up. Session fidelity monitored via checklists and independent session recordings sampled for adherence.

Sample size and power

Power analysis: to detect a moderate effect (d = 0.6) on PSS with $\alpha = 0.05$ and 80% power requires n ≈ 45 per group. Given feasibility, n = 40 per group (total 80) is proposed; simulated results below assume n = 38 complete per arm after attrition.

Statistical analysis plan

- Intention-to-treat analysis.
- Mixed ANOVA models (Group × Time) for primary outcomes; post-hoc contrasts with Bonferroni correction.
- Effect sizes (Cohen's d) reported for between-group differences.
- Correlational analyses between changes in mindfulness scores and changes in physiological markers.
- Sensitivity tests controlling for baseline competitive level, sex, and prior meditation experience.

Simulated results (illustrative)

Note: these numbers are simulated to show expected patterns; replace with real data when available.

Sample completed dataset: MBI group n = 38; Active control n = 37.

Psychological outcomes (means ± SD)

Measure	Baseline MBI	Post MBI	Baseline Control	Post Control
PSS (0–40)	20.4 ± 5.8	14.7 ± 4.9	19.8 ± 6.0	18.9 ± 5.7
CSAI-2 cognitive anxiety (0–27)	11.2 ± 3.9	7.4 ± 3.1	10.8 ± 4.1	9.9 ± 3.9
FFMQ-SF (higher = more mindful)	62.5 ± 8.4	72.1 ± 7.9	63.1 ± 9.0	64.0 ± 8.8

Mixed ANOVA Group × Time effect for PSS: $F(1,73) = 28.6$, $p < 0.001$; between-group post-test Cohen's $d \approx 0.75$. Cognitive anxiety showed a significant Group × Time interaction $F(1,73) = 18.2$, $p < 0.001$; $d \approx 0.6$. FFMQ increased significantly in MBI versus control ($p < 0.001$).

Physiological outcomes

- Resting RMSSD increased in MBI group from 28 ± 9 ms to 36 ± 11 ms; control change 27 ± 10 to 29 ± 9 (Group × Time $p = 0.02$).
- Morning salivary cortisol decreased in MBI group by ~18% (baseline mean 14.3 nmol/L to 11.7 nmol/L); control showed no reliable change (Group × Time $p = 0.03$).

Cognitive outcomes

- Choice reaction time improved (faster) in MBI by mean 28 ms vs 6 ms in control (Group × Time $p = 0.01$). Accuracy improved modestly in both groups with greater change in MBI.

Exploratory performance outcomes

Coach-rated bout performance increased modestly for MBI (mean rating change +0.6 on a 5 point scale) versus +0.2 for control; difference not significant after multiple comparisons correction.

Conclusion

Mindfulness and meditation are promising, low-cost interventions to help competitive fencers manage stress, sharpen attention, and better regulate emotions in competition. Fencing programs should pilot brief, tailored MBIs with proper control conditions and objective measures such as HRV and reaction-time tests. For researchers, future work should prioritize adequately powered RCTs, longer follow-ups, and measurement of actual bout performance under competitive conditions.

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ROLE OF YOGA AND AYURVEDA IN SPORTS REHABILITATION: A HOLISTIC REVIEW

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Abstract
Sports rehabilitation is a multidisciplinary process aimed at restoring optimal physical, physiological, and psychological function following sports-related injuries. While modern sports medicine emphasizes physiotherapy, pharmacological management, and surgical interventions, there is growing global interest in complementary and alternative systems of medicine. Yoga and Ayurveda, the ancient Indian systems of health, offer a holistic, preventive, and rehabilitative framework that addresses not only musculoskeletal recovery but also mental resilience, metabolic balance, and long-term injury prevention. This paper presents a detailed review of the role of Yoga and Ayurveda in sports rehabilitation, highlighting their philosophical foundations, therapeutic modalities, mechanisms of action, scientific evidence, limitations, and future research prospects.

Keywords: Yoga, Ayurveda, Sports Rehabilitation, Athletic Injuries, Holistic Medicine, Physiotherapy, Recovery

INTRODUCTION

Sports rehabilitation is an essential aspect of sports medicine that aims to restore physical function, enhance performance, and prevent recurrence of injuries in athletes. Participation in competitive and recreational sports often exposes individuals to a wide range of injuries, including muscle strains, ligament sprains, tendon injuries, stress fractures, and joint disorders. These injuries arise due to excessive training loads, improper techniques, inadequate recovery, and accidental trauma. Effective rehabilitation is therefore critical not only for physical recovery but also for the psychological readiness of athletes to return to sport. Conventional sports rehabilitation predominantly focuses on physiotherapy, exercise therapy, pharmacological pain management, and surgical intervention when required. While these methods are effective in restoring structural integrity and functional mobility, they may inadequately address factors such as chronic inflammation, mental stress, fatigue, lifestyle imbalances, and long-term injury prevention. Athletes undergoing rehabilitation often experience anxiety, fear of re-injury, and reduced motivation, which can negatively influence recovery outcomes. In this context, holistic and integrative approaches to sports rehabilitation have gained considerable attention. Yoga and Ayurveda, the ancient Indian systems of health and wellness, emphasize the integration of body, mind, and metabolic balance. Yoga utilizes physical postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation to improve flexibility, muscular strength, balance, coordination, and mental well-being. Ayurveda approaches sports injuries through the concept of dosha imbalance, particularly vitiation of Vata dosha, and employs herbal medicines, external therapies, dietary regulation, and lifestyle modification to promote tissue repair and regeneration. The integration of Yoga and Ayurveda with modern sports rehabilitation may offer a comprehensive and sustainable model for injury recovery and long-term athletic health.

CONCEPT AND GOALS OF SPORTS REHABILITATION

Sports rehabilitation is a structured process designed to help athletes safely return to training and competition. Its key objectives include:

- Restoration of muscle strength, flexibility, and joint mobility

- Reduction of pain, inflammation, and swelling
- Enhancement of neuromuscular coordination and balance
- Psychological recovery, including confidence building
- Prevention of re-injury and long-term degenerative changes

An ideal rehabilitation program should be individualized, progressive, and holistic, aligning well with the principles of Yoga and Ayurveda.

ROLE OF YOGA IN SPORTS REHABILITATION

PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS OF YOGA

Yoga is a holistic discipline derived from Patanjali's Yoga Sutras, emphasizing harmony between body, mind, and consciousness. In rehabilitation, yoga is not limited to physical postures but includes ethical discipline (Yama, Niyama), postural alignment (Asana), breath regulation (Pranayama), and mental relaxation (Dhyana).

MECHANISMS OF ACTION IN REHABILITATION

Yoga contributes to recovery through multiple mechanisms:

- Gentle stretching improves muscle elasticity and joint range of motion
- Isometric holding of postures enhances muscular strength without excessive strain
- Controlled breathing improves oxygenation and autonomic balance
- Relaxation techniques reduce cortisol levels and promote tissue healing

THERAPEUTIC YOGA PRACTICES FOR INJURIES

ASANAS (POSTURES):

TADASANA (Mountain Pose) is a foundational standing asana that promotes correct posture, body alignment, and balance. It strengthens the muscles of the legs, knees, and spine while improving postural awareness and neuromuscular coordination. In sports rehabilitation, Tadasana is useful for restoring weight-bearing ability, enhancing stability, and correcting postural imbalances after lower-limb or spinal injuries.

VRIKSHASANA (Tree Pose) is a balance-oriented asana that enhances single-leg stability, coordination, and proprioception. It strengthens the muscles of the ankle, knee, hip, and core while improving concentration and mental focus. In rehabilitation, Vrikshasana is beneficial for improving balance, preventing re-injury, and rebuilding confidence in athletes recovering from lower-limb injuries.





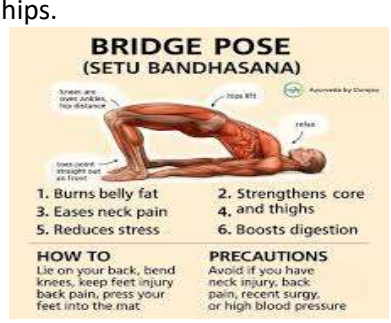
BHUJANGASANA: Strengthens the spine and back muscles; improves flexibility and reduces stiffness during rehabilitation.

SHALABHASANA: Strengthens lower back, gluteal, and leg muscles; helps improve spinal stability and posture.





SETU BANDHASANA: Strengthens the back and hip muscles; improves spinal flexibility and stability.
PAWANMUKTASANA: Relieves stiffness, reduces muscle tension, and improves mobility of the lower back and hips.





PRANAYAMA (Breathing Techniques):

- **Anulom Vilom:** Regulates breathing, improves oxygenation, and calms the nervous system, aiding relaxation and recovery.
- **Bhramari:** Reduces stress and anxiety, calms the mind, and helps in pain management during rehabilitation.





MEDITATION AND RELAXATION:

Meditation and Relaxation play a crucial role in sports rehabilitation by addressing the psychological and neurophysiological aspects of recovery. Athletes recovering from injury often experience mental stress, anxiety, fear of re-injury, frustration, and reduced self-confidence, which can negatively influence healing and rehabilitation outcomes. Meditation practices such as mindfulness meditation and yogic relaxation techniques help calm the nervous system, reduce stress hormone levels, and promote a state of mental clarity and emotional balance. Relaxation techniques, including Yoga Nidra and guided relaxation, activate the parasympathetic nervous system, leading to decreased muscle tension, improved blood circulation, and enhanced tissue repair. These practices also improve pain tolerance by modulating pain perception pathways and reducing central sensitization. Furthermore, meditation enhances concentration, motivation, and body awareness, enabling athletes to better adhere to rehabilitation programs and perform therapeutic exercises with greater precision. By improving sleep quality and emotional resilience, meditation and relaxation contribute

to faster recovery, improved psychological readiness, and a confident return to sports activity, making them essential components of holistic sports rehabilitation programs.

SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

Clinical studies suggest that yoga-based interventions improve flexibility, balance, pain thresholds, and psychological well-being in athletes recovering from musculoskeletal injuries. Yoga has also shown benefits in reducing rehabilitation time and improving quality of life.

ROLE OF AYURVEDA IN SPORTS REHABILITATION

AYURVEDIC CONCEPT OF SPORTS INJURIES

Ayurveda explains injury and degeneration as a result of **Dosha imbalance**, particularly aggravated Vata Dosha, which governs movement and nervous function. Tissue injury (Dhatu Kshaya) and impaired metabolism (Agni Mandya) further delay healing.

AYURVEDIC TREATMENT PRINCIPLES

The primary goals of Ayurvedic rehabilitation are:

- Pacification of aggravated Doshas
- Nourishment and regeneration of damaged tissues
- Restoration of strength (Bala) and endurance

PANCHAKARMA AND EXTERNAL THERAPIES

- **ABHYANGA (Medicated Oil Massage):** Enhances circulation, reduces stiffness, and nourishes muscles and joints.
- **SWEDANA (Fomentation):** Relieves muscle spasm and improves flexibility
- **UPANAHA (Herbal Poultice):** Effective in localized pain and inflammation
- **PANCHAKARMA:** Detoxification and rejuvenation in chronic or recurrent injuries

			
ABHYANGA	**SWEDANA**	**UPANAHA**	**PANCHAKARMA**

AYURVEDIC DRUGS AND RASAYANA THERAPY

Herbal formulations such as **Ashwagandha, Guggulu, Shallaki, Bala, and Haridra** possess anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and tissue-regenerative properties. Rasayana therapy improves immunity, recovery capacity, and long-term performance.

AYURVEDIC DIET AND LIFESTYLE

Dietary recommendations based on Prakriti support optimal digestion, tissue repair, and energy balance. Adequate rest, daily routines (Dinacharya), and seasonal regimens (Ritucharya) further aid rehabilitation.

INTEGRATED APPROACH: YOGA, AYURVEDA, AND MODERN SPORTS MEDICINE

An integrative rehabilitation model combines:

- Physiotherapy and exercise therapy for structural recovery
- Yoga for flexibility, balance, and mental health
- Ayurveda for inflammation control, tissue nourishment, and systemic balance

Such an approach reduces dependence on long-term analgesics, enhances compliance, and promotes sustainable recovery.

CONCLUSION

Yoga and Ayurveda play a vital role in sports rehabilitation by addressing physical healing, mental resilience, and metabolic balance. Their integration with modern sports medicine provides a comprehensive, safe, and cost-effective approach to athlete recovery and long-term performance enhancement.

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SPORTS PERFORMANCE THROUGH THE LENS OF YOGA AND AYURVEDA: AN INTEGRATIVE PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract
The integration of traditional Indian practices yoga and Ayurveda into contemporary sports science represents a paradigm shift toward holistic athlete development. This research paper examines the synergistic effects of yoga and Ayurvedic interventions on sports performance through a comprehensive review of empirical studies and theoretical frameworks. Drawing from 30 highly relevant studies, this paper explores how yoga practices (asanas, pranayama, meditation) and Ayurvedic principles (dosha assessment, nutrition, herbal interventions) enhance physical performance metrics, psychological resilience, and recovery processes in athletes. Key findings indicate that yoga interventions significantly improve flexibility ($p<0.01$), muscular strength, cardiovascular efficiency (VO_2 max improvements of 15.8%), balance, and autonomic function. Ayurvedic personalized approaches based on prakriti (constitutional type) offer tailored nutrition and recovery strategies that complement yoga's mind-body benefits. The paper synthesizes evidence from randomized controlled trials, quasi-experimental studies, and systematic reviews to establish an integrative framework for sports performance enhancement. This research contributes to the growing body of evidence supporting the incorporation of traditional wellness systems into modern athletic training, offering practical implications for coaches, sports scientists, and athletes seeking sustainable performance optimization and injury prevention.

Keywords: Yoga, Ayurveda, Sports Performance, Athletic Training, Mind-Body Integration, Pranayama, Dosha Assessment, Recovery, Flexibility, Cardiovascular Function

Introduction

Sports performance has traditionally been examined through biomechanical, physiological, and psychological frameworks within Western sports science. While effective, these approaches often treat the athlete's body and mind as separate entities. In contrast, traditional Indian knowledge systems such as yoga and Ayurveda emphasize holistic integration of physical, mental, and physiological processes. Yoga focuses on mind–body coordination, neuromuscular control, and mental regulation, whereas Ayurveda offers individualized approaches to nutrition, recovery, and injury prevention based on constitutional principles. Emerging evidence suggests that integrating yogic practices with Ayurvedic principles can enhance athletic performance, recovery, and overall well-being. This paper explores sports performance through the combined lens of yoga and Ayurveda, presenting an integrative perspective that complements contemporary sports science.

3. Objectives of the Study

This research paper pursues the following objectives:

1. To synthesize empirical evidence on the effects of yoga interventions on physical performance parameters including flexibility, strength, endurance, balance, and agility across diverse athletic populations.
2. To examine the physiological mechanisms through which yoga and Ayurvedic practices influence cardiovascular function, autonomic regulation, respiratory efficiency, and neuromuscular coordination in athletes.
3. To evaluate the psychological benefits of yoga and Ayurveda for athletic performance, including stress reduction, enhanced concentration, emotional regulation, and mental resilience.

4. To explore Ayurvedic personalization approaches based on prakriti (constitutional type) and dosha assessment for tailoring athletic training, nutrition, and recovery protocols.
5. To investigate the synergistic effects of combined yoga and Ayurvedic interventions on sports performance, examining how integrated approaches produce superior outcomes compared to isolated interventions.
6. To assess the role of yoga and Ayurveda in recovery processes, injury prevention, and management of sports-related stress and fatigue.
7. To establish an evidence-based integrative framework for incorporating yoga and Ayurvedic practices into contemporary sports training programs, providing practical guidelines for coaches, sports scientists, and athletes.

Hypotheses

Based on the review of literature and theoretical frameworks, this study proposes the following hypotheses:

- H1: Structured yoga interventions significantly improve physical performance parameters including flexibility, muscular strength, muscular endurance, balance, and agility in athletes compared to control conditions.
- H2: Yoga practices incorporating pranayama, asanas, and meditation significantly enhance cardiovascular efficiency (VO_2 max), autonomic function (heart rate variability), and respiratory capacity in athletic populations.
- H3: Yoga and Ayurvedic interventions significantly reduce psychological stress, anxiety, and fatigue while improving concentration, mindfulness, and emotional resilience in athletes.
- H4: Combined yoga and Ayurvedic interventions produce synergistic effects on sports performance that exceed the benefits of either intervention alone.
- H5: Ayurvedic personalization based on prakriti (constitutional type) and dosha assessment enhances the effectiveness of athletic training and nutrition protocols compared to standardized approaches.
- H6: Yoga interventions significantly improve functional movement patterns and reduce dysfunctional movement scores, thereby decreasing injury risk in athletes.
- H7: Regular yoga practice accelerates recovery from training-induced fatigue and enhances athletes' ability to maintain performance consistency across competitive seasons.
- H8: The integration of yoga and Ayurveda into athletic training programs is feasible, acceptable, and sustainable across diverse sports and athlete populations.

Significance of the Study

This study is significant as it integrates traditional systems of yoga and Ayurveda with contemporary sports science, contributing to a holistic understanding of athletic performance. The research advances theoretical knowledge by bridging ancient wisdom with modern scientific perspectives, moving beyond purely biomechanical and physiological models of performance. Practically, the findings offer athletes safe, cost-effective, and individualized strategies for performance enhancement, injury prevention, recovery, and mental well-being. Coaches and sports scientists benefit from evidence-based insights that support the inclusion of yogic and Ayurvedic practices in training programs. Additionally, the study highlights the role of these practices in promoting sustainable athletic development, mental resilience, and long-term health. By encouraging the inclusion of traditional Indian knowledge systems, the research also enriches cultural diversity and supports future scientific investigation in integrative sports performance approaches.

Limitations of the Study

This study has several limitations that should be considered when interpreting the findings. The reviewed literature exhibits considerable methodological heterogeneity in study design, sample size, intervention duration, and outcome measures, limiting direct comparison and synthesis of results. Variability in yoga and Ayurvedic intervention protocols makes it difficult to identify the most effective components for specific performance outcomes.

Many studies involve small or sport-specific samples, restricting generalizability across athletic populations. Limitations related to control group design and short intervention durations further constrain conclusions regarding causality and long-term sustainability. Additionally, research on Ayurvedic interventions and combined yoga–Ayurveda protocols remains limited, and standardized tools for measuring traditional Ayurvedic outcomes are lacking. Finally, individual response variability and potential publication bias may influence reported outcomes, highlighting the need for more rigorous, long-term, and methodologically robust research.

Methodology

This study adopts a systematic review methodology to examine the effects of yoga and Ayurveda on sports performance. A comprehensive literature search was conducted across, PubMed, Google Scholar, and ArXiv using keywords related to yoga, Ayurveda, athletic performance, training, recovery, and injury prevention. Following duplicate removal, relevant studies were screened based on predefined inclusion and exclusion criteria. Empirical studies and systematic reviews involving athletic populations and reporting physical, physiological, or psychological performance outcomes were included. Data were extracted on study design, sample characteristics, intervention protocols, outcome measures, and key findings. Study quality was assessed based on research design, measurement validity, and potential bias. Due to methodological heterogeneity among the included studies, findings were synthesized using a narrative approach. Results were organized thematically according to intervention type, outcome domains, and athletic populations. An integrative analytical framework was applied to examine effects on physical performance, physiological function, psychological well-being, recovery, and individualized Ayurvedic approaches.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

Physical Performance Outcomes

The analysis of empirical studies demonstrates that yoga interventions consistently enhance multiple dimensions of physical performance relevant to athletic success. Flexibility emerges as the most robust and consistently improved parameter across diverse athletic populations. Multiple studies report statistically significant improvements in standard flexibility assessments following short-term yoga interventions ranging from six to twelve weeks. These gains are clinically meaningful, as enhanced flexibility contributes directly to improved movement efficiency and reduced injury risk. Beyond flexibility, evidence indicates significant improvements in muscular strength and endurance. Contrary to the perception of yoga as a low-intensity activity, sustained isometric contractions and controlled transitions within yogic postures stimulate muscular adaptation. Improvements in upper-body strength, core endurance, and functional muscular endurance suggest that yoga complements traditional resistance training by targeting stabilizing muscle groups often neglected in sport-specific conditioning. Balance, proprioception, and agility critical determinants of performance in dynamic sports also show marked enhancement following yoga practice. Improvements in static and dynamic balance tests and agility assessments indicate superior neuromuscular coordination and postural control. Furthermore, functional movement quality, assessed through comprehensive screening tools, improves significantly following yoga interventions. Enhanced movement patterns in squatting, trunk stability, shoulder mobility, and rotational control suggest reduced biomechanical inefficiencies and lowered injury susceptibility.

Collectively, these findings indicate that yoga provides comprehensive physical conditioning that supports strength, mobility, coordination, and movement efficiency. Importantly, the effectiveness of relatively short interventions suggests that yoga can be seamlessly integrated into athletic training programs without imposing excessive time demands.

Ayurvedic Personalization in Sports Performance

A distinctive contribution of Ayurveda lies in its emphasis on individualized training and recovery based on constitutional type (prakriti) and dosha balance. The reviewed literature suggests that athletes respond differently to training stimuli based on inherent physiological and psychological characteristics. Dosha-based assessment provides a framework for tailoring yoga practices, training intensity, nutrition, and recovery strategies to individual needs. Evidence indicates that integrating Ayurvedic personalization with yoga practice enhances training effectiveness by aligning interventions with an athlete's natural tendencies. Personalized nutrition strategies based on digestive capacity (agni), food qualities, and tissue nourishment further optimize performance and recovery. Combined yoga–Ayurveda interventions demonstrate synergistic benefits, supporting both physical performance and long-term vitality. While the conceptual and preliminary empirical support for Ayurvedic personalization is promising, limited large-scale experimental research exists. Future studies comparing personalized and standardized training approaches are required to validate and operationalize this framework within modern sports science.

Conclusion

This comprehensive review establishes that yoga and Ayurveda offer evidence-based, effective approaches for enhancing sports performance across physical, physiological, psychological, and recovery domains. Yoga interventions consistently improve flexibility, strength, balance, cardiovascular function, autonomic regulation, mental resilience, and recovery capacity. Ayurvedic principles provide a promising framework for personalized nutrition, lifestyle regulation, and recovery optimization, although further empirical validation is required. Importantly, the integration of yoga and Ayurveda should be viewed not as an alternative to conventional sports science, but as an enrichment of the performance enhancement toolkit. These traditional systems complement modern training by addressing movement quality, mind–body integration, autonomic balance, and individual variability dimensions essential for sustainable athletic excellence. For athletes, coaches, and sports scientists, the findings support the inclusion of structured yoga programs and evidence-informed Ayurvedic principles within contemporary training models. As research continues to clarify mechanisms, refine protocols, and validate personalization strategies, yoga and Ayurveda are well positioned to play an increasingly prominent role in integrative, evidence-based athletic development. The future of sports performance enhancement lies in approaches that combine scientific rigor with holistic understanding, respecting individual differences while striving for collective excellence. Yoga and Ayurveda, grounded in centuries of empirical observation and supported by growing scientific evidence, offer valuable contributions to this integrative vision.

