

A BRIEF STUDY OF EFFORTS MADE BY GOA GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE SPORTS IN GOA

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INTRODUCTION

“Ei Prithibi Ek Krirangan” ,the theme song for 12th South Asian Games, written by Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, literally means ‘The world is a playground’ and “Sports brings in Peace, Prosperity and Progress”.

History of Goa reflects that sports existed since ancient times and games were played for recreation and enjoyment. Traditional Goan games over the years like Kho-Kho , Langddi, asket and basket, logorio, card games etc are not popular today and the children and youth have lost interest in them. Goa being the colony of Portuguese for 400 years have inherited the same taste towards football. Though India is a cricket crazy country, Goa along with West Bengal and Kerala are the only Indian States where people are passionate about football. Goa’s dominance in Indian football can be gauged from the fact that it has prominent clubs participating at national league and few players have also captained Indian national team. The Government of Goa not only promotes football sport but provides infrastructure and other facilities to encourage people to play various other sports for pleasure or for physical exercise or as professional sports.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

- To study the schemes to promote physical education, Sports and games by the Government of Goa.
- To find out who are benefitting from the sports policies implemented by the Government.

METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY:

The information for our study is procured from both Primary and secondary sources.

- Interviews were conducted with various officials at various sections in the Directorate

of Sports.

- Information was also collected from the Citizens Charter published by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Goa and from the website www.dysa.gov.in.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY:

Our study is restricted to the information made available to us by the The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Goa.

THE CASE STUDY:

The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Goa is an apex body for sports which was set up on 1st July, 1973 by the then Chief Minister of Goa, Daman & Diu, Shri Dayanand B. Bandodkar for promoting physical education sports and games in the then Union Territory of Goa, Daman & Diu.

This newly formed department which was initially started its journey with a meager budget of about Rs. 10.00 lakhs and the activities were managed by a handful of officials. Over the years it has grown and has highly qualified and experienced officers/coaches and supporting staff and are bearing huge expenditure towards the effective implementation of its multifarious schemes for promotion of Physical Education, Games, Sports and other Youth related activities

FUNCTIONS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS:

The functions of the Directorate and schemes being implemented for development of Physical Education, Games and Sports are through its various sections are as under:

1. ADMINISTRATION SECTION:

The Administration Section of this Directorate looks after all duties related to the establishment work of the department and the three NCC Offices which come under the direct control of this department inclusive of the common cadre of all the Physical Education Teachers under the control of the Directorate of Education.

2. ACCOUNTS SECTION:

The Accounts Section deals with all the budgetary work of the Department including framing of Annual Budget, preparing of Performance Budget, Revised Estimates, Monthly Expenditure Statements, Planning work inclusive of centrally sponsored schemes and releasing various types of the grants-in-aid under different schemes controlled by the department of various Educational Institute including release of grants to the Sports Authority of Goa.

3. PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION:

PROMOTION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

This section of the department looks after the implementation of the Physical Education Programme right from the Primary to the Higher Secondary School level besides promoting youth activities, such as, NCC, NSS, Scouts and Guides, Red Cross etc., so as to ensure mass participation in Physical Education & Youth activities and contribute in building up “Fit People in a fit Nation”.

The following schemes are looked after by this section:

a) **PREPARATION/ REVISION OF SYLLABUS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION & PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULAM IN SCHOOLS:**

The Physical Education Officers visit various educational institutions in the state every year and submit the Annual Reports with the follow up action to the implemented by the Educational Institutions which send back a compliance report to the Directorate of Sports.

b) **PROMOTION OF LITERATURE ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS:**

The objective of this scheme is to encourage scholars to write own literature in Physical Education Sports, Recreation, Youth Activities, Allied Sciences and other Health Related Topics beneficial to the student and non-student youth including Sports organizations, so as to keep them abreast with the latest trends in these important faculties of education.

c) **REFRESHER TRAINING COURSES / SEMINARS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND COACHES:**

Refresher Courses, Workshops, Seminars and Orientation Courses are conducted from time to time to acquaint them with the latest techniques, skills and Training methodology in their respective sports.

