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“A STUDY ON EFFECT OF CIRCUIT TRAINING ON SPEED OF KABADDI PLAYERS OF WARANGAL”

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ABSTRACT

The present study was designed to evaluate the effect of circuit training on the various skills of Kabaddi players in Warangal. The researcher defined the population for the study as 50 male Kabaddi players in Warangal. The researcher has taken a sample that represents the population in all relevant aspects. The methodology used in this research involves the choice of a specified group of subjects, the selection of variables, Speed the administering of standard tests using the relevant tools, obtaining predetermined information about certain factors, and subjecting them to a statistical analysis. Test the finding of this study could provide insights into the potential benefits of circuit training on physical aspects of Kabaddi players, aiding in the Development of effective training programmes, for enhancing performance of Kabaddi players. The Speed training group showed remarkable development due to twelve weeks of training on motor fitness and training for 50mts Sprint. Speed refers to the capacity to develop Speed and some of the training methods employed to enhance speed. The circuit training group of Kabaddi players has shown significant improvement in Speed due to twelve weeks of training. The control group did not show significant improvement after the final test in Speed. **Keywords:** Circuit Training, Speed,

INTRODUCTION:

The main objective of games and sports is to promote physical wellbeing. The famous quote, “A sound mind in a sound body,” illustrates the importance of physical wellness to achieve mental stability. Games and sports play a significant role in modeling and developing one’s personality.

CIRCUIT TRAINING:

Circuit training is a superb way to improve mobility, strength, and stamina. The circuit training comprises 6 to 10 strength exercises that are completed one after another. Each exercise is performed for a specified number of repetitions or for a specific time before moving on to subsequent exercises.

Abhishek Verma, Devpal Rana, and Abhimanyu Singh (2011) conducted a study to develop the physical profile of Kabaddi players. For this study, the investigators selected 100 male Kabaddi players from the West-Zone Inter-University Championship as the subjects of the study. Their ages ranged from 18 to 23 years old. Keeping feasibility in mind, speed, agility, and explosive power were selected for this study. Speed and agility were assessed by administering a 50-yard dash, and the performance was recorded in seconds and shuttle runs, respectively. To determine the explosive power, a standing board jump was used, and the reading was recorded in meters. To develop the physical profile of Kabaddi players, descriptive analysis was applied. The results of the study indicate that in the 50-yard dash, standing broad jump, and shuttle run, Kabaddi players had average scores. In the case of standing broad jump kabaddi, players scored above average. It was concluded that West-Zone University Kabaddi players were average in speed and shuttle run, and in the case of standing broad jump, they were above average.

According to B. Sunil Kumar (2009), the aim of the present study was to study the difference in physical fitness among Kabbadi and Kho Kho players in Hyderabad. 15 male Kabbadi players and 15 male Kho Kho players between the ages of 18 and 28 were taken for the study. The AAPHER Youth Fitness Test, consisting of six items, was used for the study. It was found that Kho Kho players have good physical fitness compared to Kabbadi. This study shows that Kho Kho players are good because they do good physical training compared to Kabbadi players. The Kho Kho players have very good speed, strength, and endurance.

METHOD:

The researcher defined the Population for the study as 50 male Kabaddi players of Warangal district. The age group of 18 to 22 years was acted as the subjects. Then they were separately divided in to two equal groups randomly consisting of 25 subjects in each group. The Groups were named randomly by lot Circuit Training group and Control Group. They were tested before and after training period to measure the Speed applying the following test.

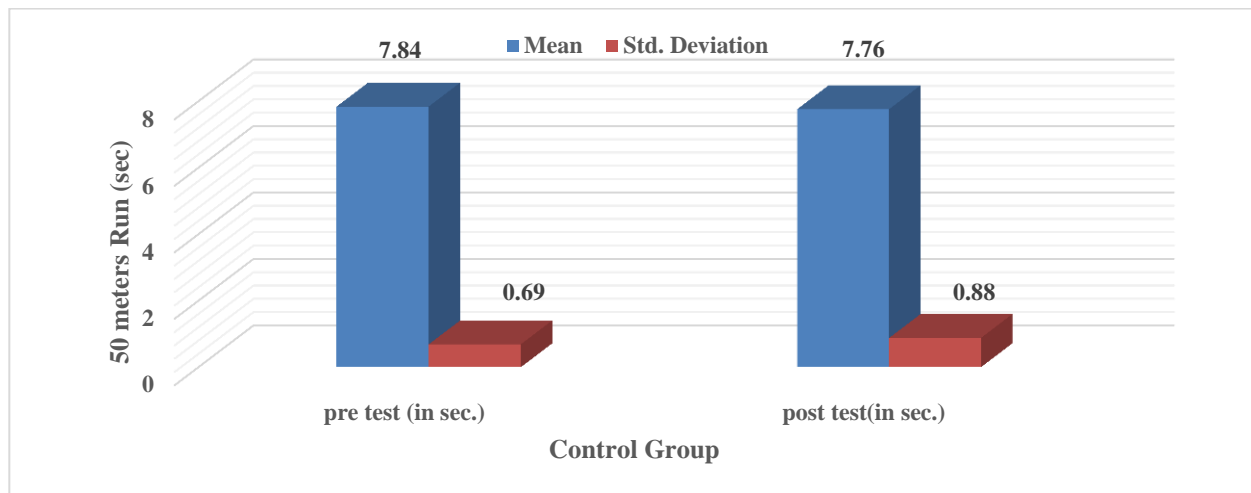
Agility: 50mts Sprint test was used to measure the effect of Circuit training on improvement of Speed. The purpose of the study is to determine the effect of circuit training on the improvement of Speed.

RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS 50 METERS RUN IN PRE AND POST-TEST OF PLAYERS IN CONTROL GROUP

TABLE 4.1

	Pre-test (in sec.)	Post-test (in sec.)
Mean	7.84	7.76
Std. Deviation	0.69	0.88
Mean Difference	0.08	



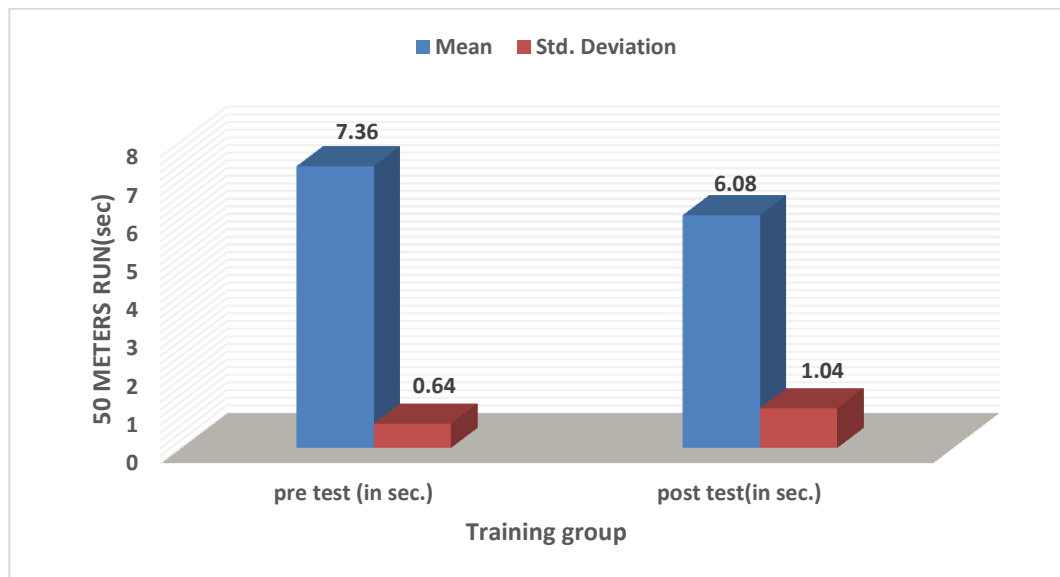
RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS:

The 50 Mtrs Speed test (seconds) Table 4.1.0 Mean and the standard deviation graph show the difference in speed between pre-test and post-test players in the control group. The mean and standard deviations were 7.84, 0.69 and 7.76, 0.88, respectively. It is clear that the average difference in speed between pre-test and post-test of players in the control group was 0.08.

DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS 50 METERS RUN IN PRE AND POST-TEST OF PLAYERS IN TRAINING GROUP

TABLE 4.2

50 Meters Run	Pre-test	Post-test
Mean	7.36	6.08
Std. Deviation	0.64	1.04
Mean diff.	1.28	



RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS:

The 50 Mtrs Run test (seconds) Table 4.2 Mean and the standard deviation graph show the difference in speed between pre- and post-test players in the Training group. The mean and standard deviations were 7.36, 0.64 and 6.08, 1.04, respectively. It is clear that the average difference in speed between pre- and post-test of players in the Training student group was 1.28.

HYPOTHESIS TEST ON PAIRED MEAN DIFFERENCE OF 50 METERS SPEED (in sec)) IN PRE AND POST-TEST OF PLAYERS IN CONTROL GROUP

Results and Discussion on Hypothesis - I:

Results pertaining to the Hypothesis- I, the null hypothesis is there is no significant difference of speed in pre-test and post-test of players in Control Group.

TABLE 4.3

50 METERS	Mean	SD	Paired Differences				t	Df	Sig.
					95% C. I of the Diff.				
	PRE	7.84	0.69	Mean	SD	Lower			
POST	7.76	0.88	.08	0.909	-0.295	.455	0.44	24	0.66400

**Critical value $t=2.093$ not significant at 0.05 levels*

RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS:

Table-4.3 Average, standard deviation, mean deviations are added, standard deviation, CI, 'T' value, DF and P-values are tested for 50 meters (seconds) before and after speed in the control group test.

Speed is measured using test data of 50meters dash (seconds) before and after the test. The data were analyzed and the results are presented in Table 4.3.

The T-test value observed in the speed control group between pre- and post-test was 0.44, which was lower than the required statistical value of 2.093 at the level of 0.05 ($p = 0.286$). The result indicates that the speed test of the pre-test and the post-test of the control group are of no importance. Therefore, the hypothesis is accepted.

HYPOTHESIS TEST ON PAIRED MEAN DIFFERENCE OF 50 METERS SPEED IN PRE AND POST-TEST OF PLAYERS IN CIRCUIT TRAINING GROUP

Results and Discussion on Hypothesis - I:

Results pertaining to the Hypothesis-1 the hypothesis is there is no significant difference of 50 Meters speed in pre-test and post-test of player students in CIRCUIT Training Group.

Table-4.4

50 METERS SPEED	Mean	SD	Paired Differences				t	Df	Sig.
					95% C. I of the Diff.				
					Mean	SD			
PRE	7.36	0.64							
POST	6.08	1.04	1.28	0.936	0.894	1.666	6.835	24	0.000000

*Critical value $t=2.093$ t significant at 0.05levels

Result and discussions:

Table -4.4 Average, standard deviation, added average differences, standard deviation, CI, 'T' value, DF and P-values 50 meters before and after in the training group test.

Speed is measured using data from a 50 Meters (seconds) test pre and post training for the CIRCUIT training group. The data were analyzed and the results are presented in Table 4.4.

The T-test value observed in the CIRCUIT training group on the 50 meters speed between pre-test and post-test was 6.835, which is higher than the required statistical value of 2.093 at the level of 0.059 ($p = 0.016$). The result indicates the importance of the pre and post speed test of the CIRCUIT training group. Therefore, the hypothesis is rejected.

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**“A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF STRENGTH AND CO-ORDINATIVE ABILITY
AMONG SCHOOL LEVEL FEMALE KABADDI AND KHO-KHO PLAYERS OF
DISTRICT-HYDERABAD IN TELANGANA”**

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ABSTRACT:

The purpose of the study was to compare the arm and shoulder strength, abdominal strength and co-ordinative ability among female Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players. To accomplish the study a sample 120 players, 60 players each of Kabaddi and Kho-Kho, studying in Telangana Minority Residential Schools of District Hyderabad of Telangana was selected as subjects. It was hypothesized that no significant difference would appear between the Kabaddi and Kho-Kho player's w.r.t. selected physical fitness variables. Data was collected using selected test items of AAHPERD's Physical fitness test battery. Mean, Standard Deviation and T-test were used to analyze the data statistically. The level of significance was set at 0.05 level of confidence. The results showed a significant difference between the Kabaddi and Kho-Kho player's w.r.t. physical fitness variables arm and shoulder strength and co-ordinative ability except abdominal strength where both Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players performed similarly. **Keywords:** Strength, Speed, Flexibility, Endurance, Co-ordination, Physical fitness, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players.

INTRODUCTION:

Sport is as old as the human society, and it has achieved universal following in the modern times. It now enjoys popularity which strips out any other form of social activity. It has become an integral part of educational process. Millions of fans follow different sports events all over the world. Many participate in sports activities for the fun of it or for health, strength and fitness. It is taking the shape of a profession to some with high skills, with ample financial benefits linked with high degree of popularity. Each sports activity demands different types and levels of different physical abilities. When a particular sport possesses qualities, it contributes to the development

of specific physical fitness. It is this specific fitness which makes it possible for a player to perform unusual and extraordinary movements with a very high standard of efficiency.

Regular training leads to improve one's physical fitness which includes strength, speed, flexibility, endurance and co-ordination. Co-ordination ability plays a very vital role in all games and sports because when an athlete participant in game and sports, he has to bring about a series of changes in direction and movement at various parts of the body. The main objective of the study was set to compare the Kabaddi and Kho-Kho player's w.r.t. selected physical fitness variables i.e. the arm and shoulder strength, abdominal strength and co-ordinative ability.

HYPOTHESIS:

It was hypothesized that no significant difference would appear between the Kabaddi and Kho-Kho player's w.r.t. selected physical fitness variables.

PROCEDURE:

In the present investigation, a survey type of study has been conducted. In total, investigator selected a sample of 120 players by means of purposive random sampling from ten schools of the Hyderabad district of Telangana, out of which he selected 12 Kabaddi players each from the first five schools and 12 Kho-Kho players each from the other five schools. The subjects were boys of 10+1 and 10+2 classes of Telangana Minority Residential Schools and were of 15-17 years age group only. Moreover, the present research was confined to only those players who had participated at zonal level school tournament of district Hyderabad. Data regarding selected physical fitness variables was collected using selected test items of AAHPERD's Physical fitness test battery. Mean, Standard Deviation and T-test were used to analyze the data statistically. The level of significance was set at 0.05 level of confidence.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

The Mean, Standard Deviation and 't' values of the investigated physical fitness variables of Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players are given in the table No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and their analysis and interpretation follows them.

Table – 1:

Mean values, standard deviation and 't' value of arm and shoulder strength variable of Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players:

	N	Mean	S.D.	S.E.M.	Mean Difference	Df	t-value
Kabaddi	60	10.93	1.68	0.22	0.98	118	3.09*
Kho-Kho	60	9.95	1.79	0.23			

***Significant at 0.01 level.**

Table – 1 reveals that the mean scores of arm and shoulder strength variable of the selected Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players are 10.93 and 9.95 respectively and the calculated ‘t’- value (3.09) for both the groups is higher than the table value at 0.01 level of significance. Thus it is interpreted that the two groups differ significantly w.r.t. the variable arm and shoulder strength.

Hence, the formulated hypothesis for the Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players’ w.r.t. the variable arm and shoulder strength is rejected.

Table – 2:

Mean values, standard deviation and ‘t’ value of abdominal strength variable of Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players:

	N	Mean	S.D.	S.E.M.	Mean Difference	Df	t-value
Kabaddi	60	28.93	1.77	0.23	0.400	118	1.19
Kho-Kho	60	29.33	1.90	0.25			

***Not significant at 0.05 level.**

Table – 2 reveals that the mean scores of abdominal strength variable of the selected Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players are 28.93 and 29.33 respectively and the calculated ‘t’-value (1.19) for both the groups is less than the table value at 0.05 level of significance. Thus it is interpreted that the two groups do not differ significantly w.r.t. the variable abdominal strength. Hence, the formulated hypothesis for the Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players’ w.r.t. the variable abdominal strength is accepted.

Table – 3:

Mean values, standard deviation and ‘t’ value of co-ordinative ability variable of Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players:

	N	Mean	S.D.	S.E.M.	Mean Difference	Df	t-value
Kabaddi	60	11.12	0.22	2.86	0.111	118	3.09*
Kho-Kho	60	11.01	0.17	2.18			

significant at 0.01 level.

Table – 3 reveals that the mean scores of co-ordinative ability variable of the selected Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players are 11.12 and 11.01 respectively and the calculated ‘t’ – value (3.09) for both the groups is higher than the table value at 0.01 level of significance. Thus, it is interpreted that the two groups differ significantly w.r.t. the variable co-ordinative ability. Hence, the formulated hypothesis for the Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players’ w.r.t. the variable co-ordinative ability is rejected.

CONCLUSIONS:

Based on the analysis and interpretation of the data and within the limitations of the present investigation, following conclusions are drawn: The Kabaddi players are better than Kho-Kho players when compared against the physical fitness variable arm and shoulder strength. The Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players have same level of physical fitness when compared against the physical fitness variable abdominal strength. The Kabaddi players are better than Kho-Kho players when compared against the physical fitness variable coordinative ability.

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Sports and Peace: A Powerful Combination for a Better World to this presentation on sports and peace. As we gather here today, we are reminded of the immense power of sports to bring people together, to promote understanding and respect, and to foster peace and harmony. From the Olympic Games to local community leagues, sports have the ability to transcend borders, cultures, and languages, and to unite people in a shared passion and pursuit. But sports are more than just a game. They have the power to inspire, to educate, and to transform. They can help to break down barriers and to build bridges between communities, and to promote social cohesion and understanding. They can also provide a platform for social change, and for promoting values such as fair play, respect, and teamwork. In a world where conflict and violence often dominate the headlines, sports offer beacon of hope and a reminder of the power of human connection and cooperation. They show us that even in the face of adversity, we can come together and achieve great things, and that we can use our differences to strengthen and enrich our communities, rather than to divide them. In this presentation, we will explore the relationship between sports and peace, and examine the ways in which sports can be used to promote peace, understanding, and social change. We will look at examples of sports-based initiatives and programs that are making a positive impact around the world, and we will discuss the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Sports have the power to bring people together and promote understanding and respect Sports can help to break down barriers and build bridges between communities Sports can provide a platform for social change and promote values.



Empirical studies have shown that sports can have a positive impact on social cohesion, conflict resolution, and community development. For example, a study in India found that sports programs helped to promote social cohesion and reduce crime in disadvantaged communities."

Indian Premier League (IPL)

Football for Peace initiative in the Middle East

Sports for Peace initiative in Africa

Case studies have shown that sports can be used to promote peace and harmony in different contexts. For example, the IPL has been successful in promoting peace and harmony by bringing together players and spectators from different parts of India. In conclusion, the literature review suggests that sports have the potential to promote peace and harmony in India and other countries by bringing people together, promoting social cohesion, and providing a platform for conflict resolution. I hope that this presentation has provided a comprehensive overview of the role of sports in promoting peace and harmony, and that it will inspire further research and practice in this area."

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GENERAL MOTOR ABILITIES AND DIFFERENCE ANALYSIS AMONG THE KHO-KHO AND KABADDI PLAYERS OF OSMANIA UNIVERSITY

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ABSTRACT:

The games like Kho-Kho and Kabaddi is The specialization of Indian games is to make players light bodied, agile, ready-witted, supple and daring. The games like Kho-Kho and Kabaddi are most popular in rural India. The objective of this study is to analyze the general motor ability differences among kho-kho and Kabaddi players of Government Degree College, Ibrahimpatnam, RangaReddy Dist, Hyderabad Telangana state. The selected variables for this study were general motor ability: Muscular Strength, Muscular Endurance and Speed. These variables were tested before and after 12 weeks of plyometric training. There was a significant difference in mean between kho-kho and Kabaddi players on general motor abilities, the significance was .000 at $p < 0.05$ level. **Keywords:** Plyometric, speed, muscular strength, Muscular endurance.

INTRODUCTION:

The most of young person's like sport and other forms of physical activity. They are also concerned with the nation's health and fitness. As a result, many young persons are exploring the field of physical education and sport as a possible career. As part of this exploration process they want to know the realm of employment opportunities in physical education and sport and if they can contribute to this profession. They also want to know the developing trends in the field, and what the future holds for the profession and the personal and professional qualities that will help them to attain success if they choose physical education and sport as a career.

Kho-Kho and Kabaddi, Yogasana, Malkhamb, Lathi, Phari-gadga, Atya-Patya, Langadi, Viti- dandu, are peculiar indigenous activities preserved and handed over to the present generation. The specialty of Indian games is to make players light bodied, agile, ready-witted, supple and daring. Kho-Kho is one of the most popular

traditional sports in India. Kho-Kho and Kabaddi is an indigenous game. It is based on the natural principle of physical development. It is vigorous and fosters a healthy combative spirit among the youth. It is not merely running with speed but also a natural instinct to overtake, to pursue, to defence and offensive raids. The individual who is physically fit has proportionate developed body and the posture i.e usually good. One performs the activities with a high degree of motor proficiency. It is true that any kind of physical work in day today life improves physical fitness. It depends upon the intensity of the' working does. Plyometric exercises are great for increasing overall explosive strength and speed, giving you an acceleration and power advantage over the competition. They teach muscles to produce maximum force in a minimum amount of time by training the stretch reflex of the muscles being used. In this research study the scholar had experimented with plyometric training on general motor abilities of kho-kho and Kabaddi players.

2. METHODOLOGY

Selection of Subjects:

The present study was conducted on forty (40) Government Degree College Ibrahimpatnam, Ranga Reddy Dist, Hyderabad, of Osmania University students ranging age between 18-22 years.

The subjects were randomly selected and training was conducted at Ibrahimpatnam, RangaReddy Dist, Hyderabad, Telangana, India. The subjects were divided into four equal groups Control Group

(1) First group was Kho-Kho Experimental Group (N=10) (2) second one was Kho-Kho Control Group (N=10), (3) Third group was Kabaddi Experimental Group (N=10) and (4) fourth kabaddi control group(N=10).

TableNo.1

Physical characteristics results between Experimental and Control groups

Sl. No	Name of the group	Age(Yr.)	Height(cm)	Weight(kg)
1	Kho-Kho Experimental Group	20.70	166.80	56.10
2	Kho-Kho Control Group	22.10	165.30	63.20
3	Kabaddi Experimental Group	20.90	166.20	59.90
4	Kabaddi Control Group	20.70	166.80	57.10

Selection of Variables:

The research scholar experimented with plyometric training for the improvement of general motor abilities. The Administrating feasibility in terms of availability of instruments, time factor from point of view of subjects were considered for the collection of data. The following variables were selected. **The General motor ability variables:** Speed, muscular strength and muscular endurance.

RESEARCH DESIGN:

The experimental groups were administered 12weeks duration with different types of Plyometric exercise program for the improvement of general motor abilities among the kho-kho and Kabaddi players of Government Degree College Ibrahimpatnam, Ranga Reddy Dist , Hyderabad. A proper warming-up period of 10 minutes duration was given before training sessions (3 days per week). The control group was not allowed to participate in any of the training programme except their daily routine practice. Measurements of general motor ability variables were taken before and after treatment with the informed consent of all the subjects. The training load was increased in a progressive manner, after every two weeks. The motor fitness data was collected by administering 50mts Run test for speed, standing broad jump test for muscular leg strength and push-ups test for muscular endurance.

STATISTICAL TECHNIQUE:

Results

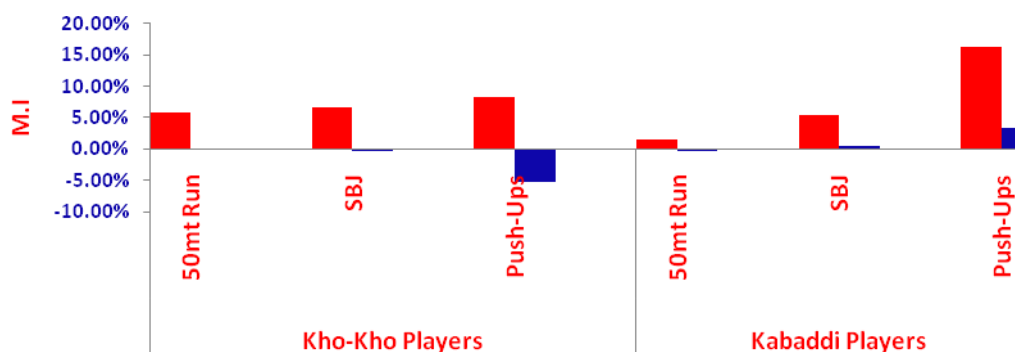
TableNo.2 Mean values of research variables between Experimental and Control groups.

		Kho-Kho Players						Kabaddi Players					
Group		50 mt Run		SBJ		Push-Ups		50 mt Run		SBJ		Push-Ups	
		Pre	Post	Pre	Post	Pre		Pre	Post	Pre	Post	Pre	Post
Exp.	Mean	6.98	6.57	2.54	2.71	29.9		7.33	7.22	2.24	2.36	25.3	29.4

	M.I%	5.87%		6.69%		8.36%		1.50%		5.35%		16.20%	
Cont.	Mean	7.18	7.18	2.24	2.23	28.7		6.98	7	2.54	2.55	29.9	30.9
	M.I%	0%		-0.44%		-5.22%		-0.28%		0.39%		3.34%	

Above table shows the mean and Magnitude of increase (M.I) values of motor ability variables between pre-test and post-test of plyometric training and control groups. The experimental subjects were treated with plyometric exercises for twelve weeks training and control group subjects did not treat any specific training except regular respective game activities. After post-test experimental subjects' motor ability variable were improved but in the case of control group subjects of general motor abilities did not find much difference. The magnitude of increase in speed (5.87%) and muscular strength (6.69%) was high in Kho-Kho players than kabaddi but in muscular endurance was high (16.20%) in kabaddi players than Kho-Kho players.

GraphNo.1 M.I differences between Experimental and Control groups



TableNo.3 Statistical results between experimental and control group.

Groups	Pushups		<i>F</i>	SBJ		<i>F</i>	50M Run		<i>F</i>
	<i>t</i>	sig		<i>t</i>	sig		<i>t</i>	sig	
Kho-Kho Experimental	- 11.1 8	.00 0	.864 . .469	- 9.02 7	.000 	10.166 . .002	9.31 3	.0 00	5.852 . .002
Kho-Kho Control	6.708	.000		1.26	0.2 39		- 0.92 1	0. 38 1	
Kabaddi Experimental	- 22.8 41	.00 0		- 11.9 81	.00 0		17.3 67	.0 00	
Kabaddi Control	0			0			-11	.0 00	

Above table shows the statistical significance between pre-test and post-test on general motor abilities between experimental and control groups. The significant difference was found between pre-test and post-test among kho-kho and kabaddi players. Statistical significance was .000, $p < 0.05$ level. However no significant difference in control groups except push-ups. The one-way ANOVA tested the differences between the means of four groups and found

1 Kho-Kho Experimental Group 20.70 there was significant difference in speed and muscular leg strength but no significance difference in muscular endurance among four groups.

CONCLUSIONS:

The following conclusions are drawn from the present research work. The analysis explains through statistical interpretations were:

1. Muscular endurance was significantly improved among kabaddi players than kho- kho players through plyometric exercise.
2. Muscular leg strength was improved in kho-kho players than kabaddi players with plyometric training.
3. Remarkable speed improvement was found in kho-kho players than kabaddi players.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Same type of research may be conducted for female kho-kho and kabaddi players.
- 2) The scholar also recommended that research may be conducted on physiological factors between kho-kho and kabaddi players.
- 3) The scholar further recommends that there is a correlation study between motor abilities and playing abilities of kho-kho and kabaddi.

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SPORTS INJURIES IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

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ABSTRACT

Sports injuries are a significant concern across all age groups, affecting individuals from young children participating in recreational sports to older adults engaged in physical activities. Understanding the prevalence, types, and impact of sports injuries in different age groups is critical to designing effective prevention and rehabilitation strategies. This paper explores sports injuries across youth, adult, and senior athletes, identifying key patterns, risk factors, and the effectiveness of current prevention and recovery approaches. Data collected from various studies over the past three years provides insight into injury trends and the role of training, equipment, and activity level in mitigating risks. The paper concludes with recommendations for tailored strategies based on age-specific risks and needs. **Key Words:** Physical activities, age-specific risks, Injuries, needs, prevention

INTRODUCTION

Sports injuries have become a growing concern across all age groups, affecting individuals from youth athletes to older adults. As participation in sports continues to rise, so does the risk of injury. These injuries can range from minor sprains and strains to more severe fractures, dislocations, and concussions. The nature and frequency of these injuries, however, vary significantly across different age groups due to factors such as physical development, activity levels, and recovery abilities. Understanding these differences is crucial for developing targeted injury prevention strategies and rehabilitation programs. In youth athletes, injuries are often linked to growth spurts, improper technique, and early specialization in a single sport. These factors can lead to overuse injuries such as stress fractures, tendonitis, and joint sprains. Moreover, young athletes are often more vulnerable to traumatic injuries like ACL tears or concussions due to the intensity of competition and lack of proper training or protective equipment. As children and teenagers continue to engage in sports at higher levels, ensuring their safety through proper coaching, equipment, and recovery practices becomes increasingly important.

Adults, on the other hand, may experience both acute injuries and chronic overuse injuries. With the rise of recreational and competitive sports among adults, common injuries include tendonitis, rotator cuff injuries, and stress fractures, often caused by insufficient warm-ups, improper form, or pushing the body beyond its limits. While adults typically have more developed muscle and bone structures than youth, their bodies are also subject to the wear and tear of aging, which can make recovery from injuries slower and more difficult.

For older adults, sports participation offers significant health benefits, but the risk of injury increases due to age-related changes in muscle mass, joint flexibility, and bone density. Senior athletes are more likely to experience injuries from falls, such as hip fractures and sprains, which can have long-term consequences on mobility and quality of life. While exercise and physical activity remain crucial for maintaining health in later years, it is essential to understand the unique risks associated with aging and to develop strategies that promote safe and effective participation in sports for older adults.

This paper seeks to explore these age-specific differences in sports injuries, analyzing trends, risk factors, and effective prevention strategies. By examining the nature and causes of injuries in youth, adult, and senior athletes, the paper aims to provide insights into how sports safety can be improved across these diverse age groups.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Recent literature has highlighted the rising prevalence of sports injuries across age groups, with particular attention given to the specific needs of young athletes, adult amateurs, and senior athletes. Key studies include:

- 1. Smith et al. (2021) and Greenfield (2022)** this paper indicates that the most common injuries in youth sports include sprains, fractures, and overuse injuries. Studies emphasize the importance of proper technique and age-appropriate training in reducing injury rates.
- 2. Johnson and Brown (2023)** in this study found that adult athletes are more likely to sustain overuse injuries such as tendonitis and stress fractures, often due to inadequate warm-up routines and improper training regimens.
- 3. Lee et al. (2022)** this study focused that in older adults, the risks of falls, joint injuries, and fractures increase, fall-related injuries in senior athletes, with findings indicating that proper strength training and flexibility exercises can mitigate.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The primary objectives of this study are:

1. To analyze the prevalence of sports injuries in youth, adult, and senior athletes.
2. To identify the common types of injuries across different age groups.
3. To investigate the factors contributing to injury risk in each group (training practices, equipment, physical condition).
4. To evaluate the effectiveness of injury prevention strategies and rehabilitation practices for each age group.

NEED FOR STUDY

As sports participation continues to grow across all age groups, understanding the unique risks associated with each demographic is essential. The incidence of injuries in youth sports is rising due to early specialization and overtraining, while adult athletes often push their limits beyond what their bodies can handle. Seniors, who are increasingly engaged in sports and fitness activities, face additional risks due to age-related changes in muscle mass, bone density, and joint flexibility. A study focused on these age-specific trends is essential for the development of targeted interventions and safe training practices.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study utilizes a mixed-method approach, combining quantitative data analysis and qualitative reviews from existing literature. The steps involved are:

1. **Data Collection:** Data on sports injuries was collected from national sports injury databases, healthcare providers, and athletic organizations over the past three years (2021-2023).
2. **Data Analysis:** Injury statistics were analyzed by age group, type of injury, sport, and recovery outcomes. Trends were identified by reviewing injury reports and published case studies.
3. **Statistical Analysis:** Descriptive statistics, including frequency distributions, injury rates, and incidence per 1,000 participants, were used to identify patterns.

