

A STUDY ON NON-PARTICIPATION OF J&K PLAYERS AT WORLD AND OLYMPIC LEVEL “A DESCRIPTIVE STUDY”

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Abstract: This study was aimed at finding reasons for non- participation of J&K players at world & Olympic level it was carried out with a group of 90 national & 30 international players who were at peak performance level at their tenure. A self-made questionnaire was developed to measure the most important reasons for non-participation of J&K players at world & Olympic level. Among the reasons were cited were lack of sport facilities, political factors, Sports organizing authorities (J&K State sports Council, Directorate of Youth Services & Sports, Directorate of Physical Education & Sports University of J&K, and Associations & State Government) and player himself to some extent. Based on the results of the study, a number of recommendations were made for education managers and sport administrators & concern government. Contributions of the study were highlighted and suggestions for further research made.

Results: The results of the study were that the sports organizing authorities, Sports facilities & associations were responsible for non-participation of J&K players at world & Olympic level.

Key words: Sports, physical education, Facilities, political factors, Olympic, equipment.

INTRODUCTION

It has become talk of the town that “There is no dearth of talent in J&K state”. Is this true or false if this is true then where is that talent & if false what is reason behind that? The people of J&K state are well known for their hard work & dedication in every field of life, they keep withstand against any storm that hit their lives, they make their way clear and smooth to keep life going on. This trait comes in them because J&K’s people belong to the origin of warriors who have settled here in the ancient times. They have warrior’s blood running in their veins. So it is obvious that genetic factor is one of the most important reasons for such kind of behavior of J&K people. The aim of the study is to find the answer of question “why the players of J&K state are not able to participate at world and Olympic level competitions?” and to give a solution for the said problem, researchers conducted this study in a systematic manner to help state government and sports organizing agencies to know where they lack and what they have to do so that the players of J&K state can also represent India at world & Olympic level [1-4].

In J&K state there were so many National & International players who had represented state and country at various events but couldn’t carry their sports carrier to the goal that they had fixed even though they were at their peak performances. What happen to them, where are they, what was the reason that they disappear like volatile substance, why were not they able to represent the country at world and Olympic level? This study aimed to find the answer to these questions. The purpose of the study is to determine the level of coaching being imparted to the

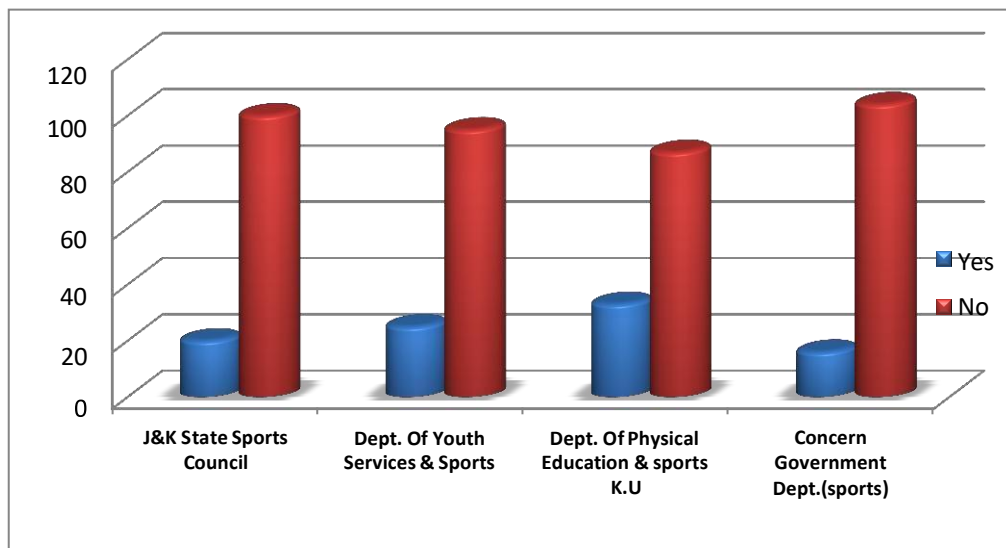
players, determine the equipment available for trainees and coaches, determine the active role of sports authorities who are running sports activities in the J&K, determine the help from concern government authorities, determine the availability of proper guidance, determine the role of associations, determine the scope of sports in J&K state, determine the right choice of game [3-5].

