

## **Trends, and Future of Sports Associations in the State of Goa: An Analysis**

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### **Abstract**

Sports play a major role in providing opportunities for human contact which is necessary in modern days. The value of sports for health in now-a-days is so well recognized that, each nation has developed special organizations to involve larger and larger number of people into active recreation, keeping the human being /organism trim by regular exercises. The significance of sports is in its participation and in viewing of sports events regularly. Sports serve the social and psychological function by providing a sense of excitement, joy and diversion from daily routine of life to many people in the society. In this study, researcher has undergone the empirical data and find out the facilities which are provided by the sports organisation in order to uplift the sports field and provide the world wide participation.

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### **Introduction**

Development and progress are two dynamic forces that drives the human society. Scientific development in the present century has added much more to this phenomenon of rapid human progress. After the emergence of modern Olympic Games a tremendous developments have taken place in field of physical education and sports. A sport is an essential element of our culture. The role that sports play is vital in the modern era of high technology and increasing aspiration for better standard of living.

The importance of sports emerges on two counts. One, as participant in sports event and second participating as an observer of the event. In both cases participant derives the pleasure. Infact, sports serve the social and psychological

function by providing a sense of excitement, joy and diversion from daily routine of life to many people in the society.

Sports is not only a matter of fun and recreation, it has important functions to perform. Few of the most important functions which Sports has to perform are:

- Enable harmonious development of human being;
- Develop social values and national integration;
- Provide moral and aesthetic education;
- Provide total health;
- Develop Physical fitness;
- Provide knowledge and experiences in motor activity, by way of accumulation and Transmission;
- Make best use of free time;
- Enable the individual to have national and international contacts; and
- Inculcate sportsmen Spirit amongst people, etc.

### **Objective of the Study**

The main objective of this study is to find out the facilities that are exists with the State Sports Association and its role in promotion of participation of the sportspersons.

### **Limitations of the Study**

The study is based on the data supplied by the respective sports Associations.

### **Delimitations of the Study**

The study is delimited to Associations recognised by Sports Authority of Goa.

### **Methodology**

The present study is the descriptive survey but it has a qualitative approach. Questionnaire, Interview and observation tools were used for data collection from various primary and secondary sources of data

### **Findings of the Study**

#### **Role of Sports Associations in Promotion of Sports**

The sports Association of the respective game/sports event is a body to which the clubs at village level/in the specific area are affiliated. This association work as per its constitution. The association work for promotion the game and is the only body recognised by the respective federation. The association deputes state teams for participation in the National level tournaments organised by different

agencies in coordination with the Game Federation at the different venues decided by the federation. The association for different games are registered under Societies Registration Act of 1860 as applicable to the state of Goa. The associations are recognised by the Sports Authority of Goa (SAG). The recognised Sports Associations receives grants from the State government through SAG for promotion of the game for which the association is created.

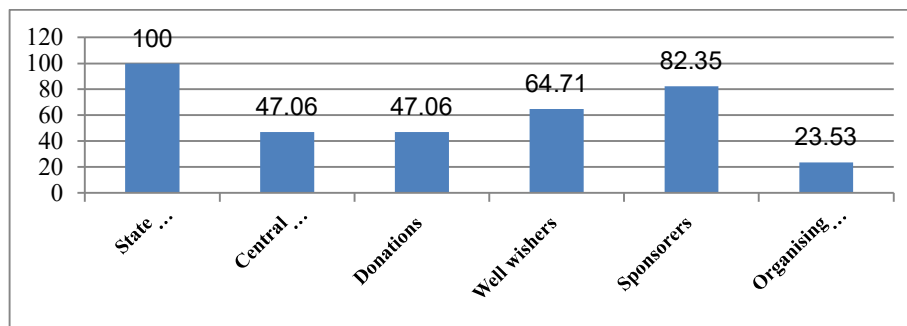
The broad general functions of the Associations are:

- Promotion of the game for which the Association is established.
- Organisation of competitions/tournament of game at different levels
- Conduct of selection trials, coaching camps, workshops Clinics etc.
- Deputation of the state teams for participation at the national level competitions organised by the Federation
- Recommendation of the sportspersons to the Federations for different awards and International level competitions.
- The researcher made the study of various state sports association recognised by the SAG.

At present SAG has granted recognition to 42 associations of different games. A researcher has taken a sample of forty percent of the population that were randomly selected. The questionnaire was administered to the selected sports associations. The Secretary/ President of the association were requested to fill the responses to the questionnaire. The data collected was then subjected to various tools of statistical analysis for drawing meaningful conclusion and interpretation.

### **Sports Facilities with Associations**

The researcher studied the existence of sports facilities required for the game/event of the association. The investigator inquired with the authorities of the associations about the existence of own facilities such as coaching facility, playgrounds and equipment. It was found that only 11.76 percent of the associations have their own playgrounds and equipment facilities.



**Fig 1: Associations Willing to Take Support from the Financial Source**

### **Awareness and Schemes Availed from Government and non-governmental Agencies by State Associations**

The State and national government has initiated a number of schemes for the development of sports in the state. The researcher has attempted to study as to how many sports associations in state are aware of the schemes that are floated by the Government/ non-state institutions. The study was also made by the investigator to know about the schemes availed by the associations. The study found that 94.12 percent of the associations are aware of the various schemes run by the government / non-state institutions for development of the Sports facilities in the State. However, it is found that only 41.18 percent of the associations have availed these schemes. Table 1 shows the schemes availed by the different sports associations in the sample.