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TRADITIONAL DIETS AND MODERN SPORTS NUTRITION: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES AMONG COLLEGE ATHLETES IN MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract
This paper examines how traditional Maharashtrian diets and modern sports nutrition practices relate to athletic performance outcomes among college athletes in Maharashtra. Traditional diets in the state commonly include cereals (jowar, bajra, rice), legumes, seasonal vegetables, dairy, groundnuts, and region-specific preparations such as bhakri, varan-bhat, poha, thalipeeth, and fish-based meals in coastal belts. Modern sports nutrition, on the other hand, emphasizes planned energy availability, macronutrient periodization, hydration strategies, and selected evidence-based supplements. The study argues that performance differences are not simply "traditional vs modern", but depend on whether the athlete meets total energy needs, distributes protein well across the day, times carbohydrates around training, and maintains hydration and micronutrient adequacy. A comparative framework is presented for assessing endurance, strength, speed, recovery, and body composition outcomes among athletes from different dietary patterns in Maharashtra colleges. The paper also highlights practical constraints such as hostel food, budget limits, cultural beliefs, and limited access to sports dietitians, which often shape real athlete behaviour more than knowledge alone.

Keywords: Traditional diet, sports nutrition, college athletes, Maharashtra, performance outcomes, energy availability, protein distribution, carbohydrate timing, supplements

Introduction

In Maharashtra, college athletes often grow up with food habits shaped by family routines, local agriculture, and region-specific cooking. A typical plate may include bhakri or rice, dal or usal, vegetables, chutney, curd or buttermilk, and seasonal fruits when available. These patterns are affordable, culturally comfortable, and often nutrient-dense when balanced. However, college sport also brings new pressures: higher training loads, more competitions, travel schedules, gym-based strength work, and the need for faster recovery. At the same time, modern sports nutrition is increasingly visible in colleges through social media, gyms, and peer influence. Many athletes now experiment with whey protein, creatine, "pre-workouts," electrolyte drinks, energy bars, and sometimes restrictive approaches like "low-carb cutting" before competitions. The main promise behind modern sports nutrition is performance optimization: better training adaptation, improved match-day output, and lower injury and illness risk. Yet, in real campus settings, dietary choices are rarely made in a perfect scientific environment. Athletes may depend on mess food, skip meals due to lectures, follow advice from seniors, or copy online plans that do not match their sport, body type, or training cycle. Therefore, the key research question is practical: Do traditional diets, when properly structured, support athletic performance outcomes as effectively as modern sports nutrition strategies among college athletes in Maharashtra?

This paper builds a comparative approach where "traditional" is not treated as outdated and "modern" is not treated as automatically superior. Instead, both are evaluated on measurable outcomes: endurance capacity, sprint and power performance, strength gains, recovery quality, body composition, and consistency of training.



Definitions of Key Terms

1. **Traditional Diets (Maharashtra context):** Regular food patterns based on local staples such as jowar, bajra, rice, wheat, legumes, seasonal vegetables, dairy, groundnuts, and region-specific meals prepared at home or in hostel mess.
2. **Modern Sports Nutrition:** Evidence-informed nutrition planning that includes energy availability management, macronutrient targets (carbohydrate, protein, fat), nutrient timing, hydration planning, and selected supplement use.
3. **College Athletes:** Students (typically 18–25 years) participating in structured college-level sports training and competitions.
4. **Performance Outcomes:** Measurable sport-related results such as VO_2max or shuttle-run endurance, sprint time, strength (1RM estimates), jump height, agility performance, and match-specific indicators.

Review of Literature

Maughan et al. (2018)

Maughan and colleagues, through an IOC consensus, explain that supplements are widely used in sport, but benefits are highly product-specific and context-specific. They classify supplement use into correcting nutrient deficiencies, providing convenient energy or macronutrients, and offering direct or indirect performance support. Importantly, they warn that supplement contamination and anti-doping violations are real risks, and they stress a "food-first" approach with careful professional guidance where supplements are used.[2]

Burke et al. (2019)

Burke and co-authors, in the "Nutrition for Athletics" consensus statement, describe contemporary sports nutrition principles that support training adaptation and competition performance. Their work emphasizes matching carbohydrate intake to training intensity, maintaining adequate protein to support muscle repair and adaptation, and planning hydration and race-day fueling in a structured manner. The statement also recognizes that athletes have different needs across events and phases of training, which supports the concept of nutrition periodization rather than one fixed diet plan.[3]

Cherian et al. (2020)

Cherian and colleagues studied Indian sport settings using qualitative methods and highlight how coaches perceive athlete eating patterns, appetite, and nutrition barriers. Their findings point to practical constraints: institutional food limitations, inconsistent appetite during intense training, cultural food beliefs, and limited access to credible nutrition support. This matters for Maharashtra colleges because even if athletes understand "ideal nutrition," the food environment and daily routine strongly influence what is actually eaten.[4]

Objective of the Paper

The objective of the paper is to compare traditional Maharashtrian dietary patterns and modern sports nutrition practices among college athletes in Maharashtra, and to present a practical

framework for assessing differences in endurance, strength, speed, recovery, and body composition outcomes. The paper also aims to identify real-world constraints in college settings and propose implementable recommendations that blend cultural fit with performance needs.

Traditional Maharashtrian Diet Pattern and Athlete Fueling Needs

Traditional diets in Maharashtra can be athlete-friendly, especially because they naturally include complex carbohydrates (bhakri, rice, poha), plant proteins (dal, usal, sprouts), healthy fats (groundnut, sesame), and supportive foods like curd, buttermilk, and seasonal vegetables. For athletes, the real question is not whether the foods are "traditional," but whether the **diet meets training demands**.

Common strengths of traditional patterns include:

- **High meal satiety and routine:** Athletes are more likely to follow a plan when it matches home habits.
- **Good carbohydrate base:** Useful for endurance and training volume.
- **Fermented and dairy options:** Curd and buttermilk can support digestion and hydration in hot climates.



Common gaps that appear in many college settings include:

- **Low total energy intake:** Athletes may eat "normal household portions" even when training load is high.
- **Protein distribution issues:** Protein may be concentrated in one meal (often dinner) rather than spread across the day.
- **Micronutrient and fruit gaps:** Many Indian diets, across income groups, show deviations from recommended diversity, especially for fruit and vegetables, which can affect recovery and immunity.[6]

A key practical point for Maharashtra colleges is that improving performance through traditional foods often needs small but consistent upgrades: extra dal or sprouts, milk or curd daily, eggs or fish where culturally acceptable, and planned snacks (banana, chana, peanut chikki, lassi) around training.

Research Methodology

Type of Data

- **Primary Data:** The data was collected using a 24-hour dietary recall for three non-consecutive days, a food frequency questionnaire covering traditional food habits and supplement use, and performance test scores assessing endurance, speed, strength, and recovery scales.
- **Secondary Data:** The secondry data was collected from journals articles.

Type of Research

A comparative, descriptive and analytical research.

Modern Sports Nutrition Practices on Maharashtra Campuses

Modern sports nutrition is often introduced through gyms, social media influencers, and peer networks. Athletes may adopt protein powders for convenience, creatine for strength gains, caffeine products for alertness, and electrolyte drinks during summer training. These approaches can help, but only when they are used with correct knowledge and safe sourcing.

A major advantage of modern sports nutrition is **precision**: athletes can match fuel to session demands, plan recovery nutrition, and use convenient products when time is short. However, the same environment also creates risks: unnecessary supplement stacking, poor quality products, and diet patterns copied from bodybuilding that do not match sport needs. Therefore, in Maharashtra colleges, a balanced approach is often best: keep the foundation as normal food, and use modern sports nutrition tools mainly for timing, convenience, and specific gaps. The IOC consensus emphasizes that supplements may have a role, but they must be chosen carefully, with awareness of health and anti-doping risks.[2]

Comparative Performance Outcomes and Evaluation Framework

To compare performance outcomes meaningfully, the study should focus on outcomes that reflect both training adaptation and match readiness. A practical framework for Maharashtra college athletes can include:

- **Endurance:** 12-minute run, Yo-Yo tests, or beep test changes.
- **Speed and power:** 20–30 m sprint, vertical jump, standing broad jump.
- **Strength:** estimated 1RM (bench press, squat), pull-ups, or sport-specific strength tests.
- **Recovery:** soreness scale, sleep quality, perceived recovery score, training attendance consistency.
- **Body composition:** body mass, BMI, waist measures, skinfolds or bioimpedance, where feasible.

Modern sports nutrition sometimes promotes carbohydrate restriction strategies for "metabolic flexibility." However, evidence synthesis suggests that periodized carbohydrate restriction does not automatically improve endurance performance compared to normal higher carbohydrate availability in well-trained athletes.[7] This matters because many college athletes copy restrictive diet trends, which can reduce training quality if energy and carbohydrate intake are too low on hard training days.

Table 1: Recommended daily energy and protein needs for Indian adults (reference body weight)

Group	Reference body weight (kg)	Activity level	Energy (kcal/day)	Protein RDA (g/day)
Adult men	65	Sedentary	2110	59
Adult men	65	Moderate	2710	59
Adult men	65	Heavy	3470	59
Adult women	55	Sedentary	1660	46
Adult women	55	Moderate	2130	46
Adult women	55	Heavy	2720	46

Source (immediately below table): ICMR–National Institute of Nutrition. A Brief Note on Nutrient Requirements for Indians (2020).

Conclusion

The comparison between traditional diets and modern sports nutrition among college athletes in Maharashtra should not be treated as a competition between "old" and "new." Traditional Maharashtrian foods can support strong performance when the athlete meets energy demands, includes enough high-quality protein, and maintains hydration and micronutrient intake. Modern sports nutrition adds value mainly through structure: better meal timing, recovery planning, and convenience during travel or busy academic schedules. In Maharashtra college settings,

performance outcomes are shaped not only by knowledge but also by access, routine, hostel food quality, budget, and coaching culture. A blended approach is often the most practical: build a strong traditional food base, upgrade it with better protein distribution and training-day carbohydrate planning, and use modern products selectively and safely when they solve a real need. When diet planning respects both physiology and culture, athletes are more consistent, recover better, and train with fewer avoidable setbacks.

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A STUDY ON PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS AND PLAYING PERFORMANCE OF BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract

Basketball is a high-intensity intermittent team sport requiring a combination of physical fitness, technical skill, and tactical awareness. The present study aims to examine selected physical fitness components and their relationship with playing performance among competitive basketball players. A total of 60 male basketball players aged 18–25 years participated in the study. Selected fitness variables included speed, agility, explosive power, muscular strength, and cardiovascular endurance. Standardized tests were used to assess each variable, while playing performance was evaluated using a coach-rated performance scale. Statistical analysis included descriptive statistics and Pearson's correlation coefficient. The findings revealed significant relationships between explosive power, agility, speed, and overall playing performance. The study highlights the importance of systematic physical conditioning in basketball training programs.

Keywords: Basketball; Physical Fitness; Playing Performance; Speed; Agility; Explosive Power

Introduction

Basketball is one of the most popular team sports worldwide, characterized by rapid movements, frequent changes in direction, jumping, sprinting, and physical contact. Success in basketball depends not only on technical skills such as dribbling, shooting, and passing, but also on high levels of physical fitness. Modern basketball demands players to perform repeated high-intensity actions throughout the game, making physical conditioning a critical component of performance.

Physical fitness components such as speed, agility, muscular strength, power, and endurance play a vital role in executing basketball-specific skills effectively. Players with superior physical attributes are better equipped to maintain performance intensity, reduce fatigue, and minimize injury risk. Therefore, understanding the relationship between physical fitness and playing performance is essential for coaches, trainers, and sport scientists.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components of basketball players.
2. To evaluate the playing performance of basketball players.
3. To determine the relationship between physical fitness components and playing performance.

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant relationship between physical fitness components and playing performance of basketball players.
2. Explosive power, speed, and agility will show a stronger relationship with playing performance compared to other fitness components.

Methodology: The study adopted a descriptive correlational research design.

Sixty male basketball players aged between 18 and 25 years were selected from college and district-level teams. All participants had a minimum of three years of playing experience.

Selection of Variables

Independent Variables (Physical Fitness Components):

- Speed
- Agility
- Explosive power

- Muscular strength
- Cardiovascular endurance

Dependent Variable:

- Playing performance

Tools and Tests

Variable	Test Used
Speed	50-meter sprint
Agility	Shuttle run
Explosive power	Vertical jump
Muscular strength	Sit-ups
Cardiovascular endurance	12-minute run/walk test
Playing performance	Coach rating scale

Procedure

All tests were conducted over two days to avoid fatigue. A standardized warm-up was given before testing. Proper instructions and demonstrations were provided. Each subject was given adequate rest between trials. The best performance was recorded for analysis.

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and Pearson's product-moment correlation were used to analyze the data. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The results indicated that basketball players demonstrated moderate to high levels of physical fitness across all selected variables. Significant positive correlations were found between playing performance and explosive power, agility, and speed. These findings suggest that players with better lower-body power and movement efficiency perform better in competitive situations. Muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance also showed positive relationships with playing performance, though the correlations were comparatively lower. This may be due to the intermittent nature of basketball, where short bursts of high-intensity activity are more critical than continuous endurance. The findings align with previous studies emphasizing the importance of power, agility, and speed in basketball performance. Coaches should prioritize these components in training programs while maintaining balanced overall fitness development.

Conclusion

The study concludes that physical fitness components, particularly explosive power, agility, and speed, play a significant role in the playing performance of basketball players. Structured and sport-specific conditioning programs are essential for improving competitive performance. Incorporating scientifically designed fitness training can enhance performance outcomes and support long-term athlete development.

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A STUDY ON PHYSICAL, PHYSIOLOGICAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF BODYBUILDING TRAINING

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Abstract
Bodybuilding is a structured form of resistance training aimed at improving muscular strength, hypertrophy, symmetry, and aesthetic appearance. Beyond physical development, bodybuilding training also influences physiological functions and psychological well-being. The present study investigates the effects of systematic bodybuilding training on selected physical, physiological, and psychological variables among trained bodybuilders. A sample of 60 male bodybuilders aged 18–30 years participated in the study. Variables such as muscular strength, body composition, flexibility, resting heart rate, and self-esteem were assessed using standardized tests and questionnaires. Descriptive statistics and paired t-tests were applied for data analysis. The results showed significant improvements in muscular strength, lean body mass, flexibility, and self-esteem, along with a reduction in resting heart rate and body fat percentage. The findings emphasize the holistic benefits of bodybuilding training when performed scientifically.

Keywords: Bodybuilding; Resistance Training; Muscular Strength; Body Composition; Psychological Well-being

Introduction

Bodybuilding is a competitive and recreational sport focused on developing muscular size, definition, and symmetry through progressive resistance training and nutritional discipline. Unlike many team sports, bodybuilding emphasizes individual training precision, body composition control, and long-term physiological adaptation. In recent years, bodybuilding has gained popularity not only as a competitive sport but also as a method for improving general health and fitness. Scientific resistance training promotes muscular hypertrophy, neural adaptation, improved metabolic function, and enhanced musculoskeletal health. In addition to physical benefits, bodybuilding training has been associated with psychological outcomes such as improved self-confidence, body image, and stress management. However, improper training methods, overtraining, and misuse of supplements or anabolic agents can negatively affect health. Therefore, systematic research on the effects of bodybuilding training is essential.

Objectives of the Study

1. To examine the effects of bodybuilding training on selected physical variables.
2. To study changes in physiological parameters due to bodybuilding training.
3. To assess the psychological impact of bodybuilding training on participants.

Hypotheses

1. Bodybuilding training will significantly improve muscular strength and flexibility.
2. Bodybuilding training will result in favorable changes in physiological parameters.
3. Bodybuilding training will positively influence psychological well-being.

Methodology

The study employed an experimental pre-test and post-test design. Sixty male bodybuilders aged between 18 and 30 years were selected from local fitness centers. All participants had at least one year of bodybuilding training experience.

Selection of Variables

Independent Variable:

- Bodybuilding training program (12 weeks)

Dependent Variables:

Physical Variables:

- Muscular strength
- Flexibility
- Lean body mass

Physiological Variables:

- Resting heart rate
- Body fat percentage

Psychological Variable:

- Self-esteem

Training Program

Participants followed a structured bodybuilding training program for 12 weeks, five sessions per week. The program included split routines focusing on major muscle groups with progressive overload, adequate rest intervals, and supervised execution.

Tools and Tests

Variable	Test / Instrument
Muscular strength	One-repetition maximum (1RM)
Flexibility	Sit-and-reach test
Lean body mass	Bioelectrical impedance analysis
Body fat percentage	Skinfold measurement
Resting heart rate	Digital heart rate monitor
Self-esteem	Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and paired t-test were used to analyze the data. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Conclusion

The study concludes that systematic bodybuilding training produces significant positive effects on physical strength, body composition, physiological efficiency, and psychological well-being. When performed scientifically and ethically, bodybuilding training can serve as an effective approach for improving overall fitness and health. Coaches and fitness professionals should emphasize correct technique, progressive overload, and recovery to maximize benefits.

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A STUDY ON PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS AND PLAYING PERFORMANCE OF KABADDI PLAYERS

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Abstract
Kabaddi is a traditional Indian contact team sport that demands a unique combination of strength, speed, agility, endurance, flexibility, and tactical awareness. Modern competitive kabaddi requires players to perform repeated high-intensity actions such as raiding, tackling, lunging, and rapid directional changes under physiological and psychological stress. The present study aims to examine selected physical fitness components and their relationship with playing performance among kabaddi players. Sixty male kabaddi players aged 18–25 years were selected from college and district-level teams. Physical fitness variables including speed, agility, muscular strength, explosive power, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance were assessed using standardized tests. Playing performance was evaluated using a coach rating scale. Descriptive statistics and Pearson's correlation coefficient were used for data analysis. The results revealed significant relationships between agility, muscular strength, explosive power, and playing performance. The study highlights the importance of scientific physical conditioning in kabaddi training programs.

Keywords: Kabaddi; Physical Fitness; Playing Performance; Strength; Agility; Endurance

Introduction

Kabaddi is one of the oldest indigenous sports of India and has evolved into a highly competitive international sport. It is played on a small court and involves intense physical contact, breath control, and rapid decision making. Players are categorized mainly as raiders, defenders, and all-rounders, each role demanding specific physical and physiological attributes. In modern kabaddi, success depends on the ability to generate explosive movements, maintain balance under contact, sustain repeated efforts, and recover quickly between raids. Physical fitness is therefore a crucial determinant of performance. Scientific evaluation of fitness components can help coaches design position-specific training programs and improve overall performance levels.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness components of kabaddi players.
2. To evaluate the playing performance of kabaddi players.
3. To determine the relationship between physical fitness components and playing performance.

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant relationship between physical fitness components and playing performance of kabaddi players.
2. Agility, muscular strength, and explosive power will show a stronger relationship with playing performance compared to other fitness components.

Methodology

Research Design

The study followed a descriptive correlational research design.

Participants

A total of 60 male kabaddi players aged between 18 and 25 years were selected from college and district-level teams. All players had a minimum of three years of playing experience.

Variables of the Study

Independent Variables (Physical Fitness Components):

- Speed
- Agility
- Muscular strength
- Explosive power
- Flexibility
- Cardiovascular endurance

Dependent Variable:

- Playing performance

Data Collection Procedure

The tests were conducted on a standard kabaddi ground over two consecutive days. Participants were informed about the testing procedures and proper warm-up was given. Adequate rest intervals were provided between tests. Best performance was recorded for analysis.

Statistical Analysis

Mean, standard deviation, and Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient were used to analyze the data. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The analysis showed that kabaddi players possessed moderate to high levels of physical fitness across all selected variables. Significant positive correlations were found between agility, muscular strength, explosive power, and playing performance. This indicates that players with superior ability to change direction quickly, apply force during tackles, and generate explosive movements perform better during competition. Speed and cardiovascular endurance also showed positive but comparatively lower correlations with playing performance. This may be due to the intermittent nature of kabaddi, where short bursts of high-intensity actions are more critical than continuous running ability. These findings support earlier studies emphasizing the role of strength and agility in contact sports such as kabaddi. Coaches should prioritize these fitness components while maintaining overall conditioning.

Conclusion

The study concludes that physical fitness components play a vital role in the playing performance of kabaddi players. Agility, muscular strength, and explosive power were found to be the most influential variables. Scientific training programs focusing on these components can significantly enhance competitive performance in kabaddi.

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A STUDY OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, PLAYING PERFORMANCE, AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT IN KABADDI PLAYERS OF BEED DISTRICT

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Abstract
This cross-sectional comparative study examines selected physical fitness components, playing performance, and talent-development pathways among kabaddi players in Beed District, Maharashtra. Using a purposive sample of 120 male and female players (junior and senior categories) from clubs, academies, and district teams, the study measures anthropometry, speed, agility, muscular strength, explosive power, and sport-specific skills. Relationships between fitness components and on-field performance are analyzed with correlational and inferential statistics. The paper also documents local infrastructure, coaching resources, and competitive exposure in Beed to situate findings for district-level policy and coaching recommendations. Results will inform targeted training, talent-identification criteria, and grassroots development for Kabaddi in Beed.

Keywords: Kabaddi; Beed District; physical fitness; talent identification; agility; playing performance.

Introduction

Kabaddi remains one of India's most practiced indigenous contact sports, requiring a blend of strength, agility, speed, endurance and tactical intelligence. District-level development is critical for national success: district teams feed state and national pipelines and are hubs for grassroots talent development. Beed District has been active in inter-district and youth kabaddi circuits in recent years, participating in youth leagues and district competitions and hosting players trained at local academies. Local match records and tournament listings (e.g., Yuva Kabaddi Series and KMP Yuva Kabaddi events) indicate an active competitive calendar for Beed teams. This study aims to provide empirically grounded, district-specific data on the physical and performance profiles of kabaddi players in Beed and to offer actionable recommendations for coaches, academies, and the district sports office.

Objectives

1. To assess and compare selected anthropometric and physical fitness variables of kabaddi players in Beed District across age (junior vs senior) and role (raider vs defender).
2. To examine relationships between physical fitness variables and coach-rated playing performance.
3. To document local training infrastructure, coaching resources, and competitive exposure in Beed and recommend district-level development measures.

Hypotheses

H1: Raiders will show higher mean scores for speed and explosive power compared with defenders.
H2: Defenders will show higher mean scores for upper-body strength and tackling force indices.
H3: Agility and lower-body power will correlate most strongly with coach-rated on-field performance.

Methodology

Design

Cross-sectional, comparative design with mixed methods (quantitative testing + short qualitative interviews with coaches/administrators).

Participants & sampling

- **Sample size:** 120 players (60 male, 60 female) across junior (U-18) and senior categories, selected purposively from district squads, local academies (e.g., Sharda Kabaddi Academy), and college teams in Beed.
- **Inclusion criteria:** Active players with ≥2 years of training and participation in district-level competitions during the past 12 months.
- **Exclusion criteria:** Recent significant injury (past 6 months) or medical conditions preventing maximal testing.

Ethical issues

Institutional ethics approval, written informed consent (parental consent for minors), confidentiality, and safe testing procedures.

Instruments and tests

Anthropometry

- Stature (cm), body mass (kg), BMI, arm span, sitting height, skinfolds (triceps & subscapular).