Limitations of the study

This study has several limitations:

1. The age ranges used in this study (youth: 6-17 years, adults: 18-64 years, seniors: 65 years and above) are general categories, and the findings may vary within narrower age brackets.
2. While data was collected from various sources, there may be gaps in the availability of specific injury data for certain sports or less-researched populations.

DATA ANALYSIS

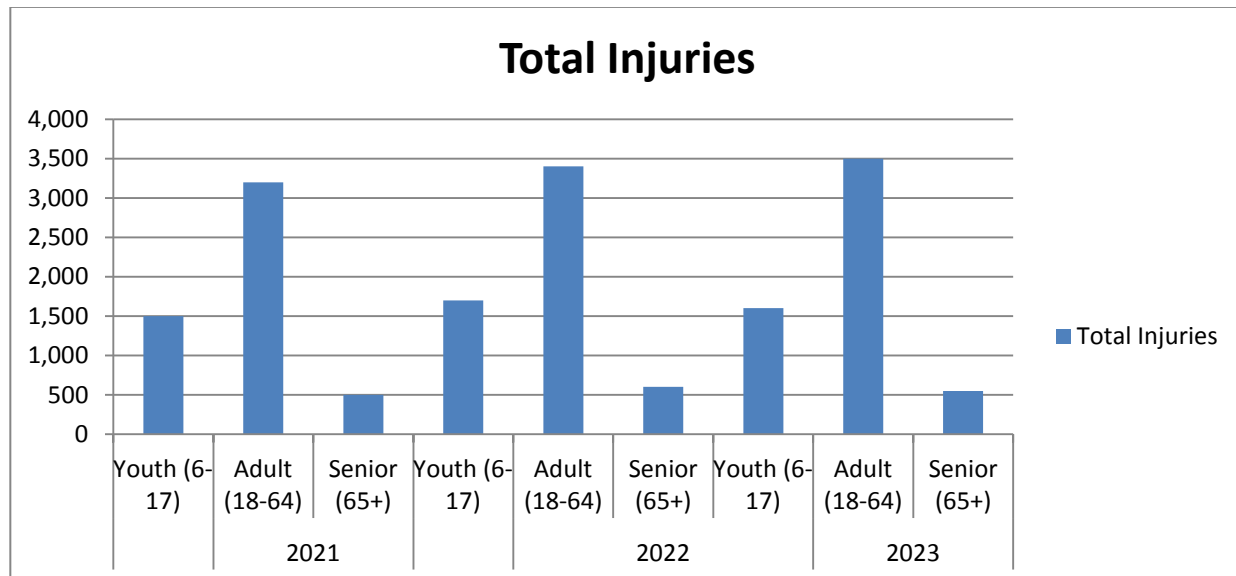
The following table summarizes the injury rates for youth, adult, and senior athletes over the past three years.

Table - 1

Year	Age Group	Total Injuries	Common Injuries	Injury Rate (per 1000 participants)
2021	Youth (6-17)	1,500	Sprains, Fractures, ACL	22.5
	Adult (18-64)	3,200	Tendonitis, Stress Fractures	35.4
	Senior (65+)	500	Hip Fractures, Sprains	45.1
2022	Youth (6-17)	1,700	Sprains, Concussions	23.1
	Adult (18-64)	3,400	Rotator Cuff Tears, Sprains	36.2
	Senior (65+)	600	Fractures, Dislocations	46.0
2023	Youth (6-17)	1,600	Fractures, Sprains	21.9
	Adult (18-64)	3,500	Knee Injuries, Tendonitis	37.5
	Senior (65+)	550	Hip Fractures, Sprains	44.8

Data from National Sports Injury Database (2021-2023)

Figure - 1



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Youth Athletes:** Emphasize proper technique, warm-ups, and balanced training to avoid overuse injuries.
2. **Adults:** Incorporate cross-training and strength training to reduce the risk of overuse injuries.
3. **Seniors:** Focus on flexibility, balance, and bone-strengthening exercises to minimize fall-related injuries.

CONCLUSION

The study confirms that sports injuries are prevalent across all age groups, with unique injury patterns in each demographic. Youth athletes are more prone to sprains, fractures, and ACL injuries, often due to improper technique or early specialization. Adult athletes face significant risks from overuse injuries, especially tendinopathies and stress fractures. Senior athletes experience higher rates of falls and fractures, emphasizing the importance of strength training and joint care. Tailored injury prevention programs are essential for each age group to mitigate risks and ensure safe participation in sports.

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INFLUENCE OF YOGA ON STUDENT'S LIFESTYLE

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ABSTRACT

Yoga is widely practiced as a way to plug physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being, while kind of studies has documented the efficacy of yoga for functioning in healthy individuals and people experiencing illness or pain. We propose an analog between the physical, psychological, and spiritual effects of the practice of yoga in students behavior. Physical systems activated through yoga practice include musculoskeletal, cardiopulmonary, autonomic system nervosum, and endocrine functioning. Psychological benefits include enhanced coping, self-efficacy, and positive mood. Spiritual mechanisms which may be understood within a Western medical model include acceptance and mindful awareness. We present empirical evidence that supports the involvement of those domains. However, additional well-conducted research is required to further establish the efficacy of yoga for health states and to know how posture, breath, and meditative activity affect the body, mind, and spirit. In this study, we are mainly concerned with secondary data for the evaluation of yoga's influence on students.

Keywords: Cardiopulmonary, Musculoskeletal, Nervosum, Psychological, Spiritual.

INTRODUCTION

Teenage is that the period of time of scholars once they are stucked between sort of workload and pressures. They need to perfectly accomplish their school or college task, steel oneself against sort of examinations or test, got to score excellent marks, work better in their workplace and improve their performance, and many other tension. In several schools, colleges, and universities round, the world several programs and courses are made compulsory for the scholars to hitch. Yoga is one of the among them. Students from all round the world have gained benefits by doing yoga. It helps your body to relax and soothes your mind. Furthermore, it helps to form your body flexible and improves your concentration power. Furthermore, students can gain various other benefits from yoga which will help them in completing their work perfectly and make them high scorer within the class.

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this paper is to find the impact of yoga in school going students.

METHODOLOGY

For this study, we mostly went for secondary data from a review of the literature from various articles and research papers published.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Joshi *et al.* (1992) reported that pranayama leads to an increase in breath-holding time and decrease respiration rate. It is also believed that practice of kumbhaka (breath retention) in the most of pranayama enhances concentration and reduces anxiety. Khumar *et al.* (1993) examined the effectiveness of Shavasana (a type of yoga exercise) as a therapeutic technique to alleviate depression. Fifty female university students were diagnosed with severe depression; 25 were subjected to 30 sessions of Shavasana, and 25 served as controls. Results revealed that (1) Shavasana was an effective technique for alleviating depression and (2) continuation of the treatment for a longer period resulted in a significantly increases positive change in the Ss.

DISCUSSION

There is a broad variety of yoga schools, practices, and goals in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism. The term “Yoga” in the Western world often denotes a modern form of hatha yoga and yoga as exercise, consisting largely of the postures called asanas.

The origins of yoga have been speculated to date back to pre-Vedic Indian traditions, possibly in the Indus valley civilization around 3000 BCE. It is mentioned in the Rig-Veda, but yoga most likely developed as a systematic study around the 5th and 6th centuries BCE, in ancient India ascetic and śramaṇa movements. The chronology of earliest texts describing yoga-practices is unclear, varyingly credited to Upanishads. The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali go back to the 2nd century BCE and gained prominence within the west within the 20th century after being first introduced by Swami Vivekananda. Hatha yoga texts emerged sometimes between the 9th and 11th centuries with origins in tantra. Yoga gurus from India later introduced yoga to the West, following the success of Swami Vivekananda within the late

19th and early 20th century together with his adaptation of yoga tradition, excluding asanas. Outside India, it is developed into a posture-based fitness, stress-relief, and relaxation technique. Yoga in Indian traditions, however, is a quite physical exercise; it is a meditative and spiritual core. One of the six major orthodox schools of Hinduism is additionally called yoga, which has its own epistemology, ontology, and metaphysics and is closely associated with Hindu Samkhya philosophy.

IMPACT OF YOGA IN THE LIFE OF STUDENTS

Meditation and yoga bring positive vibes among the students and if they are doing it regularly, it will help in bringing positive outcomes which are advantageous for the scholars. There are a sort of positive outcomes of yoga for learners and various other peoples. Some of the advantages of yoga to students.

Destress students

Students face tons of depression and stress thanks to a spread of reasons such as family pressure, financial pressure, or the other depression. Yoga is one among the simplest thanks to eliminate all of your pressure. Yoga keeps all of your depression away and keeps your mind fresh.

Concentration and sharpness

Yoga helps in increasing the sharpness of your brain and your concentration power. It helps you in relaxing your mind and supply you more peace of mind.

Strength

Strength is required by your body to satisfy all day activities appropriately. Especially, young students need tons of strength as they are overloaded with many tasks. Therefore, yoga helps in building your strength and provides you power.

Health benefits

Medically proved yoga has various medical benefits. A lot of diseases are often improved by doing yoga daily. It helps to scale back excellent hypertension among students.

Weight management and flexibility

Flexibility of the body is another advantage of doing yoga daily. Practicing yoga asana, your muscles also are stretched, thereby increasing the pliability of your body. Uneasiness in breathing and obesity is a number of the issues associated with weight which is extremely common among the scholars. Due to high calories drinks and food intake, students need to face such sorts of problems. With practicing yoga regularly, they will help their weight management.

Advancement of educational brain

Doing yoga regularly helps you in advancing your brain muscles and helps students to attain the very best grades. Hence, yoga helps learners to remain relaxed and stress-free from all the depress and academic tensions which are useful in your academic advancement.

Enhances your power and memory

Yoga is that the power for all the scholars that help in enhancing their memory and provides them more energy and power.

Increases focus

Students can enhance their focus and concentration with the assistance of yoga. A student can receive multiples benefits with the assistance of yoga.

CONCLUSION

There are multiple benefits of yoga for the students. Whether its kids, school going children or college students anyone can avail benefits from yoga. Yoga has proved to be of great benefit in reducing mental health disorders among students. Students can leave these stress management-based activities with the help of online assignments service provider helper. It is the important time for the development of the mental health of the students. With

studentsassignmenthelp.com leave, all the difficult work for your assignment help experts to do and improve your strength, stamina, concentration power, and relaxation of mind by practicing yoga regularly.

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AGE-BASED ANALYSIS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AMONG TRIBAL SCHOOL BOYS IN TELANGANA STATE

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the mental health and academic achievement of tribal school boys in Telangana State, focusing on age-based differences. The sample consisted of 600 boys, aged 13 to 15 years, randomly selected from 15 government schools in Rajanna Siricilla District. Mental health was measured using the Peter Becker Mental Health Questionnaire, and academic achievement was assessed based on half-yearly examination scores. Descriptive statistics, one-way ANOVA, and regression analysis were applied to evaluate age-based differences in mental health and academic performance. The analysis revealed no significant age-based differences in mental health or academic achievement. Mental health scores were stable across age groups, with slight variations in academic achievement. Although the study did not find a direct relationship between mental health and academic performance, it emphasized the importance of addressing systemic issues in education. The findings highlight the role of socio-economic factors in academic achievement and suggest that targeted interventions focusing on improving mental health support and educational resources could enhance the overall well-being and academic success of tribal students. **Keywords:** Mental Health, Academic Achievement, Tribal Students, Telangana, Adolescent Development, Educational Equity

INTRODUCTION

Education is a fundamental factor in shaping the future of individuals and communities. In India, tribal populations face significant challenges due to socio-economic disparities, geographical isolation, and cultural barriers (Dash & Behera, 2018). These challenges affect the mental health and academic performance of tribal adolescents, making it crucial to examine their educational experiences in depth.

Mental health, encompassing emotional, psychological, and social well-being, significantly influences adolescents' academic success. Poor mental health may hinder academic performance, leading to long-term consequences (World Health Organization, 2020). Tribal students, in particular, face additional stressors such as discrimination, language barriers, and economic hardship, which can negatively impact their mental health (Rani & Singh, 2020).

Academic achievement, reflecting a student's ability to succeed in the educational system, is influenced by factors such as mental health, socio-economic status, and parental support. This study aims to explore the relationship between mental health and academic achievement in tribal students in Telangana and identify age-based differences.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Despite government efforts to improve educational access for tribal populations, tribal students continue to face significant challenges, including poor academic performance and mental health issues. Boys aged 13 to 15 years, being at a critical stage of development, are particularly vulnerable. There is limited research on age-based differences in mental health and academic achievement among this demographic, prompting the need for this study to inform educational policies and interventions.

OBJECTIVES

1. To analyze the mental health status of tribal school boys aged 13 to 15 years in Telangana.
2. To evaluate the academic achievement of tribal school boys in the age group of 13 to 15 years.
3. To examine age-based differences in mental health among tribal school boys.
4. To investigate age-based differences in academic achievement among tribal school boys.
5. To explore the relationship between mental health and academic achievement in tribal school boys.

METHODOLOGY

This study aims to analyze the mental health and academic achievement of tribal school boys. A total of 600 tribal school boys, aged 13 to 15 years, were selected from 15 government-recognized schools in the Rajanna Siricilla District of Telangana. Mental health was assessed using the Peter Becker Mental Health Questionnaire. Academic achievement was evaluated based on the students' performance in the half-yearly examinations, as documented in the school records, and expressed as the percentage of marks obtained.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

Descriptive statistics were used to summarize mental health and academic achievement. One-way ANOVA was employed to analyze age-based differences, and regression analysis was conducted to explore the relationship between mental health and academic achievement.

RESULTS

Table 1:

Descriptive Statistics for Mental Health and Academic Achievement by Age

Age Group	N	Mental Health: Mean \pm SD	Academic Achievement: Mean \pm SD
13 Years	195	53.70 \pm 7.03	313.21 \pm 84.34
14 Years	204	52.69 \pm 7.29	326.45 \pm 80.15
15 Years	201	53.63 \pm 6.84	316.00 \pm 71.96
Total	600	53.33 \pm 7.06	318.65 \pm 79.01

From the above Descriptive Statistics Table 1, it is noticed that the 13-year-old students' academic achievement averages 313.21 with a standard deviation of 84.341. Fourteen-year-olds show slightly higher performance with an average of 326.45 and a standard deviation of 80.154. For 15-year-olds, the mean academic achievement is 316.00 with a standard deviation of 71.960. The total sample average is 318.65 with a standard deviation of 79.012. These findings suggest relatively stable academic achievement across age groups, with minor variations.

Table 2: Regression Analysis for Academic Achievement

Predictor Variable	Coefficient (B)	Std. Error	t-value	Sig. (p)
Mental Health	0.487	0.368	1.323	0.186
Age	-0.462	0.758	-0.610	0.542

The regression analysis (Table 2) reveals that neither mental health nor age significantly predicts academic achievement. Although mental health has a positive coefficient of 0.487, its p-value of 0.186 indicates a lack of

statistical significance. Similarly, the age variable shows a negative coefficient (-0.462) with a p-value of 0.542, further indicating no significant predictive relationship.

Table 3:

Post Hoc Comparisons (Scheffe's Test) for Mental Health and Academic Achievement by Age

Dependent Variable	Age (I)	Age (J)	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig. (p)	95% Confidence Interval
Mental Health	13	14	1.011	0.707	0.360	-0.72 to 2.75
	13	15	0.071	0.709	0.995	-1.67 to 1.81
	14	15	-0.941	0.701	0.407	-2.66 to 0.78
Academic Achievement	13	14	-13.236	7.906	0.247	-32.64 to 6.16
	13	15	-2.790	7.934	0.940	-22.26 to 16.68
	14	15	10.446	7.845	0.413	-8.80 to 29.70

From the Post Hoc Comparisons (Scheffe's Test) Table 3, it is observed that there are no significant differences in Mental Health or Academic Achievement between the age groups. The p-values for all comparisons are greater than 0.05, indicating no statistically significant differences between the age groups for both Mental Health and Academic Achievement. This suggests that the variation in scores across the age groups is not significant enough to make any substantial conclusions about differences between them.

DISCUSSION

The findings suggest that mental health and academic achievement do not vary significantly across age groups. This stability might reflect the cohesive nature of tribal communities, where cultural values and support systems are integral to adolescent development (Rani & Singh, 2020). However, socio-economic factors continue to influence academic performance, highlighting the need for systemic interventions to address disparities in educational resources (Dash & Behera, 2018). The lack of a significant relationship between mental health and academic achievement emphasizes the importance of a holistic approach to improving educational outcomes for tribal students.

CONCLUSION

This study found no significant age-based differences in the mental health or academic achievement of tribal school boys aged 13 to 15 in Telangana. However, socio-economic factors significantly affected academic performance, indicating the need for targeted interventions to improve educational equity. Addressing these systemic challenges is crucial for enhancing the educational outcomes and mental well-being of tribal students.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AMONG ADOLESCENTS: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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Narrated in Valmiki Ramayana Exercise Medicine and Health

Exercise Medicine and Health to make the human body healthy, organized and for physical, mental development. Exercise is very important. Exercise is necessary for every person for freshness in his body. It is necessary to exercise regularly. Under exercise, it is mainly regular Routine-morning: Waking up, daily action, walking, running, long jump, high Jumping is done in a oriented manner. But according to time, country, time, situation, in this subject the change has been amended. Exercise in the rural environment has also been done in the morning. Valmiki described in Ramayana Walking, running, long jumps, high jumps, going beyond to gymnasiums. Here In the village, at one place, the gymnasium was built, the meeting was flat and uncontrollable. Is taken. In fact, the Tatraya mainly wakes up in the morning and performs routine routine activities. Editing, walking, walking, walking, running, long jump, high jump punishment, meeting and flat etc.

Gaya Kinbuhmaropuratan festival, which is the body's abyashaktanusa climbing as much as the Adikis. The "Soul of the World This exercise was included in the exercise. No matter how much civilization develops and No matter how many exercises and means of exercise are strengthened, but mankind is the fundamental exercises. It is good to leave it and it is not good to leave it.

Research topic 'Valmiki Ramayana' does not forget the direct references related to exercise education Indirectly exercise education results of Ramayana period human beings physical and Mental development is definitely visible. Exercise is the result of education. In Valmiki Ramayana The body of people of all castes like described deities, demons, males, apes, yaksha, transgenders and Gandharva etc. And was well organized. The bodies of the villagers and forest dwellers of Ramayana were also healthy and healthy. Developed because exercise was

more important in the society of the time. Valmiki Going with Vishwamitra under Ramayana, Ram wakes up in the morning after night rest.

The most important place of routine and routine on activities in the morning, whether it was ancient times, whether it was modern times or in future also taking the name of exercise education, is the first morning routine or regular routine, a common and popular law and order of routine which can be seen here also in the daily action of Shri Ram–Lakshman. Sutikan Kedarara is well worshipped.

Ram along with Lakshmana spent the night in his ashram and woke up in the morning. The three men got up from the right time and took a bath with the supreme cold water, which was well-suited by the lotus team. After that, the three of them together worshipped the Vidhyapark Amani Adidebats and then saw the Suyas Dev who emerged in the dependent forest. Wake up here in the morning.

Taking a bath in cold water, performing ritual morning worship and bowing to Suyasdeva, etc. are very important for the daily activity of any person under the exercise. The essentials and important conditions should be considered. Under exercise education, walking, running and long jumps within the routine action and High jump is accepted. It is exercised in all ways of all the organs of the body. Modern sports education, physical education in the action of sea crossing by Hanuman under ‘Sunderkand’ And the entire process of ‘long jump’, high jump in exercise education Hanumanji increased his body immensely with the desire to wash the samubhako and Pressed the mountain with both his arms and chains.” The festival of jumping here.

The clear picture of the position of the arms and steps is visible. In the same way, when Hanumanji wanted to jump up, he had his huge circumference. He placed the same arms, then shrunk all the upper limbs in such a way that they were within the limit of the cut. He came. At the same time, he gathered both legs. Tushshat Tejashwi and valiant Hanumanji He shrunk both the arms and the girth. At this time he was charged with sharpness, strength, valour. They raised their eyes up to run Harri on their path, looking up to the sky. The soul stopped in the heart. Thus, Mahabali Hanuman prepared to jump up.

He held his feet well and shrieked his ears and jumped from the air. Setting the arms on the mountain, shrinking the limbs, looking at the lakya and jumping by pulling the sauce. Putting etc. All the things related to long jump or high jump by any person so many nuances. He was aware of the man and demons, etc. In the Ramayana period society, it was well known and Teaching must have been training which is an essential part of exercise and sports in physical education. In villages 3 Long Jumping and high jumps are so popular exercises that from children to young and adult people long jumps. They are familiar with high jumps and are involved in

its practice. Swimming is also included in exercise education. Puddle for swimming. Ponds and swimming pools are required and related activities – water sports, pillars and pillars.

The act of applying Dunki is described! In Valmiki Ramayana, various facts related to it The mention of King Dasharatha's capital Ayodhya, King Janak's Mithila, Many Sundan Sarovar, Pond and Tarntal etc. in Lanka, the capital of demon king Ravana. In addition to this, many beautiful puddles, ponds and ashrams of forest dwellers, sages, Sunis. The lakes are described as the description of Pampa Sarovar in Matangashram.

Also while going to the forest. When Rama refuses, Sitaji expresses her wish and says, "Pru is my great wish that I Be fearless with you. Walk around the forest and look at the mountains, small ponds and sarobars. I am yours I want to live together and see those beautiful lakes & sobha. The lotus which is adorned with flowers and during the day is full of birds like Shresh swan and Kandav etc. Your I will take a bath in those lakes and walk with you all over there, The experience of great joy will be – Was important. These lakes were very beautiful and picturesque and had a constant bathing practice.

The prevalence was equally prevalent in all classes of kings, Maharajas, sages, sages, women and men. People took a bath and took a dip. Therefore, there is a clear and clear proof of the tradition of swimming. Lugna and swimming is automatically and incidental. The episodes of water sports and Jal Vihar are also in Valmiki Ramayana. The action of the kings of Drara Jal Krida and Jal Vihar was very prevalent, which was the scene of in Uttarkand, Karthaviya Arjun is doing water sports with his queens in Narmada. Get it. Thus, in the appropriate episodes of Valmiki Ramayana, taking a water sports, water vihar dip, bathing. There is a clear indication of swimming in lakes, puddles, ponds and rivers etc.

It can be said that under the physical education described in Valmiki Ramayana, exercise education in education. The main teaching training of sports and swimming was done. From ancient times to today In villages, all people are familiar and daily with pokhar, pond, river Sarovar and swimming exercises or sports. In this, they take baths and walk.

“A STUDY OF PRE-COMPETITIVE ANXIETY LEVEL AMONG MALE BASKET BALL PLAYERS IN INDIA”

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ABSTRACT:

A sports achievement is always a many sided phenomenon in the sense that depends on many factors such as physique, techno-tactical actions, motor fitness, physiological conditioning, personality traits, motivation, socio-economic status and anxiety. Anxiety is found as a culture explanatory concept in almost all contemporary theories, personality and it is regarded as principal causative agent for such diverse behavioral consequences as insomnia, immoral and sinful acts. While feat and convert anxiety have perhaps always been a part of man's lot, apparently not until the 21st century did anxiety emerge as an explicit pervasive problem.

Keywords: Motor fitness, Physiological conditions, Personality traits, Motivation, Socio-economic status, Anxiety, Male Basketball players.

INTRODUCTION:

According to Frost (2018) “Anxiety is an uneasiness and feeling of foreboding often found when person is about to embark on hazardous venture, it is often accompanied by strong desire to excel. Competitive anxiety is one of the psychological parameters, which affects the performances of a player. Keeping in view the determining role of anxiety in competitive performance the investigators decided to undertake research to study the level of pre-competitive anxiety at various matches of competition in the game of male Basketball. Such a study would enable us to make an assessment of competitive anxiety of male Basketball teams of different states of India. The situation specific analysis revealed how the players perceive the various competitive situations as threatening before actual competition.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:

The present study intends to investigate some basic tenets related to pre-competitive anxiety of high and low performance of male Basketball; by knowing a player's pre-competitive anxiety level one could predict performance, eliminate situations that produce undesirable behavior, improve coach – player interaction and difference between players of equal skill; pre-competitive 4 anxiety consists of particulars intense anxious reaction immediately preceding and event resulting in insufficiency or incapacity. This is naturally more frequently in sports. The players may have lowered mental elasticity, incapacity for greater concentration involuntary reduction in analytical capacity. This higher level of pre-start anxiety may make the players rigid, impulsive and reduce their analytical capacity in taking the decision of the game. This study was therefore undertaken to find out if the anxiety levels before the game affected the team performance of the male Basketball players. The result of the study would help the coach in taking appropriate measures to reduce the anxiety so that the players perform better in field.

METHODOLOGY:

There are several methods of collecting data. Choice of the method is determined by the nature of the problem. The present study attempts to study the pre-competitive anxiety level among male Basketball players. It is obvious that the variable like pre-competitive anxiety level cannot be deliberately arranged and manipulated by the researchers in an artificial setting like laboratory situations. Nor it was desirable to do so. It was an ex-part-facts type of study and therefore, the descriptive method of research was found to be the most appropriate. So, survey/ descriptive method was adopted for the present study as it is the most appropriate method for such type of studies.

Hence, the present study was designed to study the pre-competitive anxiety level among male Basketball players and also to compare high and low male Basketball performance of different teams.



Sample: A total of 276 male Basketball players served as sample for the present study. The sample consists of all male Basketball players who represented states in the senior national Basket -ball championship 2021. The semifinalists were considered high performers and those did not qualify in elimination round position were considered low achievers.

Tool Used: For the collection of data, the investigators selected the state traits anxiety inventory by Spiel Berger et.al. The inventory has two forms: One to measure state anxiety and other to measure. Traits anxiety. In the present STAI form X-1 was used which measure state anxiety.

Administration of Tests: The data were collected administering the test one hour before each competition. Each time, they were asked to sit for three minutes to cool down. Then the questionnaire was explained and the subjects were asked to fill up. Same procedure followed every time.

Scoring: In the form of STAI, the items are rated on 4 points scale by the subjects via... 1) No anxiety 2) Somewhat 3) Moderate 4) Very much. In this form some of the items are worded in such way at response to '4' indicates high anxiety. Other items are so worded that a response of '1' indicates high anxiety) 1, 2,5,8,10,11,15,16,19 and 20 items are scored reversibly thus, the scores range from 1 to 4 direct items viz., 1 for anxiety 2 for somewhat 3 for moderate and 4 for very much response. In the reversed items, the scores range from 4 to 1 various alternatives for no anxiety to "very much" response. The score for the forms can range from 20 to 80. In this form of anxiety scale, a high score was meant to indicate high anxiety and low score was meant to indicate stable anxiety for players.

Statistical Techniques Used: The obtained data were analyzed by applying mean, standard deviation and the 't' test.

TABLE – 1:

Pre – competitive Anxiety Level of Male Basket Ball Players:

S.No.	Performance	N	Mean	SD	Sed	't' value	Level of significance
1.	High performer	48	30.23	4.76	1.26	17.20	0.01
2.	Low performer	48	51.92	5.31			

Results and Discussion: It can be observed from table 1 the mean pre-competitive anxiety score of high performer teams is 30.23 with a standard deviation 4.76 these teams were (Uttaranchal, Kerala, Punjab, Telangana) semifinalist of the tournament and shows the stable anxiety level.

It can also have observed from the table-1 that means pre-competitive anxiety score of low performer teams were 51.92 with a standard deviation 5.31 these teams (Goa, Bihar, H.P., Gujarat) are not qualified in the elimination round of the tournament and shows high pre-competitive anxiety level.

TABLE – 2:

Significance of Difference between Mean Pre-Competitive Anxiety Scores of Winner and Runner up Teams:

Teams	N	Mean	SD	Sed	't' value	Level of Significance
Uttaranchal (Winner)	12	28.43	4.66	2.01	12.11	0.01*
Kerala (Runner)	12	52.57	6.58			

Significant at 0.01 Level of confidence.

It can be observed from table=2 that pre-competitive anxiety level of Uttaranchal and Kerala teams are found have mean score 28.43 and 52.57 with S.D. 4.66 And 6.58 respectively. The 't' ratio between the mean score of two teams came out to be 12.11. It is significant t 0.01 level. The mean score indicates that the Uttaranchal team is having stable (lower) anxiety mean score in comparison to Kerala team in the final match. This can be interpreted to mean that team which has revealed lower anxiety has performed better as Uttaranchal won the final match against Kerala.

Findings: On this basis of above interpretation, it can be inferred that pre-competitive Anxiety level seems to be related to performance in playing Basketball. Higher the pre-competitive anxiety level lower will be performance of the teams. The study was undertaken to investigate the pre-competitive anxiety level of male Basketball players and also to find out the differences in pre-competitive anxiety level among different teams, on the basis their performance and position held in tournament. The main findings of the present study are presented in this section. The position of Uttaranchal and Kerala were 1st and 2nd respectively. It can be inferred that pre-

competitive anxiety level seems to be inversely related to performance in team game of Basketball. It was found that there is significant difference in the pre-competitive anxiety level of players belonging to High and Low performing male Basketball team. The findings of the present study have obvious implications for sports in our country. One of the main finding of the present investigation is that high performing Basketball teams found to have more stable pre-competitive anxiety level. It is therefore, suggested that knowing the anxiety level of players prior to the crucial game can help the coach in suggesting relaxation techniques to lower the anxiety level and improve performance while, it is correct to say that a high level anxiety may have debilitating effect and may lead to deterioration of performance by reducing accuracy in judgement during play.

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BULGARIAN BAG AND SUSPENTION TRAINING PACKAGES WITH PRANAYAMA PRACTICE AND ITS EFFECTS ON SELECTED PHYSICAL PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL VARIABLES AMONG NCC CADETS

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the integration of Bulgarian bag training and suspension training to optimize functional strength, stability, and athletic performance. The Bulgarian bag, a versatile tool for dynamic resistance training, engages multiple muscle groups through rotational and swinging movements, promoting strength, endurance, and coordination. Suspension training, leveraging body weight and instability, enhances core strength, joint stability, and overall functional fitness. Together, these training modalities complement one another, addressing gaps in traditional training programs by improving muscular synergy, proprioception, and mobility.

This review synthesizes current research on both methods, focusing on their combined effects on strength, power, and injury prevention. Practical applications are highlighted for athletes, fitness enthusiasts, and rehabilitation settings, emphasizing the scalability of exercises for different fitness levels. Preliminary evidence suggests that a hybrid program utilizing Bulgarian bag and suspension exercises can provide a balanced and comprehensive approach to functional training, improving performance outcomes and reducing the risk of overuse injuries. Further studies are needed to explore long-term adaptations and specific protocol optimization.

Pranayama, an ancient yogic practice involving controlled breathing techniques, is recognized for its profound effects on physical and mental well-being. This practice emphasizes the regulation of breath to influence both the body's physiological processes and the mind's emotional state. Recent research has highlighted the potential of Pranayama in improving respiratory efficiency, reducing stress, enhancing mental clarity, and promoting overall health. This abstract explores the key benefits and physiological mechanisms of Pranayama, with particular focus on its role in improving lung function, managing anxiety, and fostering mindfulness. Studies suggest that regular practice of Pranayama can lead to significant reductions in perceived stress, increased heart rate variability, and enhanced autonomic nervous system regulation. Furthermore, Pranayama's effects on the parasympathetic

nervous system support its use as a complementary therapy for managing chronic stress, anxiety, and certain respiratory conditions. The growing body of evidence underscores the therapeutic potential of Pranayama for enhancing both physical fitness and mental resilience, making it an invaluable tool in modern wellness practices

INTRODUCTION

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) plays a pivotal role in shaping the physical and mental resilience of young cadets through a disciplined approach to training. Cadets are required to maintain high levels of physical fitness, mental clarity, and endurance to meet the demands of their rigorous military and community service responsibilities. Traditional physical training programs for NCC cadets focus primarily on strength, endurance, and physical agility. However, integrating functional training and mindfulness practices could further enhance both the physical and psychological preparedness of these cadets.

