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MAHARASHTRA KRIDA PRABODHINI : THE SPORTS POLICY OF GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA

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ABSTRACT

The Government of India, over the years, has launched several programs to encourage sports in the country. However, we are yet to achieve a place of pride in international sports. We are lagging much behind even among the Asian countries. This indicates that implementation



of sports programs in the country leaves much space for progress. Moreover, Government had laid down procedures for effective coordination among various agencies involved in the promotion of sports and extended required infrastructure, training and other facilities to the sportspersons for

achieving excellence in the international events. Given the importance of sports culture, the Government of India has created a separate department for sports in 1982. Further, various sports policies and planning commission have been introduced for furtherance of sports in our country.

KEYWORDS : furtherance, human endeavor, promoting sports, component, cohesion, etc.

INTRODUCTION

Sports provide platforms for the people and nations to compete with each other for achieving heights of excellence in human endeavor. In fact, today sport emerges as an important component of socio-economic development of a country. The active participation in sports improves community

health and productivity, reduces medical expenses, imbibes discipline in character and enhances social cohesion. The execution of a mega sporting event helps in developing infrastructure, generating employment, securing inflow of foreign capital and thus contributes significantly to the economic development of a country. Therefore, it can be said that the impact of sports on the society is multi-dimensional.

For development and promotion of sports the government plays a crucial role. The government and governmental organizations constitute the public sector of the sports industry, which is responsible in making sports policies, allocating grants for developing infrastructure, nurturing talents and designing specialized programs for overall development of sports. Government of India attaches utmost importance to sports for development and sports for excellence. It has been the endeavor of the Government to lay down procedures for effective coordination among various agencies involved in the promotion of sports and extend required infrastructure, training and other facilities to the sportspersons for achieving excellence in the international events.

In Maharashtra State under the Government's sports policy Krida Prabodhini is formed to provide the best possible facilities to the Students of 8-14 age group. The main objective of Prabodhini is to develop more and more players of International and Olympic level, selection of skillful players and providing Technical and Scientific training, appropriate diet and modern sports facility and to develop a culture of sports and planned efforts. However, the achievement of Prabodhini has not been explored scientifically. Hence, the researcher has undertaken this study to critically evaluate the effectiveness of Maharashtra Krida Prabodhini scheme implemented by Government of Maharashtra.

MAHARASHTRA KRIDA PRABODHINI:

In the world of fast track engineering and cut-throat competition our day to day life is getting deteriorated. Our young generation is our asset and to make sure that our asset is healthy and physically fit to take challenges we have to promote sports in day to day life. To promote sports in the state of Maharashtra, The Directorate of Sports and Youth Services have introduced various schemes for their citizens. Maharashtra State has announced the State Sports Policy in year 2001 for the next ten years. Physical fitness is the main objective of this policy. Child, youth, matured & handicaps are also considered in this along with sports person. Under Government's Sports Policy, to nurture the skills of various sports events, residential Krida Prabodhini has been formed to provide the facilities of sports to the students of 8-14 age group. In this Krida Prabodhini, students are selected through Battery of Test at District, Zonal, and State level.

In the state of Maharashtra, Krida Prabodhini's are functional at 11 locations which are Pune, Kolhapur, Sangali, Thane, Amravati, Akola, Nashik, Nagpur, Pravaranagar, Aurangabad and Gadchiroli.

The guidance is provided for 15 kinds of sports such as Judo, Gymnastics, Hockey, Shooting, Football, Swimming, Diving, Athletics, Wrestling, Badminton, Archery, Handball, Table Tennis, Weight Lifting and Boxing.

OBJECTIVES OF KRIDA PRABODHINI:

The objective of Directorate of Sports and Youth Services Krida Prabodhini is to promote Sport culture as well as prepare players from the state of Maharashtra, of international and Olympic level by selecting the talented players in the state and providing them scientific training, proportionate diet and updated sports facilities. The Government has established an expert's committee to improve the rules of the admission process to Krida Prabodhini.

EXECUTION OF KRIDA PRABODHINI SCHEME:

Maharashtra Krida Prabodhini Scheme is capable of producing players of international repute. Some changes in the Krida Prabodhini scheme are needed according to the change in global environment of sports and also for the development of skills in the athletes. The skills of the athletes are improved due to proper execution of the prabodhini. This in fact suggests that the prabodhini has done excellent work in improving athlete's skills. Although some changes are required, the scheme of Prabodhini as being executed seems to be successful. The prabodhini is successful in improving Maharashtra State's image at national and international level. This indicates that, within limitations, Prabodhini scheme as implemented in Maharashtra has achieved its goal in preparing national and international level players. Many coaches feel that publicity of this scheme is not done properly. Hence, Government should take lead and make publicity about Prabodhini scheme to the common public so that it will reach to every corner of Maharashtra state. The work atmosphere in prabodhini is favorable. This indicates that the implementation of the scheme on krida prabodhini seems to be successful.

ADMISSION PROCESS OF KRIDA PRABODHINI:

It is most important that there is a selection process for the admission at krida prabodhini which helps in bringing the players of potential and of high range. But, the students and players do not know much about the selection process of krida prabodhini. Many athletes are aware of the Krida Prabodhini scheme implemented by Government of Maharashtra. The Govt. of Maharashtra must put in record the contribution of physical education teachers towards enhancement of sports, because they lay basic foundation of sports in school towards searching sports talents. The medical test is conducted before admission to the prabodhini.

CONCLUSION:

Krida Prabodhini is a creative invention of the Government of Maharashtra for promoting sports in the country. The Govt. provides huge finance for its proper functioning. Although the Govt. is monitoring all the aspects of the Krida Prabodhini, still there are many aspects that are touched or untouched need to be focused through systematic research. Maharashtra Krida Prabodhini Scheme is capable of producing players of international repute. Majority of the athletes from prabodhini are participating at national and international level of sports competitions. The work atmosphere in prabodhini is favourable. Sufficient time is allotted for the coaching/training. The prabodhini is successfully nurturing sports talents and improving Maharashtra State's image at national and international level of sports. Although some changes in the Krida Prabodhini scheme are needed according to the change in global environment of sports, the scheme of Prabodhini as being executed, within limitations, seems to be outstanding and successful

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