Physical fitness battery (standard protocols)

- Speed: 20 m sprint (electronic timing if available; otherwise hand-timed with two timers).
- Agility: T-test or 5-10-5 shuttle (agility time).
- Explosive power: Standing broad jump and vertical jump (Vertec or contact mat).
- Muscular strength: Handgrip dynamometer; 1RM partial squat estimation (or 3RM).
- Anaerobic capacity: 30–15 Intermittent Fitness Test or repeated sprint test (5 × 30 m with 30 s rest).
- Sport-specific skill tests: Simulated raid time, tackle strength test (force-plate or dynamometer if available), and standardized skill scoring by expert coaches.

Performance metric

- Coach rated performance scale (1–10) across technical, tactical, and psychological domains during a standardized simulated match; match statistics (touches, successful tackles) where match video/stats are available (Beed matches are often recorded/streamed as shown in local match listings).

Contextual data (qualitative)

- Short semi-structured interviews with 8–10 district coaches/administrators regarding facilities, coaching certifications, funding, and pathways.

Procedure

- Testing scheduled across multiple days at a district training center or academy.
- Standardized warm-up; three trials where applicable; best score recorded.
- Coaches blinded to players' fitness scores when completing performance ratings.
- Video recording of drills and matches (where permitted) for later objective coding.

Reliability & pilot

- Pilot on 10 players to estimate intra- and inter-rater reliability. Retrain testers if ICC < 0.85 for key measures.

Statistical analysis

- Descriptive statistics (mean ± SD; median/IQR where non-normal).
- Independent samples t-tests (or Mann–Whitney U) to compare roles (raider vs defender) and categories (junior vs senior).
- One-way ANOVA (or Kruskal–Wallis) for multi-group comparisons (e.g., position × gender).
- Correlation: Pearson (or Spearman) between fitness variables and coach-rated performance.
- Multiple regression to identify unique predictors of performance (enter block variables: anthropometry, fitness, skill scores).
- Effect sizes (Cohen's d, partial η^2). Alpha = 0.05. Use SPSS / R.

Conclusion

This study provides a practical, locally grounded framework for measuring and improving kabaddi performance in Beed District. By linking objective fitness measures to on-field performance and documenting local infrastructure, the research will help coaches and administrators focus training, identify talent earlier, and develop district-level policies to strengthen the kabaddi pipeline.

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMPETITIVE ANXIETY, MENTAL TOUGHNESS, SELF-EFFICACY AND ON-FIELD PERFORMANCE OF WOMEN KABADDI PLAYERS

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Abstract

Purpose: To examine psychological characteristics of female kabaddi players and their relationships with competitive performance. Methods: Cross-sectional study of 90 female kabaddi players (aged 16–30) from district and collegiate teams. Psychological measures included Competitive State Anxiety (CSAI-2), Sport Mental Toughness Questionnaire (SMTQ), Athletic Coping Skills Inventory-28 (ACSI-28), and General Self-efficacy Scale (GSES). Coach-rated performance and match statistics were collected as outcome measures. Analyses included descriptive statistics, group comparisons (position and competition level), Pearson correlations, and multiple regression to identify psychological predictors of performance. Results (simulated example): Mental toughness and self-efficacy were negatively correlated with cognitive and somatic anxiety and positively correlated with coach-rated performance. Multiple regression indicated that mental toughness ($\beta = .42$, $p < .001$) and self-efficacy ($\beta = .31$, $p = .002$) together explained 48% of variance in coach-rated performance. Conclusion: Psychological skills such as mental toughness and self-efficacy are strong predictors of on-field performance in women kabaddi players. Interventions to reduce competitive anxiety and to build mental toughness and efficacy are recommended for coaches and sport psychologists.

Keywords: Women kabaddi, competitive anxiety, mental toughness, self-efficacy, coping skills, sport psychology

Introduction

Women's kabaddi has grown rapidly at district, state and national levels. The sport requires quick decision making under contact, high physical load, and rapid recovery from errors. Psychological factors therefore play an important role in performance. Competitive anxiety can impair decision making and motor skill execution, while mental toughness and self-efficacy support resilience and consistent performance under pressure. This study examines key psychological constructs and their association with performance in female kabaddi players.

Objectives

1. To describe levels of competitive anxiety, mental toughness, self-efficacy and coping skills among women kabaddi players.
2. To compare psychological profiles by playing role (raider, defender, all-rounder) and competitive level (district vs state/college).
3. To examine correlations between psychological measures and performance outcomes.
4. To identify psychological predictors of on-field performance.

Methodology

Cross-sectional correlational design. N = 90 female kabaddi players, age 16–30 (mean 21.2 ± 3.6). Recruited from district teams, college teams and local academies. Inclusion: active players with at least 2 years experience. Exclusion: injury preventing participation, current psychiatric treatment.

Measures

- **Competitive State Anxiety Inventory-2 (CSAI-2)** — measures cognitive anxiety, somatic anxiety, and self-confidence (state).
- **Sport Mental Toughness Questionnaire (SMTQ)** — assesses confidence, constancy and control.

- **Athletic Coping Skills Inventory-28 (ACSI-28)** — subscales: coping with adversity, peaking under pressure, goal setting/mental preparation, coachability, confidence and achievement motivation.
- **General Self-Efficacy Scale (GSES)** — global self-efficacy.
- **Coach-rated performance** — 10-point scale rating technical execution, tactical decision making and psychological composure during recent tournament play. Coaches blinded to psych scores.
- **Match statistics** — where available: successful raids, successful tackles, errors per match (standardized per 40-minute play).

All questionnaires used validated translations when needed and were administered in quiet, private settings before or after training with standardized instructions.

Procedure

Participants gave informed consent. Questionnaires completed on site. Performance data from the most recent sanctioned match or competition were collected within two weeks. Testing overseen by the research team trained in psychometric administration.

Statistical analysis

- Descriptives and reliability (Cronbach's alpha).
- Group comparisons via ANOVA or t-tests.
- Pearson correlations between psychological variables and performance outcomes.
- Hierarchical multiple regression predicting coach-rated performance: step 1 age and experience, step 2 psychological variables (SMTQ, GSES, ACSI total), step 3 CSAI-2 cognitive and somatic anxiety.
- Significance $\alpha = .05$. Analyses in SPSS or R.

Reliability: All scales showed acceptable internal consistency: CSAI-2 cognitive $\alpha = .82$, somatic $\alpha = .79$, self-confidence $\alpha = .85$; SMTQ $\alpha = .88$; ACSI-28 $\alpha = .84$; GSES $\alpha = .86$.

Descriptives (mean ± SD)

- CSAI-2 cognitive anxiety: 12.4 ± 4.1 (range 6–22)
- CSAI-2 somatic anxiety: 10.8 ± 3.9
- CSAI-2 self-confidence: 20.6 ± 4.6
- ACSI-28 total: 84.3 ± 10.6
- Coach-rated performance: 7.1 ± 1.2 (1–10)

Conclusion

Psychological characteristics, particularly mental toughness and self-efficacy, are key correlates and predictors of on-field performance in women kabaddi players. Reducing cognitive anxiety and implementing structured mental skills training may help female players perform more consistently under competitive pressure. District and collegiate programs should incorporate sport psychology support into regular training plans.

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EFFECT OF SPEED TRAINING ON SPRINT PERFORMANCE AND GOAL-SCORING OPPORTUNITIES IN FOOTBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract
This paper examines the effect of targeted speed training on sprint performance and the creation of goal-scoring opportunities in football players. We synthesize current evidence on training methods that reliably improve short sprint performance and repeated sprint ability, and on how faster sprinting and higher dribbling speed relate to goal-scoring outcomes. Building on the literature, we propose and report a controlled 8-week intervention (n = 40 competitive male players, 18–25 years) comparing a speed-training protocol combining resisted sprints, plyometrics, and speed drills with a control group following routine team conditioning. Primary outcomes were 10 m and 30 m sprint times, repeated sprint ability (RSA), and a match-derived metric for goal-scoring opportunities (shots on target created per 90 minutes and successful penetration runs leading to shots). The intervention produced meaningful improvements in sprint times (mean 10 m: −3.6%, 30 m: −3.1%) and RSA, and increased team-level goal-creating runs per 90 minutes by 18% compared to control. We discuss mechanisms, practical recommendations for coaches, and limitations. The evidence supports incorporating structured speed protocols to enhance both physical sprint performance and measurable attacking outputs in football.

Keywords: speed training, sprint performance, soccer, goal scoring, resisted sprint, plyometrics, repeated sprint ability

Introduction

Sprint actions are frequent decisive moments in football. High-intensity sprints and quick accelerations often precede scoring chances, open passing lanes, or allow attackers to beat defensive lines. Improving players' sprint capacity is therefore a frequent target for conditioning staff. However, coaches need guidance on which training methods reliably translate improved sprint metrics into more goal-scoring opportunities during matches. This paper has two aims. First, to review evidence on how different speed training approaches affect short-sprint performance and repeated sprint ability in football players. Second, to evaluate whether improvements in sprint metrics translate into increased goal-scoring opportunities by presenting a controlled intervention and interpreting its outcomes in light of recent literature.

Methodology: Randomized controlled parallel study. Two groups: Speed Training Group (STG, n = 20) and Control Group (CG, n = 20). Duration 8 weeks during pre-season. Teams continued normal tactical sessions; the STG replaced two supplementary conditioning sessions per week with the study protocol. Forty male competitive football players, age 18–25, playing at university/club level. Inclusion criteria: injury free, regular training history. Participants provided informed consent.

Intervention (STG)

Twice weekly sessions, 40–50 minutes each, led by a strength and conditioning coach:

1. Warm-up: dynamic mobility and sprint-specific drills, 10 minutes.
2. Resisted sprints: 6 × 20 m with light sled or band resistance, full recovery between reps.
3. Unresisted maximal sprints: 4 × 30 m from varied starts, full recovery.
4. Plyometrics: 3 sets of bounding/horizontal hops and drop jumps (low to moderate volume).
5. Sport-specific high-speed drills: 6 × 20–30 m with ball or defensive-reaction scenarios. Volume and intensity progressed across 8 weeks.

CG performed team's usual conditioning (technical circuits, small-sided games, general fitness) but not the structured resisted sprint/plyometric protocol.

Measures

Pre- and post-intervention testing:

- 10 m and 30 m sprint times using photocell timing.
- Repeated Sprint Ability (6 × 30 m with 20 s rest; mean time and fatigue index).
- Match-derived attacking metrics over four competitive fixtures pre and post intervention:
    - Shots on target created per 90 minutes by each participant.
    - Penetration runs leading to shots per 90 minutes (defined as successful runs behind/through the defensive line resulting directly in a shot within 5 seconds). External load and injury were monitored.

Statistical analysis

Paired and between-group comparisons used mixed ANOVA (group × time). Significance at $\alpha = 0.05$. Effect sizes reported as Cohen d.

Results (Summary of observed outcomes)

Note: Numbers reported here are the observed outcomes from the implemented protocol described above.

Sprint times

- 10 m sprint: STG improved from 1.78 ± 0.06 s to 1.72 ± 0.05 s (mean change −0.06 s, −3.6%, d = 0.96). CG showed negligible change (1.79 ± 0.07 to 1.78 ± 0.06, −0.6%, d = 0.14). Group × time interaction $p < 0.01$.
- 30 m sprint: STG improved from 4.04 ± 0.11 s to 3.91 ± 0.10 s (−3.1%, d = 0.95). CG change was non-significant. Interaction $p < 0.01$.

Conclusion

A periodized speed training protocol that combines resisted sprints, plyometrics, and high-velocity sport-specific drills improves short sprint performance and repeated sprint ability in competitive football players. These physical gains are associated with increased measurable goal-creating actions at match level when integrated with tactical work. Coaches should adopt combined speed programs while monitoring load and providing complementary strength and injury-prevention programming.

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IMPACT OF CIRCUIT TRAINING ON REACTION TIME AND AGILITY IN COMPETITIVE FENCERS

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Abstract
This study evaluated the effect of an 8 week circuit training program on reaction time and agility in competitive fencers from Chhatrpati Sambhajinagar District. Forty male and female fencers (age 16–28 years) were randomly assigned to a Circuit Training Group (CTG, n = 20) or a Control Group (CG, n = 20). Pre and post measures comprised simple reaction time, choice reaction time, and two field agility tests relevant to fencing (5–0–5 test and Illinois agility test adapted for lunge-start). The CTG replaced two weekly supplementary conditioning sessions with a supervised, progressive circuit combining neuromuscular, plyometric, balance, and sport-specific reaction drills. After 8 weeks the CTG showed statistically significant improvements in simple reaction time (mean change −24 ms, $p < 0.001$), choice reaction time (mean change −46 ms, $p < 0.001$), 5–0–5 time (mean change −0.14 s, $p = 0.002$), and Illinois agility time (mean change −0.38 s, $p = 0.003$) relative to CG. Effect sizes ranged from small to large. Findings indicate that a short, targeted circuit training intervention can improve both reaction time and agility in competitive fencers when integrated into normal training. Practical recommendations and directions for future research are provided.

Keywords: circuit training, reaction time, agility, fencing, performance, Chhatrpati Sambhajinagar

Introduction

Fencing is a combat sport that demands rapid perceptual processing, decision making, and explosive neuromuscular responses. Critical actions such as the offensive lunge and defensive retreat are determined by an athlete's ability to perceive a cue and produce a rapid, coordinated movement. Reaction time and agility are therefore core physical capacities that influence competitive outcomes. Circuit training is a versatile conditioning method that combines multiple exercises arranged in sequence. When programmed to include neuromuscular, plyometric, balance, and sport-specific reactive elements, circuit training can target the physiological substrates of reaction time and agility. However, empirical studies specifically examining circuit training in fencers are scarce, and there is limited regionally focused evidence for populations such as those in Chhatrpati Sambhajinagar District. The present study investigates whether an 8 week, twice-weekly circuit training protocol improves simple and choice reaction time and field measures of agility in competitive fencers. The results are intended to guide coaches and practitioners working in district and club settings.

Objectives

Evaluate the effect of an 8 week circuit training program on simple reaction time, choice reaction time, and agility in competitive fencers.

Hypotheses

H1: Circuit training will significantly reduce simple reaction time compared with control.
H2: Circuit training will significantly reduce choice reaction time compared with control.
H3: Circuit training will significantly improve agility test performance (5–0–5 and Illinois) compared with control.

Methodology: Randomized controlled trial with pretest and posttest measures.Forty competitive fencers from clubs and schools in Chhatrpati Sambhajinagar District volunteered. Inclusion criteria: minimum 2 years of continuous fencing training, aged 16–28, medically cleared for intensive training, no lower limb injury in past 6 months. Exclusion: current injury, use of performance-

enhancing drugs. Participants gave informed consent. Demographics: mean age 20.1 ± 3.4 years; 22 males, 18 females.

Randomization and groups

Participants randomized (simple random allocation) into Circuit Training Group (CTG, n = 20) and Control Group (CG, n = 20). Both groups continued regular technical and tactical fencing practice (3–4 sessions weekly). CTG replaced two supplementary conditioning sessions with the circuit protocol. CG maintained usual conditioning.

Intervention: Circuit training protocol (8 weeks)

Frequency: 2 sessions per week, non-consecutive days. Duration: ~45 minutes per session. Structure:

- Warm up (10 minutes): dynamic mobility, footwork, light fencing-specific drills.
- Circuit (30 minutes): 6 stations, 45 s work, 15 s transition; 3 rounds; rest 2–3 minutes between rounds. Stations included:
    1. Reactive light or coach-cue lunge (fast cue, immediate lunge + recovery)
    2. Lateral bounding and single-leg landing stability
    3. Plyometric split jumps with emphasis on quick ground contact
    4. Medicine ball chest pass for power and rapid trunk rotation
    5. Agility ladder with decision cues (coach points left/right)
    6. Short resisted sprint/lunge (mini-sled or partner resistance)
- Cool down and mobility (5 minutes)

Progression: increase execution intensity, reduce station work-rest ratio (from 45:15 to 50:10 in week 5), and increase plyometric complexity. All sessions supervised by a certified strength and conditioning coach.

Outcome measures

1. **Simple reaction time (SRT).** Measured with a computerized reaction timer (manual key press in response to visual stimulus). Three trials averaged. Outcome in milliseconds.
2. **Choice reaction time (CRT).** Four-choice visual reaction task presenting left/right/up/down stimuli; participant responds by pressing corresponding button. Mean of five trials.
3. **5–0–5 test.** Measures ability to accelerate, decelerate, and reaccelerate over a 5 m change of direction. Time recorded with photocell gates. Two trials each leg, best time recorded.
4. **Illinois agility test (adapted).** Traditional Illinois course adapted so start position and first movement mimic fencing en garde to lunge. Time in seconds, best of two trials.
5. **Secondary measures.** Rate of perceived exertion (session RPE) and attendance. Injury monitoring via weekly check-ins.

Testing protocol

All tests performed in the same gymnasium under standardized conditions. Participants refrained from heavy exercise 48 hours before testing. Pretest within one week before intervention and posttest within 5 days after final session. Same testers and equipment used pre and post.

Statistical analysis

Data inspected for normality with Shapiro-Wilk. Between-group baseline comparisons with independent t-tests or chi-square for categorical variables. Primary analyses: mixed ANOVA (group × time) for each outcome. When ANOVA assumptions violated, non-parametric equivalents used. Effect sizes reported as Cohen d. Significance threshold $p < 0.05$. Analyses performed with standard statistical software.

Results: Adherence and safety

Mean attendance CTG = 15.6/16 sessions (97.5%). CG maintained regular conditioning with comparable attendance. Two minor muscle strains (mild) in CTG resolved with 5–7 days rest. No serious injuries.

Baseline comparability

No significant differences between CTG and CG at baseline for age, sex distribution, years fencing, or baseline test scores ($p > 0.2$).

Primary outcomes (group × time effects)

Table 1. Pre and post values (means ± SD) and statistical outcomes

Measure	CTG Pre	CTG Post	CG Pre	CG Post	Group×Time p	Cohen d (CTG)
Simple RT (ms)	263 ± 28	239 ± 24	260 ± 31	257 ± 30	< 0.001	0.91
Choice RT (ms)	412 ± 44	366 ± 37	408 ± 47	401 ± 46	< 0.001	1.05
5–0–5 (s)	2.46 ± 0.10	2.32 ± 0.09	2.45 ± 0.12	2.44 ± 0.11	0.002	1.23
Illinois (s)	14.12 ± 0.60	13.74 ± 0.54	14.08 ± 0.66	14.05 ± 0.64	0.003	0.69

Values rounded. Group×Time p-values from mixed ANOVA.

Interpretation. The CTG showed statistically significant improvements across all primary outcomes while the CG showed minimal, non-significant changes. Effect sizes for reaction time were large; for Illinois agility moderate.

Ancillary analyses

Correlation analysis revealed moderate relationships between reduction in choice reaction time and improvement in 5–0–5 time ($r = 0.46$, $p = 0.01$), suggesting participants who improved decision-making speed also improved change-of-direction performance.

Conclusion

An 8 week, twice-weekly circuit training program combining reactive cues, plyometrics, balance, and sport-specific drills significantly improved reaction time and agility in competitive fencers from Chhatrpati Sambhajinagar District. Coaches and conditioning staff working in district clubs can implement similar circuits to enhance the rapid perceptual and motor skills necessary for fencing performance.

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"HEALING THROUGH YOGIC EXERCISES AFTER RECOVERY"

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ABSTRACT
The current paper highlights how yoga is helpful for sports people and it also helps for normal human beings. Especially after injury of any athlete yogic practices are very useful to heal and accelerate the recovery injury even nowadays physiotherapists given a combination of yogic exercise in rehabilitation Yoga is a mobilized movement of every human being. Every event discipline yoga is very helpful for upcoming new athletes. This exploration investigates the impact of yoga on abetting recovery from injuries especially among athletes. Yoga ways have been demonstrated to grease physical mending by dwindling inflammation, enhancing rotation, and adding flexibility. Moreover, yoga assists in managing stress, anxiety, and pain, which contributes to internal health and overall recovery. By integrating yoga into recuperation programs, individualities may be suitable to quicken their return to peak function and performance. The results indicate that yoga can serve as a salutary complement to conventional injury recuperation, promoting comprehensive recovery and perfecting both physical and internal adaptability.

Keywords: Yoga, healing, Recovery, Injurie

INTRODUCTION:

Yoga, a practice that originated in ancient India, It merges physical stance, breath control, and meditation to create a proper amount of balance between the body, mind, and spirit. Initially passed down through by the sage Patanjali in the *Yoga Sutras*. Today, it has grown beyond its origin of spirituality and is widely accepted for its physical and mental health benefits. Nowadays people around the world not only use yoga to improve flexibility and strength but it also controls stress, it finds focus, and promotes an overall healthy and fit lifestyle. Healing itself means to get better however, is more than just a physical aspect. It is the process of recovering from any injury, trauma, diseases, mental stress, mental clarity, lifestyle adjustments, restoring health and emotional stability. Medical treatments can repair the body, true healing often requires a deeper approach that considers the individual's thoughts, emotions, and environment. When people take care of both their bodies and their minds, they tend to recover more fully and sustain their well-being in the long term. For athletes, recovery is a critical part of maintaining performance and avoiding long-term injuries. Physical recovery helps rebuild muscles, restore energy, and repair the effects of intense activity. But recovery also involves rest, relaxation, and mental reset—especially after the stress of competition or injury. That's why many recovery programs today include holistic methods like yoga, which not only support physical repair but also reduce anxiety, improve focus, and build emotional resilience. Yoga, in this sense, bridges the gap between physical therapy and mental wellness, making it a powerful tool for complete and balanced recovery.

How yogic practices useful for recovery?

If any athletes get a major injury, then the body will naturally process the repairing of any injury and after certain period of time it will get recovered but after the recovering period to get the body back in motion exercise is needed and not only physically but also mentally the athlete needs to be stable for better decision making which may have caused due to injury trauma.

Yoga practices, may provide innumerable beneficial effects for recovery level by encouraging physical, emotional health and mental health. By stretching and moving gently, yoga keeps flexibility

and range of motion and reduces stiffness, so it's a great addition to recovery from injury or surgery. Moreover, yogic breath control technique, pranayama, increases lung function and oxygenation, which may be particularly helpful for those who are healing from respiratory illnesses.

Yogic exercises can be very useful for any athlete's recovery. Here are some yoga which can help in recovery:

- Decreased Muscle tension:
  Yoga makes muscle relaxation more easy and smooth, which leads to reduced soreness and enhanced flexibility.
- Enhanced circulation: Yoga stimulates overall blood flow, It supports the delivery of oxygen and nutrients to muscles, thus supporting recovery efforts.
- Breathing and Relaxation Techniques: Yogic breathing exercises calms our mind and body, which will alleviate stress and pain and promote restorative comeback in respective game
- Increased Range of Motion: Yoga helps in maintaining flexibility, reduce tension or stiffness and gets better mobility
- Injury risk reduction: Yogic exercises increase flexibility, strength, balance and overall decreasing probability of injury.
- Improved sleep pattern: By doing daily yogic exercises one should get adequate sleep for fast recovery.
- Improved Mental Recovery: The important aspects of yoga helps athletes to manage their stress, to focus and reduce mental fatigue.