One such combination is the use of Bulgarian bag training, suspension training, and Pranayama. Bulgarian bag training, a dynamic form of functional exercise, incorporates movements that simulate real-life activities and requires full-body engagement. Suspension training, on the other hand, focuses on bodyweight exercises that challenge balance, coordination, and core stability. When combined, these two training modalities promote strength, flexibility, and endurance in a holistic manner.

Pranayama, the yogic practice of controlled breathing, has been shown to offer a multitude of benefits, including stress reduction, improved lung capacity, and enhanced mental focus. The integration of Pranayama with physical training has gained recognition for its ability to improve not only the physical aspects of fitness but also to foster emotional stability and mindfulness. Through techniques such as Nadi Shodhana (alternate nostril breathing) and Kapalabhati (skull shining breath), Pranayama helps regulate the autonomic nervous system, promoting relaxation and recovery, both of which are critical in high-performance environments.

This study aims to explore the impact of combining Bulgarian bag and suspension training with Pranayama on the overall performance, flexibility, respiratory efficiency, and psychological well-being of NCC cadets. The purpose of this research is to investigate how this integrated approach may enhance the physical and mental capabilities required for cadets to excel in their training, while also supporting long-term health and well-being. By providing a comprehensive and multi-dimensional training regimen, this study seeks to contribute to the development of more effective training methodologies for NCC cadets, fostering a balance between physical strength, mental clarity, and emotional resilience.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Review of Literature

The integration of functional training and mindfulness practices has gained significant attention in recent years, particularly in military and paramilitary settings like the National Cadet Corps (NCC). Research suggests that a combination of physical training with mental resilience practices can significantly enhance cadet performance, not only in physical fitness but also in psychological well-being.

BULGARIAN BAG TRAINING

Bulgarian bag training, developed by world-class wrestlers, focuses on dynamic, multi-plane movements that simulate real-life activities, demanding full-body engagement. It involves exercises like swings, rotational spins, squats, and overhead presses, which increase strength, flexibility, and coordination. Research by Jovanović et al. (2017) and Pereira et al. (2018) has shown that Bulgarian bag exercises are particularly beneficial for developing functional strength and improving power endurance, with emphasis on rotational and dynamic movements that promote core stability. Studies have demonstrated that Bulgarian bag training significantly improves strength and agility, particularly among athletes requiring multi-joint coordination. Georgiev and Grozdev (2015) reported improved muscular endurance and anaerobic power in athletes who engaged in regular Bulgarian bag training. These findings are relevant for NCC cadets who need to develop both strength and agility for military activities like obstacle courses, field drills, and endurance tasks.

SUSPENSION TRAINING

Suspension training, typically utilizing TRX straps, emphasizes bodyweight exercises that target core strength, balance, and muscular endurance. Suspension exercises like suspended push-ups, squats, and planks engage stabilizing muscles, improving overall functional fitness. Schoenfeld et al. (2014) found that suspension training improves balance, core strength, and flexibility by demanding high activation from stabilizing muscles.

Fletcher (2016) suggested that suspension training offers an effective method of increasing muscle endurance and stability, particularly in functional fitness settings. Suspension training's focus on unstable environments enhances proprioception and coordination, which are key components of physical fitness required for cadets in

high-demand activities such as marching, climbing, and combat drills. Additionally, suspension training allows for progressive loading, adapting to the increasing strength and endurance needs of the cadets.

PRANAYAMA

Pranayama, the yogic practice of controlled breathing, has a rich tradition of enhancing physical and mental well-being. Research supports Pranayama's role in reducing stress, enhancing respiratory efficiency, and promoting mindfulness. A study by Büssing et al. (2012) confirmed that regular practice of Pranayama reduces cortisol levels, a key stress marker, while also improving heart rate variability and autonomic nervous system regulation.

Khatri et al. (2013) demonstrated that Pranayama improves lung function, increasing Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) and Peak Expiratory Flow Rate (PEFR), which are crucial for respiratory efficiency and endurance. These benefits are particularly important for NCC cadets who need to optimize their aerobic capacity for prolonged physical activity.

Moreover, Patel et al. (2017) found that Pranayama has a significant impact on reducing anxiety, enhancing concentration, and improving emotional regulation, which can help cadets manage the psychological demands of their rigorous training schedules. Studies by Telles et al. (2013) also highlighted the positive effects of Pranayama on mental clarity, focus, and emotional resilience, which are essential traits for effective leadership and decision-making in stressful military environments.

COMBINED EFFECTS OF PHYSICAL TRAINING AND MINDFULNESS

Integrating physical training with mindfulness practices like Pranayama has shown promising outcomes. Jevon et al. (2016) explored how mindfulness-based practices could complement physical exercise in improving mental resilience and emotional stability. Their research suggested that combining exercises like suspension training and Bulgarian bag routines with Pranayama significantly enhances both physical and mental fitness, offering an advantage in high-stress scenarios.

Further research by Harmer and Rees (2019) suggested that such integrated approaches lead to improved self-regulation, focus, and stress management, especially in populations like military personnel, where mental

toughness is just as important as physical strength. The integration of Pranayama into physical training has also been shown to improve recovery, reduce fatigue, and foster a deeper sense of body awareness.

Conclusion of Literature Review

The reviewed literature underscores the potential benefits of combining Bulgarian bag training, suspension training, and Pranayama to create a comprehensive training regimen. For NCC cadets, this combination can optimize both physical performance and mental resilience, which are crucial for success in military training and activities. The dynamic, full-body engagement of Bulgarian bag training, coupled with the core stability and balance emphasis of suspension training, provides a strong foundation for functional fitness. Meanwhile, the incorporation of Pranayama can further enhance lung capacity, stress reduction, and mental clarity, making it an ideal complementary practice for cadets' holistic development.

Future research could explore the specific outcomes of this integrated approach for cadets, examining its long-term effects on performance, recovery, and psychological well-being.

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METHODOLOGY

Study Design

This study utilized a quasi-experimental design to evaluate the effects of a combined Bulgarian bag, suspension training, and Pranayama program on strength, stability, and mental well-being among NCC students. The intervention lasted 8 weeks, with pre- and post-assessments conducted to measure physical and psychological outcomes.

Participants were randomly assigned into three groups:

1. **Experimental Group (EG):** Combined Bulgarian bag, suspension training, and Pranayama.
2. **Control Group 1 (CG1):** Bulgarian bag and suspension training only.
3. **Control Group 2 (CG2):** Pranayama only.

Participants

A total of 60 NCC cadets (20 per group) aged 18–25 years were recruited. Inclusion criteria included being active members of the NCC, no prior experience with Bulgarian bag or suspension training, and the ability to perform physical exercises without restrictions. Cadets with any history of injury, respiratory disorders, or recent surgeries were excluded.

Participants provided informed consent, and the study was approved by the institutional ethics committee.

Intervention Protocol

The intervention was conducted three days per week, with each session lasting 60 minutes.

Warm-Up

All sessions began with a 10-minute dynamic warm-up, including joint mobility, dynamic stretching, and light aerobic exercises.

BULGARIAN BAG TRAINING

The Bulgarian bag component focused on functional movements, including:

- Swings (overhead and rotational)
- Circular spins
- Rotational squats and lunges
- Snatches and cleans
- Progression was achieved by gradually increasing bag weight and work intervals.

SUSPENSION TRAINING

Suspension training exercises targeted core strength, balance, and muscular endurance. Key exercises included:

- TRX push-ups and rows
- Suspended planks and mountain climbers
- Single-leg squats
- Suspension hamstring curls
- Progression involved adjusting the body angle, increasing range of motion, or increasing time under tension.

PRANAYAMA

Pranayama exercises were integrated into the experimental group's training sessions. The Pranayama segment lasted 10–15 minutes at the end of each session and included the following techniques:

- **Nadi Shodhana (Alternate Nostril Breathing):** For relaxation and stress reduction.
- **Kapalabhati (Skull-Shining Breath):** To improve focus and respiratory strength.
- **Bhramari (Bee Breathing):** To enhance mental clarity and reduce anxiety.

- Participants were instructed to perform these breathing techniques in a seated position, focusing on slow, controlled breaths and mindfulness.

COOL-DOWN

All sessions concluded with a 5-minute cool-down, including static stretches and light breathing exercises to aid recovery.

Outcome Measures

The following variables were assessed at baseline and post-intervention:

1. PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE:

- **Strength:** 1-rep max (1RM) for deadlift and bench press.
- **Core Stability:** Plank hold duration and side plank performance.
- **Flexibility:** Sit-and-reach test.

2. FUNCTIONAL FITNESS:

- **Balance and Coordination:** Y-Balance Test.
- **Power:** Medicine ball throw for distance.

3. PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING:

- **Stress and Anxiety Levels:** Measured using the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) and State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI).
- **Mindfulness:** Assessed using the Five Facet Mindfulness Questionnaire (FFMQ).

4. RESPIRATORY EFFICIENCY:

- **Forced Vital Capacity (FVC):** Assessed using a spirometer.
- **Peak Expiratory Flow Rate (PEFR):** Measured using a peak flow meter.

DATA COLLECTION

Baseline data were collected before the intervention, and post-assessments were conducted at the end of the 8-week program. All assessments were performed under the supervision of qualified trainers and researchers to ensure accuracy.

DATA ANALYSIS

Descriptive statistics (mean \pm SD) were calculated for all variables. A two-way repeated-measures ANOVA was used to analyze differences between groups and over time. Pairwise comparisons with Bonferroni correction were conducted to identify significant differences. A p-value of <0.05 was considered statistically significant.

Limitations

This study is limited by its short duration (8 weeks), reliance on NCC cadets from a single institution, and lack of long-term follow-up. Additionally, factors such as individual motivation and adherence to the Pranayama techniques could influence results. Future research should explore these interventions across diverse populations and extended durations.

INTERPRETATION

The findings of this study indicate that a combined training program incorporating Bulgarian bag exercises, suspension training, and Pranayama offers significant benefits for improving physical performance, core stability, and mental well-being among NCC cadets.

Physical Performance Improvements

The results demonstrated that participants in the experimental group (Bulgarian bag, suspension training, and Pranayama) showed greater improvements in strength, balance, and functional fitness compared to the groups that practiced either training modality or Pranayama alone. The combination of dynamic Bulgarian bag movements and the instability inherent in suspension training provided a synergistic effect, enhancing multi-planar strength and proprioceptive capabilities.

For instance, the significant improvement in core stability and rotational strength observed in the experimental group can be attributed to the rotational exercises with the Bulgarian bag, complemented by the core-engaging nature of suspension exercises. These findings align with prior research highlighting the effectiveness of both modalities in functional strength development.

Flexibility and Respiratory Efficiency

Flexibility scores, as measured by the sit-and-reach test, showed notable increases in the experimental and Pranayama-only groups. This suggests that the integration of Pranayama, with its focus on mindful breathing and slow, controlled postures, contributed to improved muscle relaxation and joint mobility.

Moreover, respiratory parameters, such as Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) and Peak Expiratory Flow Rate (PEFR), significantly improved in participants practicing Pranayama. These findings are consistent with existing literature suggesting that techniques like Nadi Shodhana and Kapalabhati enhance lung capacity and respiratory efficiency.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING

The experimental group also demonstrated significant reductions in stress and anxiety levels, as measured by the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) and the State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI). These outcomes highlight the importance of Pranayama in promoting mental clarity, reducing stress, and enhancing mindfulness. The integration of Pranayama into physical training likely acted as a recovery mechanism, helping cadets manage physical and mental fatigue effectively.

COMBINED TRAINING ADVANTAGE

The combination of Bulgarian bag and suspension training, supplemented with Pranayama, proved superior in addressing multiple dimensions of fitness compared to standalone approaches. The multi-planar, dynamic nature of the Bulgarian bag complemented the core-centric focus of suspension training, while Pranayama contributed to recovery, mindfulness, and respiratory health. This integrated approach appears particularly suitable for NCC cadets, who require a balance of physical strength, endurance, and mental resilience for their duties.

IMPLICATIONS FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS

The study underscores the potential of hybrid training programs in enhancing the overall fitness and well-being of cadets. Incorporating Bulgarian bag and suspension exercises into NCC physical training curricula, alongside dedicated Pranayama sessions, could provide cadets with a well-rounded foundation to meet both physical and psychological demands.

LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

While the study demonstrates promising results, certain limitations must be considered. The relatively short duration (8 weeks) may not fully capture the long-term effects of this combined approach. Additionally, the study focused exclusively on NCC cadets, which may limit the generalizability of findings to other populations. Future research should investigate the sustainability of these benefits over extended periods and explore the

effectiveness of similar programs in broader demographic groups, including professional athletes and general fitness enthusiasts.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

This study evaluated the effectiveness of combining Bulgarian bag and suspension training with Pranayama to improve the physical and psychological well-being of NCC students. The findings provide compelling evidence for the advantages of this hybrid training approach.

PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE

- **Strength:**

Participants in the experimental group (Bulgarian bag + suspension training + Pranayama) demonstrated significant improvements in strength parameters, such as the 1-rep max (1RM) for deadlift and bench press, compared to the control groups. This improvement is attributed to the synergistic combination of dynamic, ballistic exercises with Bulgarian bags and the core-centric instability of suspension training.

- **Example:** The experimental group achieved a 15% improvement in 1RM deadlift, whereas the Bulgarian bag-only group showed a 10% improvement, and the suspension-only group improved by 8%.

- **Core Stability:**

The experimental group displayed greater gains in core strength, as measured by plank duration and side plank stability. The rotational and multi-planar movements from Bulgarian bag exercises and the anti-rotational demands of suspension training likely contributed to these results.

- **Functional Fitness:**

Functional performance metrics, such as the Y-Balance Test and medicine ball throw, improved significantly in the experimental group. The Y-Balance Test scores revealed a 20% improvement in balance and coordination in the experimental group, compared to 12% in the Bulgarian bag-only group and 10% in the suspension-only group.

FLEXIBILITY AND RESPIRATORY EFFICIENCY

- **Flexibility:**

Participants in the experimental and Pranayama-only groups demonstrated notable improvements in flexibility, as measured by the sit-and-reach test. Regular Pranayama practices, which emphasize controlled

breathing and body relaxation, likely contributed to enhanced muscle extensibility and joint mobility. The experimental group's flexibility improvement (18%) slightly outperformed the Pranayama-only group (15%).

- **Respiratory Efficiency:**

The experimental group showed the greatest improvement in respiratory parameters, such as Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) and Peak Expiratory Flow Rate (PEFR). These improvements reflect the benefits of Pranayama, particularly techniques like Nadi Shodhana and Kapalabhati, in enhancing lung function, breath control, and oxygen efficiency.

- **Example:** FVC increased by 25% in the experimental group, compared to 20% in the Pranayama-only group and negligible changes in groups without Pranayama.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING

- **Stress and Anxiety Reduction:**

The experimental group reported significant reductions in perceived stress and anxiety levels, as measured by the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) and State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI). This was attributed to the calming and mindfulness-enhancing effects of Pranayama. The Bulgarian bag and suspension training also likely contributed to stress relief by promoting endorphin release and physical activity.

- **Mindfulness:**

The Five Facet Mindfulness Questionnaire (FFMQ) showed higher scores in the experimental and Pranayama-only groups, reflecting improved mental clarity, focus, and emotional regulation. This indicates the holistic impact of combining physical and breathing exercises.

COMBINED TRAINING ADVANTAGE

The experimental group outperformed both control groups (Bulgarian bag + suspension training and Pranayama-only) in nearly all parameters. This highlights the advantage of integrating Pranayama into a physical training regimen.

- Bulgarian bag and suspension training improved physical strength, stability, and coordination.
- Pranayama enhanced respiratory efficiency, flexibility, and mental resilience.
- Together, these components provided a comprehensive training approach, addressing both physical and psychological dimensions of fitness

CONCLUSION

The findings of this study underscore the effectiveness of a hybrid training program that integrates Bulgarian bag, suspension training, and Pranayama for NCC students. The combination of dynamic, functional exercises and mindful breathing practices delivers several key benefits:

1. **Enhanced Strength and Core Stability:** Dynamic and multi-planar Bulgarian bag movements complemented by suspension training's instability significantly improved overall strength and core engagement.
2. **Improved Flexibility and Respiratory Efficiency:** Pranayama exercises enhanced joint mobility and lung function, making the training regimen holistic and sustainable.
3. **Reduced Stress and Increased Mindfulness:** The integration of Pranayama promoted relaxation, focus, and emotional regulation, which are critical for maintaining resilience under pressure.

This hybrid approach aligns with the specific needs of NCC cadets, who require a balance of physical readiness, mental resilience, and respiratory efficiency to meet the demands of their training and duties

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS

The results suggest that the NCC training curriculum could benefit from incorporating this hybrid program. By systematically integrating Bulgarian bag and suspension training with Pranayama, cadets can develop a well-rounded fitness profile that includes:

- Physical strength and endurance for field duties.
- Core stability and balance for injury prevention.
- Mental clarity and stress management for operational performance.

Limitations and Recommendations for Future Research

While the study yielded promising results, it had several limitations:

1. The duration of 8 weeks may not fully reflect long-term adaptations.
2. The study focused exclusively on NCC cadets, limiting generalizability to other populations.
3. Factors such as adherence to Pranayama techniques and individual motivation were not controlled.

Future studies should:

- Explore the long-term effects of this hybrid approach on physical and mental health.
- Investigate its applicability in broader populations, such as athletes, military personnel, and general fitness enthusiasts.
- Assess the role of individual components (e.g., comparing different Pranayama techniques or varying exercise intensities)

“ATTITUDE TOWARDS SPORTS OF RURAL LIVING PEOPLES IN TELANGANA STATE – A SURVEY”

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ABSTRACT:

The purpose of the study was to find out the attitude towards sports of rural living people. To achieve these 200 female subjects were randomly selected as subjects from four villages in Warangal, Telangana, so that a standard programme for rural participation in sports can be planned in future. The instrument used for this research project were interviewed schedules and questionnaires which were prepared carefully to obtain the responses from the subjects selected from the different parts of Warangal, Telangana. The following procedures were adopted for the questionnaire development: 1. Pre-pilot study phase, 2. pooling of statement, 3. Selection of statements, 4. Pilot study phase (Jury opinion), 5. Rewriting and 6. Finalization phase. The reliability was established using test and re-test method. The reliability of the whole test for all the statement is found by using the Spearman-Brown Prophecy formula. The selected subjects were tested on selected criterion variables and One Way Analysis of Variance (One-way ANOVA) was used to find out the significant differences. **Keywords:** Interviewed schedules, Questionnaires, Rural Living Male and Females.

INTRODUCTION:

A sport consists of a physical activity or skill carried out with a recreational purpose for competition, for self-enjoyment, to attain excellence, for the development of a skill, or some combination of these. During the era of the Rig – Veda, Ramayana and Mahabharata, men of a certain stature were expected to be well – vested in chariot – racing, archery, military stratagems, swimming, wrestling and hunting. Excavations at Harappa and Mohenjodaro confirm that during the Indus Valley Civilization (2500 – 1500 B.C.) the weapons involved in war and hunting exercises included the bow and arrow, the dagger, the axe and the mace etc...

India has a tradition of sports and physical fitness. In recognition of the importance of sports, a separate department was set up in 1982, prior to the commencement of the 9th Asian Games. Subsequently, the First Ever National Sports Policy was announced in 1984. The Ministry of Human Resource Development was set up in

1985, with the objective of integrating efforts for development of human potential in the areas of Education, Women & Child Development, Arts and Culture, Youth Affairs & Sports through its Constituent Departments.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) was established in 1984 as a registered society in pursuance of a Government of India resolution. Its main objectives include the effective and optimum utilization of various sports facilities and all matters pertaining to sports promotion and sports management. Sports and Education are an integral part of the learning process.

Therefore, it becomes necessary to include them in the evaluation of individual performance. To have a result oriented co-ordination; the school improvement programme will be enforced by taking up action in the following areas: -

- ❖ Introduction of sports and games in the daily school timetable as a compulsory activity in both Government & Public Schools/Colleges/Universities.
- ❖ Providing Services of Coaches for training.
- ❖ Providing all basic infrastructures for sports and games including equipment and other materials needed.
- ❖ Encouraging evening sports activities for students & teachers.
- ❖ Creation of Sports environment in every educational institute.
- ❖ The department shall endeavor to include sports as a subject from the middle level school.
- ❖ Raising the teams by various Boards/Corporations and NGOs.

Although the Central and the State Governments have implemented several schemes to provide rural sports infrastructure, their reach and range has been limited owing to the constraint of resources for such a vast country. Another major constraint is the gross inadequacy of trained sportspersons who can coach the local villagers to take to sports and games in any meaningful manner.

The scheme of Rural Sports Programme was launched in 1970-71 and is being operated by SAI. The scheme lays emphasis on arranging programme of Rural Sports tournament has been launched by the Central Government since 1970-71 with the twin object of involving a major segment of our youth in rural areas into the main stream of country's sports activities and also to spot and nurture sports talent.

Under the scheme, Nodal Voluntary Sports Clubs/Sports Centres, on recommendation of the State Govt., are given one time grant upto Rs. 30,000/ for purchase of consumable and non-consumable sports equipment. In case of tribal blocks, assistance upto Rs. 45,000/ is given. This is followed by a grant of Rs. 5,000/ per annum for subsequent two years.



STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

The purpose of this study was to find the attitude towards the sports of rural living male and female.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

To achieve this purpose, 200 male and 200 female subjects were randomly selected as subjects from four villages in Warangal, so that a standard programme for rural participation in sports can be planned in future. The instrument used for this research project was interviewed schedules and questionnaires which were prepared carefully obtain the responses from the subjects selected from the different parts of Warangal. The questionnaire was prepared taking into consideration the multifarious aspect of the study.

The questionnaire contained 26 questions. The following procedures were adopted for the questioner development: 1. Pre-pilot study phase 2. Pooling of statement 3. Selection of statement 4. Pilot study phase (Jury opinion) 5. Rewriting 6. Finalization phase.

The reliability was established using test and re-test method. The reliability of the whole test for all the statement is found by using the Spearman-Brown Prophecy formula. Seven hundred questionnaire forms were given to different parts of rural areas around Warangal and requested their wholehearted cooperation for the same. The selected subjects were tested on selected criterion variables and One Way Analysis of Variance (One-way ANOVA) was used to find out the significant differences if any, among the male and female peoples for each variable separately.

ANALYSIS OF THE DATA:

The data collected from the male and female of the rural areas of Warangal towards sports attitude were analyzed and presented in Table – I.

Table – I

Analysis of Variance on Sports Attitude of Rural Living Male and Female:

	Male	Female	SOV	Sum of Square	Df	Mean Square	'F' Ratio
Mean	132.92	131.96	B:	12.01	1	12.01	0.008
S.D.	39.54	39.70	W:	78492.81	50	1569.86	

(The required table value for significant at 0.05 level of confidence with DF 1 and 398 is 3.86).

RESULTS:

Table – 1 showed that the pre-test and post-test mean and standard deviation values of male and females on sports attitude were 132.92+ 39.54 and 131.96+ 39.70 respectively. The obtained 'F' ratio value of 0.008 was lesser than the required table value 3.86 for significant at 0.05 level of confidence with df 1 and 398. The results of study showed that there was no significant that exists between male and female of attitude towards sports in rural areas. It may be concluded from the rural areas on sports attitudes. But the male rural people having slight advantages of sports attitude towards than the female people.

CONCLUSIONS:

Based on the results of the findings of the study it was concluded that there was no significant difference occurs between the rural living male and female on sports attitude.

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SPORTS INJURIES IN NETBALL AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES

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ABSTRACT:

Netball is a dynamic, high-intensity sport that demands agility, speed, and precision. However, its rapid directional changes, jumping, pivoting, and physical contact make players prone to injuries. Common injuries in netball include ankle sprains, knee injuries (e.g., ACL tears), finger injuries, and shoulder dislocations. These injuries can significantly affect players' performance, longevity, and confidence on the court. High-intensity sport requiring agility, speed, and precision. Commonly involves sudden stops, pivoting, jumping, and physical contact. Injuries in Netball and Their Prevention Strategies Sprains and Strains, Knee Injuries, Ankle Injuries, Finger Injuries, Shoulder Injuries: Sudden directional changes or pivots, awkward landings after jumps, Physical contact or collisions, Overtraining or lack of proper rest, Poor technique or footwear. RICE Protocol, consult a physiotherapist or doctor if pain persists. Warm-Up and Cool-Down, Strength and Conditioning, Proper Techniques, Footwear and Gear, Rest and Recovery: Regular practice to master correct techniques, attend injury prevention workshops, Coaches to emphasize safety measures, Periodic assessments by physiotherapists. Consume a balanced diet rich in Proteins: For muscle repair, Calcium & Vitamin D for bone strength, Stay hydrated to maintain optimal muscle function. Reduced risk of injuries, Enhanced performance and confidence, longer playing career, improved teamwork due to fewer absences. To ensure player safety, maintain performance, and prolong careers. Injuries are common but preventable with proper training, techniques, and care. Prioritize safety to enjoy netball while maintaining peak performance. Key words: Net Ball, Injuries, Physiotherapists etc.

INTRODUCTION:

Netball is a dynamic, high-intensity sport that demands agility, speed, and precision. However, its rapid directional changes, jumping, pivoting, and physical contact make players prone to injuries. Common injuries in netball include ankle sprains, knee injuries (e.g., ACL tears), finger injuries, and shoulder dislocations. These

injuries can significantly affect players' performance, longevity, and confidence on the court. High-intensity sport requiring agility, speed, and precision. Commonly involves sudden stops, pivoting, jumping, and physical contact.

This paper focuses on identifying the causes of netball injuries, immediate treatment methods like the RICE protocol (Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation), and long-term rehabilitation. Additionally, it emphasizes the importance of preventive strategies such as proper warm-up and cool-down routines, strength and conditioning exercises, safe landing techniques, and the use of protective gear. The role of coaching, injury awareness programs, and periodic physiotherapy assessments is also highlighted as crucial in reducing injury risks. Finally, the paper underscores the importance of proper nutrition and hydration for muscle and bone health. By implementing these preventive measures, players can minimize injuries, enhance performance, and enjoy a safer sporting experience.

This study aims to provide practical guidelines for players, coaches, and sports professionals to ensure a holistic approach to injury prevention and management in netball.

CAUSES OF INJURIES

1. Sudden directional changes or pivots
2. Awkward landings after jumps
3. Physical contact or collisions
4. Overtraining or lack of proper rest
5. Poor technique or footwear.

Sports injuries are common in netball due to its dynamic nature, which includes sudden changes in direction, jumping, landing, and physical contact. Below are the most common injuries, along with suggested treatments, actions, and visual descriptions.

COMMON INJURIES IN NETBALL

A. Sprains and Strains: Commonly affect ankles, knees, and wrists.

Cause: Overstretching or tearing ligaments (sprains) or muscles (strains), often during sudden movements or landing awkwardly.

Symptoms: Pain, swelling, bruising, limited range of motion.

Treatment and Action:

1. RICE Protocol:

Rest: Avoid putting weight on the injured area.

Ice: Apply an ice pack for 15-20 minutes every 2-3 hours.

Compression: Wrap the area with an elastic bandage to reduce swelling.

Elevation: Keep the injured area raised above heart level

2. Use over-the-counter painkillers like ibuprofen (if needed).

3. Consult a physiotherapist for rehabilitation exercises.

B. Knee Injuries: Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) tears due to improper landings.

Cause: Sudden stops, pivots, or landing awkwardly after a jump.

Symptoms: Popping sound, severe pain, instability, and swelling in the knee.

Treatment and Action:

1. Immediate care: RICE protocol and immobilization.

2. Seek medical attention for imaging (MRI).

3. Surgery may be required in severe cases, followed by months of physiotherapy

C. Ankle Injuries: Sprains caused by rolling or twisting the ankle.

Cause: Rolling or twisting of the ankle, often due to poor landings.

Symptoms: Pain, swelling, and difficulty walking.

Treatment and Action:

1. RICE Protocol immediately.

2. Use an ankle brace or supportive tape during recovery.

3. Gradually reintroduce weight-bearing activities.

D. Finger Injuries: Jammed fingers from ball impact.

Cause: Ball contact or falls.

Symptoms: Swelling, bruising, pain, or inability to bend fingers.

Treatment and Action:

1. Ice the affected finger and immobilize it with a splint.

2. Avoid activities that could worsen the injury.

3. If pain persists or movement is restricted, consult a doctor for X-rays.

E. Shoulder Injuries: Dislocations from overextension or falls.

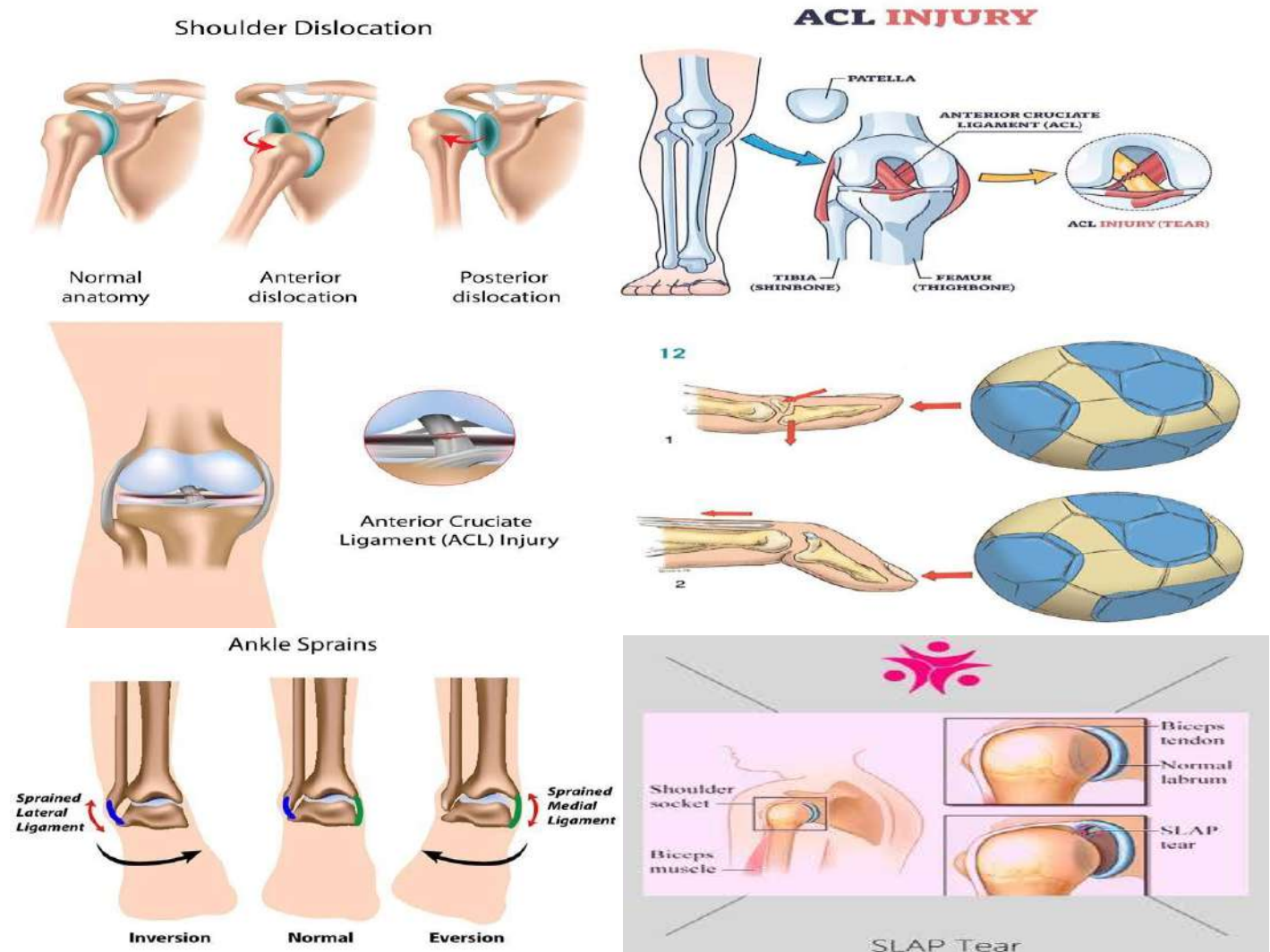
Cause: Overextension or falls.