Methods:

Participants were 90 National & 30 International players who were at peak performance level and mostly were medalists at national & international championships following subjects were taken as a sample for present investigation on random sampling basis. Subjects were international players, national players Sports organizing agencies (Govt. / private) & high rank sports officials. A self-made questionnaire was developed to measure the most important reasons for non-participation of J&K players at world & Olympic level. (A self-made close ended questionnaire was formed which was first send for expert's reviews and after it was approved by Prof. A.S. Sodhi, Prof. G.N. Ganie & Dr. Jigmat Dachen, then questionnaire was used as a tool to interview the subjects). Samples were collected from various Departments, Sports Clubs & personal meetings with other subjects. The researcher got appointments with high rank officials like Hon'ble sports Minister, Secretary J&K State Sports Council, Sports Officers J&K State Sports Council, Joint Director Youth Services & Sports, Director Department of Physical Education & Sports J&K University, meets personally & had scheduled interview & discussion with all of them.

Results

Figure 1: The below figure shows over all responses of help from concern sports organizing authorities towards players



The collected data was tabulated and computerized to draw out the meaningful conclusions. Frequenting and percentage were used to analyze the data. The outputs generated are presented in the tables and graphs below.

Table 1. The below table shows the responses of the players what help they got from the concern sports authorities & what is their level of satisfaction.

S. No.	Frequency		Percentage	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
J&K state sports Council	20	100	16.66%	83.33%
Department of Youth Services & Sports	25	95	20.83%	79.16%
Department of physical Education & Sports	33	87	27.50%	72.50%
Concern Government Sports Dept.	16	104	13.33%	86.66%

The literature on non-participation of players at world & Olympic level & the study conducted reveals that there were so many factors responsible for non-participation. Most among those were sports organizing authorities, associations & the concern government policies. It was also seen that the player is himself a little bit responsible for non-participation at world & Olympic level, by participating in more than one game & by playing those games which were not recognized by sports authorities & government. At the same time it was also find that the facilities like coaching, practice venues, equipments & sports culture varies in both divisions of the J&K state. The climatic changes were also responsible for the non-participation.

Discussions:

The review of the available evidences clearly demonstrates that the reasons for non-participation of J&K players at world & Olympic level are the sports organizing authorities, associations & the poor policies of concern government. These authorities lack in their policies that they make for running the sports in the state. It is very important that a student/player should get training from childhood & from his/her school level. So, it is very important that the school administration should provide such an environment that the child can get best sports training & sports equipment facilities. Besides it is very important that the child should select one game which suits him/her best. If any student shows Excellency in sports they should be encouraged for future & should be given further training under the supervision of a professional coach/teacher. The players should get all the facilities for his/her training purpose like a good certified coach, a good hygienic place for practice, a good & balanced diet, proper knowledge of the game, a fair environment for competition, encouragement, advanced coaching and financial help. It had been seen that most of the players comes from middle or poor class families who are not in a good position to support the sports carrier of their children & meet their needs & demands. So, it becomes important that such players should get both financial help as well as a good job so that they can carry their sports carrier ahead to achieve their goal. Most of the sports activities are conducted by the state sports council. It is their job to bring a player to the highest level. They have to provide players every facility like coach, good hygienic practice place, financial help, advanced training and encouragement. If they fail in doing so it will automatically have negative affect on the player's performance. The players should also get all facilities at college & at university level which is the responsibility of Department of Physical education & Sports Kashmir University.

The associations are working to make money from sports programs they just organize championships to earn money. It has been seen that there were some association who are taking 10k – 30k & take players to play for fake nationals. It is because of lack of awareness among players. Their aim is only to make money out of it. The government sports organizing authorities did not pay full attention to those players who are working hard to get medals for the state. The players in the J&K are ignored & the participation of girls in sports is not given much importance too. The weather condition of the J&K is again a big hindrance for players. They can't continue their practice in winter season. The authorities should shift players to Jammu (the winter capital of the state) & should provide them all facilities. There is negative effect of winter season on players in the J&K state, but at the same time it can also be used positively if the authorities will take such steps. The sports authorities are just fulfilling their annual sports calendars & pass the bills of tournaments which have become the routine of concern authorities. There is need of proper planning & it is very important that the policy makers should have sports background or should have love for the sports & wish to work for its up-liftment. The concern authorities should make awareness programs & should conduct such seminars which will be attractive & will give a message to general masses. The uses & benefits of sports should be discussed among general people so that they will let their children to participate in games & sports. If the concern sports authorities will work on war footing & they will provide all the facilities to the players that day is not far when the Olympic champions will born from the J&K who will make the name of the country & will bring laurels for the state & country as well.

Conclusion

From the above study and in light of data collected and discussions it was found that the J&K State sports Council, Directorate of Youth Services & Sports, Directorate of Physical Education & Sports University of Kashmir & University of Jammu, Associations & State Government (As these are the only four departments who are the only competent authorities which are running sports activities in the state of J&K) were responsible for the non-participation of J&K players at world and Olympic level. Further it was concluded that the players also indulge themselves in those sports which are not recognized, it is because of improper knowledge and information about games & sports which is not provided to players by the concern authorities. So players become the victims in the hands of authorities.

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