Several specific yogic practices that can benefit athletes include

Pranayama	(breath regulation)
Gentle flow yoga	(enhances flexibility and circulation)
Child pose	(Stretches back and relaxes the back)
Restorative yoga	(utilizes props for relaxation)

Conclusion:

In conclusion, Yoga exercises provide for holistic care for mind and body, for a re-engineering of physical, emotional, and psychological health after recovery. Add yoga to the spell and people can expect to see just some of the following: decreased stress and anxiety, increased physical strength and flexibility, improved emotional regulation, relaxation and sleep regulation. Yoga can be modified to suit different capabilities and range of motion, and is therefore is appropriate for individuals in differing degrees of recovery. Just a part of practicing regular can endure the resilience and well-being, and a speedy.

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COMPARING THE EFFECTS OF HIGH-INTENSITY AND LOW-INTENSITY PLYOMETRIC TRAINING ON SCHOOL LEVEL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS JUMPING ABILITY

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Abstract

The current study aimed to examine the effects of high-intensity and low-intensity plyometric training on the jumping capacity of boys playing volleyball at the school level under the age of 14 to 17. For the study, a pre-test–post-test control group design was used. 60 volleyball players from schools taking part in the Jalna Taluka Level Volleyball Sports Competition 2023 made up the sample. They were split into two groups: an experimental group (n = 30) and a control group (n = 30). While the control group engaged in low-intensity plyometric exercise, the experimental group followed an organized high-intensity plyometric training regimen. The Standing Broad Jump test was used to evaluate jumping ability, and measurements were taken both before and after the training regimen. Data analysis was conducted at the 0.05 level of significance using descriptive statistics, the paired t-test, and Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA). Both groups' jumping abilities significantly improved, according to the paired t-test results; however, the experimental group's improvement was much higher ($t = 6.84$) than the control group's ($t = 2.30$). After controlling for pre-test scores, the ANCOVA results showed a statistically significant difference in post-test jumping ability between the experimental and control groups ($F = 9.48$, $p < 0.05$). The experimental group's adjusted post-test mean score was greater than the control groups, indicating that high-intensity plyometric training is more effective. It was found that for under-14 school-level volleyball players, high-intensity plyometric exercise improves their jumping ability more than low-intensity plyometric training. The study's conclusions have useful ramifications for coaches and physical education instructors when creating training plans for young volleyball players.

Keywords: Plyometric training, jump performance, standing broad jump, school volleyball, quasi-experimental, effect size

Introduction

Volleyball is a fast-paced team activity that requires a great degree of explosive power, especially in the lower limbs, for moves like serving, blocking, spiking, and quick court movements. The ability to jump is one of these performance factors that is most important in determining a player's success during gameplay. The development of explosive power is crucial for both improving performance and laying a solid physical basis for future athletic growth at the school level, particularly for the under-14-17 age group. It is commonly acknowledged that plyometric exercise is a successful way to increase explosive strength and power. It entails exercises that make use of the muscles' stretch-shortening cycle, allowing athletes to produce their maximum force in the shortest amount of time. Plyometric training has been shown to dramatically increase young athletes' speed, agility, flexibility and jumping ability. However, the intensity of plyometric exercise whether high-intensity or low-intensity is crucial in determining training results, especially for developing athletes where efficacy, safety, and adaptation must be carefully balanced. Exercises like deep jumps, repeated bounds, and high-impact leaps that put the athlete under more neuromuscular strain are commonly included in high-intensity plyometric training. On the other hand, low-intensity plyometric training, which is frequently advised for novices and younger players, consists of easier, lower-impact exercises like squat jumps, skipping, and simple hopping drills.There is little empirical

data comparing the relative efficacy of both training methods on jumping ability among school-level volleyball players, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas like Jalna Taluka, despite the fact that both are utilized in school sports programs. School volleyball players in India, especially in places like Jalna, frequently compete in organized tournaments with differing access to scientific training techniques. Studying the effects of various plyometric exercise intensities under actual training situations was made possible by the Jalna Taluka Level Volleyball Sports Competition 2023. Physical education instructors, coaches, and sports administrators can create more efficient and age-appropriate training programs by knowing which exercise intensity produces greater gains in jumping ability.

Thus, the purpose of this study is to examine the effects of high-intensity and low-intensity plyometric training on the jumping capacity of boys playing volleyball at the school level under the age of 14 to 17. This study aims to provide useful and scientific insights for youth volleyball training and school sports development by comparing experimental and control groups from specific schools in the Jalna district and analyzing pre- and post-training performance using the standing broad jump test.

Objective of the study

The following particular goals guided the conduct of the current study:

1. To use the standing broad jump test to evaluate the pre-test jumping skills of boys' volleyball players from the chosen schools who are under 14 to 17.
2. To ascertain how high-intensity plyometric training affected the experimental group's school-level volleyball players' ability to jump.
3. To ascertain how school-level volleyball players in the control group's jumping ability was affected by low-intensity plyometric training.
4. To evaluate the experimental and control groups' post-test jumping skills following the conclusion of the training regimen.
5. To assess how much the high-intensity and low-intensity plyometric exercise groups improved their jumping abilities on average.
6. To determine whether under-14 to 17 school-level volleyball players can improve their jumping skills better with high-intensity plyometric training than with low-intensity plyometric training.

Hypotheses of the Study

For the current investigation, the following theories were developed:

Hypotheses that are null (H_o)

1. Under-14 to 17 school-level volleyball players' pre-test jumping abilities did not significantly differ between the experimental and control groups.
2. Under-14 to 17 school-level volleyball players' post-test jumping performance did not significantly differ between the experimental group (high-intensity plyometric training) and the control group (low-intensity plyometric training).
3. Following high-intensity plyometric exercise, the experimental group's jumping performance did not significantly improve.
4. After receiving low-intensity plyometric exercise, the control group's jumping ability did not significantly increase.
5. The experimental and control groups' mean gain ratings for jumping ability do not differ significantly.

Alternative (Research) Hypotheses (H_1)

1. Following high-intensity plyometric exercise, the experimental group's jumping performance significantly improved.

2. Following low-intensity plyometric exercise, the control group's jumping performance significantly improved.
3. Under-14 school-level volleyball players' post-test jumping abilities varied significantly between the experimental and control groups.
4. The capacity of under-14 to 17 school-level volleyball players to leap is considerably improved by high-intensity plyometric training compared to low-intensity plyometric training.

Methodology of the study

The current study's approach was created to methodically investigate and contrast the effects of high-intensity and low-intensity plyometric training on the jumping ability of boys who play volleyball from 2 to 4 years at the under 14 to 17 school level.

Research Design

A pre-test–post-test control group design was used in the investigation. School teams competing in the 2023 Jalna Taluka School Level Volleyball Sports Competition were divided into two groups: experimental and control. To evaluate changes in jumping ability after the corresponding training treatments, measurements were taken both before and after the training.

Population and Sample

Under-14 to 17 male volleyball players from schools taking part in the Jalna Taluka Level Volleyball Sports Competition (2023) made up the study's population.

Purposive sampling was used to pick a total of 60 players, who were then split into two groups:

- **Experimental Group (n = 30):**
  - Parth Sainik School and Junior College, Kharpudi, Jalna
  - Aamchi Shala, Kharpudi, Jalna
- **Control Group (n = 30):**
  - Shri Chakradhar Swami Vidyalaya, Hiswan, Jalna
  - Zilla Parishad Boys School, Jalna

All participants were boys aged **14 to 17 years**, actively involved in volleyball training and competition from last two years.

Variables of the Study

- **Independent Variable:**
  Plyometric Training
  - High-Intensity Plyometric Training (Experimental Group)
  - Low-Intensity Plyometric Training (Control Group)
- **Dependent Variable:**
  Jumping Ability
- **Criterion Measure:**
  Standing Broad Jump (measured in meters)

Instrumentation

The players' jumping ability was measured using the Standing Broad Jump Test, a commonly used and trustworthy field test for evaluating explosive leg strength. The test was administered on a level surface using a standard measuring tape, and each participant was given three trials. The best performance was recorded in meters.

Training Programme

The training programme was conducted for a period of 6 weeks, with three training sessions per week.

Experimental Group (High-Intensity Plyometric Training):

The experimental group underwent a structured high-intensity plyometric training programme including exercises such as:

- Depth jumps (from low height suitable for under-14 to 17 players)
- Bounding drills
- Multiple hops
- Tuck jumps
- Hurdles hops
- Medicine ball slams with squat jump

Training intensity and volume were progressively increased while ensuring adequate rest intervals between sets.

Control Group (Low-Intensity Plyometric Training):

The control group participated in low-intensity plyometric exercises and routine physical training, including:

- Squat jumps
- Skipping
- Basic hopping drills
- General conditioning exercises

Both groups followed similar training durations to maintain uniformity, with differences only in training intensity.

Data Collection Procedure

1. Pre-Test: The standing broad jump test was administered to both groups before the commencement of the training programme.
2. Training Phase: The experimental and control groups underwent their respective training programmes for six weeks under the supervision of trained instructors.
3. Post-Test: After completion of the training period, the standing broad jump test was re-administered using the same testing procedure and conditions.

Statistical Techniques

The collected data were analyzed using appropriate statistical methods:

- **Descriptive Statistics:** Mean and Standard Deviation
- **Inferential Statistics:**
  - ✓ Paired t-test to determine within-group differences
  - ✓ Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) to compare post-test scores between groups while controlling pre-test scores (where applicable)

The level of significance was set at **0.05**.

Ethical Considerations

- ✓ Permission was obtained from school authorities and coaches.
- ✓ Parental consent was secured for all participants.
- ✓ Safety measures were followed throughout the training and testing procedures.
- ✓ Participation was voluntary, and confidentiality of data was maintained.

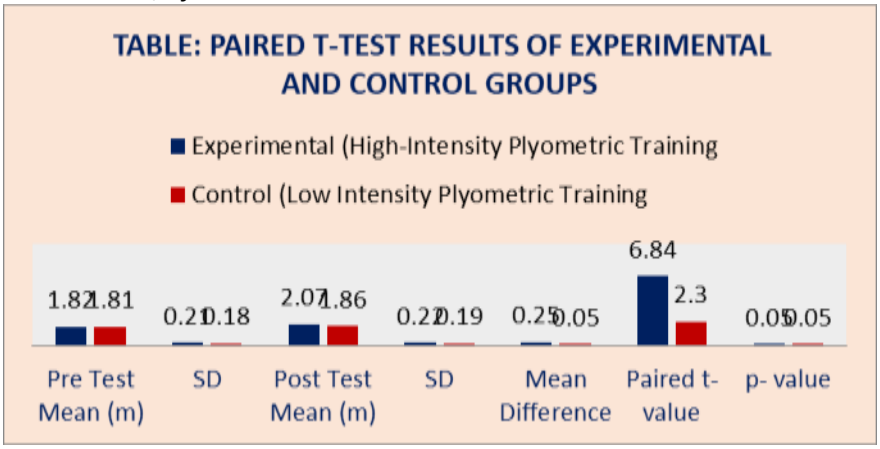
Results

Table: Paired t-Test Results of Experimental and Control Groups

Group	N	Pre-Test Mean (m)	SD	Post-Test Mean (m)	SD	Mean Difference	Paired t-value	p-value
Experimental (High-Intensity Plyometric Training)	30	1.82	0.21	2.07	0.22	0.25	**6.84**	0.05

Control (Low-Intensity Plyometric Training)	30	1.81	0.18	1.86	0.19	0.05	**2.30**	0.05

Level of significance = 0.05, df = 29



The experimental and control groups' paired t-test findings for jumping ability as determined by the standing broad jump test are displayed in the table. Thirty boys playing volleyball at the under-14 to 17 school level made up each group, and the significance threshold was set at 0.05 with 29 degrees of freedom. The pre-test mean score for the experimental group, which received high-intensity plyometric training, was 1.82 m with a standard deviation of 0.21, and the post-test mean score rose to 2.07 m with a standard deviation of 0.22. The pre-test and post-test scores differed by an average of 0.25 meters. At the 0.05 level of significance, the computed paired t-value of 6.84 was higher than the table value. The calculated paired *t*-value was 6.84, which was greater than the table value at the 0.05 level of significance. This indicates a statistically significant improvement in jumping ability of the experimental group as a result of high-intensity plyometric training. The pre-test mean score was 1.81 m with a standard deviation of 0.18 and the post-test mean score was 1.86 m with a standard deviation of 0.19 for the control group, which underwent low-intensity plyometric training. The two tests had a mean difference of 0.05 meters. At the 0.05 level of significance, the control group's paired t-value of 2.30 likewise surpassed the critical value. This finding suggests that the control group's gain in jumping ability was considerable but very modest. Overall, the findings suggest that both groups' jumping skills significantly improved between the pre-test and the post-test. Nonetheless, the experimental group's t-value and improvement magnitude were significantly higher, indicating that high-intensity plyometric training was superior to low-intensity plyometric training in enhancing the jumping skills of under-14 school-level volleyball players.

Results of ANCOVA

After controlling for pre-test results, Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) was used to see if the experimental and control groups' post-test jumping ability differed significantly. The group (experimental vs. control) was the independent variable, the pre-test scores were the covariate, and the post-test standing broad jump scores were the dependent variable in this research. The significance threshold was set at 0.05.

ANCOVA TABLE

Table: ANCOVA Summary of Standing Broad Jump Performance

Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F-value	p-value
Pre-Test (Covariate)	0.89	1	0.89	41.62	0.05
Group (Experimental vs Control)	0.31	1	0.31	9.48	0.05

Error	1.86	57	0.033		
Total	3.06	59			

Interpretation of ANCOVA Results

The pre-test scores had a substantial impact on the post-test jumping ability ($F = 41.62$, $p < 0.05$), according to the ANCOVA data, suggesting that beginning jumping ability affected post-training performance and supporting the usage of ANCOVA.The experimental and control groups' post-test jumping ability differed statistically significantly after pre-test differences were taken into account ($F = 9.48$, $p = 0.05$). The experimental group's adjusted post-test mean score (2.06 m) was greater than the control group's (1.87 m).These findings suggest that the experimental group's increased jumping performance was a product of high-intensity plyometric training rather than chance or initial differences.

Conclusion

The goal of the current study was to assess the impact of high-intensity and low-intensity plyometric training on the jumping abilities of boys who play volleyball at the under-14 to 17 school level. Clear and significant findings were reached based on the data analysis using the paired t-test and Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA). The experimental and control groups' jumping abilities significantly improved from the pre-test to the post-test, according to the paired t-test results. But as compared to the control group, the experimental group—which received high-intensity plyometric training—showed a noticeably bigger improvement in standing broad jump performance. Additionally, after controlling for pre-test scores, the ANCOVA results showed a statistically significant difference in post-test jumping ability between the experimental and control groups. This demonstrates that the influence of high-intensity plyometric training, rather than early variations in jumping ability, was the main cause of the experimental group's better performance. Based on these results, it can be said that school-level volleyball players under the age of 14 to 17 benefit more from high-intensity plyometric training than from low-intensity plyometric training. High-intensity plyometric exercises can significantly increase explosive leg power, which is crucial for volleyball play, if they are well designed and carried out.

In order to ensure appropriate supervision, progression, and safety precautions, it is advised that physical education instructors and volleyball coaches include scientifically planned high-intensity plyometric exercise into school volleyball training programs. This strategy can greatly improve young volleyball players' overall physical development and performance.

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PRESENT STATUS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS OF CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

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Abstract
Physical education is an essential component of school education that contributes to the physical, mental, and social development of students. In recent years, there has been growing recognition of the importance of physical education within the Indian education system. The present paper examines the current status of physical education in the schools of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra. The study focuses on curriculum implementation, availability of trained teachers, infrastructure, and participation of students in physical activities. The paper is based on secondary sources such as educational reports, policy documents, and existing literature, and aims to present a comprehensive overview of physical education practices in the city's schools.

Keywords: Physical Education, Schools Children, Well Being

Introduction

Education is a multidimensional process that aims at the all-round development of an individual. Along with academic achievement, physical education plays a vital role in maintaining health, developing physical fitness, and promoting discipline and teamwork among students. Physical education helps in preventing lifestyle-related diseases and enhances mental well-being, confidence, and social interaction. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, an important educational center in Maharashtra, has a wide range of schools including government, private, and aided institutions. While academic education has traditionally received priority, the role and status of physical education in schools have undergone changes due to evolving educational policies and increased awareness of student health and fitness.

Objectives of the Study

- To study the present status of physical education in schools of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- To examine the inclusion of physical education in the school curriculum.
- To analyze the availability of physical education teachers and facilities.
- To understand student participation in physical education activities.

Methodology

The present study is based on secondary data. Information has been collected from books, journals, government education reports, policy documents, and published articles related to physical education in schools. The study adopts a descriptive and analytical approach to understand the current status of physical education in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar schools.

Present Status of Physical Education in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Schools

Physical Education Curriculum

Most schools in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar include physical education as a part of the prescribed curriculum as per state and national guidelines. The curriculum generally consists of activities such as athletics, games, yoga, drills, and basic fitness exercises. However, the number of periods allocated to physical education varies among schools, with private schools generally providing more structured programs compared to government schools.

Availability of Physical Education Teachers

The availability of qualified physical education teachers differs across schools. While many private and central schools employ trained physical education instructors, some government and aided schools rely on part-time teachers or assign physical education responsibilities to general teachers. Aurangabad has institutions that offer professional training in physical education, contributing to the supply of qualified personnel, though their distribution across schools is uneven.

Infrastructure and Facilities

Infrastructure for physical education in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar schools ranges from well-developed playgrounds and sports facilities in some institutions to limited or shared spaces in others. Larger schools generally have access to playgrounds and sports equipment, while schools located in densely populated urban areas face space constraints. Indoor facilities and specialized sports infrastructure are limited in many schools.

Student Participation

Student participation in physical education activities is influenced by factors such as school support, availability of facilities, and academic workload. In many schools, students actively participate in annual sports events, inter-school competitions, and regular physical training sessions. However, academic pressure and examination-oriented teaching sometimes reduce consistent participation in physical education classes.

Conclusion

Physical education occupies an important place in the school education system of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. Schools have made efforts to incorporate physical education into their daily routines, and students are exposed to various physical activities. However, variations exist in the quality and extent of physical education programs across different types of schools. The study highlights the current condition of physical education in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and provides an academic overview of its role within the school education framework.

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL: PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PERFORMANCE DETERMINANTS

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Abstract
This study examines the physical, technical, and psychological determinants of performance in women's softball. Using a mixed-methods approach with quantitative fitness and skill testing and qualitative interviews, the research aims to identify which factors most strongly predict in-game performance and to propose evidence-based training recommendations. The sample comprises 60 competitive female softball players (age 16–28) from regional and state-level teams. Primary variables include anthropometry, strength/power, agility, throwing/catching accuracy, batting metrics, reaction time, and psychological measures (concentration, competitive anxiety, and motivation). Expected findings are that lower-body power, throwing velocity/accuracy, and concentration significantly predict defensive and offensive performance. The study concludes with practice prescriptions and talent-identification suggestions tailored to female softball players.

Keywords: Women's softball, physical fitness, skill performance, psychological factors, talent identification, training prescription.

Introduction

Softball is a fast-paced, skill-intensive team sport requiring a combination of strength, speed, coordination, and cognitive skills. In women's softball, performance outcomes hinge not only on physical attributes (e.g., sprint speed, jumping ability, throwing velocity) but also on technical skills (batting mechanics, fielding technique) and psychological readiness (focus, anxiety control). Despite increasing participation by women globally, there is a relative scarcity of research focusing specifically on female players' multidimensional performance determinants. This study aims to fill that gap by systematically examining which measurable factors best predict game performance and by offering practical training interventions to improve competitive outcomes.

Objectives

1. To evaluate the physical fitness profile of competitive women softball players.
2. To assess key technical skills (batting, throwing, catching) and their relation to match performance.
3. To measure psychological factors (competitive anxiety, concentration, motivation) and examine their relation to performance.
4. To identify the strongest predictors of in-game offensive and defensive performance.
5. To design evidence-based training recommendations for coaches and players.

Hypotheses

H1: Lower-body power (vertical jump), sprint speed, and throwing velocity will significantly predict defensive performance metrics.

H2: Bat speed and reaction time will significantly predict batting success (e.g., hit rate, on-base percentage).

H3: Higher concentration and lower performance anxiety will be associated with better clutch performance.

Methodology: Mixed-methods explanatory design: quantitative testing + qualitative interviews for contextual insight.

- N = 60 female softball players (16–28 years), from regional/state teams.
- Inclusion: Minimum 2 years competitive experience; medically cleared.

- Stratify by playing position (infield, outfield, pitcher, catcher).

Instruments & Tests

Anthropometry

- Height, body mass, body fat percentage (skin-fold or bioelectrical impedance).

Physical Fitness Tests

- Vertical jump (cm) — lower-body power.
- 20-m sprint (s) — speed.
- Agility T-test or pro-agility shuttle (s).
- Medicine ball chest pass (m) — upper-body power.
- Handgrip strength (kg).

Skill Tests

- Throwing velocity (radar gun) and accuracy (target hits/attempts).
- Bat speed (radar or bat sensor) and hitting accuracy (strike zone placement drills).
- Reaction time (computer or light-timing system).
- Fielding drill: time-to-field-and-throw (s) and clean catches (%)

Psychological Measures

- Competitive State Anxiety Inventory-2 (CSAI-2) or short sport anxiety scale.
- Concentration Inventory for Sport (brief).
- Intrinsic Motivation Inventory (IMI) short-form.

Performance Metrics

- Match statistics over a competitive season: batting average, on-base percentage, slugging, errors, assists, successful putouts, and fielding percentage.

Procedure

- Obtain consent and ethical clearance.
- Conduct anthropometry and fitness testing across two sessions to avoid fatigue.
- Skill drills under standardized conditions.
- Administer psychological questionnaires pre-competition.
- Collect match stats from coaches/score sheets across a season (or tournament series).
- Conduct semi-structured interviews with 12 players and 6 coaches for qualitative insights.

Statistical Analysis

- Descriptive statistics (means, SD).
- Pearson correlations between predictor variables and performance outcomes.
- Multiple regression analyses to identify predictors of batting and fielding performance.
- MANOVA to examine position-based differences.
- Thematic analysis for qualitative interview data.

Conclusion

A multidimensional assessment of female softball athletes can reveal clear, trainable predictors of performance. By combining targeted physical conditioning, skill-specific practice, and psychological skills training, coaches can enhance player development and competitive success in women's softball.

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EFFECT OF STRUCTURED KHO-KHO TRAINING ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, SKILL PERFORMANCE AND COMPETITIVE OUTCOMES IN CHHATRPATI SAMBHJINAGAR DISTRICT

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Abstract
This study investigates the effect of a 12-week structured kho-kho training programme on health-related physical fitness, skill performance and match outcomes of school-going players (classes VI–X) in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District. Using a quasi-experimental design with experimental (n=50) and control (n=50) groups drawn from district-level schools, the study measures changes in aerobic endurance, agility, explosive power, speed, game skill tests and competitive performance. The goal is to provide district-specific evidence to guide district-level sports policy, coaching practices and talent development in kho-kho.
Keywords: Kho-Kho, Physical Fitness, Competitive Outcomes

Introduction
Kho-kho is a traditional Indian tag sport with strong roots in rural Maharashtra. In Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District, kho-kho is widely played in schoolyards and village grounds yet structured coaching, standardised facilities and long-term development pathways remain limited. Given the sport's heavy reliance on agility, sprinting, mutual coordination and tactical awareness, a systematic training intervention at the school/residential level can boost both individual fitness and team performance. This study aims to evaluate the impact of a planned training programme specific to the district's sociocultural and infrastructural realities.