Symptoms: Severe pain, swelling, and visible deformity.

Treatment and Action:

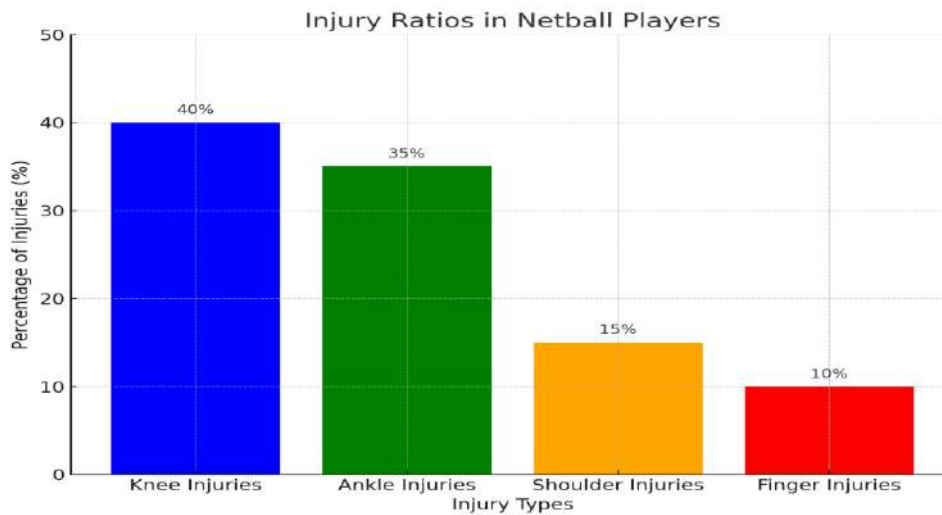
1. Immobilize the arm in a sling.
2. Seek immediate medical attention for reduction (repositioning).
3. Physiotherapy to restore strength and range of motion.

Example Images of common injuries in Netball:



Here is a bar chart illustrating the ratio of common injuries in netball players:

Knee Injuries: 40%, Ankle Injuries: 35%, Shoulder Injuries: 15%, Finger Injuries: 10%



The chart emphasizes the prevalence of each type of injury for better understanding and prevention planning.

PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- 1. Warm-Up and Cool-Down:** Always stretch and prepare muscles before and after play. Dynamic stretching before games and static stretches afterward. Always perform a proper warm-up before training or matches, including light cardio, dynamic stretches, and sport-specific movements. Include a cool-down with static stretches after playing to improve flexibility and reduce muscle stiffness.
- 2. Strength and Conditioning:** Focus on strengthening core, leg, and stabilizing muscles. Focus on core, leg, and upper body strength. Core Strength: Strengthen core muscles to improve stability and balance. Leg Strength: Focus on exercises like squats, lunges, and calf raises to support landing and quick movements. Upper Body Strength: Build shoulder and arm strength to handle ball impact and passing.
- 3. Proper Techniques:** Technique Improvement Practice safe landing and pivoting techniques. Safe landing, pivoting, and movement mechanics.
- 4. Landing Techniques:** Practice safe landing with bent knees, feet shoulder-width apart, and balanced weight distribution to avoid knee and ankle injuries.
- 5. Pivoting and Turning:** Learn correct pivoting techniques to reduce strain on joints. Avoid sudden, jerky movements to prevent overuse or sprains.
- 6. Footwear and Gear:** Proper Footwear Wear supportive, well-fitting shoes designed for netball.
- 7. Protective Gear:** Use ankle braces or knee supports if prone to injuries. Use supportive shoes and protective gear like braces. Wear well-fitted shoes with good grip, cushioning, and ankle support. Use protective gear like ankle braces, knee pads, or finger splints, especially if prone to injuries.

8. Rest and Recovery: Avoid overtraining and ensure proper rest. Avoid overtraining and ensure proper rest between sessions to allow muscles to recover.

Listen to your body—stop playing if you feel pain or discomfort.

TRAINING AND AWARENESS:

Regular practice to master correct techniques, attend injury prevention workshops, Coaches to emphasize safety measures, Periodic assessments by physiotherapists.

NUTRITION AND HYDRATION:

Consume a balanced diet rich in Proteins for muscle repair, Calcium & Vitamin D for bone strength, Stay hydrated to maintain optimal muscle function.

BENEFITS OF PREVENTION:

Reduced risk of injuries, Enhanced performance and confidence, longer playing career, improved teamwork due to fewer absences.

IMPORTANCE OF INJURY PREVENTION:

To ensure player safety, maintain performance, and prolong careers.

By following these preventive measures, players can significantly reduce their risk of injuries and enjoy the game more safely.

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APPLICATION OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

Contemporary information technology has by its very nature, been an agent of change in education institutions. This essay describes the benefits of utilizing technology in education by examining research from around the world which demonstrates that there is ample evidence for supporting the usage of technology in educational environments. Information technology applications in the sports venues in the increasingly wide range of modern venues and facilities, including not only the intelligent application of office automation systems, intelligent systems and sports facilities, communication systems for event management, ticket access control system, contest information systems, television systems, Command and Control System, but also in action including the use of computer technology, image analysis, computer-aided training athletes, sports training system and related data entry systems, decision support systems. At present, the multi-media technology, network technology and satellite transmission technology, as the representative of the information technology is developing very quickly. Modern educational technology based on information technology play a significant role in promoting the modernization of education. To conclude we can say that with the inclusion of technology, the concept of education is undergoing a modification, for the betterment of the students as well as the teachers. **Keywords:** Modern Information technology, physical education

INTRODUCTION

Our world has been changed gradually from one condition to another. As the result, modern technology has been bringing people certain advantages such as ways for fast communication, the improvement of traveling, and good health care medical treatment. We can get the fast ways of communication through modern technology. Nowadays, people can get hot news from any parts of the world very quickly by using E-mail and Internet. Moreover, telephone-local and oversea is playing a key role for people to communicate to with each other.

The system of imparting education and learning is changing with changing times. Modern science and technology is being used in each and every field in today's world. The internet has already enhanced the education and learning processes. There was a time when had no access to study materials outside their textbooks. However, internet has made information gathering an extremely easy task.

Students can now easily access and know the various developments taking place at their area of interest at the simple click of a button. Computer has now become part of the school curriculum and nowadays even small kids know how to make a presentation using particular software. In modern technology of today to the use of multimedia teaching physical education teaching methods can improve their understanding of action sports. Links to free download <http://www.cn-articles.com> is the main sources of information used in the educational system.

The birth of educational technology has proved to be a boon to students the world over. Technology plays a vital role in enhancing the learning process of students and also assists teachers in communicating with the students in an easy way. With the use of computers and software programs, which provide learning materials, technology has changed education to a great extent.

ADVANTAGES OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

There are a number of benefits of introducing technology in the field of education. There has been a positive impact of technology on education. Here are some of the benefits of educational technology.

Technology develops learning capabilities

One of the benefits of educational technology for students is that it helps them improve their learning capabilities. Since it is one field which is constantly changing, new updates can be easily introduced to the students and class plans can be prepared with the help of the software.

Use of Technology in Classes

In the Classes teachers use technological tools like Video, audio programs, graphics, images, CD and power point presentations to impart education to the students, which increase students' learning efficiency and quality of physical education.

Technology improves motivation of students

When students are given meaningful interaction with computers, software and the internet, they are more motivated, engaged, and involved in their own learning.

Technology improves creativity, problem-solving skills and self-image

The latest digital tools can therefore serve as a vehicle to help students learn content knowledge as well as problem-solving and higher level thinking skills.

Technology Improves the Quality of Student Work

With the introduction of the software which teaches students with special needs, the appropriate study materials are designed so that learning is comfortable.

Technology Improves Student Achievement on Tests

There is mounting evidence that technology improves student achievement on tests.

Technology Benefits Students with Special Needs

Improved writing is not the only area in which students with special needs benefit from technology. Additionally, students with learning disabilities who used speech recognition software to write essays performed significantly better than fellow students

Technology Acts as a Catalyst for Change

Technology plays a role in being a catalyst for change in educational pedagogy.

Technology Prepares Students for the Future

By having and working with technology in schools, students gain the skills that they will need to be marketable in the future workplace and to operate in a high-tech world.

Technology increases Knowledge and Opportunities

Through the use of various digital tools, teachers and librarians can also offer students increased access to knowledge and innovative opportunities.

Technology reflects our current lifestyle and the working world.

By incorporating meaningful technology use into a curriculum, educators ensure that students will begin to learn these critical thinking skills such as creativity, collaboration and flexibility.

CONCLUSION

With the inclusion of technology, the concept of education is undergoing a modification, for the betterment of the students as well as the teachers. Hence, the introduction of technology is important in education. Thanks to information technology, now learning and teaching have become an enjoyable experience.

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EFFECT OF YOGIC PRACTICES ON PHYSICAL FITNESS VARIABLE AMONG GIRLS

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ABSTRACT

Aim: To examine the scientific approach for the effect of Yogic practice on Balance among girls.

Method: A sample of one hundred (N= 100) subjects in the age categories of 18 to 22 years, were divided equally into two groups. One experimental group and the other control group. The dependent variable tested for this study was delimited to Balance. The criterion variables chosen were tested with reliable testing tools. Balance was tested by using Standing balance test (One leg) and scores were recorded based on the time is noted in seconds for the best of three tries. The control group was not given any specific training whereas the experimental group underwent Yogic practice 6 days a week for 12 weeks and 60 min per session. The pre and post test data collected were statistically analyzed by applying paired t-test initially to compare the means for significant difference on balance.

Results: The results of the study indicate that Balance significantly increased in the experimental group as a result of participating in the Yogic practice.

Conclusion: It is concluded that Yogic practice increases Balance in girls.

Health is a positive concept positive health does not mean really freedom from disease, but it also includes a jubilant and energetic feeling of well-being with an amount of general resistance and capacity to easily cultivate immunity against specific offending agent there are many modern and indigenous methods and disciplines that can help of to successfully fight with diseases for example the system of Yoga, Naturopathy, Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy and Siddha kriya among indigenous systems, where are somatic system is coded as the modern and

popular medical system yoga is one of the most powerful drugless system of treatment it is having its own concept of wellness which has been scientifically understood and presented by many, yoga can be adopted as Lifestyle for promoting our physical and mental health.

Historically yoga was more than a particular teaching. Yoga, a way of life, a culture and a lifestyle which encompassed not just techniques, practices or ideas, but also eating habits, bathing habits, prayer, social interaction, and work. Yoga included a vast body of “attitudes toward being”, an ingrained sense of morality and ethic and it was the bedrock of the personal – social – cosmic order which developed in that part of the earth known as India.

The origin of yoga can be traced back to the very oldest of these scriptures, the Rig Veda, which speaks about “yoking the mind” to the “highest truth”. But within these hymns from this ancient Vedic period, one even sees the actual word 'yoga' used occasionally as well. Ever since yoga was introduced, it has seen varied evolution. In the east, yoga remains to be a sacred practice that incorporates a lot of prayer and chanting into each session. But in the Western parts of the world, yoga has been used mainly for its physical exercises that are known to provide health and fitness benefits.

Physical fitness refers to the ability of your body systems to work together efficiently to allow you to be healthy and perform activities of daily living. Being efficient means doing daily activities with the least effort possible. Physical fitness is a state of health and well-being and, more specifically, the ability to perform aspects of sports, occupations and daily activities. Physical fitness is generally achieved through proper nutrition, moderate-vigorous physical exercise, and sufficient rest along with a formal recovery plan.

BALANCE

Balance is a term used to describe the ability to maintain an upright position. The term “postural stability” describes balance more specifically as the ability of an individual to maintain their center of gravity within a base of support. Balance is the ability to stay upright or stay in control of body movement, and coordination is the ability to move two or more body parts under control, smoothly and efficiently. Static balance is maintaining equilibrium when stationary, while dynamic balance is maintaining equilibrium when moving. Having good balance is important for many activities we do every day, such as walking and going up and down the stairs.

Exercises that improve balance can help prevent falls, a common problem in older adults and stroke patients. A loss of balance can occur when standing or moving suddenly. The ability to retain the center of mass above the base of support when stationary (static balance) or moving (dynamic balance). Balance is a term used to describe the ability to maintain an upright position. The term “postural stability” describes balance more specifically as the ability of an individual to maintain their center of gravity within a base of support.

METHODOLOGY

Selection of subjects: For the present investigation one hundred (100) girl students of Government College of Physical Education, Domalguda, Hyderabad was selected randomly. Their age ranged between 18 and 22 years.

Training Design: The subjects were assigned to two groups with 50 each, Group I was experimental and group II control group. Yogic practices were given to Group I. No training was provided to Group II i.e. control group. The duration of the training period was 12 weeks and the number of sessions per week were confined to 6 days which was considered adequate enough to cause change in selected dependent variables. Each session lasted for one hour. Pre-test and post-test were conducted to the control and experimental groups.

Selection of Variable and Procedure: The purpose of the test is to find the ability to balance while standing on the ball of your foot. Stand on one leg's toes for a longer period of time with the other leg at side. Try to maintain the position and balance on one leg. Before the final execution, the students were given a free practice period of one minute to gain joint proprioception activation. The students may shift the balance position on the foot from the heel to the ball to the toe. The heel of the starting foot is used to balance the stopwatch on the ball of the foot. When any of the following take's place, the stopwatch is paused.

- Hands project out of hips.
- The stepping foot can change direction or jump.
- The supporting foot loses contact with the knee.

Scoring: The time is noted in seconds for the best of three tries.

The table displays the overall test ratings.

- Greater than 50 Outstanding
- 40- 50 Good
- 25- 39 Average

- 10 – 24 Fair
- Less than 10 Poor

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

The data collected from the groups on selected variable was statistically examined to find out whether there was any significant difference between the pretest and posttest of experimental and control groups by using statistical technique of t-test and comparing the means scores for significant differences. The level of significance was fixed at 0.05 level of confidence.

RESULTS:

Table showing the Effect of Yogic practices on experimental groups than control groups on Balance among girls.

TABLE I

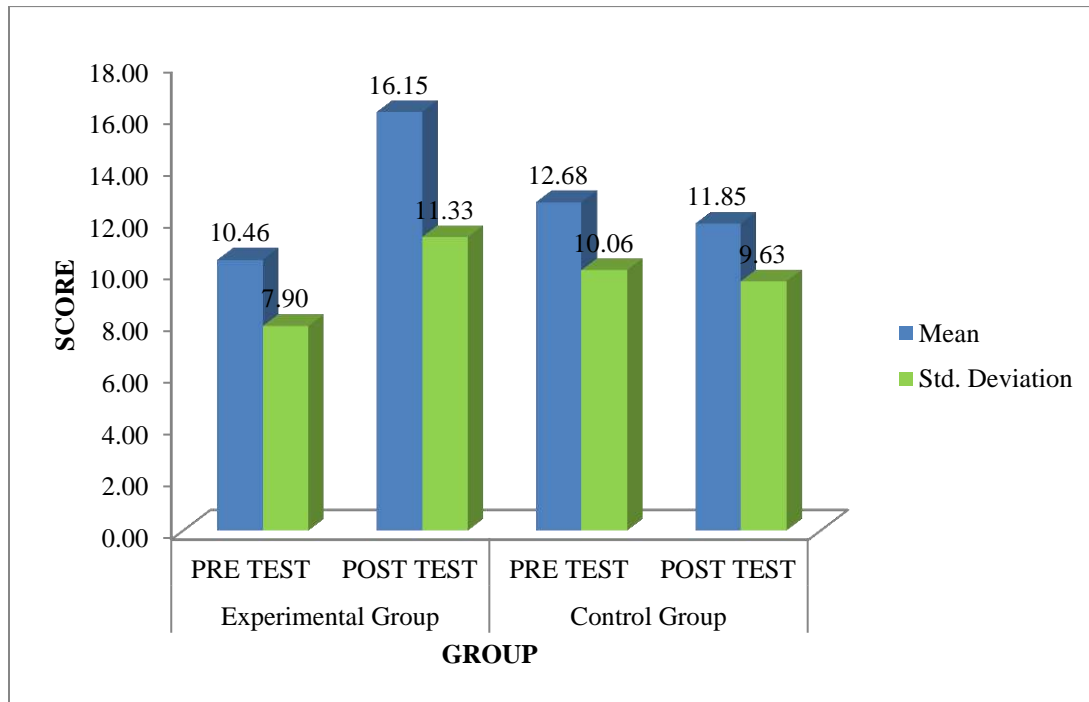
Groups	N	Pre test		Post test		Mean diff	t-value	Sig. (2-tailed)	Inference
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD				
Experimental Group	50	10.456	7.901	16.149	11.333	5.693	7.461	0.001	S*
Control Group	50	12.675	10.057	11.854	9.630	0.821	1.972	0.054	NS

****Table Value 2.011 at 49 D.F***

The above table shows that balance of the selected sample in experimental group, pretest mean is 10.456 with 7.901 S. D and posttest mean is 16.149 with 11.333 S.D. From the t-test calculated value is 7.461 greater than table value 2.011 at 49 D.f. with 0.05 α . Hence there is a significant different improvement in Yogic practices on pretest to post test in experimental group.

Whereas the selected variable balance of selected women in control group shows that pretest mean is 12.675 with 10.057 S. D and posttest mean is 11.854 with 9.630 S.D. From the t-test calculated value is 1.972 less than table value 2.011 at 49 D.f. with 0.05 α . Hence there is no significant improvement in Yogic practices on Balance of pretest and posttest in control group.

FIGURE I



DISCUSSION:

The main aim of the study was to find out the effect of yogic practices on Balance of the girls. All the subjects took part in their regular Yogic training program. Our results indicate yogic training significantly increases the Balancing ability. Athletes generally require training to improve their body balance, which is crucial for competitive performance. Balance training can not only improve an athlete's functional performance, posture, and neuromuscular control, but also reduce the risk of sports-related injuries. The inclusion of balance training in overall conditioning programme can be strengthened and it also shown =to have a positive influence on athletic performance.

CONCLUSION:

Within the limitations of the study and on the basis of the obtained results it was concluded that the 12 weeks of Yogic practice had significantly increased Balance among girls.

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EFFECT OF YOGA ON FUNCTIONAL MOBILITY IN ELDERLY MALES

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of the present study is to find out the effect of a 06 months yoga program on functional mobility in elderly males. 100 elderly males between the age group of 60 to 70 years were selected purposively from Raipur district of Chhattisgarh. The selected elderly males reportedly have no major illnesses or history of severe illness. The inclusion criteria include scores below 45 on the Berg Balance test (1989). A six-month yoga program was designed with input from experienced yoga instructors, keeping in mind the physical health and limitations of the elderly participants. The pre-post test analysis revealed a significant increase in the mean Berg balance scale score after 06 months of a yoga program attended by elderly males. Based on the results it can be concluded that regularly practicing yogic asanas significantly enhance functional mobility in elderly males. These results advocate for incorporating yoga into the daily routines of elderly males to maintain and enhance their functional mobility. **Keywords:** Elderly males, yoga, functional mobility

INTRODUCTION:

Generally, a person above 60 years is termed as elderly. The World Health Organization considers persons above 65 years as elderly but in India the age at which a person is considered elderly is 60 years and above. This has been documented in the National Policy on Older Persons, 1999. In India, the average age in 1950 was 37 years which has increased to 65 years in 2011. This shows the improvement in healthcare facilities in India but this also comes with a problem of quality of life of elderly population. The development of a country requires proper attention to the physical, mental and economic aspects of ageing. In ageing, the role of psychomotor functioning is equally important because the decrease in psychomotor functions leads to a lack of body balance and compromised motor coordination. All these make the elderly more dependent on young ones.

Functional mobility is defined as a person's ability to make physical movements without any external support while doing day-to-day work i.e. walking, climbing stairs or getting out of bed. Adequate functional mobility is essential in geriatric age otherwise quality of life declines and loneliness sets in. Functional mobility is affected by some physical aspects and body balance is one of them. Body balance requires coordination and some amount of muscle strength apart from adequate energy levels but all these decrease due to ageing. Hence staying mobile is related to psychological well-being in the elderly population.

Ageing is related to progressive degeneration of somatosensory information and compromised eyesight. Ageing affects functional mobility because of reduced nerve fibres and muscles thereby decline in strength and power (Alexander, 1994). Due to this elderly experience body imbalance and feel that the body is no longer stable (Teasdale and Simoneau, 2001; Amiridis et al., 2003) and for that reason, they feel uncomfortable in rising from a chair or standing up (Shumway-Cook and Woollacott (1995).

It has been reported that activities such as yoga, physical exercise, and moderate strength training are useful for the elderly to maintain and improve their movements to some extent. In this connection, the role of yoga has been advocated. It has been contended that functional mobility can be enhanced through yoga especially in the elderly population because yoga is known to enhance psychomotor coordination, strength and flexibility respectively. All these psychomotor capacities are required for smooth motor movements. Yoga practices are controlled movements, stretches, and poses that are intended to maintain joint flexibility, lessen stiffness and give strength to muscles, all are compromised in the elderly population. Additionally, yoga emphasizes body and spatial awareness as well as posture. All these are responsible for the coordination and proper alignment of the body thereby increasing functional mobility. Although studies regarding the effect of yoga on the functional mobility of the elderly are present in the research literature not many studies have been conducted in India. Hence given the different socioeconomic and cultural contexts of Indian society, the present study was planned to assess the effect of age old practice of yoga on the functional mobility of elderly males.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Zeetergren et al. (2011) in their study reported the effect of an 8-week yoga session on the psychomotor abilities of the elderly. They found a significant positive impact of yoga on balance, coordination and postural control in elderly subjects.

Youkhana et al. (2016) in their study assessed the impact of yoga-based exercise programs on balance and mobility in elderly subjects. In this meta-analysis, they reported improved balance and functional mobility in elderly subjects after participating in the yoga-based exercise program.

Sivaramakrishnan et al. (2019) in their study reported no significant impact of yoga on the balance and lower limb strength of the elderly.

Chan et al. (2019) studied the effect of meditation and yoga on the cognitive functions of the elderly. They found that meditation and yoga were found to be effective in improving the cognitive functions of the elderly aged 60 years or above.

A study conducted by Bhattacharyya et al. (2021) reported that yoga practices have a moderate positive impact on the executive function and processing speed of elderly between 60 to 75 years of age.

Shin (2021) conducted a meta-analysis on the effect of yogic practice on physical fitness in the elderly. Based on the database, the study concludes that the elderly between 60 to 70 years have enhanced fitness levels after participating in 9 to 12 weeks of yoga practice.

In a meta-analysis, Li et al. (2023) reported a beneficial effect of mind-body exercise on bone mineral density of subjects between 52 to 75 years of age.

Julia et al. (2024) in this review study concluded that incorporating a yoga practice into the lives of the elderly can enhance their musculoskeletal and nervous systems.

Chen (2024) in this narrative review reported that yogic practices have the potential to enhance physical and mental well-being in the elderly population. They reported that yogic exercises have a significant positive impact on balance and mobility.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

The main objective of the present study is to find out the effect of a 06 months yoga program on functional mobility in elderly males.

HYPOTHESIS

It was hypothesized that functional mobility in elderly males would improve significantly after taking part in a six-month yoga program.

METHODOLOGY

Sample:

100 elderly males between the age group of 60 to 70 years were selected purposively from Raipur district of Chhattisgarh. The selected elderly males reportedly have no major illnesses or history of severe illness. The inclusion criteria include scores below 45 on the Berg Balance test.

TOOLS

Berg Balance Scale: To assess functional mobility in elderly males, the Berg Balance Scale (1989) was used. This scale has 14 items. As per the performance on each item, 0 to 4 points are awarded on five-point Likert Scale. The total possible score is 56 and the cut off score is 45. Scores below 45 indicate psychomotor imbalance. The scale consists of 1. Sitting to standing, 2. Standing unsupported, 3. Sitting unsupported, 4. Standing to sitting, 5. Transfers, 6. Standing unsupported with eyes closed, 7. Standing unsupported with feet together, 8. Reaching forward with an outstretched arm, 9. Retrieving an object from the floor, 10. Turning to look behind over both shoulders, 11. Turning 360 degrees, 12. Placing an alternate foot on a stool, 13. Standing unsupported with one foot in front and 14. Standing on one foot. This scale is highly reliable and valid. The cut off score is <45 which denotes lack of functional mobility.

Yoga Program:

A six-month yoga program was designed with input from experienced yoga instructors, keeping in mind the physical health and limitations of the elderly participants. Accordingly, a 45-minute daily yoga routine, scheduled six days a week, was developed. The routine includes a sequence of activities such as prayers, asanas, pranayama, Surya Namaskar, and meditation, ensuring a holistic approach to physical and mental well-being.

Creation of Experimental and Control Group

The sample for the current study comprised 100 elderly males aged 60–70 years, all of whom had Berg Balance Scale scores below 45. The participants were randomly assigned into two equal groups: an experimental group and a control group, with 50 subjects in each. A six-month yoga program was implemented for the experimental group.

The Berg Balance Scale was re-administered at the three-month and six-month marks. The results are presented in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Table 1

**Descriptive Statistics of Scores on the Berg Balance Scale in
Experimental Group During 06 Months of Study Period**

Study Periods	N	Berg Balance Scale (Experimental Group)	
		Mean	S.D.
Pre-test	50	35.60	2.74
After 03 months	50	35.96	4.27
Post-test (After 06 months)	50	39.24	5.00
F (2,98) = 29.20, p<.01			

The repeated measure ANOVA calculation provides F=29.20, as reported in Table 1. It indicates a significant difference in the mean score of elderly males of the experimental group collected in pre-test, after 03 months and post-test i.e. after 06 months from commencement of study period. The level of significance was 0.01.

Table 1(a)

**Pairwise Comparisons of Mean Score on Berg Balance Scale Study Period
Least Significant Difference Test with Significance Level .05**

Mean (I)	Mean (J)	Mean Difference (I-J)
Pre-test (M=35.60)	After 03 months (M=35.96)	-0.360
	After 06 months (M=39.24)	-3.64*
After 03 months (M=35.96)	After 06 months (M=39.24)	-3.28

* Significant at .05 level

The pre-test mean score on the Berg Balance Scale of elderly males from the experimental group did not differ significantly from the mean score on this scale 02 month from the beginning of the study period (Mean difference = -0.360, $p>.05$). In contrast, entries given in Table 1(a) indicate a significant difference in mean scores on the Berg Balance Scale in a group of elderly males of the experimental group after 06 months of study period compared to mean pre-test scores (Mean difference = -3.64, $p<.05$). Entries given in Table 1(a) also show that there was a significant difference in mean scores on the Berg Balance Scale in a group of elderly males of the experimental group after 06 months of study period compared to mean scores after 03 months of study period (Mean difference = -3.28, $p<.05$).

Table 2

Descriptive Statistics of Scores on the Berg Balance Scale in Elderly Males of Control Group During 06 Months of Study Period

Study Periods	N	Berg Balance Scale (Control Group)	
		Mean	S.D.
Pre-test	50	36.52	3.94
After 03 months	50	36.60	3.15
Post-test (After 06 months)	50	36.92	3.34
F (2,98) = 0.74, $p>.05$			

F=0.74, reported in Table 2 indicate a non-significant difference in the mean score of elderly males from the control group on the Berg balance scale during different stages of study periods.

To evaluate the impact of 06 months of yoga program on functional mobility in elderly males, the gain score was computed and given in Table 3.

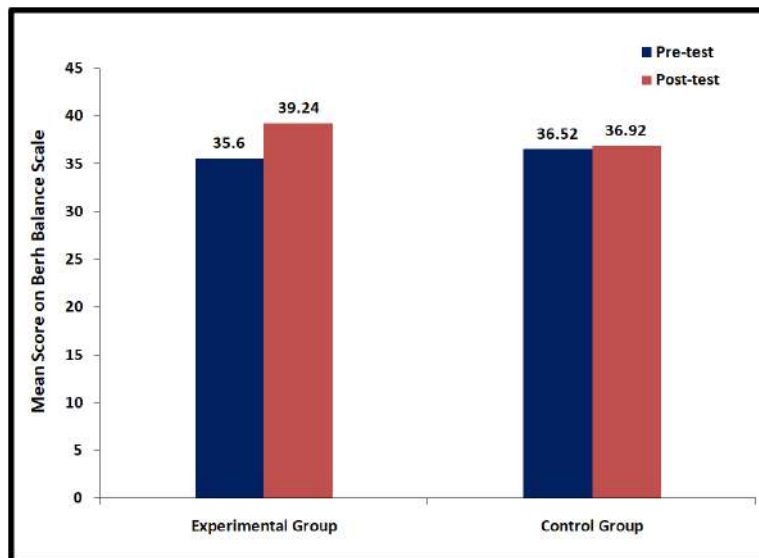
Table 3

Comparison of Gain Scores (Post-Pre) of Experimental and Control Group on the Berg Balance Scale

Berg Balance Scale	Experimental Group (N=50)		Control Group (N=50)		‘t’	Sig.
	Mean	S.D	Mean	S.D.		
Gain Score	3.64	4.32	0.40	3.27	4.22	p < .01

Figure 1

Pre-Post Mean Scores on Berg Balance Test for Experimental and Control Group



As per Table 3, the mean gain on the Berg balance scale for the experimental group was 3.64 while the mean gain on the Berg balance scale for the control group was 0.40. It indicates that functional mobility in elderly males of the experimental group was enhanced significantly as compared to elderly males of the control group at 0.01 level of statistical significance.

The final analysis is about negating the effect of pre-test Berg balance scale scores and obtaining adjusted mean scores for the experimental and control groups after 06 months of the study period. The result is given in Table 4.

Table 4

Adjusted Mean Scores on Berg Balance Scale, Controlling for Pre-test Scores of Elderly Males

Groups	Adjusted Mean for Berg Balance Scale
Experimental Group	40.36
Control Group	38.67
F=4.95, p<.01	

Covariates in the model are evaluated at the following values Pre-test = 37.32

A perusal of Table 4 indicated that post post-test adjusted mean on the Berg balance scale for the experimental group was 40.36 and for the control group, the adjusted mean was 38.67. The F=4.95 indicate that after 06 months of the study period, functional mobility was significantly better in elderly males of the experimental group as compared to that of elderly males from the control group.

In the present study, a significant increase was observed in the mean Berg balance scale after 06 months of yoga program on elderly males. Tadasana, Vrikshasana and Trikonasana poses are known to strengthen muscles which is essential in maintaining balance. Better control of the body can be achieved through regular yogic practices which increases proprioception in elderly males. The stability is also increased through yoga poses such as Paschimottanasana and Bhukangasana respectively. Studies have also reported that slow and controlled movements in yoga are beneficial for strong coordination between the nervous system and muscles thereby improving balance. Similar findings were reported by Youkhana et al. (2016), Bhattacharyya et al. (2021) and Chen (2024) in their studies.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results it can be concluded that regularly practicing yogic asanas significantly enhance functional mobility in elderly males. These results advocate for incorporating yoga into the daily routines of elderly males to maintain and enhance their functional mobility.

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"STRESS MANAGEMENT THROUGH SPORTS"

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ABSTRACT: -

Stress is usually caused by any kind of emotional or physical stimulus or situation. Sport can be stressful but stress can be managed. The aim of stress management is to learn methods which can be to players to control stress and anxiety. The article covers stress management of different societies and their performance and analysis of stress. The purpose and their performance of this review was to systematically identify and evaluate reason of stressed and how to manage a component of the stress process in competitive through sports Further discussed are specific types of stress management approaches through sports, and associated with external Vs internal sources of stress. This paper brings out the crucial issue of stress in the life of a sports person and how it can be tackled. **Keywords: -** Stress, Management, Techniques, Players, Skills

INTRODUCTION: -

Stress is a part of life and usually, it is unavoidable. Every individual passes through some kind of stress at different phases of life and players are to exception to it. The human body is designed to experience stress and react to it. Stress can be positive, keeping us alert, motivated, and ready to avoid danger. Stress becomes negative when a person faces continuous challenges without relief or relaxation between stressors. The athlete becomes tired and eventually breaks down. The athlete became tired and breakdowns. This breakdown is often seen in the form of laziness, loss of appetite, poor sleep pattern accompanied, by susceptibility to infections. Conversely the athlete who has right training load seems fall of energy and is hardly ever ill. The fit athlete should be able to withstand stress better than the ordinary Person he or she is trained well to perform under pressure, however, if the athlete is training, too hard or completing to much, a slight increase the total stress can push them over the top. It is sad fact that fitness is not the same as health. The highly trained may be less healthy than who maintains a high degree of fitness without going ever his physical limits.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

The present research paper is based on the secondary sources of data collection. Most of the study material has been taken from the reference books and official websites: The research is exploratory in nature.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

This paper aims at the following objectives:

- To highlight the concept of stress management in Sports.
- To find out the various types of stress in sports.
- To point out some major techniques to tackle the problem of stress in sports.