The Directorate of sports conducts 8 to 10 refresher courses in a year for physical education teachers and coaches which are of two to three day duration. Attendance for the faculty employed in government institutions is compulsory.

Teaching is provided in various games such as Handball, Lagori, Zumba etc. In 2015 – 16, 214 teachers attended . Earlier the courses were conducted only for the Government

schools however since last year it has been extended to private schools.

d) CELEBRATION OF DAYS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE:

The Department organize Special District, Taluka and State Level Functions on the occasion of days of National Importance. The Directorate of sports intimates all the educational institutions informing them of the programmes and competitions as various levels , the school then deputed students related to the sports and cultural activities. The department conducts rehearsals for the programme to be held. Refreshment and transport is provided to all the participants

On these occasions special programmes are organized such as Mass Physical Displays, Singing of National Integration Songs, Sports Competitions, Folk Dances, Singing competitions etc.

e) BHARATIYAM TRAINING PROGRAMME:

Bharatiyam was designed to involve Mass participation of the young children in the age group of 12 to 15 years in the programme of Physical Education, Physical Fitness and National Integration.

The objectives behind Bharatiyam are:

- To highlight the importance of Physical Education
- Evaluating the importance of Physical Education
- Demonstrating the spirit of youth.
- Promoting emotions and National Integration.

f) GRANTS TO RURAL SCHOOLS FOR PURCHASE OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PLAYGROUNDS

This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme whereby grants to a maximum of Rs. 1.50 lakhs are released by the government of India to the Rural Schools for purchase of Sports equipment or for Development of Playgrounds. The grants given to private schools and higher secondary per year is Rs15000/-, however the grants allotted to the Government schools is according to the students strength.

g) SUPPLY OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR GOVT. & NON- GOVT. SCHOOLS.

Under this scheme:

- 1) The department annually procures and supplies Sports material to the Government Primary, Middle, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools to enable these budding sports persons to improve their performances in their respective sport.
- 2) Financial assistance for purchase of Sports equipment is also released to Non-Government Middle, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges.
- h) **ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF VYAMSHALLAS:**

The department undertook to establish Vyamshallas in all the rural and urban areas in Goa to promote indigenous activities and encourage the youth of the locality to develop their physique through regular training in such “Vyamshallas/Gymnasia”.

The development maintenance and the management of the Vyamshallas is by the Directorate of Sports.

i) **DEVELOPMENT OF YOGA EDUCATION:**

This scheme is devised to spread Yoga activities in Educational Institutions and amongst the public at last to ensure a physically fit and mentally sound community. Yoga teaching is compulsory from Std 1st to 10th in the government schools . earlier only physical education teachers were trained to conduct Yoga however since last year primary teachers are also trained.

In 2015-2016 about 500 teachers were given training.

4) YOUTH SECTION:

This section of the department deals with the promotion and effective implementation of the various Youth Welfare Activities through NCC, NSS, Scouts and Guides, Red Cross, Youth festivals etc, which form an important part of the Physical Education Curriculum in the state.

5) PROJECT SECTION:

The section of the directorate is entrusted with the development of the much needed Sports Infrastructure in the State through its various Schemes inclusive of the Grant-in-aid Schemes to Panchayats and Non-Government Educational Institution for development of playgrounds and Multipurpose Halls. The department undertakes to develop International Standards Sports Complexes/Multipurpose Indoor Halls/ Swimming Pools and other requisite playing facilities for Major area games, at the Village Taluka, District and State Level.

1) GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STADIA PAVILIAN PLAYGROUNDS TO VILLAGE PANCHAYATS/MUNICIPALITIES.