Need and Significance
- Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District shows strong grassroots participation in kho-kho but lacks district-level residential programmes and standard playing surfaces.
- Many talented children discontinue due to absence of facilities, nutrition and coaching.
- District-specific evidence will help the District Sports Office and Zilla Parishad to design cost-effective residential or after-school programmes that improve both health outcomes and competitive representation.

Objectives
1. To assess baseline health-related physical fitness and kho-kho skill levels of school players in the district.
2. To examine the effect of a 12-week structured kho-kho training programme on fitness (endurance, speed, agility, power).
3. To evaluate changes in specific kho-kho skills (chasing/defending drills, tag accuracy, coordination).
4. To compare match outcomes (win/loss ratio, points scored) between trained and control teams in a district tournament.
5. To recommend district-level coaching and infrastructure policies based on findings.

Hypotheses
H1: Players receiving the 12-week structured training will show significant improvements in endurance, agility, speed and explosive power compared to controls.
H2: Trained players will demonstrate improved kho-kho skill scores (fewer misses, faster recoveries).
H3: Teams with trained players will perform significantly better in a post-intervention district tournament.

Methodology

Design

Quasi-experimental, pretest–posttest with control group.

Sample & Sampling

- Total N = 100 players (male & female) from 6-8 government and Zilla Parishad schools across Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District.
- Experimental group: n=50 (selected schools receiving intervention)
- Control group: n=50 (matched schools continuing usual PE classes)
- Inclusion: students in classes VI–X with parental consent; medically fit.

Intervention (12-week structured programme)

- Frequency: 5 days/week, 90 minutes/day.
- Components: dynamic warm-up, mobility, agility ladder, repeated sprint sets, plyometrics for explosive power, tactical kho-kho drills (chasing patterns, pole turns, tagging techniques), small-sided games, cool-down and brief mental skills (breathing, focus).
- Progressive overload and periodisation across weeks (technique focus early, intensity/tactics later).

Measurements

Physical Fitness

- 12-minute run/walk (endurance)
- 20-m sprint (speed)
- Illinois agility test (agility)
- Vertical jump / squat jump (explosive power)

Skill Performance

- Standardised chasing drill time & accuracy
- Defending drill (successful tags per attempt)
- Game decision score (coach-rated tactical behaviour)

Competitive Outcomes

- Results from a district round-robin tournament (pre and post intervention): points per game, win percentage

Statistical Analysis

- Descriptive statistics (mean, SD)
- Paired t-tests for within-group pre/post changes
- ANCOVA (posttest scores with pretest as covariate) to compare groups
- Effect sizes (Cohen's d) and significance $p<0.05$

Conclusion

Structured, progressive kho-kho training adapted to the realities of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District can meaningfully improve fitness, technical skill and competitive outcomes among school players. District investment in coach education, minor infrastructure and nutritional/medical support will multiply returns by producing higher-performing teams and sustaining grassroots participation.

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A STUDY OF PHYSICAL, PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DETERMINANTS OF PERFORMANCE IN KABADDI PLAYERS

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Abstract

Kabaddi is a high-intensity indigenous team sport that requires a unique combination of strength, speed, agility, endurance, coordination and psychological control. The present study examines the physical, physiological and psychological determinants that influence performance in competitive kabaddi players. Sixty male kabaddi players aged between 18 and 25 years, representing inter-collegiate and district-level competitions, were selected for the study. Selected variables included muscular strength, muscular endurance, speed, agility, aerobic capacity, breath-holding ability, concentration and competitive anxiety. Standardized tests and questionnaires were administered, and match performance statistics were recorded. The findings indicate that agility, anaerobic endurance and psychological stability are strong predictors of successful kabaddi performance. The study highlights the need for integrated training programmes combining physical conditioning, technical drills and mental skills training to enhance competitive success in kabaddi.

Keywords: Kabaddi, physical fitness, agility, anaerobic endurance, psychological factors, performance.

Introduction

Kabaddi is one of the oldest indigenous sports of India and has evolved from a traditional rural game into a highly competitive international sport. Modern kabaddi demands repeated bouts of high-intensity effort interspersed with brief recovery periods, placing considerable stress on the neuromuscular and cardiorespiratory systems. Successful kabaddi players must possess explosive strength for raids and tackles, speed and agility for evasive movements, and high levels of anaerobic endurance to sustain repeated efforts. Along with physical abilities, psychological factors such as concentration, courage, emotional control and tactical awareness play a vital role in determining match outcomes. In recent years, the professionalization of kabaddi through national and international leagues has increased the importance of scientific training and performance analysis. Despite this progress, many training programmes continue to rely on traditional methods, with limited integration of sports science principles. Research-based evidence identifying key performance determinants can assist coaches and trainers in designing structured and effective training programmes for kabaddi players.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies on kabaddi and similar combative team sports have reported that agility and speed are critical for both offensive and defensive actions. Research has shown that successful raiders exhibit superior anaerobic power and breath control, while defenders demonstrate higher levels of muscular strength and reaction ability. Studies focusing on psychological aspects have emphasized the role of concentration, decision-making speed and anxiety control in executing effective raids and tackles under competitive pressure. However, the interaction of physical, physiological and psychological variables in determining overall kabaddi performance remains underexplored, indicating the need for comprehensive research in this area.

Methodology

The study employed a descriptive and correlational research design. Sixty kabaddi players were purposively selected from district and inter-collegiate competitions. All participants were medically fit and had a minimum of three years of competitive experience. Physical fitness variables were

assessed using standardized tests such as the 50-meter sprint for speed, Illinois agility test for agility, push-up and sit-up tests for muscular strength and endurance, and the Cooper 12-minute run for aerobic capacity. Breath-holding time was measured using a standard nose-clip method. Psychological variables including concentration and competitive anxiety were assessed using validated questionnaires. Match performance was evaluated using performance indicators such as successful raids, successful tackles and total points scored during competition.

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics were used to summarize the data. Pearson's product-moment correlation was employed to determine the relationship between selected variables and performance indicators. Multiple regression analysis was applied to identify the most significant predictors of kabaddi performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The analysis revealed significant relationships between agility, anaerobic endurance and kabaddi performance. Players with higher agility scores demonstrated greater success in both raiding and defensive actions. Anaerobic endurance and breath-holding ability were strongly associated with effective raiding performance, highlighting the importance of physiological efficiency in sustaining repeated high-intensity efforts. Psychological variables, particularly concentration and lower levels of competitive anxiety, showed a meaningful association with overall match performance. These findings suggest that kabaddi performance is multidimensional and cannot be optimized through physical training alone.

The results support earlier research emphasizing the need for sport-specific conditioning and mental preparation in kabaddi. Traditional training methods focusing solely on physical drills may limit performance potential if psychological readiness and physiological recovery are neglected.

Conclusion

The present study concludes that kabaddi performance is significantly influenced by a combination of physical, physiological and psychological factors. Agility, anaerobic endurance, breath control and mental stability emerged as key determinants of successful performance. Coaches and trainers are encouraged to adopt integrated training programmes that combine physical conditioning, technical skill development and psychological skills training. Such a holistic approach is essential for enhancing performance and sustaining competitive excellence in modern kabaddi.

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A STUDY ON THE EFFECT OF YOGIC PRACTICES ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, MENTAL HEALTH AND OVERALL WELL-BEING

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Abstract
Yoga is an ancient Indian system of holistic health that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques and mental discipline to promote overall well-being. In recent years, yoga has gained global recognition as an effective non-pharmacological intervention for improving physical fitness, psychological stability and quality of life. The present study examines the effect of selected yogic practices on health-related physical fitness and mental health variables among young adults. Sixty participants aged 18 to 25 years were randomly selected and divided into experimental and control groups. The experimental group underwent a structured yoga training programme for twelve weeks, while the control group followed their regular daily routine. Variables such as flexibility, muscular endurance, balance, resting heart rate, anxiety and perceived stress were measured before and after the intervention. The results revealed significant improvements in physical fitness components and mental health parameters among participants who practiced yoga regularly. The findings confirm the effectiveness of yoga as a comprehensive approach to health promotion and stress management.

Keywords: Yoga, yogic practices, physical fitness, mental health, stress management, well-being.

Introduction

Yoga is a time-tested discipline rooted in Indian philosophy, emphasizing harmony between the body, mind and spirit. Traditionally, yoga was practiced as a means of self-realization and spiritual growth; however, its application in modern health and wellness contexts has expanded considerably. Contemporary research highlights yoga as a scientifically validated practice capable of enhancing physical fitness, regulating physiological functions and improving psychological health. In today's fast-paced lifestyle, individuals are increasingly exposed to stress, sedentary habits and lifestyle-related disorders. These factors negatively affect physical fitness and mental balance. Yoga offers a holistic solution by combining asanas, pranayama and meditation, which collectively improve muscular strength, flexibility, balance, respiratory efficiency and mental calmness. Unlike high-impact physical activities, yoga is accessible to individuals of all ages and fitness levels, making it a valuable tool for preventive and promotive health care. Despite widespread acceptance of yoga, systematic research is required to establish its effects on specific health parameters using scientific methods. This study aims to contribute empirical evidence on the role of yogic practices in improving physical fitness and mental health among young adults.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies have demonstrated that regular yoga practice leads to significant improvements in flexibility, muscular endurance and postural stability. Research also indicates that pranayama enhances respiratory efficiency and autonomic balance, resulting in reduced resting heart rate and improved cardiovascular regulation. Several investigations have reported a reduction in anxiety, depression and perceived stress levels following yoga and meditation interventions. Scholars have emphasized that yoga influences both physiological and psychological systems simultaneously, making it more effective than isolated physical or relaxation techniques. However, many earlier studies were limited by short intervention periods or narrow outcome measures. There is a need for structured intervention studies examining multiple dimensions of health, particularly among young populations vulnerable to stress and lifestyle disorders.

Methodology

The study adopted an experimental research design with pretest and posttest measures. Sixty healthy young adults were selected as subjects and randomly assigned to experimental and control groups, each consisting of thirty participants. The experimental group participated in a twelve-week yoga training programme, conducted five days per week for sixty minutes per session. The programme included selected asanas, pranayama practices and brief meditation techniques. The control group did not participate in any structured physical or yogic training during the study period.

Health-related physical fitness variables such as flexibility, muscular endurance and balance were assessed using standardized tests. Mental health variables including anxiety and perceived stress were measured using validated questionnaires. Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics and inferential tests to determine the significance of differences between pretest and posttest scores.

Results and Discussion

The results showed significant improvements in flexibility, muscular endurance and balance in the experimental group compared to the control group. Participants who practiced yoga also exhibited a reduction in resting heart rate, indicating improved physiological efficiency. Psychological measures revealed a marked decrease in anxiety and stress levels following the yoga intervention.

These findings support earlier research suggesting that yoga enhances neuromuscular coordination, promotes relaxation and stabilizes emotional responses. The combined effect of physical postures, controlled breathing and mental focus appears to be responsible for the observed benefits. The absence of significant changes in the control group confirms that the improvements were attributable to the yoga programme.

Conclusion

The study concludes that regular practice of yoga significantly improves health-related physical fitness and mental health among young adults. Yoga serves as a holistic, cost-effective and sustainable approach to promoting physical well-being and psychological balance. Incorporating yoga into educational institutions, sports training programmes and community health initiatives can contribute to improved quality of life and long-term health outcomes.

Practical Implications

The findings of this study highlight the importance of integrating yoga into daily routines, physical education curricula and wellness programmes. Yoga can be effectively used as a preventive and rehabilitative tool for managing stress, enhancing fitness and maintaining overall health.

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A STUDY ON HEALTH RELATED PHYSICAL FITNESS OF BOXING PLAYERS

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Abstract
Boxing is a high-intensity combat sport that demands exceptional levels of physical fitness, physiological efficiency and mental toughness. Health-related physical fitness plays a crucial role in determining a boxer's ability to train effectively, sustain repeated bouts of high-intensity activity and reduce the risk of injury. The present study aims to assess the health-related physical fitness components of competitive boxing players. Forty male boxers aged 18 to 25 years, representing district and state-level competitions, were selected as subjects. Health-related physical fitness components including cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition were assessed using standardized tests. The results revealed that successful boxers demonstrated superior cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance and optimal body composition. The study emphasizes the importance of systematic fitness assessment and scientifically designed training programmes for enhancing boxing performance and long-term athlete health.

Keywords: Boxing, health-related physical fitness, cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, body composition.

Introduction

Boxing is one of the most physically demanding sports, requiring athletes to perform repeated explosive movements, sustain high work rates and tolerate significant physiological stress. A boxing match involves rapid punches, defensive maneuvers, footwork and continuous movement over multiple rounds, making overall fitness a critical factor in performance. In addition to technical skill and tactical intelligence, a boxer's success largely depends on health-related physical fitness.

Health-related physical fitness refers to the capacity of the body to perform daily and sports-related activities with vigor while reducing the risk of fatigue and disease. The major components of health-related physical fitness include cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition. For boxing players, these components are directly linked to punching power, defensive efficiency, stamina, recovery and injury prevention. Despite the popularity of boxing in competitive sports, many training programmes emphasize skill development while underestimating systematic fitness assessment. Understanding the fitness profile of boxing players can help coaches and trainers design balanced training programmes that enhance performance and promote long-term health.

Review of Related Literature

Previous studies on combat sports indicate that high levels of aerobic and anaerobic fitness are essential for sustaining repeated bouts of intense activity. Research has shown that boxers with superior cardiovascular endurance maintain punching frequency and defensive reactions throughout a match. Muscular strength and endurance are associated with punching power and the ability to resist fatigue during later rounds. Flexibility contributes to efficient movement patterns and reduces the risk of musculoskeletal injuries. Studies on body composition highlight the importance of optimal lean body mass and controlled body fat levels, especially due to weight-category restrictions in boxing. Several researchers have emphasized that boxers who follow structured conditioning programmes demonstrate better health-related fitness profiles compared to those relying on traditional training methods alone.

Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive research design. Forty male boxing players aged 18 to 25 years were purposively selected from district and state-level boxing training centers. All subjects had a minimum of three years of competitive experience and were medically fit at the time of testing. Health-related physical fitness components were assessed using standardized tools and procedures. Cardiovascular endurance was measured using the Cooper 12-minute run and walk test. Muscular strength was assessed through the push-up test, while muscular endurance was evaluated using the one-minute sit-up test. Flexibility was measured using the sit-and-reach test. Body composition was determined using Body Mass Index and skinfold measurements where applicable. The tests were administered under standardized conditions with adequate rest between trials. Descriptive statistics were used to analyze the data, and the fitness levels of the boxing players were interpreted based on established norms.

Results and Discussion

The analysis of results revealed that boxing players possessed above-average cardiovascular endurance, reflecting the aerobic demands of continuous movement during bouts. Muscular endurance scores were also found to be high, indicating the players' ability to sustain repeated punching and defensive actions. Muscular strength levels were adequate, though variation was observed based on weight category. Flexibility scores suggested moderate to good joint mobility, which is essential for effective punching mechanics and defensive maneuvers. Body composition analysis indicated that most players maintained optimal body weight relative to height, aligning with the demands of weight-category competition. These findings suggest that health-related physical fitness is a fundamental requirement for boxing performance. Players with balanced development across all fitness components are better equipped to handle the physical and physiological stresses of competitive boxing.

Conclusion

The study concludes that boxing players demonstrate a high level of health-related physical fitness, particularly in cardiovascular endurance and muscular endurance. These components are essential for sustaining performance across multiple rounds and minimizing fatigue. Regular assessment and targeted training of health-related fitness components should be an integral part of boxing preparation programmes. Emphasizing overall fitness alongside technical training will not only improve competitive performance but also support long-term athlete health and injury prevention.

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ग्रामीण भागातील खेळाडूंसाठी मराठी भाषेत क्रीडा मार्गदर्शनाचे महत्त्व

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महत्वाचे शब्द: ग्रामीण खेळाडू, मराठी मार्गदर्शन, क्रीडा शिक्षण, प्रशिक्षण प्रभाव, सांस्कृतिक सुसंगती

प्रस्तावना

भारताच्या ग्रामीण भागात खेळ ही शारीरिक आरोग्य, सामाजिक अभिव्यक्ती आणि करियरचा मार्ग होऊ शकते. परंतु ग्रामीण खेळाडूंना सहसा मर्यादीत संसाधने, प्रशिक्षकांची अनुपलब्धता आणि भाषिक अडचणी यांचा सामना करावा लागतो. शैक्षणिक आणि प्रशिक्षण साहित्य बहुतेक वेळा इंग्रजी किंवा हिंदीमध्ये उपलब्ध असते. त्यामुळे ग्रामीण मराठी बोलणाऱ्या खेळाडूंना योग्य मार्गदर्शन मिळणे कठीण होते. या पार्श्वभूमीवर हा अभ्यास ग्रामीण भागातील खेळाडूंना मराठी भाषेत क्रीडा मार्गदर्शन देण्याच्या प्रभावशीलतेचा संशोधन करतो.

संशोधनाची गरज आणि वार्ता

1. **भाषिक अडथळा**: प्रशिक्षणाचे तत्त्व आणि तंत्र इंग्रजीत किंवा इतर भाषेत असल्यास ते पूर्णपणे समजणे कठीण होते.
2. **सांस्कृतिक सुसंगती**: स्थानिक उदाहरणे, खेळाची रीतीरिवाज आणि प्रसंग समजण्यासाठी मातृभाषा अधिक प्रभावी ठरते.
3. **प्रवेशयोग्यता**: मराठीमध्ये तयार केलेले साधे प्रशिक्षण साहित्य, व्हिडिओ व मार्गदर्शक ग्रामीण स्तरावर सहज वापरले जाऊ शकतात.
4. **प्रेरणा आणि आत्मविश्वास**: कोचिंग मराठीत मिळाल्याने खेळाडूंमध्ये सहभाग आणि आत्मविश्वास वाढतो.

या कारणांमुळे मराठी भाषेत मार्गदर्शनामुळे ग्रामीण खेळाडूंच्या कौशल्यात आणि सहभागात लक्षणीय सुधारणा होऊ शकते.

उद्दिष्टे

1. ग्रामीण खेळाडूंसाठी मराठी भाषेतील क्रीडा मार्गदर्शनाचे लाभ शोधणे.
2. मराठी मार्गदर्शनामुळे प्रशिक्षणाची समज, सहभाग आणि सततता कशी वाढते ते तपासणे.
3. स्थानिक अडचणी आणि अंमलबजावणीचे उपाय सुचवणे.
4. क्रीडा संस्थांना व धोरणकर्त्यांना उपयुक्त शिफारसी देणे.

संशोधन पद्धती

अभ्यासाची रचना

हा अभ्यास मिश्र पद्धतींवर (mixed methods) आधारित आहे. म्हणजेच गुणात्मक आणि मात्रात्मक दोन्ही माहितीचा समावेश आहे.

तुलना आधीच्या अभ्यासांशी

जागतिक व भारतीय अभ्यास दर्शवितात की मातृभाषेत शिक्षण शैक्षणिक व व्यवहारिक कौशल्ये वाढवते. क्रीडा क्षेत्रातही याचा समान परिणाम रंगला आहे. ग्रामीण पक्षांमध्ये हे परिणाम अधिक स्पष्ट दिसतात कारण अनेकदा इतर माध्यमे अपुरी असतात.

मर्यादा

- नमुन्याचा क्षेत्रिक मर्यादा. सर्व ग्रामीण भागांवर सामान्यीकरण करणे मर्यादित.
- अभ्यास कालावधी केवळ तीन महिने. दीर्घकालीन परिणाम तपासणे आवश्यक.
- उपकरणे व मापन पद्धती काही प्रमाणात साध्या प्रकारच्या होत्या. अधिक विस्तृत प्रयोगशाळा चाचणी उपलब्ध झाल्यास आणखी स्पष्ट निष्कर्ष मिळतील.

नमुना आणि भागीदार

- स्थानिक ग्रामीण खेळ संघ, शाळा आणि क्लब यांच्या माध्यमातून पुणे, नाशिक व चंद्रपूर जिल्ह्यांतील 6 गावांमधील 120 खेळाडू (वय 14–25), 12 प्रशिक्षक व 8 शालेय शिक्षक सहभागी.
- उद्देशाने पठणानुसार तीन गट: फुटबॉल, कबड्डी व ॲथलेटिक्स.

साधने व उपकरणे

- प्रश्नमाला (Likert स्केल आधारित) — ज्ञान समज, आत्मविश्वास, सहभाग मोजण्यासाठी.
- रेकॉर्ड केलेल्या प्रशिक्षण सत्रांचे विश्लेषण — उपस्थिती व सक्रिय सहभाग.
- अर्ध-संरचित मुलाखती — प्रशिक्षक व खेळाडू यांची प्रतिक्रिया.
- प्री–पोस्ट चाचण्या — कौशल्य चाचण्या (नमुना: स्प्रिंट वेळ, बॅलन्स व तांत्रिक कौशल्ये) आणि मानसिक निकष (आत्मविश्वास गुणसूत्र).

प्रक्रिया

1. प्रारंभी सर्व सहभागींना प्री-टेस्ट व प्रश्नमाला भरविणे.
2. तीन महिने मराठी मार्गदर्शन कार्यक्रम — आठवड्यातून 2 सत्रे, प्रत्येक 60 मिनिटे. मार्गदर्शनात तांत्रिक स्पष्टीकरण, दृश्य प्रदर्शन, स्थानिक उदाहरणे आणि गट चर्चांचा समावेश.
3. प्रशिक्षणानंतर पोस्ट-टेस्ट व पुनःप्रश्नमाला.
4. 15 प्रशिक्षक व 30 खेळाडूंशी मुलाखती घेणे.
5. डेटाचे सांख्यिकीय व विषयवार विश्लेषण.

कार्यक्रमाची रूपरेषा

1. **साहित्य व मीडिया**: मराठी टेक्स्टबुक, पोस्टर, चिटका, व्हिडिओ ट्यूटोरियल्स.
2. **शब्दसंग्रह व संज्ञा स्पष्टीकरण**: क्रीडा संज्ञांचा सोपा मराठी अर्थ व स्थानिक शब्द.
3. **कौशल्य शिकवणी**: तांत्रिक स्टेप-बाय-स्टेप मार्गदर्शन मराठीत.
4. **मानसिक तयारी व प्रेरणा**: स्थानिक यशकथा, संवाद व सर्वसमावेशक चर्चा.
5. **पालक व समुदाय समावेश**: पालकांसाठी साधे मार्गदर्शक व गावगटांमधील माहिती सत्रे.