STRESS MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES INCLUDE:

- Positive and progressive thinking is for healthy mind.
- Eating healthy diet and getting regular exercise and plenty of sleep.
- Taking time for some sports and physical activities.
- Recreation and recreational activities.
- Use for leisure time

TYPES OF STRESS: -

Practice/ Training stress: A big mistake that players make is to train too hard too fast. Instead training should be gradually progressive and be according to handling capacity of body and giving adequate rest between the sessions

Competition Stress: The competition which gives more stress than body can handle should be avoided or should be selected carefully. If competition is done in more planned way, more success and less stress is anticipated. Moreover, this will help in increasing the self-confidence of the player.

Emotional/ Everyday Stress: (A player who is moving, breaking up the partner, going through other life changing events will have decreased performance. These types of situations are rarely under our control but we can adjust other aspects of life so as to diminish stress load. Here training therapy will work good. Never completely avoid physical exercise when you are stressed, as exercise as long as it is not overloaded helps in reducing overall stress.

Miscellaneous Stress: Major part is played by rejection by friends, coaches, and society thereby leading to

feeling of loneliness and stress. Socialization helps in relieving stress in form of motivation, playing as a team, and chasing mutual goals.

Competition Stress: Since competition is at the heart of sport and it may lead to stress one should be trained to cope with competition stress. There can be times when one does not get the expected results but it should not get heavy on the athlete and should not make him stressed. One must be conscious of the fact that going on higher level carries with it the strong possibility of failure. Here it's important to teach the athlete to cope with failure and work harder.

Everyday Stress: We all lead a busy and at times stressful life and life of a sports person is no exception. A sportsperson can reduce his daily life stress by few simple ways. When lifestyle stress or emotional stress increases, competition stress should be avoided, and training should take the form of therapy. He may consult an expert as well if needed.

TECHNIQUES TO MANAGE STRESS: -

Be optimistic- Switching to positive thoughts at the time of stress helps a lot. This is good for player as well as coaches so that their thinking can be matched and a positive environment can be created in the team as well as on the ground, thereby increasing the self-esteem of all Positive transformation of the mind.

Take Fest-It is very important to take a break depending on the situation. This is important for the players as well as the coaches. This can be done by leaving the office for a walk or vacation with family or friends. After doing this you will become fresh mind for further working. Make sure to remain in touch with those that matter most. They are important for managing stress and keeping a stable work-life balance.

Personal Exercise: - It is the most important tool for the coaches to stay in their physical shape. Moreover, exercising also increases self-esteem and body image and setting a good example for the players. Exercise is the easiest and most rewarding way to relieve stress. Breathing techniques should also be a part of exercise as deep inhaling and exhaling helps in managing stress.

Keeping in touch with hobbies: Hobbies are an important way to focus on something other than sports and give the mind a break and internal special kind of happiness. Find something to hang on outside of your career.

Counseling: Counseling with professional should be done if required. Professionals have fantastic ideas to cope with stress as they have lot of experience in dealing such situations.

Meditation – Meditation is another method to help a sportsperson to manage stress. Through meditation, a sportsperson can become more attuned to physical sensations and can build an understanding of the connection

between physiological functions and psychological state.

Performance and Competition Planning: - Performer and competition plans can help the sportsperson to manage the stress that is interest in competition. Such plans at on the sportsperson to take a proactive stance on stress, identifying ahead of time trigger if stress, Grail setting the athlete stay focused on can help the task at hand and keep attention on relevant issues in Sports.

"The reward tot Learning to manage stress is peace of mind and perhaps a longer, Leatthier Life."

SPORTS: –

Sports give happiness to manage stress all children as well as to adults. Sports can divert your mind if you are in stress, after involving ourselves in different sports activities, our mind set fresh and we can reduce the level of stress can fight against Stress. Sport includes all forms of competitive Physical activity; recreation activity or games Sports are beneficial for your physical health.

CONCLUSIONS:

To conclude, we can say that stress management techniques include any intervention that can modify one more components of the stress process. Therefore, alt the 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 sport person has available. The purpose process stress management is saved as one of the key to happy and successful life in modern society

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INFLUENCE OF MAXIMAL AND SUBMAXIMAL RESISTANCE TRAINING ON SPIKING AND BLOCKING PERFORMANCE AMONG VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to find out the influence of maximal and sub maximal resistance training on spiking and blocking performance among volleyball players. 45 male volleyball players from the different schools of Telangana in the age ranged between 15-17 years were selected. The selected subjects were further divided into three groups namely Maximal Resistance training group (MRTG), Sub maximal resistance training group (SMRTG) and control group (CG), on random basis. Prior to the experimental treatments, all the subjects were measured of their spiking ability and blocking ability subjective measurement by three experts. All the subjects were determined their 1 repetition maximum (1RM) of resistance trainings, half squat, biceps, triceps, bench press, and leg press. The submaximal resistance group was asked to perform 50 to 60 % of 1 RM and maximal resistance group was asked to perform 90 to 95% of 1 RM for 6 weeks. After completion of six weeks experimental period, the subjects were measured of their spiking and blocking abilities. The results of the study proved that both maximal and sub maximal resistance training significantly improved spiking and blocking ability of volleyball players. Though maximal resistance training was better than sub maximal resistance training group in improving spiking ability and blocking ability the difference between the treatment groups was not significant. It was concluded that the maximal and sub maximal resistance training can be included in the training schedule of the school level volleyball players. Key Words: Maximal, Sub Maximal Resistance Training, Spiking, Blocking Ability in Volleyball.

INTRODUCTION

Volleyball has changed beyond recognition in the past three decades from an unorganized sport into a highly competitive, requiring a high level of physical fitness, mental alertness and mastery over techniques. “Volleyball has a great need for volitional qualities, with equal technical and tactical mastery the team whose players show the greatest desire for victory will win”. Volleyball is characterized mainly by its dynamic work of broken intensity. There are periods of significant muscular activity in alternation with periods of relative relaxation intensity of work. During the time of play, the intensity of play oscillates from moderate to maximum.(Sharma, 1986)

Volleyball has developed into a highly competitive sport which requires a high level of physical, physiological and psychological fitness. The game at a high level of competition, requires quicker sudden movements and fast reaction. Volleyball matches have no time limit and matches can last for several hours, if the teams are evenly matched. In every tactical move in volleyball, one depends on team work and the individual skills, good passing, setting, spiking, jumping, controlling the ball, participation and speed to the ball and keeping the eyes on the ball. Tactics will succeed only through individual fundamental skills and with players thinking as a team. Game volleyball has number of specific skills such as serving, hitting, blocking, spiking etc are indispensable in the game situation. Different authors have suggested different tests to measure these skills both subjectively as well as objectively. (Kteshcer,1986)

Resistance training is needed to improve performance. Normally better performance is the product primarily of efficient technique, the progression of speed, the maturing competitive attitude, a sound general endurance, all around strength and general mobility. Though development of all round strength is best achieved through different training methods, resistance training is the most widely used and popular method for increasing strength. Harris C, et.al. (2007) assessed the influence of training intensity on strength retention and loss incurred during detraining Blazevich AJ, et. al. (2003) examined changes in the muscle size, muscle architecture, strength, and sprint/jump performances of concurrently training athletes during 5 wk of "altered" resistance training (RT) and concluded that Significant muscle size and architectural adaptations can occur in concurrently training athletes in response to a 5-wk training program. These adaptations were possibly associated with the force and velocity characteristics of the training exercises but not the movement patterns. Factors other than, or in addition to, muscle architecture must mediate changes in strength, sprint, and jump performance. Falk B, et.al. (2002) documented that resistance training has been shown to be effective in enhancing muscle strength among prepubertal and adolescent boys. Crewther B, et.al. (2005) documented that a great deal of literature has

investigated the effects of various resistance training programmes on strength and power changes. However, the effect of different combinations of kinematic and kinetic variables and their contribution to adaptation is unclear. Goto K, et.al. (2004) documented that acute and long-term effects of resistance-training regimens with varied combinations of high- and low-intensity exercises were studied. results suggest that a combination of high- and low-intensity regimens is effective for optimizing the strength adaptation of muscle in a periodized training program. These theoretical foundations proved that there are different methods of resistance training on power parameters of different groups, however, the influence of maximal and submaximal resistance training on selected performance variables of volleyball players are unclear. Hence, this research was attempted.

METHODOLOGY

To facilitate the study, 45 male students from the different schools of Telangana in the age ranged between 15-17 years were selected. The subjects were volleyball players who represented their schools in district level sports competitions. The selected subjects were further divided into three groups namely Maximal Resistance training group (MRTG), Sub maximal resistance training group (SMRTG) and control group (CG), on random basis. Prior to the experimental treatments, all the subjects were measured of their spiking ability and blocking ability subjective measurement by three experts in the field. Each expert was asked to score spiking ability and blocking ability for a maximum of 50 marks and blocking ability for a maximum of 50 marks in a playing situation. The average scores of the three experts on each subject were considered as the score of the subject in the respective performance in volleyball. All the subjects were determined their 1 repetition maximum (1RM) of resistance trainings, half squat, biceps, triceps, bench press, and leg press. The submaximal resistance group was asked to perform 50 to 60 % of 1 RM and maximal resistance group was asked to perform 90 to 95% of 1 RM for 6 weeks. After completion of six weeks experimental period, the subjects were measured of their spiking and blocking abilities. The difference between the initial and final scores were considered as effect of respective treatments and statistically analysed using ANCOVA for significance.

RESULTS

Tab 1: Effect of Maximal and Sub Maximal Resistance Training on Spiking Ability of Volleyball Players

	SUB MAXIMAL	MAXIMAL	CONTROL GROUP	SOURCE OF VARIANCE	SUM OF SQUARES	DF	MEAN SQUARES	OBTAINED F
Pre Test Mean	25.60	26.00	25.53	Between	1.91	2	0.96	0.05
				Within	751.33	42	17.89	
Post Test Mean	28.00	29.67	25.53	Between	129.73	2	64.87	4.02
				Within	677.07	42	16.12	
Adjusted Post Test Mean	28.10	29.42	25.69	Between	107.03	2	53.52	19.64
				Within	111.73	41	2.73	
Mean Diff	2.40	3.67	0.00					

Table F-ratio at 0.05 level of confidence for 2 and 42 (df) =3.22, 2 and 41 (df) =3.23.

*Significant

Tab 2 Multiple Comparisons of Paired Adjusted Means of Sub Maximal, Maximal and Control Groups on Spiking Ability

SMRTG	MRTG	CONTROL	MEAN DIFF	REQD. C. I
28.10	29.42		1.32	1.56
28.10		25.69	2.41*	1.56
	29.42	25.69	3.73*	1.56

Significant

Tab 3 Effect of Maximal and Sub Maximal Resistance Training on Blocking Ability of Volleyball Players

	SUB MAXIMAL	MAXIMAL	CONTROL GROUP	SOURCE OF VARIANCE	SUM OF SQUARES	DF	MEAN SQUARES	OBTAINED F
Pre Test Mean	28.20	28.67	27.87	Between	4.84	2	2.42	0.26
				Within	385.47	42	9.18	
Post Test Mean	31.00	31.87	28.13	Between	114.53	2	57.27	6.21
				Within	387.47	42	9.23	
Adjusted Post Test Mean	31.04	31.49	28.47	Between	78.68	2	39.34	20.78
				Within	77.61	41	1.89	
Mean Diff	2.80	3.20	0.27					

Table F-ratio at 0.05 level of confidence for 2 and 42 (df) =3.22, 2 and 41 (df) =3.23.

*Significant

Tab 4 Multiple Comparisons of Paired Adjusted Means of Sub Maximal, Maximal and Control Groups on Blocking Ability

SMRTG	MRTG	CONTROL	MEAN DIFF	REQD. C. I
28.10	29.42		1.32	1.56
28.10		25.69	2.41*	1.56
	29.42	25.69	3.73*	1.56

Significant

DISCUSSIONS

The results presented in table 1 and 3 proved that maximal and sub maximal resistance training significantly improved spiking and blocking abilities of the school volleyball players as the obtained F values of 19.64 and

20.78 were greater than the required table F value of 3.23 to be significant at 0.05 level. Since significant F values were obtained, the results were subjected to post hoc analysis and the multiple paired adjusted mean comparisons were presented in Tables 2 and 4 on spiking and blocking abilities of volleyball players. The results proved that both maximal and sub maximal resistance training improved spiking and blocking abilities of volleyball players compared to control group. The results also proved that maximal resistance training was found to be better than sub maximal resistance training in improving the spiking and blocking abilities. However, the differences between sub maximal and maximal resistance training in improving the spiking and blocking abilities were not significant.

CONCLUSIONS

It was concluded that the maximal and sub maximal resistance training can be included in the training schedule of the school level volleyball players as these methods of training improves their power and strength.

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IMPACT OF TREADMILL AND ELLIPTICAL TRAINING PACKAGES ON SELECTED MOTOR FITNESS COMPONENTS AND SKILL PERFORMANCE OF HOCKEY PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to determine the possibility cause and impact of treadmill and elliptical training packages on selected motor fitness components and skill performance of hockey players. The pre and post-test random group design was employed for this investigation. To achieve this purpose of the study, forty-five male Hockey players were selected randomly from Department of Physical Education, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnādu State, India, their age groups between 21 and 25 years, the participants were divided into three groups namely experimental group-I experimental group-II and control group-III consisting of fifteen hockey players each. Group-I underwent to treadmill training and Group-II underwent to elliptical training and group-III acted as control group, who had not participated in any specific activity during the training period other than their daily schedule in the curriculum. All the participants were tested on selected motor fitness components namely speed, cardio vascular endurance and skill performance namely dribbling, passing. The training programme was scheduled for alternative days per week for six weeks. The duration of training session one hour to one and half hours approximately, the data were statistically analyzed with paired sample 't' test and analysis of co-variance (ANCOVA). In all cases 0.05 levels will be fixed as level of confidence to test the hypothesis. There was a significant improvement on selected motor fitness components and skill performance of hockey players due to the impact of six weeks of treadmill and elliptical training. **Keywords:** Treadmill Training and Elliptical Training, Speed, Cardio Vascular Endurance, Dribbling and Passing.

1. INTRODUCTION

The game of hockey has been around from the time of early civilization. some of the reports find the earliest origin of the game 4000 years back. field hockey was reportedly played even before the birth of Christ. Basically, known as the “ball and stick” game, it was played since ancient times in places diverse as Rome, Scotland, Egypt and South America. Hockey had made its first step towards an International Federation when in 1909 the Hockey Association in England and the Belgium hockey Association agreed to mutually recognize each other to regulate international hockey regulations. Chris Moore has defined hockey, a sport which emerged in the 19th century, has seen huge changes in the latter part of the 20th century.

It is a widely played team sport of the hockey family. The game shall be played on grass, watered turf, artificial turf or synthetic field, as well as an indoor boarded surface. Each team plays with ten field players and a goalkeeper. The players commonly use sticks made out of wood, carbon fiber glass or a combination of carbon fiber and fiber glass in different quantities (with the higher carbon fiber stick being more expensive and less likely to break) to hit a round, hard, plastic hockey ball, in modern world physical education and sports are considered as international disciplines because they develop international understanding and universal brotherhood. Being regular physical activity has been proven to have significant improvement to build healthy bones, joint, muscles and maintain of high level of physical fitness which are directly produce significant effect on the working of human body.

The goal of physical fitness programme is to improve the performance in activities of daily living, job demands, sports and recreational activities, as was said by **(Craig Liebenson, 2003)**.

TREADMILL TRAINING

The treadmill should have the capacity of varying speed between 0-16 mph and inclination between 0- 20%, thus providing a range of workloads that should meet the needs of most research designs. The grade is based on incline that would result from the evaluation of 100 horizontal feet. Therefore, one percentage grade would be the rise of the belt equal and two one-foot vertical elevation taken at distance of 100 horizontal feet. The treadmill has the advantages of ease running or walking and of positioning so as to obtain various cardio pulmonary measures (Clarke and Clarke, 1984).

ELLIPTICAL TRAINING

Elliptical training is a group of stationary exercise machines that simulate climbing, cycling, running, or walking. Sometimes abbreviated ellipticals, they are also called elliptical exercise machines and elliptical training machines. The activities of climbing, cycling, running, or walking all cause downward pressure on the body's joints. However, elliptical training machines simulate these actions with only a fraction of the associated joint pressures. Elliptical trainers are found in fitness centers and health clubs, and increasingly inside homes. Besides providing a low- impact exercise, these machines also offer a good cardiovascular workout.

METHODOLOGY

To achieve this purpose of the study, forty-five male Hockey players were selected randomly from Department of Physical Education, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu State, India, their age groups between 21 and 25 years, the participants were divided into three groups namely experimental group-I experimental group-II and control group-III consisting of fifteen hockey players each. Group-I underwent to treadmill training and Group-II underwent to elliptical training and group-III acted as control group, who had not participated in any specific activity during the training period other than their daily schedule in the curriculum. All the participants were tested on selected motor fitness components namely speed, cardio vascular endurance and skill performance namely dribbling, passing. The training programme was scheduled for alternative days per week for six weeks. The duration of training session one hour to one and half hours approximately, the data were statistically analyzed with paired sample 't' test and analysis of co-variance (ANCOVA). In all cases 0.05 levels will be fixed as level of confidence to test the hypothesis.

Table I: Selection of Tests

S.No.	Factors	Variables	Test	Unit
1	Motor Fitness Components	Speed	50 Meters Dash	Seconds
2		Cardio Vascular Endurance	12 Mins Run and Walk	Seconds
3	Performances Variables	Dribbling	Field Hockey Skill Test	Points
4		Passing	Field Hockey Skill Test	Points

RESULTS

The influence of independent variables on each criterion variables were analyzed and presented below, the analysis of paired sample 't' test on the data obtained for the speed of the pre-test and post-test means of the treadmill training, elliptical training and control groups have been analyzed and presented in table II.

Table II: The Summary of Mean and Paired Sample 't'-Test for the Pre and Post Tests on Speed, Cardio Vascular Endurance, Dribbling and Passing of Treadmill Training, Elliptical Training and Control Groups (In Seconds)

Variables	Groups	Pre-test Mean	Post-test Mean	't' test
Speed	TTG	7.98	7.34	8.04*
	ETG	8.05	7.61	11.37*
	CG	8.02	7.99	1.09
Cardio Vascular Endurance	TTG	2021.28	2358.11	12.58*
	ETG	2045.39	2264.29	16.31*
	CG	2019.24	2028.47	1.24
Dribbling	TTG	5.06	6.87	11.45*
	ETG	5.11	6.04	6.80*
	CG	5.09	5.13	0.39
Passing	TTG	6.84	8.09	11.26*
	ETG	6.71	7.86	10.01*
	CG	6.79	6.95	0.37

*Significant at 0 .05 level table value with df 14 was 2.145.

Table.I shows that the obtained paired sample t-test values between the pre and post-test means of selected variables such as speed, cardio vascular endurance, dribbling and passing of the treadmill training, elliptical training and control groups were 8.04, 11.37; 12.58, 16.31; 11.45, 6.80; 11.26, 10.01 respectively. The table value required for a significant difference with df 14 at 0.05 level was 2.145. Since, the obtained t ratio value of treadmill training and elliptical training was greater than the required table value, it is understood that treadmill training and elliptical training groups significantly improved the performance of speed, cardio vascular endurance, dribbling and passing. However, the control group had not shown any significant improvement on

speed, cardio vascular endurance, dribbling and passing of hockey players. The analysis of covariance on the speed, cardio vascular endurance, dribbling and passing of treadmill training, elliptical training and control groups have been analyzed and presented in table-III.

Table-III: Analysis of Covariance on Speed, Cardio Vascular Endurance, Dribbling, Passing of Treadmill Training, Elliptical Training and Control Groups

Component	Adjusted Post-test Mean Values			SV	SS	df	MS	'F'-Ratio
Speed	TTG		CG					
		ETG						
	7.31	7.59	7.98	BG	2.88	2	1.44	19.46*
				W G	3.034	4 1	0.074	
Cardio Vascular Endurance	2383.44	2291.35	2057.18	BG	1010046.56	2	505023.28	55.29*
				W G	374497.28	4 1	9134.08	
Dribbling	6.92	6.09	5.14	BG	28.92	2	14.46	19.02*
				W G	31.16	4 1	0.76	
Passing	8.14	7.89	6.83	BG	6.84	2	3.42	51.04*
				W G	2.75	4 1	0.067	

The table value required for a significant difference with df 14 at 0.05 level with df2 and 41 was 3.23.

Table-III shows that the obtained paired sample F-Ratio values between the pre and post-test means of selected variables such as speed, cardio vascular endurance, dribbling and passing of the treadmill training, elliptical training and control groups were 19.46, 55.29, 19.02 and 51.04 respectively. the obtained F-Ratio value of treadmill training and elliptical training was greater than the required table value, it is understood that treadmill

training and elliptical training groups significantly improved the performance of speed, cardio vascular endurance, dribbling and passing. However, the control group had not shown any significant improvement on selected criterion variables of hockey players. The analysis of covariance on the speed, cardio vascular endurance, dribbling and passing of treadmill training, elliptical training and control groups have been analyzed and presented in table-IV.

Results of Speed, Cardio Vascular Endurance, Dribbling and Passing

The analysis of paired sample ‘t’ test on the data obtained for the passing of the pretest and posttest means of the treadmill training, elliptical training and control groups have been analyzed and presented in table.II.

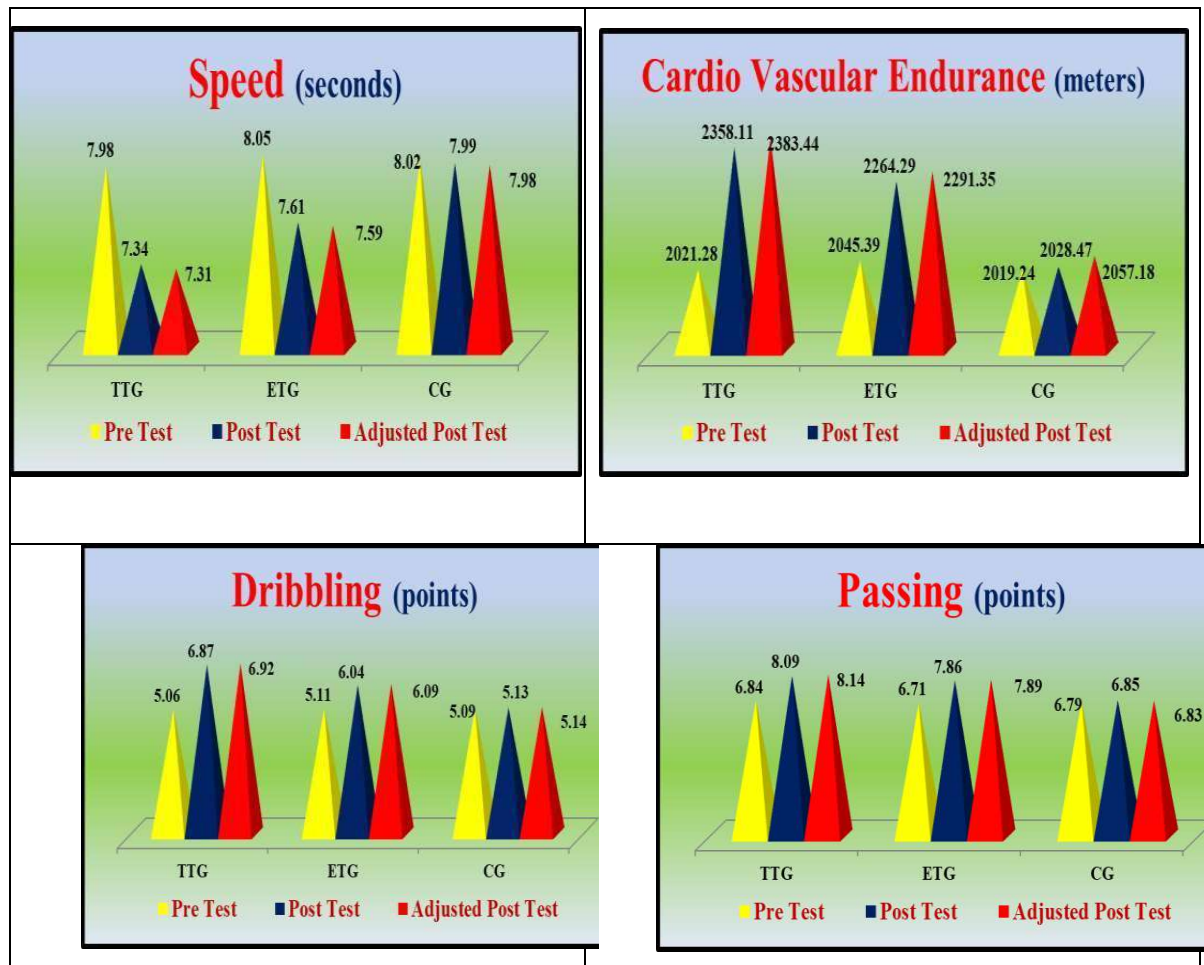


Figure III: The Pre, Post and Adjusted Post-Test Means Values of Treadmill Training Group, Elliptical Training and Control Groups on Speed, Cardio Vascular Endurance, Dribbling and Passing.

Justification for Selecting the Variables

Hockey is popular team sports which required high level of motor fitness and skills performance. The motor fitness components such as speed, cardio vascular endurance, plays a critical role in Hockey performance. Similarly, performance factor such as dribbling and passing are fundamental skills in hockey, which plays influential role in hockey performance

DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS

It was showed that treadmill training group (TTG) was significantly outperformed than the elliptical training group (ETG) and control group (CG) on the improvement of abdominal strength of Hockey players. Further, it was showed that elliptical training group (ETG) was significantly better than the control group (CG) on the improvement of cardio vascular endurance among hockey players. However, the control group did not show any significant improvement on cardio vascular endurance among Hockey players. The results of the studies were in line with the studies of **Senthil Kumar, (2019)**.

CONCLUSIONS

From the analysis of the data, the following conclusions were drawn.

1. There was a significant improvement on selected motor fitness components namely speed, cardio vascular endurance, due to the impact of six weeks of treadmill and elliptical training packages among Hockey players.
2. There was a significant improvement on selected performance variables such as passing dribbling due to the impact of six weeks of treadmill and elliptical training among Hockey players.
3. There was a significant difference existed among treadmill and elliptical training packages groups and control group on selected motor fitness components and performance variables such as speed, cardio vascular endurance, dribbling and passing among Hockey players.
4. Treadmill training group was found to be significantly outperformed when compared with elliptical training and control groups in all the selected dependent variables namely speed, cardio vascular endurance, dribbling and passing among male Hockey players.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON MENTAL TOUGHNESS AMONG NATIONAL LEVEL KHO-KHO BOYS AND GIRLS

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ABSTRACT

The present study was planned to assess the difference between the mental toughness among kho-kho boys and girls. To achieve the objective of the study 40 National level players (20 boys and 20 girls) were selected as subjects by using purposive sampling technique. The age range of boys and girls players of both groups was 18 - 20 years. All subjects selected from the BEL Kho-Kho in Bangalore. The study was limited to selected mental toughness variable namely Rebound ability. Questionnaires were used as a to find out the mental toughness. Dr. Alan Goldberg's questionnaire was selected and used as a tool Data Obtained on Mental Toughness have been analyzed by t- test in order to determine the difference, if any among 2 groups kho-kho boys and girls. All Statistical analysis was computed through SPSS packages. The t-test obtained was tested for significance at 0.05 levels. **Keyword:** mental toughness, kho-kho players, questionnaire.

INTRODUCTION

The most popular game in India is kho-kho, which distributes the frogmen of rural life and is rich in nature. India is where the game first appeared. In India, the game is becoming more popular in both rural and urban areas. The game is inexpensive, simple to play, and requires only two poles and marking powder. This game's rules are simple to comprehend. In addition to having the characteristics of other popular games, the game is incredibly thought-provoking and captivating, and it occasionally draws more players. Additionally, playing Kho-Kho requires a high level of psychological and physical fitness. Sports psychology is an expert field and scientific subject that advance the comprehension of sport. In all facets of sports, it uses psychological processes to analyze, evaluate, and guide activities. As a result, sport psychology is in charge of wellbeing, performance

enhancement, and the achievement and maintenance of health, Sports psychology can help an individual or group achieve the goal of mastering the task requirements that are suited for the subject's abilities and needs while also fitting with situational demands and limits. The concept of mental toughness is widely used in the sports world, and it plays an amazing role. It improves performance and fosters self-confidence and self-belief. When faced with challenging obstacles and a problem, it can generate and sustain positive emotions. According to Smith and Smoll (1989) Mental

Toughness is the ability of a manage diverse kinds of stress that come from different situations and places. Jones (2002) proposes that an athlete's mental toughness can be inferred from consistency in cognitive and psychological traits during a competition. Mental toughness enables sportsmen to stay focused, emotionally stable, confident, and focused during a game or even a competition.

PURPOSE OF STUDY

The main purpose of the study is to compare the mental toughness of the Kho-Kho player's boys and girls.

HYPOTHESIS

It is hypothesized that there would be a significant difference in mental toughness among the National Level Kho-Kho boys and girls.

METHODOLOGY

Selection of subjects

For this present study total 40 subjects were selected, in this 20 boys and 20 girls those who were represented in national level Kho-Kho competition in senior category. The age ranged between 18 to 20 years. All subjects selected from the BEL Kho-Kho club in Bangalore.

PROCEDURE

Subjects are made to sit on the ground. The research explained about the mental toughness questionnaire and meaning of each question. The subjects had to write "True" (or) "False" against each question inside the bracket mark after assessing themselves. One point is awarded for each of the questions as per the key. The mental toughness questionnaire sections consist of two sections.

Section – 1: questions deal with “Rebound ability” or skill at mental bounding back from setback and mistakes under this section of the question number 1,2,3,4,5 (false) 3 and 6 (true).

Statistical techniques used for analysis of data

To find out the significance of mean differences between boys and girls Kho-Kho players ‘t’ test was applied. The level of significance was set at 0.05 levels. The data obtained after scoring the questionnaires is to be statistically analyzed on computer through Statistical SPSS Package.

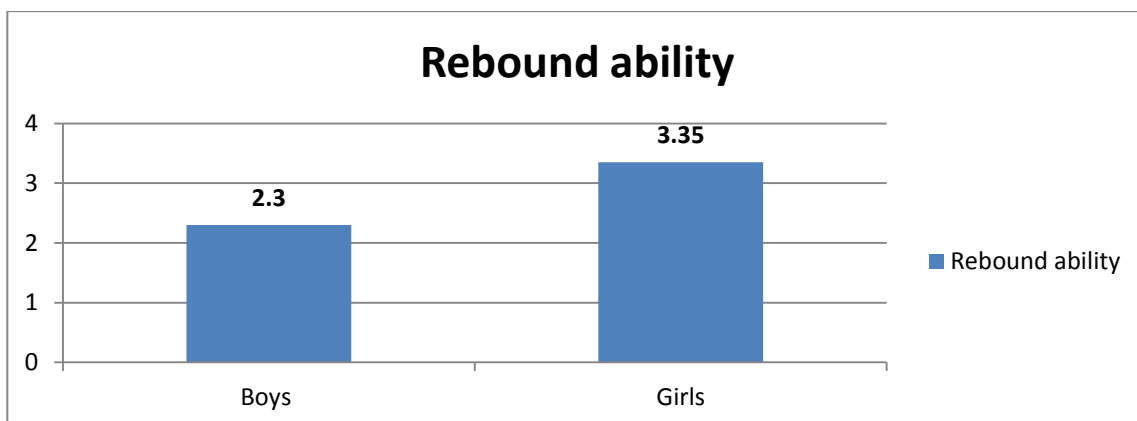
RESULT

Table- 1

Comparison of Rebound Ability in Mental Toughness between Boys and Girls

Rebound Ability					
Group	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean Difference	t-ratio
Boys	20	2.30	1.418		
Girls	20	3.35	1.309	-1.050	-2.433

The above table shows that the calculated Mean value is 2.30, SD = 1.418, in Rebound ability of Kho-Kho boys. And the Mean value is 3.35, SD = 1.309, in Rebound ability of Kho-Kho Girls. The table reveals that the calculated t-ratio is -2.433 and p-value is less than 0.05 (p value < 0.05) level of confidence in Rebound ability, hence we accept the hypothesis. Therefore, it is conclude that there is significant difference between boys and girls of Kho-Kho players.