INTRODUCTION: As per the scheme, the department releases grants to the village Panchayats/Municipalities for the development of the Village Panchayat/Municipal playgrounds inclusive of the cost of acquisition, to a maximum of rs.20.00 lakhs based on the area available.

2) GRANTS TO NON-GOVERNMENT SECONDARY/HR. SECONDARY/ COLLEGES/UNIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PLAYGROUNDS OR A MULTIPURPOSE HALL:

- a) The Directorate releases grants to the non-Government Secondary/Higher Secondary Schools/Colleges/University for development of playgrounds for the benefit of the students, as per the area available to a maximum of Rs. 40.00 lakhs for the development of a playground.
- b) Grants for construction of multipurpose hall size not less than 17 X 17 X 7 MTS. Rs. 80.00 lakhs.
- c) The institution who have adequate land and need to also develop facilities for minor area games playfields shall be given assistance from Rs. 50,000 to 5 lakhs.

In 2015-16 five schools availed of the grant and 2016 – 17, three schools have availed of the same. From 2010 – 11 till date 61 institutions have been given grants.

3) DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT VILLAGE SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS:

The Scheme is designed to provide the much needed playground facilities to the student and non student community in all the villages in Goa, particularly in the Tribal and Rural areas, for ensuring mass participation in the field of Sports.

Since 2010 – 11 till date the Directorate of sports have given grants to 99 villages for the development of playground.

4) ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJOR TALUKA SPORTS COMPLEXES, SPORTS SCIENCE AND RESEARCH CENTRE, CAMPSITES ETC.

Aims & objectives: To provide the much needed training facilities of International standards as per the technical requirements of the various sports discipline to the high caliber athletes for bettering their performances and ensuring positive results at the National & International Arena.

PLACES	FACILITIES						
Fatorda	International Football Stadium	Swimming Pool	Multipurpose Hall	Playing fields	Gymnasium		
Campal	Football Stadium	International Standards Swimming Pool	Multipurpose Indoor Stadium		Gymnasium	400 mts. Grass track for major and minor games	Skating Rink
Peddem		Swimming Pool	Multipurpose Indoor Stadium	Playing fields		400 mts. synthetic Track	Indoor Boxing Training Centre
Ponda		Swimming Pool	Multipurpose Indoor Stadium		Gymnasium	200 mts. Grass track for major and minor games	
Chicalim			Multipurpose Hall	Spectator stand	Gymnasium	400 mts. Grass track for major and minor games	Turf Cricket Wicket Practice net
Sanguem			Multipurpose Hall	Playing fields	Gymnasium	400 mts. Grass track for major and minor games	
Quepem		Swimming Pool	Multipurpose Hall	Playing fields	Gymnasium		
Bicholim		Swimming Pool	Multipurpose Hall		Gymnasium		
Sattari			Multipurpose Hall	Playground			
Pernem			Multipurpose Hall	Playground			
Chaudi, Canacona		Swimming Pool		Play ground		Area for minor games	

6) SPORTS SECTION:

This section of the department promotes mass participation in Sports amongst the talented rural and urban student youth right from the Primary level to the Higher Secondary School Level by organizing sports competitions at various levels, for spotting out talent, selecting the talented sportspersons/teams and providing them long term training on scientific lines inclusive of Pre-National Coaching Campus for deputing

the State School teams for the National Level Competitions organized by the School Games Federation of India., besides implementing various other schemes for providing incentives to outstanding sportpersons, such as, employment opportunities, presentation of State Sports Awards, Financial to Indigent Sport persons,etc. inclusive of the Inter State Exchange of Youth Scheme, Adventure Sports, Civil Services Tournaments, etc, as detailed below:

1) SPORTS FESTIVALS:

Under the Dcheme, Sports Competitions are conducted for students, right from the Primary School Level to the Higher Secondary School Level in various Sports disciplines for Boys and Girls in various age groups and the selected players are duly required to undergo a 3 weeks Pre-National Coaching Camps after which the State Team is deputed to participate at the National School Games organized by the School Federation of India.