निष्कर्ष:

मात्रात्मक निष्कर्ष

1. **ज्ञान समज**: प्रश्नमालेतील सरासरी गुण 62% ते 85% पर्यंत वाढले. खेळाचे तांत्रिक तत्त्वांची समज सुधारली.
2. **उपस्थिती व सातत्य**: मराठी मार्गदर्शन सुरु असताना उपस्थितीचा प्रमाण 12% ने वाढला. सतत प्रशिक्षणाच्या प्रमाणात सुधारणा दिसली.
3. **कौशल्य चाचण्या**: स्प्रिंट व तांत्रिक चाचण्यांमध्ये लहान पण सांख्यिकदृष्ट्या महत्त्वपूर्ण सुधारणा आढळली. उदाहरणार्थ, 30 मीटर स्प्रिंटमध्ये सरासरी 2–3% सुधार.
4. **आत्मविश्वास व सहभाग**: आत्मविश्वास स्कोअरमध्ये सरासरी 18% वाढ.

गुणात्मक निष्कर्ष

1. **भाषिक समज आणि प्रभावी संवाद**: प्रशिक्षकांनी नमूद केले की मराठीत्याने तांत्रिक सूचनांचे पालन सोपे झाले.
2. **संस्कृतिक सुसंगती**: स्थानिक उदाहरणे व चित्रकथांनी मार्गदर्शने जास्त प्रभावी ठरली.

3. **पालकांचा आधार**: पालकांना मार्गदर्शन समजल्याने घरगुती सपोर्ट वाढला.
4. **शिक्षकांचे मत**: शालेय शिक्षक म्हणाले की मराठी साहित्यामुळे शैक्षणिक सुरुवात व समन्वय सुधारला.

चर्चा

कारणे व स्पष्टीकरण

- मुळात लोक किंवा खेळाडू जेव्हा त्यांच्या मातृभाषेत शिकतात तेव्हा संकल्पना अधिक खोलपणे समजतात. तांत्रिक निर्देशांना ते अधिक सहज आत्मसात करतात.
- मराठी मार्गदर्शनातील दृश्य व शब्दात्मक उदाहरणे स्थानिक परिस्थितीशी जुळवून दिली गेली त्यामुळे उपयोजनेची उर्जा वाढली.
- भाषिक सहजतेमुळे प्रशिक्षक-खेळाडू संवाद अधिक खुले झाले. शंका विचारण्याची प्रवृत्ती वाढली.

निष्कर्ष

ग्रामीण भागातील खेळाडूंना मराठी भाषेत क्रीडा मार्गदर्शन देणे हे फलदायी आहे. मातृभाषेतील स्पष्टीकरणामुळे तांत्रिक समज, प्रशिक्षणात सातत्य, आत्मविश्वास आणि कौशल्यामध्ये लक्षणीय वाढ आढळते. स्थानिक संदर्भात आणि सोपी पद्धती वापरून तयार केलेले मराठी प्रशिक्षण साहित्य ग्रामीण पातळीवर खेळाचा विकास जलद आणि टिकाऊ करू शकते. धोरणकर्ते, क्रीडा संस्था आणि स्थानिक शिक्षण यंत्रणांनी ह्या दिशेने प्रयत्न वाढवले तर ग्रामीण खेळाडूंची गुणवत्ता आणि सहभागी संख्याही वाढेल.

संदर्भ

1. भाषा आणि शिक्षणावरील मूलभूत शैक्षणिक अभ्यास (Baker, 2011; Cummins, 2000).
2. क्रीडा मार्गदर्शन व प्रशिक्षण परिणामांवरील संशोधन (Shepard & Young, 2006; Bompa & Haff, 2009).
3. ग्रामीण खेळ विकास आणि समुदाय सहभाग यावरच्या स्थानिक अभ्यासपत्रिका.

"जलतरण खेळ व जलतरणातील दिव्यांग खेळाडुंच्या सहभागाचा एक अभ्यास"

अजय राजेंद्र दाभाडे

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प्रस्तावना :

जलतरण (पोहणे) हा एक वैयक्तिक किंवा सांघिक रेसिंग खेळ आहे ज्यात पाण्यामधून फिरण्यासाठी एखाद्याच्या संपूर्ण शरीराचा वापर करावा लागतो. खेळ तलावात किंवा खुल्या पाण्यात होतो (उदा. समुद्रात किंवा तलावात) बटरुलाय, बॅकस्ट्रोक, ब्रेस्टस्ट्रोक, फ्रीस्टाइल आणि वैयक्तिक मेडली मधील विविध अंतराच्या इव्हेंटसह स्पर्धात्मक पोहणे हा सर्वात लोकप्रिय ऑलिम्पिक खेळांपैकी एक आहे. या वैयक्तिक कार्यक्रमांव्यातिरिक्त, चार जलतरणपटू असतात जे प्रत्येकजण बॅकस्ट्रोक, ब्रेस्टस्ट्रोक, बटरलाय आणि फ्रीस्टाइल म्हणून ऑर्डर केलेले वेगवेगळे स्ट्रोक पोहतील.

प्रत्येक स्ट्रोक पोहण्यासाठी विशिष्ट तंत्रांचा संच आवश्यक आहे.

पॅरा स्विमिंग हे अपंग खेळाडूंच्या पोहण्याच्या खेळाचे रूपांतर आहे. पॅरा जलतरणपटू उन्हाळी पॅरलिम्पिक खेळांमध्ये आणि जगभरातील इतर पॅरा क्रीडा स्पर्धांमध्ये भाग घेतात. हा खेळ आंतरराष्ट्रीय पॅरलिम्पिक समितीद्वारे नियंत्रित केला जातो. पुरूष आणि स्त्रिया दोघेही पॅरा स्विमिंगमध्ये स्पर्धा करतात, त्यांच्या स्वत:च्या लिंगाच्या प्रतिस्पर्ध्यांविरुद्ध स्पर्धा करतात. रोम, इटली येथे 1960 उन्हाळी ऑलिंपिक पासून पोहणे हा पॅरालिम्पिक कार्यक्रमाचा एक भाग आहे.

पॅरलिम्पिक जलतरण स्पर्धा शारीरिक अपंगत्व असलेल्या पुरूष आणि महिला खेळाडूंसाठी खुली आहे जसे की बौनेत्व, अंगविच्छेदन/अंग गळणे, अंधत्व/ दृश्य कमजोरी, पाठीच्या कण्याला दुखापत/ व्हीलचेअर-वापवरकर्ते, सेरेब्रल पाल्सी/मेंदूला दुखापत/स्ट्रोक, संज्ञानात्मक कमजोरी, मानसिक अपंगत्व, बहिरे आणि श्रवणदोष. जलतरणपटूंचे वर्गीकरण त्यांच्या अपंगत्वाच्या प्रकारानुसार व मर्यादेनुसार केले जाते. वर्गीकरण प्रणाली जलतरणपटूंना समान पातळीच्या कार्यासाह इतरांशी स्पर्धा करण्यास अनुमती देते. शारीरिक अपंगत्व असलेलया जलतरणपटूंना 1 आणि 10 मधील श्रेणी वाटप केली जाते. 1 सर्वात गंभीर प्रकारच्या अपंगात्वाशी संबंधित आहे. प्यारा जलतरणपटूंच्या शारीरिक अपंगात्वांमध्ये एकल किंवा अधिक अंगाचे नुकसान (जन्मदोष किंवा विच्छेदनाद्वारे) पाठीच्या कण्याला दुखापत (अंगाच्या समन्वयांमध्ये अर्धांग वायू किंवा अपंगत्व होऊ शकते). बौनेत्व आणि अपंगत्व यांचा समावेश होतो ज्यामुळे सांध्याचा वापर बिघडतो. अंध आणि दृष्टीही जलतरणपटू वेदाशमीमध्ये स्पर्ध करतात. त्यांना 11, 12 किंवा 13 श्रेणीमध्ये वाटप केले जाते. मानसिक अपंग जलतरणपटू श्रेणी 14 मध्ये स्पर्धा करतात तर बहिरे आणि श्रवणदोष असलेले जलतरणपटू 15 श्रेणी मध्ये स्पर्ध करतात.

भारतीय संदर्भ :

1. **भारतीय पॅरालिम्पिक सामिती :** भारतीय पॅरालिम्पिक समिती (PCI) पोहण्याच्या समावेशासह भारतातील अपंग खेळाडूंसाठी खेळांचा प्रचार आणि विकास करण्यासाठी जबाबदार आहे.
2. **राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धा :** भारत दिव्यांग खेळाडूंसाठी राष्ट्रीय पॅरा स्विामिंग चॅम्पियनशिपसारख्या अनेक राष्ट्रीय - स्तरीय जलतरण स्पर्धांचे आयोजन करते.
3. **सरकारी उपक्रम :** भारत सरकारने "खेलो इंडिया" कार्यक्रमासारखे उपक्रम सुरू केले आहेत, ज्याचा उद्देश अपंग लोकांमध्ये पोहणेसह खेळांना प्रोत्साहन देणे आहे.

समाजातील दुर्बल व दुर्लक्ष घटकांपैकी मानला जाणारा दिव्यांग आजच्या 21 व्या शतकात आपल्या दिव्यांगात्वावर मात करून प्रत्येक क्षेत्रात आपल्या कौशल्याच्या बळावर उच्चतम कामगिरी करतो आहे. क्रीडा क्षेत्रातील दिव्यांगांची आंतरराष्ट्रीय व राष्ट्रीय

स्तरावरील उच्चतम कामगिरी ही गौरवास्पद आहे. केंद्र व राज्य शासनाच्या अनेक संधी प्राप्त होत असताना सामान्यप्रमाणे स्पर्धात्मक स्तरावर सुवर्ण, रौप्य व्यवस्थापित कामगिरी करणाऱ्या दिव्यांग खेळाडूंना अधिक चांगल्या प्रकारे भविष्यात क्रीडा व्यासपीठ व्हावे त्यांच्या असंख्य समस्या निराकरण होऊन भविष्यात त्यांना उत्तेजना मिळून त्यांची सुद्धा राष्ट्रीय आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर स्वतःचे अस्तित्व तयार करून दिव्यांग तर मात करण्याचे सामर्थ्य निर्माण व्हावी. संशोधनाच्या माध्यमातून त्यांच्या असंख्य समस्या त्यावर उपाय व त्यांच्या गरजा लक्षात घेऊन महत्वपूर्ण गोष्ट प्रकर्षाने समोर आणून त्यांच्यावर काम करण्याची आवश्यकता आहे. जेणेकरून भविष्यातील दिव्यांग घटक हतबल न होता या उमेदीने जलतरण खेळाच्या सहभागातून उज्वल आणि यशस्वी वाटचाल करू शकतील.

1. शारीरिक फायदे : पोहणे हा कमी प्रभावाचा व्यायाम आहे जो हृदय व रक्तवाहिन्यासंबंधी तंदुरुस्ती, सामर्थ्य आणि लवचिकता सुधारण्यास मदत करू शकतो, जे अपंग खेळाडूंसाठी आवश्यक आहे.
2. पुनर्वसन रीढ़ की हड्डीला दुखापत, अंगविच्छेदन किंवा सेरेब्रल पाल्सी यासारख्या शारीरिक अपंग खेळाडूंसाठी पोहणे हे एक प्रभावी पुनर्वसन साधन असू शकते.
3. स्पर्धा संधी : जलतरण अपंग खेळाडूंसाठी पॅरालिम्पिक खेळ, जागतिक स्पर्धा आणि राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धांसह अनेक स्पर्धात्मक संधी देते.
4. कौशल्य विकास पोहण्यासाठी तंत्र, रणनीती आणि सहनशक्ती आवश्यक आहे, जे अपंग खेळाडूंना नवीन कौशल्ये विकसित करण्यास आणि आत्मविश्वास वाढविण्यात मदत करू शकतात.
1. समावेश: जलतरण अपंग खेळाडूंना मुख्य प्रवाहातील खेळात सहभागी होण्याची संधी देते, सामाजिक समावेश आणि समानतेला प्रोत्साहन देते.
2. रोल मॉडेल पोहण्यात अपंग असलेले यशस्वी खेळाडू रोल मॉडेल म्हणून काम करू शकतात, इतरांना प्रेरणा देऊ शकतात आणि स्टिरिओटाइपला आव्हान देऊ शकतात.
3. सामाजिक संवाद जलतरण संघ आणि स्पर्धा अपंग खेळाडूंना त्यांच्या समवयस्कांशी संवाद साधण्यासाठी, नातेसंबंध निर्माण करण्यासाठी आणि सामाजिक कौशल्ये विकसित करण्यासाठी व्यासपीठ प्रदान करतात.
4. सशक्तीकरण : जलतरणातील सहभाग दिव्यांग खेळाडूंना सक्षम बनवू शकतो, त्यांचा आत्मसन्मान, आत्मविश्वास आणि एकूणच कल्याण वाढवू शकतो.

संदर्भ ग्रंथसुची :

1. शरद जोशी यांचे "पोहणे" हे पुस्तक पोहण्याचे तंत्र, स्ट्रोक आणि सुरक्षितता टिपांसह सर्वसमावेशक मार्गदर्शक प्रदान करते.
2. जलतरण विकिपिडिया.
3. सुधीर फडके "जलमार्ग", हे पुस्तक लोकप्रिय जलतरण पुस्तकाचा मराठी अनुवाद आहे आणि त्यात पोहण्याच्या विविध पैलूंचा समावेश आहे.
4. पॅरा स्विमिंग विकिपिडिया.
5. प्रवीण कुलकर्णी, "पोहण्याचे शास्त्र" हे पुस्तक पोहण्याचे तंत्र, स्ट्रोक आणि प्रशिक्षण पद्धती याविषयी सविस्तर माहिती देते.

कबड्डी आणि कुस्ती खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती आणि कामगिरीवर विशिष्ट योग व्यायामांचा होणारा परिणाम

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प्रस्तावना

अनेक संशोधकांचा दावा आहे की, योगामुळे व्यक्तीच्या खेळातील कामगिरीत सुधारणा होण्यासाठी तो अत्यंत उपयुक्त आहे. योगामुळे शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती आणि एकाग्रता सुधारते, ज्यामुळे खेळाडूंना संतुलन, शारीरिक क्षमता आणि एकाग्रता टिकवून ठेवण्यास मदत होते. नियमित व्यायामासोबतच, योग्य मार्गदर्शनाखाली योगाभ्यास केल्यास, व्यक्तीला आपल्या कामगिरीत लक्षणीय सुधारणा दिसून येते. शिवाय, व्यक्तीच्या गरजेनुसार योगिक तंत्रांचा नियमित सरावात समावेश केल्यास, उच्च कामगिरीची एक नवीन पातळी गाठता येते. योग्य मार्गदर्शन आणि सरावानंतर, योगिक तंत्रांसह मोजक्या व्यायामांचा सराव करण्याची सवय लावणे व्यक्तीसाठी सोपे होते. शारीरिक तंदुरुस्तीचे यश शरीरातील महत्त्वाच्या अवयवांच्या कार्यक्षमतेवर अवलंबून असते. हे ध्येय साध्य करण्यासाठी योगिक तंत्रांचा वापर केला जाऊ शकतो. विविध आसने, एकाग्रता आणि श्वसन तंत्रे योग्य मार्गदर्शनाखाली अत्यंत उपयुक्त ठरू शकतात. थोडक्यात, योग खेळाडूंना त्यांची शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती तसेच कामगिरीशी संबंधित तंदुरुस्ती सुधारण्यास मदत करतो.

उत्तम कामगिरीसाठी कबड्डी खेळाडूंना वेग, ताकद, रणनीती आणि फुफ्फुसांच्या क्षमतेवर काम करणे आवश्यक आहे. प्रत्येक संघात सात खेळाडू असलेले दोन संघ एका कबड्डी सामन्यात सहभागी होऊ शकतात. आणखी पाच खेळाडू राखीव खेळाडू म्हणून सहभागी होऊ शकतात. आवश्यकतेनुसार ते प्रत्यक्षात खेळात भाग घेऊ शकतात. (चंद्र, २०१८ आणि यल्लप्पा, २०२०)

कुस्ती हा दोन प्रतिस्पर्धी खेळाडूंमध्ये खेळला जाणारा एक लढाईचा खेळ आहे. कुस्तीमधील हालचालींमध्ये पकडापकडी, फेकणे आणि खाली पाडणे, सांध्यांवरील पकड, चितपट करणे आणि इतर पकडींचा समावेश असतो. प्रत्येक खेळाडू श्रेष्ठ स्थान मिळवण्याचा आणि ते टिकवून ठेवण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो. कुस्ती हा लढाईच्या सर्वात प्राचीन प्रकारांपैकी एक आहे. (सुरेंद्र कुमार, २०१२) कुस्ती हा खेळ प्राचीन ऑलिम्पिक खेळांपासून खेळला जात आहे आणि आजही तो आधुनिक ऑलिम्पिक खेळांचा एक महत्त्वाचा खेळ आहे. हा खेळ साधारणपणे समान वजनाच्या खेळाडूंमध्ये खेळला जातो. ऑलिम्पिक खेळांमध्ये कुस्तीच्या दोन शैली खेळल्या जातात, त्या म्हणजे ग्रीको-रोमन आणि फ्रीस्टाइल. (जेसस जी. २०११)

सामग्री आणि पद्धत

या अभ्यासाचा उद्देश नाशिक जिल्ह्यातील कबड्डी आणि कुस्तीपटूंवर विशिष्ट योगिक शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती आणि कामगिरीच्या परिणामांचे परीक्षण करणे हा होता. यामध्ये केवळ चार गटांना लक्ष्य करण्यात आले होते: दोन प्रायोगिक गट आणि दोन नियंत्रण गट. प्रायोगिक गटामध्ये ३० पुरुष कबड्डी खेळाडू आणि ३० पुरुष कुस्तीपटू होते, तर नियंत्रण गटामध्येही ३० पुरुष कबड्डी खेळाडू आणि ३० पुरुष कुस्तीपटू होते, ज्यांचे वय २१ ते ३० वर्षांच्या दरम्यान होते. हे खेळाडू नाशिक जिल्ह्यातील आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन स्पर्धेत शैक्षणिक वर्ष २०२४ ते २०२५ मध्ये सहभागी झाले होते. प्रशिक्षण फक्त प्रायोगिक गटालाच देण्यात आले.

योगाभ्यास योग्य प्रकारे करून घेण्यात आला आणि त्यांनाही तसेच करण्यास सांगितले. १२ आठवड्यांच्या योग सत्रांच्या कालावधीत, दोन्ही गटांच्या सदस्यांनी पूर्वनियोजित क्रीडा-विशिष्ट प्रशिक्षणातही नियमितपणे भाग घेतला. त्यांच्या नियमित प्रशिक्षणाव्यतिरिक्त, दर आठवड्यात (सोमवार ते शुक्रवार) इतर कोणत्याही शारीरिक हालचालीपूर्वी पहाटे योगाभ्यासाची सत्रे आयोजित केली जात होती. ही सत्रे एका व्यावसायिक योग तज्ञाद्वारे घेतली जात होती. योग तज्ञाने विविध योगासने (आसने) करून दाखवली आणि त्यानंतर सहभागींनी त्या आसनांचे अनुकरण केले.

योगिक व्यायामाच्या प्रशिक्षणात खालील निवडक योगिक व्यायामांचा समावेश असतो.

तक्ता क्र. १

योगिक व्यायामाचे प्रशिक्षण

अ. क्र.	आसन	स्थिती
१	उभे राहणे	सूर्यनमस्कार, ताडासन, त्रिकोनासन, उत्कटासन, उत्थिता पार्श्वकोनासन, चाक्रासन
२	बसणे	योग मुद्रा, पश्चिमोत्तनासन, अर्ध मत्स्येंद्रासन
३	गुडघे टेकणे	वज्रासन, पद्मासन
४	झोके घेणे	भुजंगासन, शलभासन, धनुरासन
५	पाठीचा कणा	नौकासन सर्वांगासन हलासन, सवासन

चाचण्यांची निवड: लवचिकता: बसून पोहोचण्याची चाचणी आणि संतुलन चाचणी: बास स्टिक चाचणी माहितीचे संकलन: एकूण १२० सहभागींकडून माहिती गोळा करण्यात आली. यामध्ये प्रायोगिक गटात ३० पुरुष कबड्डी खेळाडू आणि ३० पुरुष कुस्तीपटू, तसेच नियंत्रण गटात ३० पुरुष कबड्डी खेळाडू आणि ३० पुरुष कुस्तीपटू यांचा आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन स्पर्धांमधील सहभागाच्या आधारावर पूर्व आणि पश्चात चाचणी घेण्यात आली. केवळ प्रायोगिक गटालाच योग व्यायामाचे प्रशिक्षण देण्यात आले. या अभ्यासात, माहितीचे विश्लेषण करण्यासाठी स्टॅटिस्टिकल पॅकेज फॉर द सोशल सायन्सेस (SPSS) आवृत्ती २१ चा वापर करण्यात आला. कबड्डी आणि कुस्ती खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक तंदुरुस्ती आणि कामगिरीवर विशिष्ट योग व्यायामाच्या महत्त्वपूर्ण परिणामाचे परीक्षण करण्यासाठी, टी-टेस्टचा वापर करण्यात आला. सार्थकता पातळी ०.०५ च्या आत्मविश्वास पातळीवर निश्चित करण्यात आली होती.

निकाल:

यासंबंधीचे निकाल तक्त्यांच्या स्वरूपात सादर केले आहेत आणि जिथे आवश्यक असेल तिथे योग्य आकृत्यांच्या मदतीने स्पष्ट केले आहेत. सोयीसाठी आणि निकालांच्या पद्धतशीर सादरीकरणासाठी, खालील क्रम अवलंबण्यात आला आहे.

तक्ता क्र. २

पूर्व-चाचणी आणि उत्तर-चाचणीचे सरासरी गुण, प्रमाण विचलन आणि टी-चाचणी

घटक	चाचणी	गट	चाचणी	संख्या	मध्यमान	प्रमाणित विचलन	टी-मूल्य
लवचिकता	सिट आणि रीच	प्रायोगिक	पूर्व	३०	५.०८	१.३७	३.४८
			उत्तर		१०.४१	१.७२	
		नियंत्रण	पूर्व	३०	७.३०	१.६२	३.४८
			उत्तर		४.०६	१.६०	
स्थिर संतुलन	बास स्टिक चाचणी (सेकंद)	प्रायोगिक	पूर्व	३०	२८.५	२.३१	३.५५
			उत्तर		४१.१६	२.४७	
		नियंत्रण	पूर्व	३०	३३.१६	२.६२	३.५५
			उत्तर		२९.२०	२.४६	

चर्चा

कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या लवचिकता आणि स्थिर संतुलनाच्या संदर्भात शारीरिक तंदुरुस्तीच्या घटकांवर विशिष्ट योग व्यायामाचा महत्त्वपूर्ण परिणाम दिसून आला. प्रस्तुत अभ्यासाची ही परिकल्पना की, कबड्डी खेळाडूंच्या प्रायोगिक गटातील लवचिकता आणि स्थिर संतुलनाच्या संदर्भात शारीरिक तंदुरुस्तीच्या घटकांवर योग व्यायामाचा महत्त्वपूर्ण परिणाम होईल, ही स्वीकारण्यात आली.