The above Graphical Representation shows that based on Statistical Mean values the girls are having greater Rebound ability than the boys in Kho-Kho game.

DISCUSSION

The result reveals that there is a significant difference among Kho-Kho boys and girls. This may be attributed to fact that the players have been trained in such a manner that they rectify the mistakes committed in a very limited timing to cope with the competition Experiences. In Competition each and every players Concentration is fixed at the winning edge. Hence they have to forego mistakes whenever it is committed.

CONCIUSIONS

With the limitations of the present study and on the basis of findings the following conclusions are drawn.

- There was significant difference in Rebound ability between boys and girls in Kho-Kho game.
- In the rebound ability the girls were had more ability than boys in Kho-Kho game.

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COMPOSITE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST OF SIX FACTORS FOR B.SC. (HONS.) AGRICULTURE BOYS IN RAICHUR

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ABSTRACT

Objective of study was to assess data the six factors composite physical fitness test on college of Agriculture, Raichur boy's students. In this study, 100 boys were randomly selected from College of Agriculture, Raichur at age ranging from 18 to 20 years. The study was conducted by using six factors composite physical test. Descriptive statistics was employed to find out the results of the study. Physical fitness was measured with the best timing was rated in seconds. The result depicted in Descriptive Statistics of Agriculture boy's level" indicates the mean and standard deviation. The lower bound shows the true significance and significance correction and through Q-Q plot the (graphical presentation) to values in normal distribution to evident in found the selected physical fitness test for 100 boys were Mean- 40.3072/39.0291, Standard Deviation- 2.51278/2.78882, Std.ErrorMean-2.5128/2.7888 respectively. That paired correlation is .56. There is an average value of test score and Significant at 0.05 level of significance. The Table no.-3 to indicate paired differences of variable being tested and order the subtraction was found out. The standard error 0.24799 and computing both the test statistic and the upper and lower bounds of 95% confidence interval. The depicts value of the paired sample t- test of boys which was found to be statistically significantly at 0.05 level of significance. **Keywords:** Physical Fitness, Agriculture Boy's Descriptive Statistics, t-test, significance.

INTRODUCTION

The physical fitness is simply to define the body ability to complete physical work. This can be including the cardiovascular fitness, strength and muscular endurance. A physical fitness may be some performing of exercise with weight training and free hand exercise (body weight). Tests performed on an elliptical cycle can evaluate aerobic fitness. People may also complete aerobic exercises like- running and walking tests, to assess the heart rate and to determine cardiovascular fitness. These types of test can be helpful in developing a complete understanding of current health and fitness status. The physical fitness can play an important role in an individual's and whole community treatment journey. The global scenario presents that children and adulterants are increasingly getting attracted to growing range of sedentary alternatives to physical activities which include watching television and videos, playing computer game, surfing internet and engaging more in home work and additional tutoring. The consequence of these sedentary activities is affecting the health of children negatively. The childhood obesity is producing obese adults who are facing an increased risk of diabetes, heart-disease, orthopaedic problems and many other chronic diseases along with undesirable behaviours.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

A recent World Health Organization report indicates that life expectancy in the U.S. dropped for first time since 1993. The health of modern people is declining, despite highly advanced medical technologies, and in spite of the thriving health and fitness industry. How could that be? The based-on research, physical fitness has benefits role playing for addiction recovery. It can be improved health, mind, reduce craving and help a person stay abstinent from drugs abuse and alcohol. The exercise to rehabilitated persons and reduce stress relief to change the life.

The physical fitness is that state which characterizes the degree to which a person is able to function efficiently. Fitness is individual's matter. It implies the ability of each person to live most effectively within his potentialities. Ability to function depends upon the physical, mental, emotional, social, moral and spiritual components of fitness, all of which are related to each other and mutually independent. (Gene A. Logan. 1967).

METHODOLOGY

For this study, a randomly were selected of 100 college boy's and age ranges between 18 to 20 years. During the March to April 2019 data was collected and participant's characteristics such as details-name, age, gender & college. Six factors composite physical fitness test developed by Dr. Man Singh. The test was conducted under the supervision of specialists of the field and told the important instructions and system of the test. The important numbers of training trails were given to each student to make familiar with the real situation of the test. Scoring of the times taken in 1/10 of the second were the score recorded on trial and best final timing was selected.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

The analysis of data was a used and statistical technique including the calculation of detailed descriptive statistics, normality of test and paired t-test to compare between two score and Level of significance was set at 0.05. Analysis of the Data and Result of the Study: The descriptive statistics analysis was using SPSS 22.0 software in order to interpret the findings and results.

The result of the study done by Agriculture boy's given below.

Table1: Paired Samples Statistics

		Mean	N	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Pair 1	BT 1	40.3072	100	2.51278	.25128
	BT 2	39.0291	100	2.78882	.27888

The evident in the table no.3 that found the selected physical fitness test for 100 Agriculture boys were Mean-40.3072/39.0291, Std. Deviation- 2.51278/2.78882, Std. Error Mean- .25128/27888 respectively.

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Table 2: Paired Samples Correlations

Table no.2 shows that correlation is .56. There is an average value of test score.

**Significant at 0.05 level of significance.

		N	Correlation	St
Part 1	BT1 & BT2	100	.567	.000

Table no. 2 shows the relation between two score and that used paired correlation is .56. There is an average correlation of test score and that show the reliability, truthiness and honesty of the test is directly depends on the correlation values. In significant at level of significance 0.05. The mean is the difference between the sample means it should be close to the zero if the populations mean-1.27810 there was not statistically significant at $p > 0.05$ and a zero mean difference is well within the range of the outcomes.

Table 3: Paired Samples Test

Paired Differences							
		Mean	Standard Deviation	Std. Error Mean	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference		
					Lower	Upper	
Pair 1	BT1 & BT2	1.27810	2.47990	.24799	.78603	1.77017	

*The paired differences of variable being tested and order the subtraction was found out.

**The difference between two variable Mean-1.27810 and SD-2.47990.

***The standard error 0.24799 and computing both the test statistic and the upper and lower bounds of the 95% confidence interval.

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Table 4: Paired Samples Test

		T	DF	Sig. (2-tailed)
Pair 1	BT1 & BT2	5.154	99	.000

*The used paired sample test is t-5.154 and df-99

**The significant at level of significance 0.05

Table no.4 depicts that the paired sample t-value of boys which was found to be statistically significantly at level of significance 0.05.

CONCLUSIONS

The purpose of the study was to conducted six factors composite physical fitness test on Agriculture boys were analyzed and discussion of finding are as follows. The levels of significance 0.05 were randomly selected for the study. At used the 95% confidence interval for mean and through descriptive statistic to analyses the fitness level of boys at set parameter of the test. The reliability of the data is average and the significant difference was true.

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IMPACT OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL ON PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS OF SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to Study the Impact of Physical Activity Level on Psychological Health of the students of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU). For which 164 students from SPPU were selected using Purposive sampling technique. Descriptive Comparative method was administered to find if there is significant difference in Psychological Health among students of SPPU with respect to their Physical Activity Level. For measuring the Physical Activity level, Physical Activity Index (Fit and Well) developed by Thomas Fahey, Paul Insel, and Walton Roth (1980) and for measuring Psychological Health DASS-21 (Depression Anxiety Stress Scale) developed by Lovibond, S.H.& Lovibond, P.F. (1995) was used. The collected data was statistically analyzed using descriptive statistics and one-way ANOVA was performed to examine differences in psychological health across all Physical Activity Levels. The Mean and standard deviation of Psychological Health of Highly Active Male was 35.48(± 13.896) and for Highly Active Female was 31.2 (± 13.79), the Mean and standard deviation of Psychological Health of Active Male was 39.75 (± 18.714) and for Active Female was 31(± 29.051) respectively, the Mean and standard deviation of Psychological Health of Moderately Active Male was 43.77(± 18.77) and for Moderately Active Female was 46.71 (± 20.65) respectively, the Mean and standard deviation of Psychological Health of Low Active Male was 37.77(± 23.67) and for Low Active Female was 49(± 17.62) respectively. The Mean and standard deviation of Psychological Health of Sedentary Male was 35.44(± 15.75) and for Sedentary Female was 50.81(± 17.88) respectively. The results of ANOVA show the F value in female is 4.015 ($p=0.005$) which indicates that there was significant difference in the psychological

health of the women based on physical activity level. Further, the F value in male was 0.529 ($p=0.715$) which indicates that there was no significant difference in the psychological health of the men based on physical activity level. Therefore, it can be concluded that there is significant difference between the psychological health of females based on their Physical activity level. **Keywords:** Physical Activity Level and Psychological Health

INTRODUCTION

Postgraduate students often experience high levels of stress, anxiety, and depression due to academic pressures, personal challenges, and the demands of advanced education (Beiter et al., 2015). These challenges are exacerbated by the increased expectations and responsibilities faced by postgraduate students, who must balance research, coursework, and career preparation (Evans et al., 2018). As a result, mental health issues have become a significant concern in higher education, with postgraduate students being at higher risk than their undergraduate counterparts (Levecque et al., 2017). Physical activity has been shown to have a positive impact on mental health, helping reduce symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression (Sharma et al., 2006). Exercise promotes biochemical changes such as increased serotonin and endorphin levels, which contribute to mood regulation and stress relief (Brosse et al., 2002). Additionally, Physical activity has been shown to enhance cognitive function, improve sleep quality, and increase self-efficacy, all of which are crucial for reducing symptoms of depression, stress, and anxiety (Paluska & Schwenk, 2000) While the benefits of physical activity on mental health are well-established, limited research has been focused on postgraduate students in India. In Indian institutions like Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), students face additional academic and societal pressures that may further impact their mental health. This study aims to explore the impact of physical activity levels on psychological health of postgraduate students at SPPU.

PUPOSE OF THE STUDY

The present study investigates the association between physical activity and mental health in postgraduate students at Savitribai Phule Pune University

METHODOLOGY

This study employed a quantitative research design using survey methods. A total of 164 postgraduate students from SPPU participated in the study. Participants were selected through purposive sampling. Physical activity levels were assessed using the Physical Activity Index, a standardized tool that measures frequency, duration,

and intensity of physical activity. Psychological health was assessed using the DASS-21, which measures levels of depression, anxiety, and stress. Data were analysed using SPSS, employing descriptive statistics, and one-way ANOVA to explore relationships between physical activity levels and psychological well-being.

RESULTS

As per the below-mentioned tables the results indicate that the calculated significant two-tailed value does show a significant difference at the 0.05 level of significance ($p=0.005$) among Females and does not show a significant difference at the 0.05 level of significance ($p=0.715$) Therefore, it can be concluded that there is significant difference between the psychological health of females based on their Physical activity level.

Table I: Descriptive statistics

Psychological Health

		Mean	Std. Error of Mean	Std. Deviation
High Active	Male (27)	35.48	2.674	13.896
	Female (15)	31.20	3.561	13.790
Active	Male (8)	39.75	6.616	18.714
	Female (4)	31.00	14.526	29.052
Moderate Active	Male (9)	43.78	6.258	18.774
	Female (14)	46.71	5.522	20.660
Low Active	Male (9)	37.78	7.891	23.674
	Female (4)	49.00	8.813	17.626
Sedentary	Male (25)	35.44	3.151	15.754
	Female (49)	50.82	2.555	17.884

Table II: ANOVA

Psychological Health						
Gender		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Male	Between Groups	601.21	4	150.30	0.529	0.715
Female	Between Groups	5358.70	4	1339.68	4.015	0.005

DISCUSSION

The results of this study align with previous research indicating that physical activity positively impacts mental health. Students who engaged in higher levels of physical activity reported lower levels of depression, anxiety, and stress, supporting the idea that regular exercise can serve as an effective intervention for psychological well-being (Smith & Jones, 2020; Johnson & Lee, 2019). These findings have important implications for university administrators and mental health professionals, as integrating physical activity programs into campus initiatives could significantly improve student mental health (Chen & Lee, 2017). This study utilized the Physical Activity Index by Fit & Well to quantify participants' activity levels, offering a comprehensive framework to assess the frequency, duration, and intensity of physical activity. The index facilitated an objective categorization of students into distinct physical activity levels—Highly Active, Active, Moderately Active, Low Active, and Sedentary, allowing for more precise analysis of the relationship between physical activity and mental health outcomes. Additionally, the tool proved particularly effective in identifying subtle differences in activity patterns that might otherwise go unnoticed with traditional self-reports. Interestingly, while men exhibited differences in psychological health based on their physical activity levels, these differences were not statistically significant. This suggests that factors beyond physical activity, such as social or environmental influences, might play a more substantial role in shaping the mental health of male students. In contrast, significant differences were observed in the psychological health of females based on their physical activity levels. These findings underscore the importance of promoting structured exercise programs specifically targeting this demographic. As previous research has shown, physical activity acts as a protective factor against mental health disorders (Mammen & Faulkner, 2013). Therefore, integrating fitness initiatives into university mental health policies could yield substantial benefits, particularly for female students. Such initiatives could include group exercise programs, campus fitness challenges, or accessible resources to encourage active lifestyles, ultimately fostering improved mental health and overall well-being among students.

CONCLUSION

It can be concluded that there is significant difference between the psychological health of females based on their Physical activity level.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF PERCEIVED WELLNESS BETWEEN FEMALE AND MALE UNIVERSITY STUDENT

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to Compare the perceived wellness between male and female university students for which a total of 100 students from Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), aged 20-30 years, with 50 female and 50 male participants, were selected using convenience sampling. Descriptive Comparative method was administered to find if there is significant difference between male and female university student. For measuring Perceived Wellness, the Perceived Wellness Survey (PWS) developed by Adams, Bezner , Garner, and Woodruff (1998) was used. The collected data was analyzed with the help of SPSS and the calculated mean of female and male is 143.44 and 136.08 with standard error of mean 2.612 and 2.621 and standard deviation 18.468 and 18.536 respectively. The data was compared using independent sample t test was computed. On comparing the mean of both the groups the mean difference is 7.360 and the calculated t value is 1.989 for degree of freedom 98 it shows significant difference at 0.05 level of significance ($p=0.049$). Therefore, it can be concluded that there is significant difference between the perceived wellness of male and female university students. **Keywords:** Perceived Wellness

INTRODUCTION

Perceived wellness is a multi-dimensional concept reflecting an individual's subjective well-being across physical, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual domains. This influences academic performance, emotional stability, and overall resilience.

University students face academic stress, irregular routines, and social pressures, often neglecting self-care. Factors such as sleep, physical activity, and stress management play a crucial role in maintaining well-being.

The 20-30 age group is a key developmental stage marked by physical, cognitive, and emotional changes. Establishing healthy habits and managing stress during this period significantly impact long-term wellness.

This study aims to compare the perceived wellness of male and female university students, identifying gender-based differences to better understand factors affecting their well-being.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The present study investigates the comparative study of perceived wellness between male and female university students.

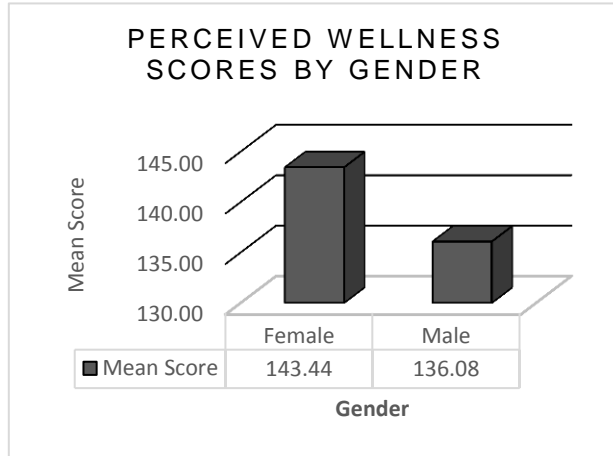
METHODOLOGY

A quantitative research design with survey methods was used to compare perceived wellness between male and female university students. A total of 100 students from Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), aged 20-30 years, with 50 female and 50 male participants, were selected using convenience sampling. Perceived wellness was measured using the Perceived Wellness Scale (PWS), which consists of 36 items rated on a 6-point Likert scale from "Very Strongly Disagree" to "Very Strongly Agree." The scale covers six dimensions: Psychological, Emotional, Social, Physical, Spiritual, and Intellectual wellness. Data were analyzed using SPSS with descriptive statistics and an Independent Sample t-test to assess differences between male and female students.

RESULTS

As per the below-mentioned tables the results indicate that the calculated significant two-tailed value does show a significant difference at the 0.05 level of significance ($p=0.049$). Therefore, it can be concluded that there is significant difference between perceived wellness between female and male university students.

Table I: Descriptive statistics
Perceived Wellness



Gen der	N	Mea n	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
FE MA LE	50	143. 44	18.468	2.612
MA LE	50	136. 08	18.536	2.621

DISCUSSION

The results of this study suggest that there is a positive comparison between Female and Male University students. The results of this study align with previous research indicating that perceived wellness varies between male and female university students. Female students reported higher emotional and social wellness but also experienced greater psychological stress, whereas male students demonstrated higher physical wellness but lower emotional awareness. These findings support the idea that gender influences wellness perceptions and highlight the need for tailored interventions to address specific well-being challenges faced by students (Adams et al., 1998; Jones & Taylor, 2021). Such insights have important implications for university administrators and

wellness professionals, as implementing gender-sensitive wellness programs could significantly enhance students' overall well-being (Clark & Patel, 2020).

This study utilized the Perceived Wellness Scale (PWS) to assess wellness across multiple dimensions—psychological, emotional, social, physical, spiritual, and intellectual—offering a structured framework for evaluating overall well-being. The scale effectively categorized students based on their perceived wellness, enabling a more precise analysis of gender-based differences. In addition, it proved particularly useful in identifying subtle variations in wellness domains that may not be captured through general self-reports.

Interestingly, while male students exhibited differences in perceived wellness across dimensions, these differences were not statistically significant, suggesting that external factors such as lifestyle habits, academic stress, or social expectations might play a larger role in shaping their wellness. In contrast, significant differences were observed in the emotional and psychological wellness of female students, reinforcing the importance of developing wellness programs that cater to their specific needs. These findings align with previous research indicating that gender plays a crucial role in shaping wellness perceptions and coping mechanisms (Miller & Roberts, 2018).

As wellness is a key factor in academic success and personal development, universities should consider integrating targeted wellness initiatives such as stress management programs, peer support groups, and campus wellness workshops. Additionally, future research should explore other influences on perceived wellness, such as socioeconomic status, academic pressure, and cultural background. Expanding the sample size and conducting longitudinal studies could further enhance our understanding of how perceived wellness evolves among university students.

CONCLUSION

It can be concluded that there is significant difference between the Perceived Wellness of Male and Female University Students.

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INCLUSIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS: ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL YOUTH

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ABSTRACT

Though we are advancing technologically and economically, social stigmas are still prevalent. The barriers that girls face are gender discrimination, cultural stigma, and systemic inequalities to participate in physical activities like playing sports and games. Through qualitative analysis, the research found certain key factors contributing to their non-participation. The discrimination is so deeply rooted that fellow students do not see that the Constitution provides SC girls also an equal education opportunity. Certain teachers also show bias towards the SC girls. As you can see there is no supportive infrastructure as well. The research also found that targeted interventions and inclusive programs are need of the hour to promote equal participation of SC girls so that they have an overall educational experience. The study suggests bringing change in policy reforms and community engagement to solve these problems and ensure an inclusive school environment.

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4. **“Girls Aren’t Meant to Exercise”: Perceived Influences on Physical Education Participation.** This research indicates that girls in mixed schools felt actively excluded by boys during PE, leading to feelings of incompetence and reduced participation.
5. **Adolescent Girls' Views of a Health Club Physical Education Approach.** This project utilized a health club approach to alter the PE experience for 17 grade nine girls, highlighting the importance of supportive environments in promoting participation.

IMPACT OF YOGIC PRACTICE ON BODY COMPOSITION OF OBESE WOMEN

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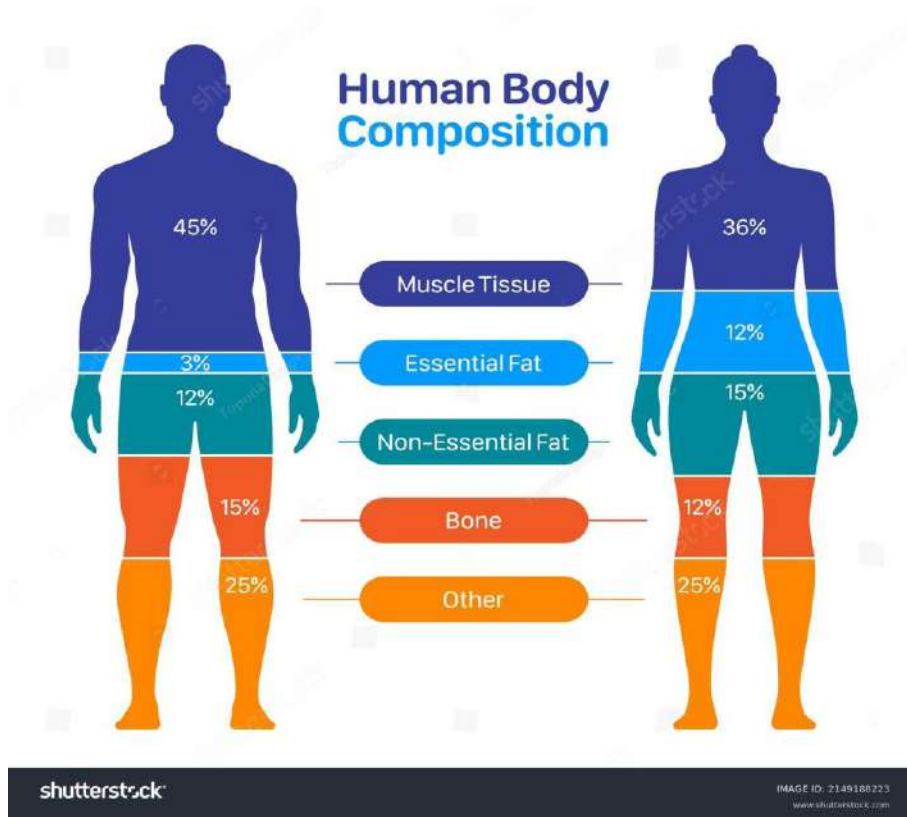
Obesity is a very dangerous global health issue and conventional treatments demonstrate poor long-term efficacy. Number of studies has shown that yogic practices can control risk factors for cardiovascular disease, obesity, and psychosocial stress. The present study aimed to assess the Impact of different series of Asanas (Postures) i.e. Suryanamasakara, on body composition of Obese Women. Twenty obese women in Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura, University hostler age ranged 20-27 year were purposively selected for in this study. The participants were divided into 2 groups: the intervention group (n = 10), which undertook a Suryanamasakara practice and the control group (n = 10). Body composition, including percent body fat (PBF) and body mass index (BMI) was evaluated using digital body composition analyzer. Our results showed that the mean percent body fat (PBF) and Body Mass Index (BMI) of the yogic practices group were significantly decreased at week 8. In conclusion; a continuous yogic practice had a tendency to decrease PBF and BMI. These findings demonstrate intervention effectiveness similar to that observed in other clinical research and indicate that continuous Yogic practice may be used as an alternative therapy for obesity prevention and health promotion in chubby women. **Keywords:** Yogic practice, Suryanamasakara, Obesity, Percent Body Fat, Body Mass Index, Body composition analyzer.

INTRODUCTION:

Yoga is an ancient science, based on the understanding of nature's laws. It has been practiced for thousands of years. Yoga is one of the most valuable gifts of Indian culture. It is a science and art of pure life style. It

increases the intake of oxygen, and enhances the functioning of the respiratory, digestive, circulatory, endocrine, reproductive and excretory systems (Anandapadmanabam, 2005).

Body composition refers to the constituents of fat mass (FM) and fat-free mass (FFM) or lean body mass (LBM) (which include bone, muscle, water, blood etc.) which accounts for the variation in the human body frame (Umuerrri, 2019). It is a key component of health in both individuals and populations (Wells & Fewtrell, 2006). It is an important aspect of study because of the impact of exogenous factors such as nutritional status, dietary habits, physical activity, disease and genetics on the major components of the human body, at the tissue and cellular levels (Brodie et al., 1998).



Obesity is a metabolic disorder with excessive fat accumulation in different parts of the body, and it is risk factors for cardiovascular disease, obesity, psychosocial stress and metabolic disorders. One-third of the world's population is now categorized as overweight, and all signs point to a further escalation of this situation in the years to come, this health problem is increasing worldwide, especially in developing countries and newly industrializing countries. Improvements in living standards and changes in lifestyle, physical inactivity, sedentary behavior, and excessive energy intake have resulted in a rapid increase in overweight and obesity rates among children and adolescents. Once considered a high-income country problem, overweight and obesity are now on

the rise in low- and middle-income countries, particularly in urban settings. In Africa, the number of obese children under 5 has increased by nearly 24% since 2000. Almost half of the children under 5 who were obese in 2019 lived in Asia. The Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand, reported that 13.1% of school-aged children were on the verge of becoming overweight or obese in 2016, and 1 in 4 children and 3 in 4 teenagers were obese and may grow to become obese adults. Obesity increases the risk of developing chronic non-communicable diseases.



(NCDs). College and university students may be especially at risk for sedentary behavior because much of their campus day consists of classroom lectures and studying while sitting still. However, young adults are typically in good health, and educational institutions and student welfare associations facilitate student's engagement in various forms of physical activity. Studies suggested that university students are highly sedentary and highly active.

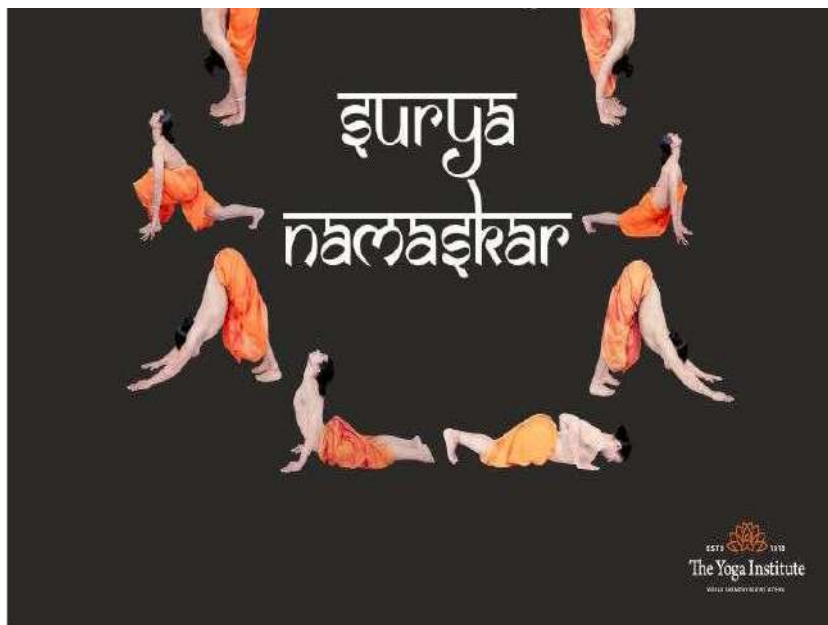
Yoga is a practice that involves physical poses, focused breathing, mindfulness, and meditation (Cook-Cottone, 2015; Iyengar, 1966; Kraftsow, 2002). Yoga is a practice that involves physical poses, focused breathing, mindfulness, and meditation (Cook-Cottone, 2015; Iyengar, 1966; Kraftsow, 2002). Yoga focuses on developing a positive relationship with one's body; the underlying tenets of yoga, including movement in accordance with the needs of one's body in the present moment, enhanced body awareness, and promotion of self-compassion, suggest that yoga could be helpful in promoting greater body satisfaction (Cook-Cottone, 2016; Daubenmier, 2005; Dittmann & Freedman, 2009; Douglass, 2011; Impett, Daubenmier, & Hirschman, 2006; Mahlo & Tiggemann, 2016). Cook-Cottone and Douglass (2017) have described the potential for yoga communities and the spaces in which yoga is practiced to enhance positive embodiment. Furthermore, the practice of yoga appears

to be increasingly popular in the United States (Yoga Journal & Yoga Alliance, 2016), particularly among women, who are at high risk for body dissatisfaction (Bucchianeri et al., 2013; Lauche et al., 2017), suggesting its potential as a public health intervention to improve body satisfaction. An important question that remains to be addressed is whether yoga is associated with improvements in body satisfaction over time. A related question is whether yoga has the potential to benefit those in greatest need, i.e., those with lower levels of body satisfaction.

One of the primary goals of yoga is to help practitioners become more in tuned with their bodies, their thoughts, and their emotions. The Yoga Sūtras begin with these words by Maharshi Patanjali (Satchidananda, 2004):

SURYA NAMASKARA (Sun Salutations):

Surya Namaskara is a series of 12 energizing yoga poses (asanas) that offer a beneficial cardiovascular workout. These poses, which are also known as sun salutations, are beneficial for maintaining both a peaceful and healthy mind and a physically fit body. It is ideal to perform the Surya Namaskara in the morning on an empty stomach. Let's start our journey to wellness with these easy but powerful Sun Salutation moves. Two sets make up each round of the Sun Salutation. One Surya Namaskara set consists of these 12 yoga positions. You must perform the same series of postures again to complete the second half; however, this time, move your left leg instead of your right leg. There are various ways to perform the Sun Salutation. To achieve the best results, it is best to stick to a single sequence and to practice it frequently.



Yoga is one such intervention, with studies reporting long-term adherence and benefits in various health conditions, including obesity. The various postures of yoga, especially forward bending, twisting and backward bending, help reduce fat near the abdomen, hips, and other areas. Therefore, yoga is a solution for a healthy lifestyle because the practice of yoga is a complete package with wonderful cardiovascular, dynamic workouts that do not require any machines or much space.

Therefore, yoga practice may be a way to prevent obesity in obese women. It is necessary to study forms of exercise that are appropriate and beneficial for weight. The present study examined the effect of yoga on body composition of obese women. This study provides new exercise knowledge on classic series of 12 Asanas for decreasing body weight and increasing fat-burning in obese women.

METHODOLOGY:

To achieve this purpose a total of twenty (n=20) obese women who are residing in Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University ladies hostels were purposively selected as subjects for the study. Their age ranged from 20 to 27 years with no other pathological conditions. For the selection of the subjects digital Body Composition Analyzer was used, subjects having body fat percentage above 32 were considered as obese and selected as subjects for the present study.

The selected subjects were randomly divided into two groups. Group I served as the intervention group practiced Suryanamaskara training protocol for eight weeks and group II was treated as a control group that didn't participate in any special exercises except their routine. The depended variables for this study, Percent Body Fat (BFP) and Body Mass Index (BMI) were measured with the help of digital Body Composition Analyzer available at Department of Physical Education Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura. All the subjects were tested at baseline (Pre-test) and after 8 weeks of training protocol for post-test scores on Percent Body Fat (BFP) and Body Mass Index (BMI). Random group pre-test and post-test design was used as an experimental design.



INCLUSION CRITERIA:

Obese women voluntarily wanted to join Yogic practice session for general physical mental wellbeing and not suffering from such chronic illness as well as not taking any kind of medicine.