ADVANCE SUMMER COACHING CAMPS:

The directorate has undertaken to organize the prestigious Advance Summer Coaching Camps with a view of providing the much needed long term coaching on scientific lines to the talented and promising sportpersons. 4th week to April to 2nd week of May every year. These coaching camps have been discontinued since 2012.

PRESENTATION OF STATE SPORTS & YOUTH AWARDS:

State Government institutes the prestigious Bakshi Bahaddar Jivabadada Kerkar State Sports. Award to the meritorious sportpersons of Goa, who have performed creditably and earned laurels at the National and International level, aas also, to the Sports Promoters. However both thee awards have not been given since 2010 but efforts are on to give the same by 2016-17.

SPECIAL SPORTS AWARDS:

The Government also felicitates the former Ex-Olympians, International sportpersons of Goan Origin having earned laurels for the Country through the other states. This award has been discontinued since 2012.

THE DILIP SARDESSAI SPORTS EXCELLENCE AWARD:

The Government of Goa initiated the Dilip Sardessai Sports Excellence Award Shri Dilip Sardessai, to be presented to the highest achiever amongst Goan sportpersons representing Goa at any International Level Sports Competition. This award was started in 2008-09 and it comprises of a cash award of Rs 2.0 lakh.

REGISTRATION OF SPORTSPERSONS FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SPORTSMEN CATEGORY:

The department registers the names of outstanding sportspersons under the sportsmen category for the purpose of employment on submission of the duly filled in Forms II & IV respectively enclosing relevant certificates of achievements in sports. From 2012-16, 779 sportspersons have benefitted from this scheme.

ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES TO NATIONAL LEVEL SPORTSPERSONS FOR OBTAINING ADDITIONAL MARKS FOR ADMISSION IN PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES:

The department issues certificates to the sportspersons having represented the State at National/International Level for obtaining additional marks for admissions in Professional Colleges on submission of relevant certificates. In 2015-16, 45 students cleared the exam thus benefitting from this scheme.

CIVIL SERVICES TOURNAMENTS:

Under this scheme Inter Departmental Competitions are concluded in the State to ensure physical fitness amongst the Government employees besides enabling them to improve their talents for achieving laurels at higher level competitions. About 18 sports events are held for all Government departments.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT SPORTSPERSONS:

This scheme was introduced in 1983 during the VII Five Year Plan, with a view to provide the much needed financial assistance to the outstanding sportspersons/sports organizers in indigent conditions either due to old age or other causes such as accidents or ill health, having inadequate sources of income. In 2015-16, 68 sports persons have benefitted from this scheme. For State level players Rs3000/- is given per month, for national level Rs5000/- and for International level Rs8000/-.

ASSISTANCE TO DEPENDENTS:

Assistance on the same scale will be given to widow of deceased sportsmen whose income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 3,000/- per month, if she too is in indigent circumstances.

7) COACHING SECTION:

This section of the department has been specially set up to provide systematic coaching on scientific lines to the budding talent in Goa. The various schemes being implemented by this section are as follows:

a) COACHING SCHEME & ESTABLISHMENT OF COACHING CENTRES:

The department has established Coaching Centres at State & District level wherein

regular Coaching is conducted by qualified and experienced coaches from 6.30 a.m to 8.30 a.m in the morning and from 4.00 to 6.30 p.m in the evenings.

At present there are 10 coaches for different sport activities.

- State Coaching Centre:

The State Coaching is situated at the Campal Sports Complex, Panaji.

- North District Coaching Centre:
- The North District coaching is situated at the Peddem Sports Complex, Mapusa.
- South District Coaching Centre:

The main centre is at the Fatorda Sports Complex and there are three sub Centres one each at Chicalim Vasco, Ponda and Betalbatim.

b) SAI TRAINING CENTRES:

- The SAI Girls Training Centre at Peddem, Mapusa.
- The SAI/SPDA Training Centre at the Ponda Sports Complex.

DEPUTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 6 WEEKS CERTIFICATE COURSE AT SAI/NIS.

This Scheme is envisaged to provide inservice training to the Physical Education Teachers or Academic Teachers for undergoing a 6 weeks Certificate Course in coaching offered by the Sports Authority of India in the Sports Discipline in which they are proficient, so that they can undertake Coaching in the Schools in a systematic manner.

c) DEPUTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SAI/NSNIS REGULAR COURSES IN COACHING:

Under this scheme the department deposes one or two candidates every year for undergoing the Regular Course in Coaching conducted by the Sports Authority of India, National Institute of Sports.

Special Scholarship: Special scholarships are sanctioned by the SAI/NIS to the following categories:

- International/Olympics
- Women having completed M.P.Ed. Degree
- Economically backward classes Sportspersons.

d) DIET COACHING SCHEME:

This is a special scheme whereby special 15 days Coaching Camps are conducted for selected trainees in various Rural and Urban areas in Goa, in various Sports disciplines only in the evening sessions i.e between 3.00 p.m to 6.00 p.m to provide the much needed systematic coaching to the trainees on scientific lines, for enhancing their levels of performance.

8) THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF GOA:

The Sports Authority of Goa, is an autonomous body and registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 and is fully financed by the Government of Goa on “MEET THE DEFICIT” basis and for this purpose funds are being provided by Government as grant-in-aid subject to the provision being made in the budget for the purpose and also availability of funds.

The Sports Authority of Goa has been rendering commendable services for the development of Sports and Games in Goa,

ANALYSIS OF THE STUDY**STRENGTHS:**

- The Directorate Of Sports makes Physical Education as an integral part of General Education, this helps in developing interest among the students at a very young age in Physical education, sports and games.
- Organisation of Taluka, District and State level events the Directorate has helped students to pursue sports as a career.
- Creation of infrastructure such as playgrounds , multipurpose complexes have helped children, the young and old to involve themselves in sports as a recreational activity also to pursue sports at a Professional level
- The financial assistance provided to the sports person has encouraged many to involve themselves in sports activities at various levels
- Various awards instituted by the Directorate of Sports for outstanding sports persons has helped in motivating newer entries into various sports
- Provision of allotment of additional marks to sports persons has benefitted the youth to pursue the related sport activity and higher education

WEAKNESS:

- Despite the effort made by the Government to develop and train Sportsperson the performance at National and international level has been dismal

- The Government policies implemented through the Directorate of Sports has not been able to tap the potential of the talented sports persons who belong to the lower strata of the society.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- In order to attract additional investments into the sports sector to adopt world class infrastructural facilities, highly qualified coaches etc the government should partner or enter MOU with internationally reputed agencies or organizations.

CHALLENGES:

- The Government faces the problem of motivating talented sport persons to pursue sports as a career
- The increasing academic pressure on the students has also resulted in students giving up sports activities
- Due to the insecure future in the sports field the parents often do not encourage their wards to take up a sports career.

CONCLUSION:

Over the last five decades, the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Goa is significantly committed towards promoting various sports activities in the State. Integrating sports education in general education process, employing qualified coaches, Expanding of infrastructural facilities such as international sports complexes, playground, etc reflects the contribution made by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs in creating awareness and involving people to adopt sports for entertainment or as a physical activity or as a professional sport.

The performance of State teams or individual sportspersons at national or international level and bagging medals for sports like football, chess, swimming etc also reflects the efforts put in government.

In order to enhance sports infrastructure and the performance of State's sportspersons as per international standards, Goa Government should partner with private agencies or enter into Memorandum of Understanding or collaborations with various reputed national and international organizations. This would help in having services of highly qualified coaches and world class sports infrastructure facilities thereby achieving sports excellence in the State.