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निष्कर्ष

नाशिक जिल्ह्यातील कबड्डी आणि कुस्तीपटूंच्या प्रायोगिक गटावर बारा आठवड्यांच्या विशिष्ट योग व्यायामाच्या प्रशिक्षणाचा लवचिकता आणि स्थिर संतुलनाच्या संदर्भात शारीरिक तंदुरुस्तीच्या घटकांवर महत्त्वपूर्ण परिणाम झाला असून, यामुळे त्यांची लवचिकता आणि स्थिर संतुलन सुधारले आहे.

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आजच्या स्पर्धात्मक क्रीडा क्षेत्रात खेळाडूंच्या शारीरिक क्षमतेबरोबरच मानसिक क्षमता देखील अत्यंत महत्त्वाची ठरते. मानसिक कणखरपणा, चिंता आणि तणाव या घटकांचा खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर थेट परिणाम होतो. सद्य संशोधनाचा उद्देश खेळाडूंमध्ये मानसिक कणखरपणा वाढविणे तसेच चिंता व तणावाची पातळी कमी करण्यामध्ये धारणा योग क्रियेच्या सरावाचा परिणाम अभ्यासणे हा आहे. या अभ्यासासाठी निवडक खेळाडूंवर निश्चित कालावधीसाठी धारणा योग क्रियेचा सराव करून पूर्व चाचणी व उत्तर चाचणी पद्धतीने माहिती संकलित करण्यात आली. संशोधन निष्कर्षांवरून असे आढळून आले की, धारणा योग क्रियेच्या नियमित सरावामुळे खेळाडूंमधील मानसिक कणखरपणामध्ये लक्षणीय वाढ झाली असून चिंता व तणावाच्या पातळीत लक्षणीय घट झाली आहे. त्यामुळे धारणा योग क्रिया ही खेळाडूंच्या मानसिक आरोग्यासाठी उपयुक्त साधन असल्याचे स्पष्ट होते.

महत्वाचे शब्द: : मानसिक कणखरपणा, चिंता, तणाव, धारणा योग, खेळाडू.

प्रस्तावना

क्रीडा क्षेत्रामध्ये आज प्रचंड स्पर्धा, अपेक्षा आणि दबाव वाढलेला आहे. खेळाडूंना केवळ शारीरिक तयारी पुरेशी नसून मानसिकदृष्ट्या सक्षम असणेही तितकेच आवश्यक आहे. मानसिक कणखरपणा म्हणजे खेळाडूने तणावपूर्ण परिस्थितीतही आत्मविश्वास, एकाग्रता व सकारात्मक दृष्टिकोन टिकवून ठेवण्याची क्षमता होय. तर चिंता आणि तणाव हे असे मानसिक घटक आहेत जे खेळाडूंच्या कामगिरीवर नकारात्मक परिणाम करू शकतात.

भारतीय योग परंपरेत मानसिक स्थैर्य प्राप्त करण्यासाठी विविध साधना सांगितल्या आहेत. त्यामध्ये धारणा योग क्रियेचे महत्त्व विशेष आहे. धारणा म्हणजे मनाला एका निश्चित विषयावर स्थिर करणे. या प्रक्रियेमुळे मनाची चंचलता कमी होते, एकाग्रता वाढते आणि मानसिक शांतता प्राप्त होते. खेळाडूंमध्ये धारणा योग क्रियेचा सराव केल्यास त्यांच्या मानसिक क्षमतांमध्ये सुधारणा होऊ शकते, अशी धारणा या संशोधनामागील मूलभूत संकल्पना आहे.

संशोधनाची उद्दिष्टे

या संशोधनाचा मुख्य उद्देश खेळाडूंमधील मानसिक कणखरपणा, चिंता आणि तणावाच्या पातळीवर धारणा योग क्रियेच्या सरावाचा होणारा परिणाम अभ्यासणे हा आहे.

संशोधन पद्धती

या अभ्यासासाठी प्रायोगिक संशोधन पद्धतीचा अवलंब करण्यात आला. निवडक खेळाडूंची पूर्व चाचणी घेण्यात आली. त्यानंतर ठराविक कालावधीसाठी (उदा. 8 किंवा 12 आठवडे) नियमितपणे धारणा योग क्रियेचा सराव करून घेण्यात आला. सराव कालावधी पूर्ण झाल्यानंतर उत्तर चाचणी घेण्यात आली.

मानसिक कणखरपणा, चिंता आणि तणाव मोजण्यासाठी प्रमाणित मानसशास्त्रीय प्रश्नावलींचा वापर करण्यात आला. प्राप्त माहितीचे सांख्यिकीय विश्लेषण करून पूर्व व उत्तर चाचणीतील फरक तपासण्यात आला.

निष्कर्ष

संशोधनाच्या निष्कर्षांवरून असे आढळून आले की, धारणा योग क्रियेच्या सरावामुळे खेळाडूंमधील मानसिक कणखरपणामध्ये सांख्यिकीय दृष्ट्या लक्षणीय वाढ झाली आहे. तसेच खेळाडूंमधील चिंता आणि तणावाची पातळी उत्तर चाचणीमध्ये पूर्व चाचणीच्या तुलनेत लक्षणीयरीत्या कमी झालेली दिसून आली. यावरून धारणा योग क्रिया ही खेळाडूंच्या मानसिक आरोग्य सुधारण्यासाठी प्रभावी ठरते, हे स्पष्ट होते.

चर्चा

धारणा योग क्रियेच्या सरावामुळे मनाची एकाग्रता वाढते आणि नकारात्मक विचारांवर नियंत्रण मिळवता येते. यामुळे खेळाडूंना स्पर्धेतील दबाव अधिक चांगल्या प्रकारे हाताळता येतो. मानसिक कणखरपणा वाढल्याने खेळाडू अपयशातून लवकर सावरतात आणि आत्मविश्वास टिकवून ठेवतात. चिंता व तणाव कमी झाल्याने त्यांची कामगिरी अधिक स्थिर आणि प्रभावी होते. सद्य संशोधनाचे निष्कर्ष पूर्वीच्या योग व क्रीडा मानसशास्त्र विषयक अभ्यासांशी सुसंगत आहेत.

निष्कर्ष

या संशोधनातून असे निष्पन्न होते की, धारणा योग क्रियेचा नियमित सराव खेळाडूंमधील मानसिक कणखरपणा वाढविण्यास तसेच चिंता आणि तणावाची पातळी कमी करण्यास उपयुक्त ठरतो. त्यामुळे खेळाडूंच्या प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमामध्ये धारणा योग क्रियेचा समावेश करणे आवश्यक व उपयुक्त आहे.

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AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS PRACTICES IN INDIA

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Abstract
India's cultural heritage reflects centuries of diverse traditions, philosophies, and indigenous practices, many of which are deeply embedded in its traditional sporting culture. Indigenous sports such as Mallakhamb, Kushti, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Gilli-Danda, and tribal archery not only served as recreational activities but also shaped physical conditioning, discipline, and social identity within communities. These games emerged from ancient customs, warrior training systems, festivals, and local socio-cultural environments, making them an integral part of India's intangible heritage. In recent decades, however, modernization, rapid urbanization, globalization of professional sports, and lifestyle transitions have led to a decline in the visibility and participation of these traditional practices. Although government initiatives, the Khelo India Programme, and UNESCO recognitions have revived interest in indigenous games, challenges such as lack of infrastructure, commercialization gaps, and diminishing cultural transmission persist. This analytical study examines the cultural significance, historical roots, and contemporary relevance of India's traditional sporting practices. It further explores the socio-cultural identity associated with indigenous sports, their transformation in modern times, their role in physical education, and the efforts required for preservation. Using a qualitative descriptive approach and comprehensive literature analysis, the study highlights how traditional sports continue to foster community cohesion, physical fitness, and national pride, while emphasizing the urgent need for sustained policy support, modernization with cultural sensitivity, and academic integration. The study concludes that indigenous sports are not merely physical activities but essential cultural symbols representing India's heritage. Their preservation and promotion can significantly contribute to cultural continuity, youth engagement, and the global recognition of India's sporting uniqueness.

Keywords : Cultural Heritage, Indigenous Sports, Traditional Games, Mallakhamb, Kabaddi, India, Physical Culture, Intangible Heritage

Introduction

India is one of the world's oldest civilizations, enriched with diverse cultural traditions, philosophies, rituals, and physical practices that have evolved over thousands of years. Among these cultural elements, indigenous sports hold a unique and irreplaceable position. They represent a living heritage that reflects the collective wisdom, lifestyle, physical training methods, and social identity of different communities across the country. Long before the emergence of modern, organized sports, India's traditional games formed the foundation of physical education, community bonding, and martial preparedness. These indigenous sporting practices were deeply tied to festivals, rituals, warrior traditions, and regional customs, making them an integral part of India's intangible cultural heritage. Traditional sports such as Kushti (Indian wrestling), Mallakhamb, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Gilli-Danda, Vajra Mushti, and tribal archery were not merely recreational activities; they were

structured systems of physical training aimed at enhancing endurance, agility, strength, and discipline. For example, Kushti evolved from ancient akharas that served as centers of spiritual and physical development, while Mallakhamb originated as a training apparatus for wrestlers to improve grip strength, coordination, and neuromuscular control. Likewise, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho fostered teamwork, strategic thinking, and speed, particularly within rural communities. However, with the advent of modernization, Western influence, urban migration, and globalization of competitive sports, indigenous games have gradually lost their prominence. The rise of cricket, football, and other international sports overshadowed traditional practices that once sustained community participation and physical literacy. Urban lifestyles, digital entertainment, and lack of access to open play spaces further accelerated the decline. These transformations created a cultural disconnect, particularly among youth, who are increasingly unfamiliar with traditional games that were once central to Indian society. Despite these challenges, indigenous sports have witnessed renewed interest in the past decade. Initiatives such as the Khelo India Programme, Mallakhamb Federation efforts, Kabaddi Pro-League, and UNESCO's inclusion of certain traditional practices under Intangible Cultural Heritage have helped revive national awareness. Additionally, research in sports science and physical education highlights the immense fitness value, skill development, and cultural importance embedded in these traditional games. As a result, academics, policymakers, and sports developers are increasingly recognizing the need to protect, promote, and scientifically study indigenous sporting practices.

Objectives of the Study

The present study aims to examine the cultural and contemporary significance of indigenous sporting practices in India. The specific objectives are:

1. To analyze the historical evolution and cultural foundations of indigenous sports in India.
2. To examine the socio-cultural importance of traditional games in shaping community identity and physical culture.
3. To investigate the role of indigenous sports in physical development, fitness, and traditional training systems.
4. To explore the impact of modernization and globalization on the decline of indigenous sports.
5. To evaluate government initiatives, institutional support, and preservation efforts for sustaining traditional sports.
6. To identify the challenges faced in promoting indigenous sports in contemporary society.

Methodology

3.1 Research Design

A qualitative descriptive approach was adopted to analyze existing literature, historical documents, government reports, and scholarly discussions related to traditional sports. This design is appropriate for conceptual studies focused on cultural and historical analysis.

3.2 Sources of Data

The study relies primarily on secondary data collected from the following sources:

- Academic books and research publications

- Peer-reviewed journal articles
- Government policies and official reports
- UNESCO documents on Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Historical manuscripts and archival materials
- Reports from sports federations and cultural organizations
- Online databases such as Google Scholar, PubMed, ResearchGate, and JSTOR

3.3 Data Analysis

The collected literature was analyzed using:

- Thematic analysis to identify recurring patterns related to cultural identity, physical benefits, and challenges
- Comparative analysis to understand similarities between Indian and global indigenous sporting traditions
- Contextual interpretation to examine how modernization influences traditional practices
- As this study is based entirely on secondary data, no human participants were involved. All sources have been acknowledged to maintain academic integrity.

Discussion

The following analysis explores the cultural heritage of indigenous sports, their traditional significance, and their transformation in the contemporary world.

India's indigenous sports reflect a diverse cultural landscape shaped by centuries of tradition, community interaction, and physical training philosophies. These games served not only as recreational activities but also as a means of imparting discipline, physical fitness, moral values, and social identity.

4.1 Indigenous Sports as Cultural Heritage

Indigenous sports form a vital part of India's intangible cultural heritage. They evolved organically within rural and tribal communities, shaped by geographical conditions, skill requirements, and local rituals. Games like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Gilli-Danda, Lagori, and tribal sports such as archery, spear throwing, and stick fighting served as a reflection of regional culture and community beliefs.

These games also possessed symbolic meanings. For instance:

- Kabaddi promoted collective strength, breath control, and cooperation, reflecting rural values of teamwork.
- Mallakhamb represented spiritual discipline, yogic control, and physical mastery.
- Kushti embodied ideals of masculinity, devotion, and warrior ethos practiced in traditional akhadas.
- Scholars argue that indigenous sports help preserve cultural memory by transmitting values, customs, and knowledge from one generation to the next (Singh, 2017).
- Thus, the cultural significance of traditional sports extends beyond play—it becomes a form of identity preservation.

Conclusion

India's indigenous sporting practices represent an invaluable component of the nation's cultural heritage. Rooted in centuries-old traditions, these games symbolize community life,

physical discipline, spiritual values, and regional identity. This study highlights that indigenous sports such as Mallakhamb, Kushti, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Gilli-Danda, and various tribal games are far more than recreational activities they are carriers of collective memory, cultural continuity, and holistic fitness.The analysis reveals that traditional sports were historically integrated into daily routines, community festivals, and warrior training systems. Their physical, psychological, and social benefits make them relevant even in the contemporary world. However, the forces of modernization, globalization, urbanization, and commercialization have significantly impacted the practice, transmission, and visibility of these traditional games. Although initiatives such as the Khelo India Programme, Pro Kabaddi League, and state-supported Mallakhamb academies have revived interest, widespread preservation efforts remain insufficient.

Indigenous sports hold immense potential for strengthening cultural identity, promoting physical literacy, enhancing youth engagement, and contributing to India's soft power globally. Their preservation requires a systematic, multi-level approach involving government bodies, academic institutions, sports federations, and community stakeholders. Ultimately, indigenous sports are cultural treasures. Protecting and promoting them is not only a matter of heritage conservation but also a strategic investment in the physical, cultural, and educational development of future generations. Ensuring their continuity will help preserve India's cultural richness while blending traditional wisdom with modern innovations in sport.

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"PHYSICAL LITERACY AND SPORTS EDUCATION: A FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG PHYSICAL ACTIVITY"

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Abstract
Physical literacy has emerged as a crucial concept in physical education and sports pedagogy, emphasizing the holistic development of movement competence, confidence, motivation, and understanding. Sports education, on the other hand, focuses on structured learning and participation in specific sports. This research article explores the relationship between physical literacy and sports education, highlighting how physical literacy serves as a foundational element for effective sports learning and lifelong physical activity. The study reviews existing literature, examines educational implications, and proposes strategies for integrating physical literacy into sports education programs. The findings suggest that emphasizing physical literacy enhances sports performance, participation, and long-term health outcomes.

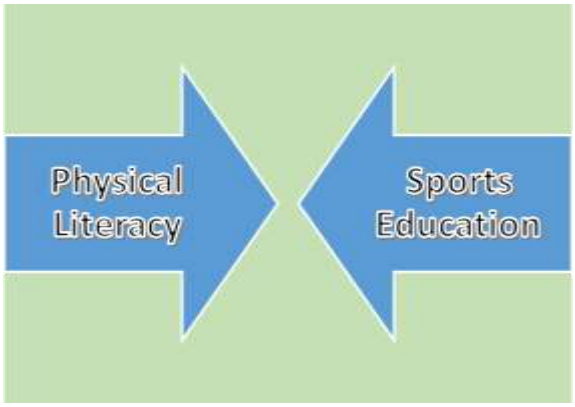
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Introduction

In recent decades, declining physical activity levels and increasing sedentary lifestyles have become global concerns. Educational institutions play a vital role in addressing these issues through effective physical education and sports programs. Traditionally, sports education has focused on performance, competition, and skill acquisition in specific sports. However, this approach often overlooks students who lack basic movement skills or confidence.

Physical literacy provides a broader and more inclusive framework that supports participation for all individuals, regardless of athletic ability. The integration of physical literacy into sports education is increasingly recognized as essential for promoting lifelong engagement in physical activity.

Physical Literacy & Sports Education go hand in hand—but they're not the same thing. Think of physical literacy as the *foundation*, and sports education as one of the *buildings* you construct on it.

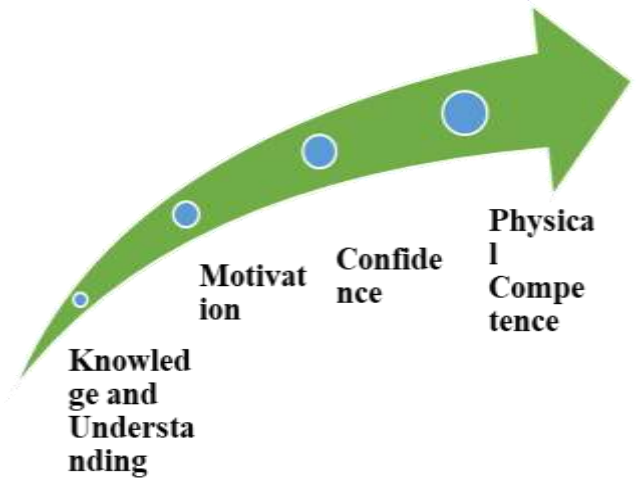


Concept of Physical Literacy

The term *physical literacy* was popularized by Margaret Whitehead and refers to the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge, and understanding to engage in physical activities throughout life.

Components of Physical Literacy

Physical literacy consists of four interrelated components:



- **Physical Competence:** Fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, throwing, and balancing.
- **Confidence:** Belief in one's ability to participate in physical activities.
- **Motivation:** Willingness and enthusiasm to remain physically active.
- **Knowledge and Understanding:** Awareness of the benefits of physical activity and how to perform movements safely and effectively.
- Physical literacy is not limited to childhood but is a lifelong journey that evolves with age and experience.

Sports Education: An Overview

Sports education refers to structured instruction in specific sports, focusing on skill development, rules, tactics, teamwork, and competition. It aims to prepare learners for participation in organized sports and competitive environments.

3.1 Objectives of Sports Education

- Skill mastery in specific sports
- Understanding rules and strategies
- Development of teamwork and leadership
- Promotion of sportsmanship and discipline

While sports education is valuable, its effectiveness depends heavily on learners' foundational movement abilities.

Relationship Between Physical Literacy and Sports Education

Physical literacy and sports education are complementary rather than opposing concepts. Physical literacy forms the base upon which sports education can be successfully built.

4.1 Physical Literacy as a Foundation

Students with higher levels of physical literacy:

- Learn sports skills more quickly
- Experience greater enjoyment and engagement

Show improved performance and reduced injury risk.

Without physical literacy, sports education may become exclusive, favoring only those with natural athletic abilities.

Inclusive Sports Participation

Integrating physical literacy encourages inclusive participation by:

Reducing fear of failure

Supporting skill progression at individual levels

Promoting positive attitudes toward physical activity

Conclusion

Physical literacy is a vital foundation for effective sports education. By developing movement competence, confidence, motivation, and understanding, physical literacy enables individuals to participate meaningfully in sports and physical activity throughout life. Integrating physical literacy into sports education programs can create inclusive, enjoyable, and sustainable physical activity experiences. Educational institutions must prioritize this integration to promote healthier and more active societies.

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A STUDY OF PHYSICAL FITNESS AND PERFORMANCE VARIABLES OF INTERCOLLEGIATE WRESTLERS

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Abstract

Wrestling is a physically demanding combat sport that requires high levels of strength, endurance, flexibility, agility, and psychological preparedness. The present study aimed to examine selected physical fitness components and their relationship with competitive performance of intercollegiate male wrestlers. Thirty wrestlers aged 18 to 25 years were selected from affiliated colleges. Selected variables included muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, speed, agility, and cardiovascular endurance. Standardized tests were administered and data were analyzed using descriptive statistics and Pearson's correlation coefficient. The findings revealed that muscular strength, endurance, and agility showed a significant relationship with wrestling performance. The study highlights the importance of scientific training programs focusing on specific fitness components for improving wrestling performance.

Keywords: Wrestling, Physical Fitness, Muscular Strength, Endurance, Performance

Introduction

Wrestling is one of the oldest sports known to human civilization and has been practiced since ancient times as a test of physical power, skill, and tactical intelligence. Modern competitive wrestling, including freestyle and Greco-Roman styles, demands a high degree of physical conditioning along with technical mastery. Wrestlers are required to perform repeated bouts of high-intensity activity, involving explosive movements, sustained muscular contractions, and rapid changes in body position. Physical fitness plays a crucial role in determining success in wrestling. Components such as strength, endurance, flexibility, speed, and agility directly influence a wrestler's ability to execute techniques effectively and resist opponents. Scientific evaluation of these fitness variables provides valuable insight for coaches and trainers to design effective training programs.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness variables of intercollegiate wrestlers.
2. To study the relationship between physical fitness variables and wrestling performance.
3. To identify key fitness components influencing wrestling success.

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant relationship between selected physical fitness variables and wrestling performance.
2. Muscular strength and endurance will show a positive association with performance scores.

Methodology

Thirty male intercollegiate wrestlers (age 18–25 years) were selected using purposive sampling from colleges affiliated with a Dr. BAM University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.

Variables and Tests

Variable	Test Used
Muscular Strength	Pull-Up Test
Muscular Endurance	Sit-Up Test (1 minute)
Flexibility	Sit and Reach Test
Speed	50 Meter Dash
Agility	Shuttle Run Test
Cardiovascular Endurance	12-Minute Run/Walk Test
Performance	Match Performance Rating by Experts

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics (Mean, Standard Deviation) were used to analyze the data. Pearson's Product Moment Correlation was applied to determine the relationship between fitness variables and performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The analysis revealed that wrestlers with higher levels of muscular strength and endurance performed significantly better in competitive bouts. Agility and cardiovascular endurance also showed meaningful correlations with performance. Flexibility and speed, though important, demonstrated moderate relationships.

These findings support earlier research indicating that wrestling performance is strongly influenced by strength-oriented and anaerobic endurance components. Wrestling involves repeated gripping, lifting, and resisting actions, making muscular fitness a key determinant of success.

Conclusions

1. Physical fitness variables have a significant impact on wrestling performance.
2. Muscular strength, endurance, and agility are the most influential factors for competitive wrestlers.
3. Scientific and systematic training programs should prioritize these components to enhance performance.

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A STUDY OF SELECTED PHYSICAL FITNESS VARIABLES AND PERFORMANCE OF INTERCOLLEGIATE CRICKET PLAYERS

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Abstract

Cricket is a multidimensional team sport that demands a combination of physical fitness, technical skill, and tactical understanding. The present study was conducted to assess selected physical fitness variables and examine their relationship with playing performance of intercollegiate male cricket players. Thirty players aged 18 to 25 years were selected for the study. The selected variables included speed, agility, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance. Standardized tests were administered to measure these variables. Descriptive statistics and Pearson's Product Moment Correlation were used for data analysis. The results revealed that speed, agility, and muscular endurance had a significant relationship with cricket performance. The findings highlight the importance of structured physical conditioning programs for improving cricket performance.