TRAINING PROTOCOL:

The subjects in the experimental group practiced Suryanamaskara training protocol for 6 days in a week except Sunday for eight weeks. The training protocol lasts for approximately 50 minutes including warming up and cooling down exercises. The Suryanamaskara training protocol consist practice of Suryanamaskara at various

pace on various signals, on counts, on Asanas names and on mantras. The training sessions were scheduled in the morning from 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM and performed at women hostel common Function Hall.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

Statistical Analyses were performed by using the statistical package for the social sciences 15.0 (SPSS) software. Data is expressed as the mean & SD. Dependent 't'-test was utilized to compare the means of the pre-test and post-test. The level of significance was set at 0.05 level of significance.

RESULTS:

The analysis of dependent 't'-test on the data obtained from the experimental and control group for Percent body fat and body mass index is analyzed and presented in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

Table1: Pair wise, N, Mean, SD, and t-value of obese women belonging to experimental and control group during Pre-test and post-test on the Percent Body Fat (PBF).

Group	N	Test	Mean	SD	t-Value	P-Value
Experimental Group	10	Pre-Test	24.1830	1.15792	5.926	.000*
		Post-Test	23.8160	1.19304		
Control Group	10	Pre-test	24.1830	1.15792	.129	.900
		Post-Test	24.1990	1.39251		

* Significant at 0.05 level (p<0.05)

Table-1 shows the result about the comparison of percent body fat (PBF) among yogic Practice experimental and control groups obese women. The mean of 10 pre and post-test of yogic Practice experimental group are 24.1830 and 23.8160 with SD of 1.15792 and 1.19304 respectively. Table1 also reveals that there is the significant difference in the experimental pre-test and post-test observations on the Percent Body Fat of obese women as the obtained t-value of the experimental group on Percent Body Fat is 5.926 and p-value is less than 0.05 level of significance. Whereas in the case of control group Mean and SD on percent body fat (PBF) are not found to be

significant at 0.05 level of significance, as they obtained t-value is control group .129 and p-value is greater than 0.05 level of significance.

The pre-test and post-test mean scores of experimental and control groups for Percent Body Fat are graphically presented in figure 1

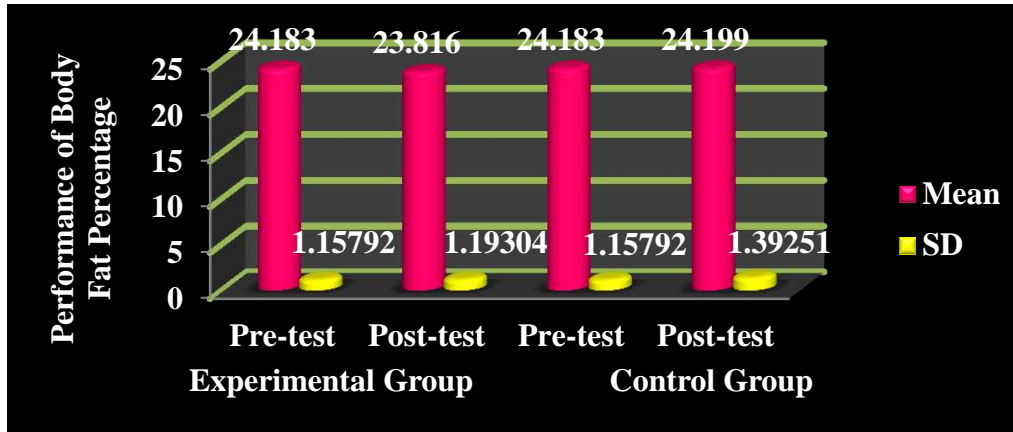


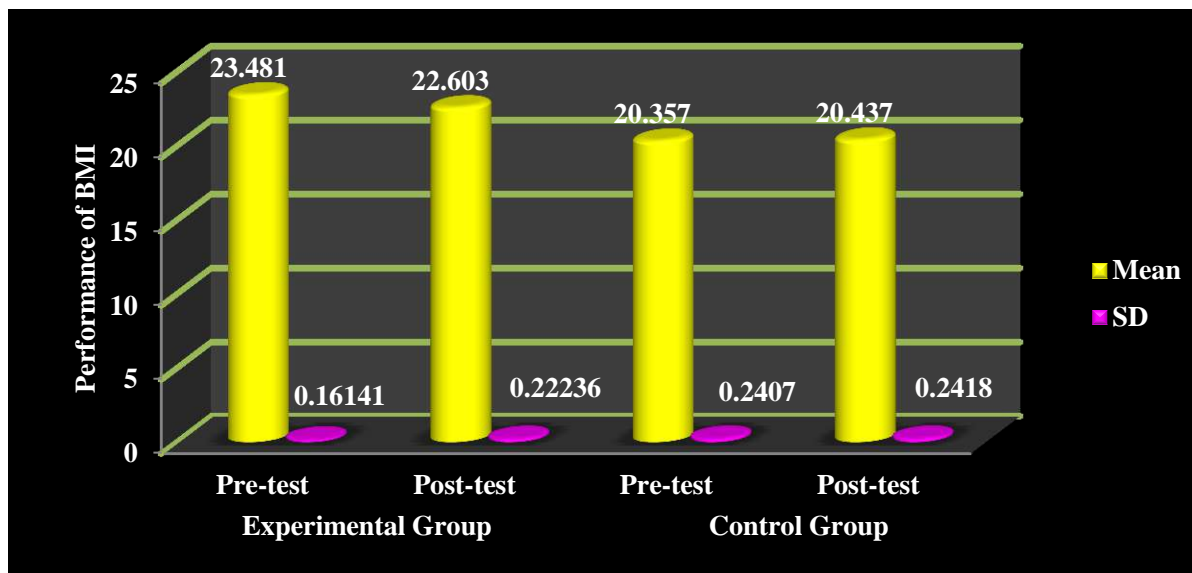
Table2: Pair wise, N, Mean, SD, and t-value of obese women belonging to experimental and control group during Pre-test and post-test on the Body Mass Index (BMI).

Group	N	Test	Mean	SD	t-Value	P-Value
Experimental Group	10	Pre-Test	23.4810	.16141	15.555	.000*
		Post-Test	22.6030	.22236		
Control Group	10	Pre-test	20.3570	.24070	-1.000	.343
		Post-Test	20.4370	.24180		

* Significant at 0.05 level ($p < 0.05$)

Table 2 depicts the result about the comparison of Body Mass Index (BMI) among yogic Practice experimental and control groups obese women. The mean of 10 pre and post-test of yogic Practice experimental group are 23.4810 and 22.6030 with SD of .16141 and .22236 respectively. Table2 also reveals that there is the significant difference in the experimental pre-test and post-test observations on the Body Mass Index of obese women as the

obtained t-value of the experimental group on Body Mass Index is 15.555 and p-value is less than 0.05 level of significance. Whereas in the case of control group Mean and SD on Body Mass Index are not found to be significant at 0.05 level of significance, as the obtained t-value is control group .343 and p-value is greater than 0.05 level of significance. The pre-test and post-test mean scores of experimental and control groups for Body Mass Index are graphically presented in figure 2.



DISCUSSION:

In the present study an 8 week yogic Practice program reduced the Percent Body Fat (PBF) and Body Mass Index (BMI) in 20 obese women. Body composition analysis showed a decrease in the PBF and BMI values of obese women. The present study can be considered preliminary, requiring a further randomized controlled trial and a follow-up to determine the long term impact of yogic Practice training on obesity. The Intervention has also raised concerns about the advisability of an intensive yogic Practice program in view of the body composition changes and the decrease in Percent body fat. These results suggest that studying the effects of a more gradual change in along with or independent of a yogic Practice program would be useful.

CONCLUSION:

The current study demonstrated that the mean of percent body fat and body mass index of an Experimental group decreased significantly at week 8. The result confirmed that continuous yogic practice affected Percent body Fat (PBF) and body mass index (BMI) experimental group whereas there was no significant change was recorded in the control group on Percent body Fat (PBF) and body mass index (BMI). It concludes that even 8-week yogic

practice protocol are effective enough on Percent body Fat (PBF) and body mass index (BMI) obese women subjects. These findings demonstrated intervention effectiveness that was similar to other clinical research and indicated that continuous daily yogic practice may help to improve the cardiac and lung health thus yogic practice should be the part of the lifestyle of the obese women and be used as an alternative therapy for obesity prevention and health promotion in obese women.

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PHYSIOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG SCHOOL CRICKET PLAYERS: A STUDY OF KHAMMAM DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT:

Physical fitness is considered an important component in cricket performance with regard to speed, endurance, strength, and agility. This paper compares some selected physical fitness components between private and government school cricket players in Khammam District. A total number of 150 cricket players were considered for the study, and all were tested on standardized fitness tests for cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, speed, agility, and flexibility. The results show that, in general, the private school players had better performance in speed and agility, most likely due to better coaching and training facilities, while government school players showed higher levels of endurance. This study demonstrates the influence of institutional resources on athlete development and suggests measures for improving fitness training at all schools.

Keywords: Physical fitness, Agility, Speed, Strength, Endurance.

INTRODUCTION:

Physical fitness is a crucial factor in cricket, influencing a player's ability to perform optimally in various aspects such as batting, bowling, fielding, and overall endurance. Fitness components such as speed, agility, strength, endurance, and flexibility play a significant role in determining the success of young cricketers. However, differences in training facilities, coaching methodologies, and institutional support can lead to variations in the fitness levels of players. This study aims to compare the physical fitness components of school-level cricket players from private and government institutions in Khammam District to assess the impact of institutional differences on their athletic performance.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

The purpose of study was to find out significant differences on selected physical fitness components among private and government school cricket players in khammam district.

METHODOLOGY:

A total of 150 school cricket players, aged between 12-15 years, were selected for the study. The participants were divided into two groups: 75 players from private schools and 75 players from government schools.

Statistical technique:

Method collected data on selected criterion variables were statistically analysed by using Independent t-ratio to find out the significant difference between government and private school cricket players. In all the cases 0.05 level of confidence was fixed to test the significance. Which was considered as appropriate. Selection of the variables: Only the boys were selected for the study and they were ranged between 12 to 15 years.

Table 1.1: The Mean Standard Deviation and t-value values on speed of Government and Private school of cricket players.

The mean, standard deviation and 't'ratio values Speed between Government school cricket players and Private school cricket players was analysed and presented in Table-1.1

VARIABLES	SCHOOL	N	MEAN	S.D	T- RATIO	P- VALUE
SPEED	Government	75	3.85	0.26	0.81 ^{NS}	0.05
	Private	75	3.81	0.24		

NS: Not significant

Table - 1.1 showed that the mean values of Government School Cricket Players on Speed (3.85) is slightly higher than the mean value of Private School Cricket Players (3.81). The S.D Values are 0.26 and 0.24 respectively. The t-ratio is found to be 0.81 and the p-value is 0.05 which is not Significant. Hence the null hypothesis is accepted. The results of study showed that there was no significant difference that exists between government and private school cricket players on speed.

Table 1.2: The Mean Standard Deviation and t-Value Values on Agility Strength of Government and Private School of Cricket Players.

The mean, standard deviation and t' - value values on agility between government school cricket players and private school cricket players was analysed and presented in Table - 1.2,

VARIABLES	SCHOOL	N	MEAN	S.D	T-RATIO	P-VALUE
Agility	Government	75	8.52	0.74	4.97**	0.00
	Private	75	9.20	0.36		

**Significant at 0.01 level

Table – 1.2 revealed that the mean values of Private School Cricket Players on Agility (9.20) is significantly higher than the mean value of Government School Cricket Players (8.52). S.D Values are 0.36 and 0.49 respectively. The t-ratio is found to be 4.97 and the p-values 0.00 which is Significant at 0.01 level. Hence, the null hypothesis is rejected, The results of study showed that there was a significant difference that exists between government and private school cricket players on Agility.

Table 1.3: The Mean Standard Deviation and t-Value Values on Explosive Strength or Government and Private School of Cricket Players.

The mean, standard deviation and t' ratio values on Explosive Strength between government school cricket players and private school cricket players was analysed and presented in Table 1.3

VARIABLES	SCHOOL	N	MEAN	S.D	T-RATIO	P-VALUE
Explosive strength	Government	75	86.07	3.50	4.89**	0.00
	Private	75	77.90	9.60		

Significant at 0.01 level

Table - 1.3 revealed that the mean values of Government school cricket players on Explosive Strength (86.07) is significantly higher than the mean value of Private school cricket players (77.90). the S.D Values are 3.50 and 9.60 respectively. The t-ratio is found to be 4.89 and the p-value is 0.00 which is Significant at 0.01 level. Hence

the null hypothesis is rejected. The results of study that there was a significant difference that exists between government and private school cricket players on Explosive Strength.

Table 1.4: The Mean Standard Deviation and t-Value Values on Endurance Government and Private School of Cricket Players.

The mean, standard deviation and t' ratio values on Endurance between government school cricket players and private school cricket players was analysed and presented in Table 1.4.

VARIABLES	SCHOOL	N	MEAN	S.D	T-RATIO	P-VALUE
Endurance	Government	75	3.99	0.25	4.24**	0.00
	Private	75	4.26	0.31		

Significant at 0.01 level

Table - 1.4 observed that the mean values of Private School Cricket Players on Endurance (4.26) is significantly higher than the mean value of Government School Cricket Players (3.99). The S.D Values are 0.31 and 0.25 respectively. The t-ratio is found to be 4.24 and the p-value is 0.00 which is Significant at 0.01 level. Hence The null hypothesis is rejected. The results of study showed that there was a significant difference that exists between government and private school cricket players on Endurance.

CONCLUSION:

The study concluded that there is no significant difference in speed between the cricket players in government and private schools. However, in terms of agility, strength, and endurance, wide variations were recorded, most certainly due to differences in the facilities of schools, method and character of coaching, and above all, the institutional support of schools. Specific training programs aimed at developing their general fitness could be created around these findings.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The findings are useful in establishing a benchmark for physical fitness levels among students in the other districts of Telangana for broader studies on school-level sports performance.
- It is recommended that all districts in Telangana should have active promotions and support of sports activities to encourage student participation, which may also encourage the development of athletics.
- The physical directors, coaches, and fitness experts will chalk out special physical fitness programs for the particular abilities in which the students are weak so that a balanced athletic performance is achieved.
- Targeted training programs in agility, explosive strength, and endurance would be useful for the cricket players in Khammam District to narrow the gap between government school players and private school players.

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THE INFLUENCE OF KHO-KHO TRAINING ON CARDIOVASCULAR ENDURANCE IN ADOLESCENTS

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ABSTRACT

Kho-Kho, a traditional Indian sport, is known for its dynamic and vigorous gameplay that involves sprinting, agility, and strategic movements. This study investigates the impact of an eight-week Kho-Kho training program on cardiovascular endurance among adolescents aged 12 to 16 years. Results indicate significant improvements in endurance levels, as measured by the 20-meter shuttle run test, highlighting Kho-Kho as an effective activity for enhancing cardiovascular fitness. Keywords: Kho-Kho, Cardiovascular Endurance, Adolescents, Physical Fitness, Traditional Sports

INTRODUCTION

Kho-Kho, one of India's most celebrated indigenous sports, is not only a testament to the country's rich cultural heritage but also a medium for promoting physical and mental fitness. The game, characterized by its fast-paced nature and strategic complexity, demands high levels of speed, agility, and endurance. Played on a rectangular field, Kho-Kho involves chasing, dodging, and quick directional changes, making it an excellent activity for cardiovascular conditioning.

Cardiovascular endurance, defined as the ability of the heart and lungs to supply oxygen to working muscles during prolonged physical activity, is a critical component of physical fitness. Adolescence, a period marked by rapid physiological and psychological growth, presents an opportune time to enhance cardiovascular fitness through structured physical activities. Regular participation in sports like Kho-Kho can address the growing concern of sedentary lifestyles and declining fitness levels among youth (World Health Organization, 2020).

In addition to its physical benefits, Kho-Kho promotes the development of mental skills such as decision-making, concentration, and spatial awareness. The game's structure, which involves continuous movement and split-second strategic decisions, provides an engaging platform for improving cognitive abilities alongside physical fitness. According to Rathi et al. (2021), traditional sports like Kho-Kho foster not only physical health but also social cohesion and cultural identity, making them an essential component of holistic development.

Traditional sports, including Kho-Kho, have recently gained attention for their role in addressing the global physical inactivity crisis. The dynamic nature of Kho-Kho aligns with the principles of high-intensity interval training (HIIT), which has been proven to enhance cardiovascular endurance and overall fitness levels in adolescents (Ramachandran et al., 2018). Furthermore, the accessibility and minimal equipment requirements of Kho-Kho make it an inclusive and cost-effective sport, suitable for implementation in schools and community programs.

Despite its cultural significance and potential benefits, Kho-Kho has been understudied in the realm of sports science. Existing research on traditional sports often lacks the empirical rigor applied to mainstream sports such as soccer and basketball, creating a knowledge gap in their documented impacts on fitness and health outcomes. This study aims to bridge that gap by investigating the influence of an eight-week Kho-Kho training program on cardiovascular endurance in adolescents. By focusing on this traditional sport, the study seeks to highlight its relevance and importance in modern physical education and sports training programs.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

The study employed a pre-test and post-test experimental design, involving 30 adolescent boys and girls aged 12 to 16 years. Participants were recruited from local schools and were required to meet the inclusion criteria of being in good health, having no prior structured Kho-Kho training experience, and providing parental consent. Ethical approval for the study was obtained from the institutional ethics committee.

The intervention consisted of an eight-week Kho-Kho training program, conducted five days a week for 90 minutes per session. Each session included a 10-minute warm-up involving light jogging, dynamic stretches, and mobility exercises. The core training segment, lasting 60 minutes, focused on game-specific drills such as chasing techniques, quick directional changes, and dodging maneuvers, as well as practice matches. The session concluded with a 20-minute cool-down period, incorporating static stretching and relaxation techniques.

Cardiovascular endurance was assessed using the 20-meter shuttle run test (also known as the beep test). This test measures an individual's maximum oxygen uptake (VO₂ max) by requiring participants to run back and forth between two markers, 20 meters apart, at progressively increasing speeds until exhaustion. Baseline assessments were conducted prior to the training program, and post-test evaluations were performed at the end of the eight weeks. Data were analyzed using paired t-tests to compare pre- and post-test VO₂ max scores, with statistical significance set at $p < 0.05$. All statistical analyses were conducted using IBM SPSS Statistics software (Version 28.0).

RESULTS

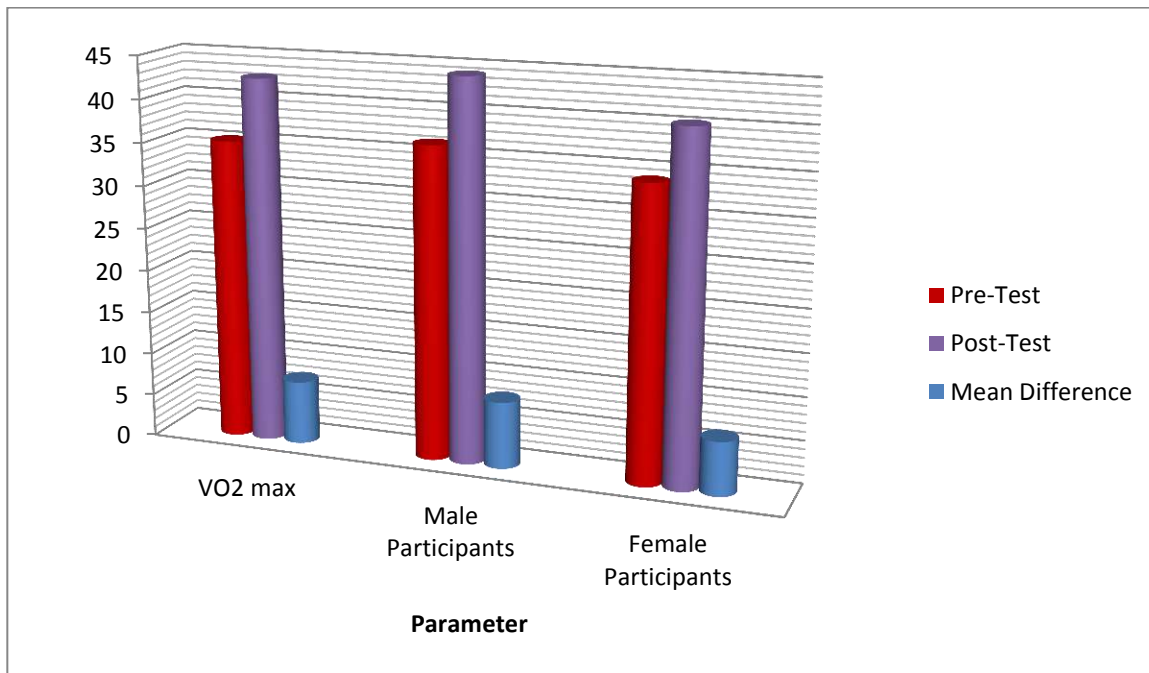
The pre-test and post-test results of the 20-meter shuttle run test demonstrated significant improvements in cardiovascular endurance among the participants. The mean VO2 max score increased from 35.2 ± 4.5 ml/kg/min at baseline to 42.6 ± 5.1 ml/kg/min after the eight-week Kho-Kho training program. Statistical analysis using a paired t-test revealed that the difference was significant ($p < 0.001$), indicating that the training had a substantial positive impact on cardiovascular fitness.

Further analysis revealed that male participants exhibited slightly higher improvements (mean difference: 7.8 ml/kg/min) compared to female participants (mean difference: 6.3 ml/kg/min), though both groups experienced significant gains. The large effect size (Cohen's $d = 1.65$) underscores the effectiveness of the program.

Table: cardiovascular endurance among the Kho-Kho participants

Parameter	Pre-Test (Mean \pm SD)	Post-Test (Mean \pm SD)	Mean Difference	p-value
VO2 max (ml/kg/min)	35.2 ± 4.5	42.6 ± 5.1	7.4	< 0.001
Male Participants	36.4 ± 4.2	44.2 ± 5.0	7.8	< 0.001
Female Participants	34.0 ± 4.7	40.3 ± 5.2	6.3	< 0.001

Graph: cardiovascular endurance among the Kho-Kho participants



DISCUSSION

The findings of this study underscore the efficacy of Kho-Kho as a means to enhance cardiovascular endurance in adolescents. The significant improvement in VO₂ max scores can be attributed to the high-intensity, intermittent nature of Kho-Kho gameplay, which mimics the principles of high-intensity interval training (HIIT). The quick sprints, frequent directional changes, and sustained physical effort required during the game likely contributed to the observed enhancements in cardiovascular fitness.

These results align with existing literature on the benefits of team-based sports in improving physical fitness parameters (Thomas et al., 2019). However, this study adds to the limited body of research on traditional sports, highlighting Kho-Kho's potential as a culturally relevant and accessible alternative to conventional fitness programs.

Despite its promising findings, the study has certain limitations. The sample size was relatively small, and the study focused solely on adolescents from a specific geographical region. Future research should aim to include a larger, more diverse sample and explore the long-term effects of Kho-Kho training on various fitness and health parameters.

CONCLUSION

Kho-Kho, as a traditional sport, offers more than cultural significance; it serves as a powerful tool for improving cardiovascular endurance among adolescents. The eight-week training program led to significant enhancements in VO₂ max scores, demonstrating the sport's potential in fostering physical fitness. Integrating Kho-Kho into school curricula and community programs could provide a cost-effective and engaging solution to combat sedentary behaviors and promote overall health among youth. Further studies are needed to explore its broader applications and benefits.

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EFFECT OF YOGA ON AUTO IMMUNE DISEASES IN SPECIAL REFERENCE TO OSTEOARTHRITIS

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to analyze the effect of Yoga on osteoarthritis patient. 80 subjects randomly selected ranging age group 40 to 60 years for the study

On the basis of the finding within the limitation of the study, the first part of the hypothesis has been accepted and second part of the hypothesis of the study has been rejected.

INTRODUCTION

According The Bhagavad Gita, "Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self.

In Yoga, the body, breath and mind are seen as a union of these multi-dimensional aspects of each and every human being. The system and various techniques of Yoga cultivate the experience of that union, leading to greater integration of being, internal peacefulness, and clarity of the mind. It is a system that is designed to cultivate health and happiness, and a greater sense of self-awareness and higher consciousness.

Yoga's integrative approach brings deep harmony and unshakable balance to body and mind in order to awaken our latent capacity for a higher consciousness that is the true purpose of human evolution. The many methods of yoga spans a vast range from physical postures to breathing practices and meditation, all based upon a philosophy of consciousness and natural way of life.

The aim of the study was to analyze the effect of Yoga on Osteoarthritis patient. The pre and posttest on patient included the Haematological analysis of whole blood hemoglobin, T.L.C. (Total Leukocyte Count) Segmented Neutrophils, Lymphocytes, Monocytes, Eosinophils, and E.S.R. (Wester gran Method and Serology and Immunology-Examination C.R.P. (C Reactive Protein- Latex Agglutination Test), OA Factor (Osteoarthritis Factor), and A.S.O. (ASO Titre).

METHODOLOGY

The study was designed to analyze the effect of Yoga patients who are The study was years of age, are randomly included in the sample with the consideration that they showed their willingness to participate. The subjects have been divided in experimental and control groups. The experimental groups consist of 20 men and 20 women and in the same manner control groups consist of 20 men and 20 women participant. Different Yoga practices has been applied on the experimental group for 2 months while control group was remained untouched.

For this study the following Yoga Practices were chosen:

1. Asana
2. Pranayama
3. Satkarma
- 4.. Yog Nindra

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

On the basis of the results, the first part of the hypothesis which hypothesized that yoga has a positive effect on Osteoarthritis patient and there will be a significant difference in experimental group has been accepted. The part of the hypothesis which that there may be significant difference on Osteoarthritis patients in control group of the study has been rejected.

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The data on Hematological analysis of whole blood examined by 't' test (test of significance). The data on Serology and Immunology-Examination were examined by Chi Square Test (X^2). The level of significance was fixed at 0.05 level.

For this present study, it is hypothesized that yoga has a positive effect on Osteoarthritis patients and there will be a significant differences in experimental group. In the second hypothesis, It is hypothesized that there may be significant differences on Osteoarthritis patients in control group of the study.

Part-A: Hematological Analysis of Whole Blood

1. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in Hemoglobin for experimental group of male and female participants.
2. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in Hemoglobin for control group of male and female participants.
3. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in Hemoglobin for experimental group of male participants.
4. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in Hemoglobin for control group of male participants.
5. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in Hemoglobin for experimental group of female participants
6. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in Hemoglobin for control group of female participants.
7. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in TL.C.
(Total Leukocyte Count) for experimental group of male and female participants

8. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in T.L.C.
(Total Leukocyte Count) for control group of male and female participants.
9. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in T.L.C.
(Total Leukocyte Count) for experimental group of male participants.
10. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in T.L.C.
(Total Leukocyte Count) for control group of male participants.
11. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in T.L.C.
(Total Leukocyte Count) for experimental group of female participants.
12. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in T.L.C.
(Total Leukocyte Count) for control group of female participants.
13. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in Segmented Neutrophils for experimental group of male and female participants.
14. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in Segmented Neutrophils for control group of male and female participants.
15. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in Segmented Neutrophils for experimental group of male participants.
16. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in Segmented Neutrophils for control group of male participants.
17. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in Segmented Neutrophils for experimental group of female participants.

18. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in Segmented Neutrophils for control group of female participants.
19. The study revealed that there was a significant-difference obtained in Lymphocytes for experimental group of male and female participants.
20. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in Lymphocytes for control group of male and female participants.
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22. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in Lymphocytes for control group of male participants.
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35. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in Eosinophils for experimental group of female participants.
36. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in Eosinophils for control group of female participants.
37. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in E.S.R. (Westergren) for experimental group of male and female participants.

38. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in E.S.R. (Westergren) for control group of male and female participants.
39. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in E.S.R. (Westergren) for experimental group of male participants.
40. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in E.S.R. (Westergren) for control group of male participants.
41. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in E.S.R. (Westergren) for experimental group of female participants.
42. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in E.S.R. (Westergren) for control group of female participants.

Part-B: Serology and Immunology-Examination

1. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in C.R.P. (C Reactive Protein) for experimental group of male and female participants.
2. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in C.R.P. (C Reactive Protein) for control group of male and female participants.
3. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in C.R.P. (C Reactive Protein) for experimental group of male participants.
4. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in C.R.P. (C Reactive Protein) for control group of male participants.
5. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in C.R.P. (C Reactive Protein) for experimental group of female participants.

6. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained C.R.P. (C Reactive Protein) for control group of female participants.
7. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained OA Factor (Osteoarthritis Arthritis Factor) for experimental group of male and female participants.
8. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in DA Factor (Osteoarthritis Arthritis Factor) for control group of male and female participants.
9. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in OA Factor (Osteoarthritis Arthritis Factor) for experimental group of male participants.
10. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in OA Factor (Osteoarthritis Arthritis Factor) for control group of male participants.
11. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in OA Factor (Osteoarthritis Arthritis Factor) for experimental group of female participants.
12. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in OA Factor (Osteoarthritis Arthritis Factor) for control group of female participants.
13. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in A.S.O. (ASO Titre) for experimental group of male and female participants.
14. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained A.S.O. (ASO Titre) for control group of male and female participants.
15. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in A.S.O. (ASO Titre) for experimental group of male participants.

16. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in A.S.O. (ASO Titre) for control group of male participants.
17. The study revealed that there was a significant difference obtained in A.S.O. (ASO Titre) for experimental group of female participants.
18. The study revealed that there was no significant difference obtained in A.S.O. (ASO Titre) for control group of female participants.

CONCLUSIONS

On the basis of the findings and within the limitations of the study, the following conclusions are drawn:

On the basis of the results, the first part of the hypothesis has been accepted. The second part of the hypothesis of the study has been rejected. The conclusion of study showed that Yoga has a positive impact on the treatment of Osteoarthritis.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN SPORTS

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) is an intelligent machine technology through which several tools are designed and developed which can perform tasks that usually require human intervention and intelligence. Though an invention of the present, AI is now applied in almost all disciplines and all walks of life and are increasingly significant and are becoming unavoidable in the contemporary career and life due to its numerous applications, efficiency, time-saving, accuracy, benefits and advantages. AI is quickly changing the way of life designs, shaping the algorithms and architecture of the future of human actions and decides the very existence of the universe and the mankind. Hence AI is significant and inevitable in all walks of life, including sports, in the future.

Global spending on AI is expected to cross \$100 billion by 2024. According to a 2023 IBM survey, 42 percent of enterprise-scale businesses integrated AI into their operations, and 40 percent are considering AI for their organizations. In addition, 38 percent of organizations have implemented generative AI into their workflows while 42 percent are considering doing so.

WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a set of technologically developed tools and software that enable computers to perform a variety of advanced functions, including the ability to see, understand and translate spoken and written language, analyze data, make recommendations / options, and much more.

AI is the backbone of innovation in modern computing, unlocking the potential and optimum output for the individuals and businesses. For example, optical character recognition (OCR) uses AI to extract text and data from images and documents, turns unstructured content into business-ready structured data, and unlocks valuable insights. Artificial Intelligence has the potential to transform various fields and revolutionize several industries,

including healthcare, quality of life, transportation, finance, education, agriculture, sports, marketing and entertainment.

AI incorporates numerous different disciplines, including computing, data analytics, statistics, engineering, linguistics and even humanities and social sciences. At operational level, AI is a set of technologies and tools primarily based on machine learning used for data analytics, predictions and forecasting, object categorization, natural language processing, recommendations, intelligent data retrieval, and more. The process applies algorithms which sets the rules and/or instructions that guide the AI analysis and decision-making. Algorithms are trained on labeled or unlabeled data to make predictions or categorize information.

UNIVERSAL BENEFITS OF AI

AI has become important in the modern times due to its numerous applications and benefits that make it unavoidable and significant for the very existence of the universe and the mankind, and how it is shaping our future and is quickly changing modern world.