**Table 1**

#### **Schemes Availed by Associations**

S.N.	Sources of Income	Percentage of Associations
1	Playground Preparation	00
2	Construction of compound for Playground	00
3	Construction of Gymnasium	00
4	Purchase of Sports Equipments/Apparatus	17.65
5	Purchase of Sports books, Magazines, Journals.	00
6	Any other Scheme like organisation of Seminars/Workshop	23.53

Source: Primary Source

It is found from the above table that none of the associations have availed schemes for preparation of playgrounds, construction of compound for the playground, construction of Gymnasium and purchase of sports books, Magazine and Journals. Some associations has availed scheme for purchase of sports

equipments/apparatus. The percentage of such association is 17.65 percent. The associations availing schemes existing for financial support towards organisation of Seminars/workshops etc. is 23.53%.

### **Sources of Income for Regular Activities of Association and Budget Preparation**

The researcher made the study of the sources of income for running the regular activities of the association. The investigator also inquired about the budget of the associations. It was found that 94.12 percent of the associations prepare their annual budget. The sources of income for running the regular activities of the associations are presented in table no 2. The table shows that 82.35 percent of the associations take sponsorship from well wishers. This is considered to be one of the main sources of income for carrying on the regular activities of the respective association. However, it is found from the study that the associations that are recognised by the SAG receive grants from the state government for its regular activities. Number of associations that has the source of income as government grants is hundred percent. Therefore, it can be assumed that all the state association in the sample study depend mainly on government grants

**Table 2**

#### **Sources of Income of Associations**

<b>S.N.</b>	<b>Sources of Income</b>	<b>Percentage of Associations</b>
1	Club affiliation fees	58.82
2	Participation and entry fees	52.94
3	Sponsorships from Industrial houses.	41.18
4	Sponsorships from well wishers	82.35
5	Government Grants	100
6	Any other	17.65
Source: Primary Source		

### **Suggestion for Increase of Funds for the Associations**

The researcher requested the authorities of the associations to make suggestions for increasing the funds for the activities. The respondents made some suggestions for the increase in funds. The suggestions given by the respondents are presented in table 3

**Table 3**

#### **Suggestions of the Associations for Raising Fund**

S.N.	Sources of Income	Percentage of Associations
1	Increase participation fees	76.47
2	Increase club affiliation fees	70.59
3	Increase government grants	100
4	Get more sponsorships	76.47
5	Collect revenue by issuing Souvenir/Donation coupons	76.47
6	Others ( member contribution)	17.65
Source: Primary Source		

It is found from the table above that hundred percent of the associations in the sample study suggests that the government grants provided for the associations must be enhanced. It is also found that 76.47 percent of the office bearers of the associations suggested that the participation fees charged by the concerned sport association must be increased but sports clubs affiliated to the associations do not subscribe to this suggestion. About 76.47 percent of the respondent associations suggested that revenue should be increased by the issue of Souvenir/Donation coupons etc. and 76.47 percent of the associations suggested for increasing revenue by sponsorship.

It is found from the table that 70.59 percent of the associations suggested for increase in club affiliation fees. The percentage of associations that suggested increasing of fund by other ways such as increased contribution from member are merely 17.65 percent.

### **Suggestions Made by Associations for Increase of Sports Participation**

The investigator requested the authorities of the association, to make suggestions for increase of youth participation in sports activities. Some of the suggestions were listed in the questionnaire tool and the responses to the suggestions were requested from the respondents.

It is found from the study that, 94.12 percent of the respondents suggested that more grants from the State Government must be made available for promotion of sports activities. About 76.47 percent of the respondents suggested that, there must be provision of incentives to the sports persons and the incentives to be given in the form of marks at School/ College/University examinations. It is suggested by 88.24 percent of the respondents to award special Prizes for participation in the State level/National level/International level sports activities. The other suggestions like establishment of sports academy, and sports school

has been made by the 76.47 percent of the respondents. However, it has been found, that hundred percent of the respondents suggests to increase the reservation quota for sportspersons in the government jobs.

### **Conclusion and Suggestions**

It is found that all the associations depute their teams for participation in the National level competitions under the sub junior, junior and senior category. Further it is found that, only 11.76 percent of the associations have their own playgrounds and equipment facilities. The percentage of associations inviting SAG coaches regularly for training is merely 17.65 percent and those inviting coaches occasionally are 82.35 percent. It was also found from the study that 11.76 percent of the associations wish to develop their own sports facilities in future. It is also revealed by the study that all the associations in the sample are willing to develop their own playground and other sports facilities if 100 percent grants are given to the associations by the State Governments. However, 47.06 percent association wished to develop their own sports facilities through central government grants, and the donations collected from public donors. There are some associations that wish to develop their own sports facilities through the contribution from well wishers and sponsors. The percentage of such associations is about 64.71 percent. The percentage of associations wishing to develop their own sports facilities through Sponsorship is 82.35 percent. On the other hand the number of associations wishing to develop their own sports facilities through organisation of Charity shows is merely 23.53 percent.

The lack of their own sports infrastructure has not acted as a drawback because majority of these associations depend on SAG and DSYA facilities for organisation of their sports events which are available at the district, taluka and even at the village level.

The State Government has floated number of schemes for the development sports infrastructure through SAG and DSYA. These schemes can be availed by the clubs as well as by the Associations. But, this study points out that though 94.12 percent of the associations are aware of the schemes only 41.18 percent of the associations have actually availed these schemes. Further, it is also found that none of these associations have availed schemes for the construction of a playground, compound wall, construction of Gymnasium and purchase of sports

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books, Magazine and Journals etc. About 17.65 percent of the associations availed the scheme for the purchase of equipments. The associations that have availed other schemes like financial support for organisation of Seminars or workshops etc are 23.53 percent.

It is found that 94.12 percent of the associations prepare their annual budget. The main source of income of these associations is Grants from the Government though 82.35 percent of the associations take sponsorship from community. Other significant sources of income of these associations are: club affiliation fees, participation and entry fees, etc.

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