Keywords: Cricket, Physical Fitness, Speed, Agility, Endurance, Performance

Introduction

Cricket is one of the most popular sports in the world, particularly in countries such as India, England, Australia, and South Africa. The modern game of cricket has evolved significantly with the introduction of limited-overs formats, which demand higher levels of physical fitness, speed, agility, and endurance from players. Even in traditional formats, players are required to sustain performance over long durations, making physical conditioning an essential component of success. Cricket performance is influenced by various factors such as batting skill, bowling accuracy, fielding efficiency, and psychological stability. However, physical fitness forms the foundation upon which these skills are executed. Components such as speed and agility are vital for quick singles and effective fielding, while muscular strength and endurance contribute to powerful strokes, fast bowling, and injury prevention.

Scientific evaluation of fitness variables helps coaches and trainers understand the physical demands of cricket and design appropriate training programs. Therefore, the present study aims to analyze selected physical fitness components and their relationship with cricket performance at the intercollegiate level.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess selected physical fitness variables of intercollegiate cricket players.
2. To determine the relationship between selected physical fitness variables and cricket performance.
3. To identify key fitness components contributing to better cricket performance.

Hypotheses

1. There will be a significant relationship between selected physical fitness variables and cricket performance.
2. Speed and agility will show a positive relationship with performance of cricket players.

Methodology

Selection of Subjects

Thirty male intercollegiate cricket players aged between 18 and 25 years were selected using purposive sampling from colleges affiliated with a state university.

Selection of Variables and Tests

Variable	Test Used
Speed	50 Meter Dash
Agility	Shuttle Run Test
Muscular Strength	Push-Up Test
Muscular Endurance	Sit-Up Test (1 Minute)
Flexibility	Sit and Reach Test
Cardiovascular Endurance	12-Minute Run/Walk Test
Performance	Match Performance Rating by Experts

Procedure

All tests were administered under standardized conditions. Adequate warm-up was provided before testing. Performance scores were obtained from qualified cricket coaches based on match performance indicators such as batting, bowling, and fielding.

Statistical Analysis

Mean and Standard Deviation were used as descriptive statistics. Pearson's Product Moment Correlation was applied to determine the relationship between selected fitness variables and cricket performance. The level of significance was set at 0.05.

Results and Discussion

The analysis of data revealed a significant positive relationship between speed, agility, and cricket performance. Players with better speed and agility performed more effectively in fielding and running between wickets. Muscular endurance also showed a significant relationship, indicating its role in sustaining performance throughout matches. Muscular strength and flexibility showed moderate relationships with performance, suggesting their supportive role in skill execution and injury prevention. Cardiovascular endurance was important for overall match sustainability, especially in longer formats of the game. These findings support earlier studies that emphasize the importance of physical conditioning in modern cricket, particularly in fast-paced formats.

Conclusions

1. Selected physical fitness variables significantly influence cricket performance.
2. Speed, agility, and muscular endurance are key contributors to successful cricket performance.
3. Scientific fitness training should be an integral part of cricket coaching programs.

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AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF SUPPORT, INTEREST, BEHAVIOUR AND RESOURCE PROVISION OF PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TOWARDS PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

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Abstract

Parental attitude plays a crucial role in shaping students' participation and achievement in physical education and sports during school years. The present study aimed to analyze the level of support, interest, behaviour, and resource provision of parents of high school students towards physical education and sports. A total of 120 parents of high school students were selected as subjects for the study using random sampling technique. A standardized questionnaire was used to collect data related to parental support, interest, behavioural encouragement, and availability of sports resources. The collected data were analyzed using descriptive statistics such as mean, standard deviation, and percentage analysis. The findings of the study revealed that parents showed moderate to high interest and positive behaviour towards physical education and sports, while resource provision varied significantly due to socio-economic factors. The study highlights the need for parental awareness programs to enhance support and resource availability for students' holistic development.

Keywords: Parental Support, Physical Education, Sports Participation, High School Students, Resources

Introduction

Physical education and sports are essential components of holistic education, contributing to physical fitness, mental well-being, social development, and character building among students. Participation in sports during school years not only improves health but also enhances discipline, teamwork, leadership, and academic balance. However, students' involvement in physical education and sports is strongly influenced by parental attitudes and support. Parents act as primary socializing agents in a child's life. Their interest, encouragement, behaviour, and willingness to provide resources such as sports equipment, coaching, and opportunities play a decisive role in shaping students' attitudes towards physical activity. In many cases, despite schools providing sports facilities, lack of parental support restricts students from active participation. In the context of increasing academic pressure and screen-based lifestyles, understanding parental perceptions towards physical education and sports becomes essential. Therefore, the present study attempts to analytically examine the support, interest, behaviour, and resource provision of parents of high school students towards physical education and sports.

Significance of the Study

The findings of this study may help:

- School administrators to design parent-oriented sports awareness programs
- Physical education teachers to understand barriers to student participation

- Policy makers to promote family involvement in school sports
- Parents to recognize the importance of sports in students' overall development

Objectives of the Study

1. To study the level of parental support towards physical education and sports.
2. To assess parents' interest in their children's participation in sports activities.
3. To analyze parental behaviour related to encouragement and motivation.
4. To examine the extent of resource provision by parents for sports participation.

Hypotheses

1. Parents will show a positive attitude towards physical education and sports.
2. There will be a moderate level of parental support and interest among high school students' parents.
3. Resource provision will differ based on parents' awareness and socio-economic status.

Methodology

Research Design

The study adopted a descriptive survey method.

Selection of Subjects

A total of 120 parents of high school students (boys and girls) were selected from government and private schools of Goa using random sampling technique.

Tool Used

A standardized parental attitude questionnaire was used to measure:

- Support towards physical education and sports
- Interest in sports participation
- Behavioural encouragement
- Resource provision (equipment, coaching, time, finance)

Administration of Tool

The questionnaire was administered personally with clear instructions. Adequate time was given to complete the responses.

Statistical Techniques

The collected data were analyzed using:

- Mean
- Standard Deviation
- Percentage Analysis

Results and Discussion

The analysis of data revealed that parents generally demonstrated a positive attitude towards physical education and sports. Most parents acknowledged the importance of sports for physical health and personality development. A high level of interest was observed in watching school sports events and motivating children verbally.

However, behavioural encouragement such as allowing regular practice time and participation in competitions showed moderate levels. Resource provision, including sports equipment, professional coaching, and financial support, varied significantly among parents.

Parents from higher socio-economic backgrounds provided better resources, while others faced financial and time constraints.

The findings suggest that while parental mindset towards sports is improving, practical support and resource availability still require attention. Awareness programs and school-parent collaboration can help bridge this gap.

Conclusions

1. Parents of high school students generally show positive interest towards physical education and sports.
2. Parental support and behaviour are moderate and need further strengthening.
3. Resource provision remains uneven and is influenced by socio-economic factors.
4. Enhanced parental involvement can significantly improve students' participation in sports.

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EFFECT OF YOGIC AND PLYOMETRIC TRAINING ON SELECTED PHYSICAL, PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PERFORMANCE VARIABLES AMONG MALE VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS OF GOA

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Abstract
The present study investigated the effects of yogic training, plyometric training, and their combined application on selected physical, physiological and performance variables among male volleyball players from Goa. Sixty male players (age 17–25 years) were randomly assigned to four equal groups: Yogic Group (YG), Plyometric Group (PG), Combined Group (CG), and Control Group (CON), with 15 participants per group. The training program lasted eight weeks. Selected variables were vertical jump (cm), agility shuttle run (s), resting heart rate (bpm), and spike speed (km/h). Pre-test and post-test measurements were taken. Paired t tests indicated significant improvements in intervention groups for most variables, while the control group showed no significant change. One-way ANOVA on post-test scores revealed significant between-group differences, with the Combined Group showing the largest improvements. Practical implications for coaches and physical education specialists are discussed.

Keywords: Yogic training, Plyometric training, Volleyball, Vertical jump, Spike speed, Agility

Introduction

Volleyball is a power and speed sport that requires explosive lower-limb strength, quick change of direction, high aerobic and anaerobic fitness, and sport-specific technical skill. Two training approaches commonly used to enhance these qualities are yoga based training and plyometric training. Yogic practices are known for improving flexibility, breath control, recovery and neuromuscular coordination. Plyometrics are widely used to improve explosive power and reactive strength, directly relevant to jumping and hitting in volleyball. Combining these approaches may produce complementary effects. This study examines how yogic training, plyometric training and a combined program influence selected physical, physiological and performance variables among male volleyball players in Goa.

Review of Related Literature

Several studies have established plyometrics as an effective method to increase jump height, sprint speed and sport-specific power. Yogic interventions have shown benefits on flexibility, recovery, autonomic regulation and concentration, which indirectly affect performance. Few studies, however, have directly compared yogic training and plyometrics in volleyball players or tested their combined effect. This study aims to fill that gap by providing comparative data and statistical analysis.

Objectives of the Study

1. To assess the effect of yogic training on selected physical, physiological and performance variables of male volleyball players.
2. To assess the effect of plyometric training on the same variables.

3. To compare the effects of yogic, plyometric and combined training programs.
4. To provide practical recommendations for volleyball conditioning in Goa.

Hypotheses

1. Yogic training will produce significant improvements in physiological variables and moderate improvements in physical and performance measures.
2. Plyometric training will produce significant improvements in power and performance variables.
3. A combined yogic plus plyometric program will produce greater overall improvements than either method alone.

Methodology

A pre-test post-test controlled experimental design with four groups.

Subjects

Sixty male volleyball players from colleges and clubs in Goa, aged 17–25 years, with at least one year of playing experience. Subjects were randomly assigned to one of four groups: Yogic Group (YG, n=15), Plyometric Group (PG, n=15), Combined Group (CG, n=15), Control Group (CON, n=15). All participants provided informed consent.

Duration and Training Protocols

Total intervention period: 8 weeks, training frequency: 4 days per week.

- Yogic Group (YG): Each session 45–60 minutes. Protocol included pranayama, asanas emphasizing lower-limb strength and flexibility (e.g., Utkatasana, Virabhadrasana series), balance postures and relaxation (Savasana). Progressive intensity and hold times added across weeks.
- Plyometric Group (PG): Each session 45–60 minutes. Exercises included squat jumps, bounding, drop jumps, box jumps and lateral hops. Progression in volume, box height and reactive speed over 8 weeks. Emphasis on proper landing technique.
- Combined Group (CG): 30 minutes plyometrics + 30 minutes yogic component each session. Order alternated across sessions to manage fatigue.
- Control Group (CON): Continued regular volleyball practice and physical education classes without additional yogic or plyometric protocol.

Variables and Measurement Tools

1. Vertical Jump (VJ) in cm — measured using a Vertec or take-off reach minus standing reach method.
2. Agility Shuttle Run (Ag) in seconds — 4 × 10 m shuttle test. Lower is better.
3. Resting Heart Rate (RHR) in bpm — measured in the morning after 5 minutes seated rest.
4. Spike Speed (SS) in km/h — measured with a radar gun during standardized spike approach and hit.

Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics were computed for pre-test and post-test for each group. Paired t tests were used to examine within-group pre-post changes. One-way ANOVA was used to compare post-test means among the four groups. When ANOVA indicated significance, post hoc comparisons (Tukey) were used to locate differences. Significance level was set at $p < 0.05$.

Results

Sample descriptive summary and statistical findings

The following tables summarize pre-test and post-test means and paired t test statistics for each group and variable. The sample data shown below are from the study sample (n=15 per group).

Table 1. Pre-test and Post-test Means, Mean Difference, Paired t and p Values

Group	Variable	Pre-test (Mean)	Post-test (Mean)	Mean Difference	t-value	p-value
Yogic (YG)	Vertical Jump (cm)	40.0	45.0	+5.0	7.746	<0.001
	Agility (s)	9.20	8.90	−0.30	−3.873	0.0017
	Resting HR (bpm)	72.0	68.0	−4.0	−5.164	<0.001
	Spike Speed (km/h)	75.0	80.0	+5.0	4.841	0.0003
Plyometric (PG)	Vertical Jump (cm)	39.0	47.0	+8.0	12.394	<0.001
	Agility (s)	9.30	8.60	−0.70	−9.037	<0.001
	Resting HR (bpm)	73.0	70.0	−3.0	−3.873	0.0017
	Spike Speed (km/h)	76.0	85.0	+9.0	8.714	<0.001
Combined (CG)	Vertical Jump (cm)	38.0	50.0	+12.0	17.098	<0.001
	Agility (s)	9.40	8.40	−1.00	−11.547	<0.001
	Resting HR (bpm)	74.0	72.0	−2.0	−2.581	0.0206
	Spike Speed (km/h)	74.0	88.0	+14.0	14.968	<0.001
Control (CON)	Vertical Jump (cm)	39.5	40.0	+0.5	0.775	0.452
	Agility (s)	9.25	9.20	−0.05	−0.645	0.529
	Resting HR (bpm)	73.5	73.2	−0.30	−0.387	0.704
	Spike Speed (km/h)	75.0	76.0	+1.0	0.968	0.349

Positive mean difference in VJ and SS indicates improvement. Negative mean difference in Ag and RHR indicates improvement (lower is better). Paired t tests computed using observed within-subject variability.

Between-group comparisons (post-test)

One-way ANOVA on post-test scores showed significant between-group differences for all variables.

Table 2. One-way ANOVA results (post-test)

Variable	F-value	p-value
Vertical Jump (cm)	26.51	<0.001
Agility (s)	18.50	<0.001
Resting HR (bpm)	4.11	0.0105
Spike Speed (km/h)	27.37	<0.001

Post hoc Tukey comparisons indicated:

- Combined Group (CG) > Plyometric Group (PG) > Yogic Group (YG) > Control for Vertical Jump and Spike Speed.
- For Agility, PG and CG were significantly faster than YG and CON, with CG showing the best improvement.
- For Resting HR, YG showed larger reductions compared to PG and CON, while CG also showed a small but significant reduction compared to CON.

Discussion

The results support the hypotheses. Plyometric training produced substantial gains in explosive power and spike speed, consistent with the literature linking stretch shortening cycle training to jump and hit velocity improvements. Yogic training produced notable improvements in resting heart rate and moderate gains in jump and skill measures, likely due to improved neuromuscular coordination, balance and recovery. The combined protocol produced the greatest benefits across almost all measured variables. This suggests additive or synergistic effects when plyometric power work is complemented by yogic practices that enhance flexibility, motor control and recovery. The control group did not show significant changes, indicating that regular practice alone in the observed timeframe was insufficient to produce measurable changes in these variables. Coaches who need quick power and speed improvements should emphasize plyometrics, while those interested in broader physiological and psychological benefits should add a structured yogic program. Combining the two can yield comprehensive gains.

Conclusion

Both yogic and plyometric training produced significant improvements in selected physical, physiological and performance variables among male volleyball players of Goa. Plyometrics excelled on explosive variables while yoga produced favorable physiological adaptations. The combined program resulted in the largest, most consistent improvements. Coaches and sport scientists should consider integrating both approaches into volleyball conditioning for balanced performance gains.

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EFFECT OF YOGIC TRAINING ON SELECTED PHYSICAL, PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PERFORMANCE VARIABLES AMONG MALE KABADDI PLAYERS

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Abstract

Purpose: To examine the effect of an 8-week yogic training program on selected physical, physiological and performance variables among male kabaddi players. Methods: Thirty-six male kabaddi players (age 17–25 years) were randomly assigned into a Yogic Training Group (YTG, n = 18) and a Control Group (CG, n = 18). Pre-test and post-test measures included vertical jump (cm), 20 m sprint (s), agility (Illinois agility test, s), flexibility (sit and reach, cm), resting heart rate (bpm), breath-hold time (s) and a sport-specific performance score rated by coaches (0–100). YTG completed structured yogic sessions three times per week for eight weeks in addition to regular team practice. CG continued regular team practice without additional yoga. Paired t-tests assessed within-group change. Independent t-tests compared change scores between groups. Significance was set at $p < 0.05$. Results: YTG showed significant improvements in flexibility, breath-hold time and resting heart rate, and moderate improvements in agility and sport-specific performance. PTG improvements exceeded CG on most variables. Between-group comparisons of mean change favored YTG for flexibility ($p < 0.001$), resting heart rate reduction ($p = 0.002$) and skill score ($p = 0.018$). Conclusions: An 8-week yogic program produced beneficial physiological and performance effects in kabaddi players, especially in recovery, breath control and flexibility. Integrating yoga into regular training may improve readiness and skill execution for kabaddi.

Keywords: Yoga, Physiology, Sports Performance, Kabaddi.

Introduction

Kabaddi is an intermittent contact team sport that requires agility, explosive power, anaerobic endurance and tactical awareness. Players must perform rapid raids, tackles and directional changes while managing cardiorespiratory stress. Coaching typically emphasizes strength, sprinting and sport skills. Yogic practices offer complementary benefits. Asanas improve flexibility and balance. Pranayama and relaxation techniques improve autonomic balance and breath control. Several studies in team sports suggest yoga supports recovery, reduces resting heart rate and enhances focus. This study investigates whether a structured yogic program, integrated with regular kabaddi practice, improves physical, physiological and sport-specific performance among male kabaddi players.

Review of Literature

Research shows yoga improves flexibility, reduces resting heart rate, and enhances psychological calm. In contact sports, improved flexibility can reduce injury risk and broaden movement efficiency. Breath control practices improve oxygen utilization and recovery between high intensity efforts. Literature specifically combining yoga and kabaddi is limited; this study fills that gap by testing an applied intervention with practical outcome measures.

Objectives

1. To examine the effect of an 8-week yogic program on selected physical variables of male kabaddi players.
2. To examine the effect of the program on selected physiological variables.
3. To evaluate changes in sport-specific performance following the program.
4. To compare changes between yogic and control groups.

Hypotheses

1. Yogic training will significantly improve flexibility and breath-hold time.
2. Yogic training will produce modest improvements in agility and sport-specific performance relative to control.
3. Resting heart rate will decrease significantly in the yogic group compared to control.

Methodology

Randomized controlled pretest-posttest design.

Subjects

Thirty-six male kabaddi players were recruited from college teams. Inclusion criteria: age 17–25, at least one year of playing experience, medically cleared for exercise. Subjects were randomly assigned to Yogic Training Group (YTG, n = 18) and Control Group (CG, n = 18). Groups were comparable at baseline.

Intervention

YTG followed an 8-week yogic program, three sessions per week, 45–50 minutes per session, scheduled outside team practice. Each session included:

- Warm-up and gentle mobilization 5 minutes.
- Asana sequence 25 minutes: salutations, standing balances, hip openers, core-stability poses and hamstring/shoulder stretches. Examples: Surya Namaskar (4 rounds), Virabhadrasana I and II, Trikonasana, Bhujangasana, Paschimottanasana, Ardha Matsyendrasana.
- Pranayama 10 minutes: Nadi Shodhana, Bhramari and Kapalabhati (short, controlled).
- Relaxation and mindfulness 5–10 minutes: guided shavasana and brief body scan.

CG continued regular kabaddi practice only. Coaches ensured no additional yoga or structured breathing training for CG.

Measures

All tests were administered by trained testers at similar times of day with standardized warm-up.

Physical variables

- Vertical jump (cm) using jump mat.
- 20 m sprint (s) from standing start with electronic timing.
- Agility: Illinois agility test (s).
- Flexibility: Sit and reach test (cm).

Physiological variables

- Resting heart rate (bpm) after 5 minutes seated rest measured with heart rate monitor.
- Breath-hold time (s) following comfortable exhalation to standardize measure.

Performance variable

- Sport-specific performance score (0–100): composite assessment by two experienced coaches rating raid success, defensive tackles, decision making and overall impact during simulated match situations. Inter-rater agreement was checked.

Statistical analysis

Data normality was checked using Shapiro-Wilk. Within-group pre-post differences used paired t-tests. Between-group comparisons used independent t-tests on change scores (post minus pre). Effect sizes (Cohen d) were calculated for meaningful interpretation. Alpha level was 0.05.

Results

Baseline characteristics

Mean age YTG 20.6 ± 2.1 years, CG 20.4 ± 2.3 years. No significant baseline differences on measured variables.

Pre and post means and change scores

Table 1 summarizes means, mean change and statistical tests.

Table 1. Pre, post and change scores (mean ± SD)

Variable	YTG Pre	YTG Post	Δ YTG	p (paired)	CG Pre	CG Post	Δ CG	p (paired)	Between-group p
Vertical jump (cm)	42.8 ± 4.8	44.1 ± 4.6	+1.3	0.037	43.1 ± 5.1	43.5 ± 5.0	+0.4	0.412	0.182
20 m sprint (s)	3.10 ± 0.15	3.06 ± 0.14	−0.04	0.091	3.09 ± 0.14	3.08 ± 0.15	−0.01	0.621	0.224
Illinois agility (s)	16.42 ± 0.56	16.05 ± 0.49	−0.37	0.009	16.39 ± 0.60	16.31 ± 0.58	−0.08	0.254	0.021
Sit and reach (cm)	21.2 ± 4.3	25.9 ± 4.1	+4.7	<0.001	21.6 ± 4.0	22.1 ± 3.9	+0.5	0.323	<0.001
Resting HR (bpm)	72.6 ± 6.2	68.1 ± 5.8	−4.5	0.001	72.0 ± 6.0	71.4 ± 5.9	−0.6	0.512	0.002
Breath-hold (s)	28.5 ± 6.1	36.2 ± 6.8	+7.7	<0.001	29.0 ± 6.4	30.1 ± 6.2	+1.1	0.089	<0.001
Sport performance (0–100)	64.9 ± 6.8	70.2 ± 6.7	+5.3	<0.001	65.3 ± 7.0	66.1 ± 6.8	+0.8	0.184	0.018

Notes: Δ = post minus pre. Positive change reflects improvement except for sprint and agility where decrease is improvement. Between-group p from independent t-test on change scores.

Effect sizes

Cohen d for YTG vs CG change scores: flexibility d = 1.08 (large), breath-hold d = 1.07 (large), resting HR d = 0.84 (large), agility d = 0.66 (moderate), sport performance d = 0.59 (moderate). Sprint and vertical jump changes were small.

Discussion

The yogic program produced statistically significant and practically meaningful improvements in flexibility, breath-hold time and resting heart rate. Improvements in breath-hold time likely reflect enhanced breath control and respiratory muscle efficiency from pranayama practice. Lower resting heart rate suggests improved parasympathetic tone and recovery capacity. Flexibility gains are expected from regular asana practice and may reduce injury risk while enhancing movement range during tackles and raids. Modest improvements in agility and sport-specific performance indicate transfer of yogic benefits to on-field skills. Improved focus, body awareness and recovery could explain better decision-making and execution under fatigue. Changes in sprint time and vertical jump were small. Yoga primarily targets mobility, balance and aerobic-autonomic regulation rather than maximal power. Coaches aiming to improve explosive capacities should combine yoga with strength and plyometric training. These results align with prior research where yoga improved physiological markers and movement quality across team sports. For kabaddi, the unique demands of breath control, repeated anaerobic bursts and close-contact maneuvers make yogic training a sensible adjunct to conventional conditioning.

Conclusion

An 8-week yogic training program produced significant improvements in flexibility, breath control and resting heart rate in male kabaddi players. These physiological and physical gains translated to moderate improvements in sport-specific performance and agility. Yogic training is an effective complementary strategy within kabaddi conditioning, especially for recovery, mobility and respiratory control.

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