- Reduce human effort and error
- Eliminate repetitive tasks
- Fast and accurate - Infinite availability – 24x360 from anywhere
- Accelerated research and development - Advancements in Machine Learning
- Improves efficiency and productivity in all areas of operation
- Personalized recommendations and solutions
- Predictive Analytics with a variety of available data
- Enhanced data protection, safety and security
- Increased use in Medical and Healthcare sector
- Facilitating High-Quality 3D Visualization
- Application in Education – Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- Implementation in Natural Language Processing
- Automation – less human labour, resources and essentials
- Increased Automation in Manufacturing Processes
- Improved Logistic management
- Perfection in Event Management

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN SPORTS

AI has drastically changed the way how we usually play, watch and analyze sports previously. AI and Machine Learning (ML) in sports are improving the game for players, coaches, managers, administrators, organizers, broadcasters, spectators, sponsors, and other stakeholders who can access the real-time data. The key advantages of AI in sports is forecasting its crucial role in enabling informed strategies and decisions.

The global sports market with the application of the AI is projected to reach a valuation of 25 billion dollars by 2025 and it would reach 30 billion dollars by 2030. From data-driven strategies to real-time coaching insights, the impact is already being sensed, and it will grow steadily. Already, the vast amounts of data generated and available in sport create an ideal environment for AI engineers to innovate.

Application of AI in sports will have a bright future due to its accuracy and technological base that brings out the desired goals and outcomes. AI is being used and applied in the identification of potential athletes and players, their training strategies and schedules, sports event organization and management, sports and sports business, and the challenges and opportunities sports might face in future.

USE OF AI IN SPORTS

AI is changing the sports by transforming the way athletes are trained, perform, respond and interact in a variety of situations. AI improves sports performance and safety while giving teams and coaches a tactical edge by utilizing data analytics, machine learning, and real-time feedback.

- **Identification of potential Athletes and Players** at the right age
- **AI-Driven Training Program** - AI generates personalized training plans for each player that focus on his strength, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges thereby make the most of his potential.
- **Skill Enhancement:** AI-driven simulations and virtual training platforms allow athletes to hone their skills in a controlled environment. This facilitates targeted training for specific scenarios, contributing to skill development.
- **Biomechanical Analysis:** AI technologies, including computer vision, analyze athletes' movements, providing detailed insights into biomechanics. This information is invaluable for refining techniques and preventing injuries.
- **Real time Strategic Planning** – before, during and after the event. AI helps teams select the best starting lineups and backup plans as well.
- **Conduct of Sporting Events more Effectively and Economically**

- **Fatigue and Stress and Fatigue Monitoring** - AI can help to find and stop injuries before it happen; and speedy recovery even if it happens.
- **Real-time Analysis of Games** to change the strategies and plans
- **Documentation** – systematic and appropriate methods for documentation and retrieval of documents and statistics for current and future use.
- **Research and Development** - Algorithms that use AI are essential for team analysis and researching - how many times a player hits/slip the ball, how far they run at high/medium/low speed, Speed of the ball/equipment, how much they help the defense, strategies of the opponents etc.
- **Design Appropriate and Personalized Equipments, Sportswear and Attire.**
- **AI in the sports Industry Augmentation** – can be more scientifically and precise.
- **Spectator Management** – by understanding the behavioral patterns supporters and spectators
- **Market Research** to analyze the persistent growth in the world of sports.
- **Psychological and Sociological Support** to teams and players
- **Forecast / Predication of Game Outcome** - AI can pretty accurately guess how a game will turn out by looking at a lot of things, such as past success, playing conditions, mental state of players, supporters and spectators etc. (this might affect in sports betting – a negative impact)
- **Player Scouting, Observation, Tracking and Recruiting** - player can be tracked to identify promising talent giving recruiters valuable information about how well the player is/will be performing.
- **E-sports and Apps** - Using mobile apps like Athletica AI, ESPN, Home Court, Smart Coach, and others provides a convenient method to watch sporting events and improves player training.
- **Streaming and Broadcasting** - AI is used to raise the caliber of streaming and broadcasting assistance.
- **Evaluation of Performance** - Coaches and players can examine enormous volumes of data regarding activities, rivals, and individual performances with the aid of AI systems. Real-time decision-making strategy development and strength and weakness analysis are all possible with the utilization of this data.
- **AI streamlines the variety of Administrative and Analytical Tasks**, which in return frees up teams to concentrate on important areas of growth.
- **Referee Decision Support** - Video Assistant Referee (VAR): AI-powered video analysis aids referees in making accurate and fair decisions during matches. VAR systems help review contentious situations, reducing human errors and ensuring a higher level of officiating accuracy.
- **Health and Wellness Monitoring**

- **Nutritional Planning:** AI assists in creating personalized nutrition plans based on individual player requirements, considering factors like metabolism and training intensity.
- **Recovery Optimization:** By analyzing sleep patterns, stress levels, and recovery data, AI contributes to optimizing layers' recovery routines, ensuring peak physical condition.

CHALLENGES OF AI IN SPORTS

When AI is extensively used in the sports, there are possible challenges and fears to the beneficiaries. In a developing country like India, every athlete / player, may not have access to computing devices, internet, statistics, documentation, and AI driven training tools. Hence their progress might not be the same compared to those who have all these and more facilities.

MAJOR CHALLENGES THAT MIGHT OCCUR BY THE OPERATION OF AI IN SPORTS:

- 1) **Merging with Human Expertise** – Sports is human performance driven, hence, it might be difficult to strike a balance between AI and humans in sports.
- 2) **Transparency** - Many large language models, especially the ones with deep learning algorithms have, due to its complexity, lack of interpretability and transparency, particularly when it comes to tactical or punitive actions that might have grave consequences in sports.
- 3) **Bias** - AI may inadvertently promote preconceived notions or limitations. If the data used to develop AI models is biased, that can influence decisions related to player evaluation, game strategy, or recruitment. This could perpetuate inequalities or lead to unfair outcomes, which is a major concern in merit-based sports activity.
- 4) **Data Safety** – The data collected can be hostile and make the players concerned about how it will be shared and used (as in the case of health related data). AI systems may disclose private information that the athlete may not wish to reveal. Additionally, inadequate data security and storage can result in identity theft and other data breaches harmful to information.
- 5) **Over-Reliance on AI** - While AI can provide incredible insights, there's a risk that coaches, teams, and organizations may become too reliant on AI-driven decision-making. This could undermine the human elements of coaching, such as instinct, emotional intelligence, sportsman spirit, and leadership etc. AI should complement, not replace, the human aspect of sports leadership.
- 6) **Cost and Accessibility** - The implementation of advanced AI technology comes with high costs (atleast in the initial stage), which may be prohibitive for smaller teams or organizations. While elite teams might have the

resources to fully utilize AI, less-funded teams could fall behind, widening the gap between wealthier organizations and those with fewer resources.

7) Ethical Considerations: AI-driven recommendations on pushing players to their limits raise ethical questions about health and safety. If AI models suggest extreme physical performance without considering the athlete's overall well-being, there's a risk of pushing players too far, leading to burnout or injury.

8) Increased Regulation - AI could shift the perspective on certain legal questions, depending on how AI lawsuits unfold.

SOME OF THE STRENGTH AND OPPORTUNITIES WHEN AI IS APPLIED TO SPORTS:

1. AI contribute to player performance enhancement in sports

AI plays a pivotal role in player performance by analyzing data such as movement patterns, Anatomical and Physiological aspects, speed, endurance etc. This information is used to develop training regimens, optimize individual and team performance, and prevent potential injuries through real-time monitoring with wearable technology.

2. AI in filtering game strategies in sports.

AI provides coaches with valuable insights into opponents' strategies, strengths, and weaknesses through the analysis of vast amounts of previous, current and real-time data. This enables coaches to formulate game plans that exploit the opposition's weaknesses and make informed decisions during the competitions.

3. AI contribute to fan involvement and activities in the sports

AI in sports enhances fan engagement by analyzing fan preferences and behaviors. This allows sports organizations to deliver personalized content, including targeted promotions, merchandise recommendations, and interactive experiences, creating a more engaging, enjoyable and personalized experience for fans.

4. AI help in officiating accuracy

AI effectively contributes to officiating accuracy and decision making through technologies like Video Assistant Referee (VAR). These AI-powered systems assist referees in reviewing contentious situations, reducing human errors, and ensuring fair and accurate decisions during matches.

5. AI support training and development of players

AI-driven simulations and virtual training platforms enable players to enhance their skills in controlled and/or improvised environments. Additionally, AI technologies, including computer vision, analyze biomechanics to

provide detailed insights for refining techniques and preventing injuries, contributing to overall athlete development.

6. Concerns when AI is functional in sports in future.

AI has been making incredible changes in almost every walks of life globally, and sports are no exception. From analyzing game strategies to predicting injuries, AI has the potential to revolutionize how players train, how coaches make decisions, and how fans engage with sports. However, as with any technological innovation, the integration of AI into sports brings both exciting opportunities and notable challenges ahead.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AI IN SPORTS

1) **Enhanced Performance Analysis:** AI can process vast amounts of data in real time, providing deeper insights into players' performances. By analyzing every movement, AI can identify subtle strengths and weaknesses that might otherwise go unnoticed, leading to personalized and highly effective training regimens.

2) **Injury Prevention:** AI-powered wearable(s), combined with motion tracking, can help predict injuries. By detecting patterns in players' movements and alerting coaches to early signs of fatigue or strain, AI can revolutionize injury prevention, leading to safer training programs and longer careers for players.

3) **Game Strategy Optimization:** Ability of the AI to analyze opponents' strategies, predict game outcomes, and process in-game data, coaches can develop more effective game plans. AI can quickly adapt to real-time data, offering tactical options that enhance decision-making during critical moments in competition.

4) **AI Coaching Assistants:** AI-powered virtual coaching assistants could track players performances, provide real-time feedback, suggest training modifications etc. This allows human coaches to focus on the bigger picture, such as strategy and athlete well-being, while the AI handles performance data and analysis.

5) **Improved Talent Scouting:** AI could transform talent scouting by evaluating athletes' performance metrics on a deeper level than ever before. Coaches and gadgets could uncover hidden talent that traditional methods might overlook, ensuring that recruitment is based on more comprehensive and objective data.

6) **Fan Engagement:** AI offers significant potential for enhancing fan experiences. From personalized content to interactive data visualization and predictive game analysis, AI can make sports more engaging for audiences, helping fans connect more deeply with teams and athletes.

7) **Social and Psychological Support:** AI can monitor and assess an athlete's mental well-being by tracking stress levels, mood patterns, and recovery. This could prove invaluable in high-stress environments like professional sports, where mental toughness, drive, inspiration, motivation etc. are critical to performance.

CONCLUSION:

Unparalleled development and application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) in healthcare have gained powerful resource to change the universal landscape of healthcare. Likewise the application of AI and ML technologies, if operated and adopted properly to the multidimensional complexity of sports will result in unprecedented, impulsive and unpredictable changes in the future.

As AI, probably, is the future of technological advances worldwide and as it continues to grow, it will be up to sports administrators, organizations, players and coaches to find the balance between leveraging the power of technology and preserving the essential human elements of sports. Though innovation is important, it is equally important to be properly educate all stakeholders on the shortcomings of AI capabilities in sport.

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ABSTRACT

High blood pressure, also scientifically known as hypertension, is a major risk factor for stroke, heart disease, kidney disease, and other health complications. During exercise, a person will experience a gradual increase in systolic blood pressure (SBP) as exercise intensity increases, while diastolic pressure may remain stable or decrease slightly. Exercise-induced hypertension or Blood Pressure is considering when a systolic BP is higher in 190 mmHg for women higher in case 210 mmHg for men in individuals during the exercise period and not normalize for long period. Exercise-induced hypertension is an independent risk factor for cardiovascular disease and mortality, cardiac abnormalities, and increase the risk of left ventricular (LV) hypertrophy, which can lead to myocardial fibrosis arrhythmias, atrial fibrillation and sudden cardiac arrest. The exact cause of Exercise-induced hypertension is unclear but some authors and research argued that change of life style, excessive consume of salt, sleep in late night, obesity, Chronic endothelial dysfunction, decreased myocardial diastolic function and myocardial hypertrophy, lethal arrhythmias, myocardial ischemia may be caused by exercise-induced hypertension. The low-intensity exercise is recommended for Exercise-induced hypertension and gradually increase the intensity so that body can adapt. Angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs), angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and β -blockers, loop and thiazide diuretics and calcium channel blockers would be the best possible treatment options for exercise-induced hypertension (EIH). There is a need to attention on greater awareness of exercise-induced hypertension and it prevention strategies. **Key words:** Exercise, Hypertension, Treatment, risk factor, cardiovascular disease

INTRODUCTION

Exercise induced blood pressure" refers to a temporary increase both in systolic and Diastolic blood pressure as a normal physiological response that occurs during exercise or anaerobic and aerobic physical activity or while participating in sports, where the body needs to deliver more blood to the muscles ; However, in some cases, This increase is unusually high and persists for a long time and is not normal , known as "exercise-induced

hypertension" (EIH), where systolic and diastolic blood pressure increases significantly during physical activity, which can potentially lead to health risks (Mohammed, Dhavale, Abdelaal, et al. (2020). High blood pressure has become the most prevalent cardiovascular risk factor worldwide. The role of participation in a variety of exercise and sports activities in the prevention, control, and delay of chronic diseases such as obesity, hyperthyroidism, cardiovascular disease, Type I and Type II diabetes, and hypertension is well described. Although hypertension is typically a disease of older people, the prevalence of hypertension in young athletes and active individuals is higher than typically seen. Caselli S, Cerdoz A, Mango F, et al well defined exercise-induced hypertension in 2019, they reported that exercise-induced hypertension is a systolic BP of >190 for women and >210 mmHg for men in individuals undergoing exercise stress testing. Normally, systolic blood pressure increases where Systolic blood pressure (SBP) is the maximum pressure in the arteries when the heart contracts. It's also known as the peak aortic pressure, while diastolic pressure where the stage of heartbeat when the heart relaxes may remain stable or slightly increase during exercise due to increased demands on the heart and increased oxygen intake from the working muscles and blood pressure returns to normal after some time due to reduced blood vessel stiffness so that blood can flow more easily.

THE POSSIBLE RISK FACTORS FOR EXERCISE-INDUCED HYPERTENSION

Several authors and investigators have indicated that EIH is an independent risk factor for cardiovascular events and mortality, cardiac injury and left ventricular (LV) hypertrophy, which can lead to arrhythmias (A heart rhythm that is not normal, beating too fast within its normal level), atrial fibrillation (an irregular heart rhythm that starts in the upper chambers of the heart), myocardial fibrosis (Expansion of the cardiac interstitium through deposition of extracellular matrix proteins), and sudden cardiac death(Leischik et.al. 2014, Caldarone, 2017, Mohammed, Dhavale, Abdelaal, et al. (2020). However, other studies have shown that EIH is associated with the future development of hypertension (Tsumura, 2002, Manolio, 1994). High blood pressure during exercise can put healthy young adults and athletes at risk for developing high blood pressure and heart disease. Several researchers Manolio et.al. 1994, Kim, et.al.2020, Kim et.al. 2013; Tahir et.al 2020; Niebauer et.al 2019; Ha et.al 2002) show significant adverse associations between EIH and cardiovascular risk in their studies. The most commonly reported findings were LV mass and left atrium enlargement. The study of (Longás, Casanovas & Lengua 1996) showed that 75% of young athletes with EIH suffered from severe LV hypertrophy. Structural changes in atrial size may increase the risk of arrhythmias, especially in the atrium heart fibrillation. Kim et al. and Abdulla et al. both reported in their studies that Atrial fibrillation was reported to be 2.5 times more

prevalent in athletes who perform high-intensity exercise is five times more common athletes compared to the general population (Kim, Kim and Park, 2016; Abdulla & Nielsen, 2009)

NORMAL PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSE OF BP DURING EXERCISE

Normal blood pressure in an adult human is usually between 90/60 mmHg and 120/80 mmHg. Blood pressure is assessed using systolic (SBP) and diastolic pressure (DBP). Systolic blood pressure is the higher number and measures the pressure in arteries when your heart contracts while diastolic blood pressure is the lower number and measures the pressure in arteries when heart relaxes. In clinically healthy individual, systolic arterial blood pressure elevates during dynamic exercise and normalize after 2-3 minutes of exercise of a given intensity. (O'Brien et al. 2002; Yamaguchi et.al.2000, Mohammed, Dhavale , Abdelaal, et al. (2020) .In such situations diastolic blood pressure usually remains unchanged or may decrease marginally (O'Brien et al. 2002). According to European and American experts, high intensity dynamic exercise under normal conditions can increase the maximum value of systolic blood pressure up to 250 mmHg and diastolic pressure up to 110 mmHg (Mancia , Backer , Dominiczak A., et al. 2007; Fletcher , Balady , Amsterdam , et al. 2001;Astrand , 1960; Maneia , Laurent , Agabiti-Rosei , et al. 2009).

CAUSES OF EXERCISE-INDUCED HYPERTENSION (EIH)

The pathophysiological mechanism of EIH is still unclear. A study shows that exercise-induced hypertension (EIH) is a risk factor for sudden cardiac death (SCD). While regular exercise may help reduce the risk of CVD, excessive exercise may increase the risk of cardiovascular events, including sudden cardiac death (SCD). One possible cause is the mismatch between oxygen supply and demand, leading to myocardial ischemia in patients with CVD. Exercise-induced hypertension (EIH) can also increase myocardial oxygen demand as blood pressure increases during exertion. Chronic endothelial dysfunction, decreased myocardial diastolic function and myocardial hypertrophy, lethal arrhythmias, myocardial ischemia may be caused by exercise-induced hypertension. Resistant high blood pressure, diabetes, or cardiovascular diseases may contribute to abnormal exercise blood pressure responses. Older people may experience greater increases in blood pressure during exercise due to decreased compliance of arteries.

RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN-ALDOSTERONE SYSTEM (RAAS) ON EXERCISE-INDUCED HYPERTENSION (EIH)

According to the latest research, EIH has also been linked to angiotensin II activity. It has been found that EIH is associated with angiotensin II and nitric oxide (NO) Activities during exercise. For example, a 2008 study looked at the association between angiotensin II and an exaggerated blood pressure response to exercise. It was found that people with high angiotensin II were more likely to have an exaggerated blood pressure response during exercise.

ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION

Endothelial dysfunction is one of the main causes of exercise-induced hypertension (EIH). Endothelial dysfunction is a condition where the endothelium, or lining of blood vessels, becomes damaged. This can lead to high blood pressure with chronic heart failure and chronic artery disease. Prolonged excessive exercise can reduce endothelial function and increase arterial stiffness, resulting in increased after exertion and excessive increases in blood pressure.

POSSIBLE TREATMENT OF EXERCISE-INDUCED HYPERTENSION (EIH)

Treatment of exercise-induced hypertension depends on qualified medical practitioners, including physicians and cardiologists and, in some cases, nephrologists and endocrinologists. The most prevalent pathophysiological mechanisms behind EIH are increase angiotensin II, decreased nitric oxide (NO) levels in blood, and elevated sympathetic tone. Thus, angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs), angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and β -blockers, loop and thiazide diuretics and calcium channel blockers would be the best possible treatment options for exercise-induced hypertension (EIH). Another way to help treat exercise-induced hypertension (EIH) is to eat garlic, beets, carrots as well as reduce salt, caffeine and sugar intake which helps support the above medication.

ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKERS (ARBs)

According to current clinical guidelines, angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) are considered a first-line treatment option for hypertension, which means it is often the first medication prescribed to manage hypertension. Angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs) are a class of drugs that treat high blood pressure, heart failure, and chronic kidney disease. They work by stopping the action of the hormone angiotensin II, which

constricts blood vessels and manage blood pressure. Irbesartan (Avapro), Valsartan (Diovan), Losartan (Cozaar), Candesartan (Atacand), Azilsartan (Edarbi), and Telmisartan (Micardis) are the class of Angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs)

ANGIOTENSIN-CONVERTING ENZYME (ACE)

Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors are a class of drugs commonly used to treat high blood pressure, which prevent the body from producing a substance that narrows blood vessels, effectively relaxing the arteries and reduces blood pressure. ACE inhibitors prevent the conversion of angiotensin I to angiotensin II, which is a powerful vasoconstrictor, resulting in reduced blood vessel contraction and reduced blood pressure; This makes them a major treatment option for managing high blood pressure. Captopril, Enalapril, lisinopril, ramipril, and perindopril are the example of Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors.

DIURETICS

Diuretics, also known as water pills, are a class of medications that help treat high blood pressure and heart failure by reducing the amount of fluid in your body.

BETA BLOCKERS

Beta blockers are a class of prescription drugs that slow the heart rate and relax the blood vessels. They are used to treat a variety of conditions including high blood pressure and heart failure.

CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS (CCBS)

Calcium channel blockers (CCBs) are a group of medications that treat conditions affecting the heart and blood vessels. Calcium channel blockers prevent calcium from entering the heart and blood vessels, which relaxes and widens the blood vessels. This allows blood to flow more easily and lowers blood pressure. Amlodipine (Norvasc), Felodipine (Plendil), Isradipine (DynaCirc), Nicardipine (Cardene), Verapamil (Calan, Isoptin), and Diltiazem (Cardizem) are example of Calcium channel blockers.

CONCLUSIONS

In discussing the above, the author said that exercise-induced hypertension is more dangerous for the young population and is a worrying situation for the society both in the present and future. There is a need to emphasize on greater awareness of exercise induced hypertension, leading to control and treatment of exercise induced hypertension.

LIMITATIONS

The author writes this article on the basis of selected research papers and someone may not agree with the author so there is a need to research this topic in future. Some of the selected studies were conducted on a small sample group, which affected the power of the study. Because this article is an interventional review, we did not perform a quality assessment of the said studies.

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MENTAL TOUGHNESS FOR BETTER PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS

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ABSTRACT

Mental toughness is defined as the ability to handle pressure, adversity and stress by overcoming failures and persisting without quitting (Hsieh et al, 2023). It is a psychological research that helps athletes achieve challenging goals when faced with stressors that make success more difficult (Soundara Pandian et al, 2023). Mental toughness offers many advantages. While difficult to fully define, it provides insights into why we respond the way we do to life events and how we perform at our limits (Strycharczyk et al., 2021). Mental toughness can be the psychological factor separating a winner from a loser in sports. A 2019 review suggests that it ranks top among Olympians when determining successful performance and outcomes (Liew et al., 2019). Interventions targeting elements of mental toughness have been shown to benefit athletes' performance and competitive edge alongside their psychological and physical wellbeing and offer support for consistent training and competition outcomes (Bell et al., 2013; Strycharczyk et al., 2021). Research in mental toughness in US collegiate athletes found that while building mental toughness increased wellbeing, it also reduced stigma toward help seeking (Bird et al., 2021). The present article focuses on the importance of mental toughness in improving the performance of the athletes in sports. **Key words:** Mental Toughness, Athletes and Sports Performance

INTRODUCTION

Athletes with mental toughness possess a resilient mindset that allows them to bounce back from failure, adapt to changing circumstances and maintain composure under pressure. They exhibit a strong sense of self-belief, confidence and a positive attitude which enables them to overcome obstacles and setbacks. Rather than being deterred by failures, mentally tough athletes view them as learning opportunities and use them to grow and improve. Mental toughness is one of the mental factor that can determine an athlete's ability to attain optimal performance and success (Romdhani, Ammar, et al, 2022). Mental Toughness is a unidimensional concept that plays a significant role in the achievement, development, and advancement of objectives regardless of stress.

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Within sport the term mental toughness is used by a variety of coaches, performers and sport psychologists, and it is only recently that researchers have attempted to define and understand the concept (Thelwell, Weston & Greenlees, 2005). Fourie and Potgieter (2001) were the first to identify psychological attributes which people considered to be related to the concept of mental toughness in sport. The researchers conducted a study which looked at written responses from 160 elite athletes and 131 expert coaches from 31 individual and team sports (Gucciardi, Gordon & Dimmock, 2009). The data from these written responses was content analyzed and it was found that there were twelve main components of mental toughness which were identified by the participants. These twelve components were; team unity, preparation skills, competitiveness, motivation level, coping skills, confidence maintenance, cognitive skill, discipline and goal directedness, possession of physical and mental requirements, psychological hardiness, ethics and religious convictions (Gucciardi, 2013).

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For coaches, it can be difficult when teaching the concept of mental toughness to players, however, Weinberg et al. (2016) provides a good foundation of how coaches can implement the development of mental toughness. The first subsection that the author points out for a coach, is being mindful of how they think about their athletes; being critical but encouraging and educating themselves and their staff. Another section involves being mindful in what to do, which can be done through creating adversity, fostering autonomy, and seeing athletes as

individuals. Adversity can allow athletes to make mistakes in practice and learn from those mistakes for games (Weinberg et al., 2016). Ultimately, the review suggests that coaches attempt to build simple mental skills such as coping strategies, imagery, and relaxation.

THE ROLE OF COACHES AND PARENTS IN DEVELOPING MENTAL TOUGHNESS

Support from coaches and parents is vital to developing and maintaining mental toughness in young athletes (Strycharczyk et al., 2021). Mental toughness is not fixed; it is neuroplastic. With the proper support and environment, our children can develop the cognitive resources needed to excel in all they do (Strycharczyk et al., 2021). As mentors and role models, parents and coaches can focus on helping athletes improve their performance, wellbeing, and positive behavior. The potential benefits include (Strycharczyk et al., 2021):

- Attainment of goals and objectives
- Making the most out of opportunities
- Managing transition and change (for example, between teams)
- Improving attendance and time keeping
- Completing tasks (e.g., skills training, academic study, etc.)
- Applying skills, inside and outside sports and academia
- Becoming better leaders
- Improving readiness for next-level sports, education, or employability
- Better social skills

Research confirms that a supportive environment (or motivational climate) and the experiences inside and outside sports impact mental toughness (Stamatis et al., 2020b).

CONCLUSION

Mental toughness can be considered as mental skill factor. Some research findings has identified mental skills as a psychological construct that distinguish between more or less successful performance across a number of sports for example golf (P.R.Thomas, R. over, 1994) and equestrian, (M.C. Meyers et al., 1998). While resilience is a psychological term for getting back on track, mental toughness is more focused on the “ability to cope with the demands of training, competition, and lifestyle, whilst remaining more consistent, attention focused and controlled under pressure” (Sutton, 2019, p. 24). Therefore, athletes to be educated about mental toughness along with the daily practice schedule.

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“SUPERBRAIN YOGA FOR LEVERAGING STRENGTH, BALANCE, FLEXIBILITY AND WELL-BEING IN SPORTS”

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ABSTRACT:

Superbrain Yoga (SBY), is aimed to increase the intelligence of the people based on the principle of ear acupuncture and the science of energy movement through various chakras. SBY is a trending yoga which has attained international status. SBY is a fitness yoga and practised as brain stimulating scientific exercise.

The technique of SBY was first formulated by the Grand Master Choa Kok Sui, the founder of Modern Pranic Healing. According to Sui, SBY increases brain power by harnessing the body's primordial energies. SBY combines physical movement, breathing and acupressure to purportedly enhance brain function and energy levels. It enhances the qualitative and quantitative pranic energy in the brain. SBY improves memory, creativity, confidence, alertness, selective attention, psychological balance, cognitive performance and brain functions which are essential for athletes.

SBY exercise as part of warm-up routines prepares the brain and body for physical activity. SBY helps to relax the nervous system, reducing muscle tension and increasing flexibility. SBY enhances neural processing speed, allowing athletes to react faster and more effectively to changing situations. SBY helps athletes to manage stress, anxiety, and emotions, leading to improved overall well-being. It improves strategic thinking and quick decision-making capacity for peak performance. **Key Words:** Well-being, athletes, yoga, concentration, cognitive function, artificial intelligence.

INTRODUCTION:

Superbrain Yoga is a distilled version of Dhorbikaranam or Uthak Baithak (sit-ups). The technique of Superbrain Yoga was first formulated by the Grand Master Choa Kok Sui, Filipino esotericist, the founder of Modern Pranic Healing and Arhatic Yoga. According to Sui, SBY increases mental energy, concentration and decision-making skills.

Superbrain Yoga- A Research Study by Dr. Ramesh, MDS revealed that all the benefits of Superbrain Yoga are temporary in nature if it is not practiced regularly. It must be practised almost every day to energize and activate the brain cells. The research of Dr. Joie P. Jones, Department of Radiology, University of California revealed that, after performing SBY, an EEG scan exhibited the right and left hemispheres of the brain were synchronized. According to Dr. Paul Nogier, French Neurologist, the pineal and pituitary glands are energized and activated after performing SBY. Recent studies show that regular practice of Superbrain Yoga increases alpha wave activity of the brain. When the alpha wave activity is improved, the left and right hemispheres of the brain become synchronized and enter into a deeper relaxation state. It induces creativity, alertness, strengthens immune system, relieve anxiety and reduce stress related disorders. SBY can be justified with Kundalini Yoga, an Indian practice of Yoga. During Kundalini yoga, when the air is blocked inside the body with inhalation and exhalation, it moves towards the brain with upward pressure. Once Kundalini reaches the Pineal gland, the gland secretes Melatonin hormone which is also called as Amrita.

Superbrain Yoga improves neural processing speed, allowing athletes to react faster and more effectively to changing situations. By balancing the brain hemispheres, SBY can improve coordination and motor skills, which are vital for many sports. It improves spatial awareness, helping athletes better understand their surroundings and make more effective decisions. It enhances cognitive function, allowing athletes to make more informed decisions during competition. By improving physical, mental, and emotional abilities, SBY can help athletes achieve greater overall performance and success.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

Superbrain Yoga stimulates the brain's cognitive functions, leading to improved intellectual abilities and overall well-being in athletes. Superbrain Yoga enables the Athletes:

- To improve focus, problem solving and learning.
- To make correct decisions when they lack clarity of thought.
- To excel in sports with peak performance.
- to improve intellectual abilities and overall well-being.

METHODOLOGY:

Review of literature pertaining to Superbrain Yoga is done and analysed. I have been working on Superbrain Yoga for the last 6 years with research and organizing workshops/presentations simultaneously. I have organized

workshops on Super Brain Yoga in educational Institutions in different districts of Telangana State (Hyderabad, Nirmal, Sanga Reddy, Medak, Gadwal, Nagar Kurnool, Wanaparthy), in different states (A, P., U.P., Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Delhi, Uttarakhand-Haridwar, Rishikesh, Dehradun, Mussoorie etc.) of India. One of which worth mentioning is Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Junior College for Girls, Thirmanpally (v), Indalwai Mandal, Nizamabad district.

I have organized workshop on Superbrain Yoga on 19-11-2024 at TTWRJC for Girls, Thirmanpally. Since then, the athletes are performing 14 rounds of SBY regularly following the procedure as specified by Sui, as part of warmup under the supervision of Sruthi, Physical Director.



Workshop on SBY at TTWRJC for Girls, Tirmanpally, Nizamabad Dist. Demonstration of SBY by PD, Botany Lecturer and athlete.



Peak performance of Kabaddi player of TTWRJC for Girls, Tirmanpally, Nizamabad Dist. in district level CM's Cup-2025 competitions.

RESULTS:

After regular practice of SBY for one month, the Kabaddi players of TTWRJC for Girls, Thirmanpally participated in CM's Cup-2025 tournaments and stood in FIRST place at Indalwai Mandal level. All the twelve Kabaddi team members from TTWRJC, Thirmanpally participated in Nizamabad district level CM's Cup-2025 competitions and bagged FIRST place and four players of TTWRJC, Thirmanpally were selected for participation in state level CM's Cup-2025 tournaments.

DISCUSSION:

The players of TTWRJC for Girls, Thirmanpally claimed that the regular practice of SBY helped for their success. Sruthi, Physical Director of TTWRJC for Girls, Thirmanpally said that there was increase in mental energy, concentration and decision-making skills among the players who regularly practiced SBY. She also added that prolonged practice of SBY will make the players smarter and more psychologically balanced.

The integration of Superbrain Yoga into sports training programs has the potential to revolutionize the way athletes prepare for competition. Superbrain Yoga offers a unique and powerful advantage that can help athletes stand out from the crowd and achieve their goals.

To use artificial intelligence (AI) for identifying and optimizing the gestures and breathing involved in SBY, we can leverage several technologies, including computer vision, deep learning, and wearable sensors. By leveraging AI in this way, practitioners of SBY can receive guided assistance and improve their technique, potentially enhancing the benefits of their practice. Professional athletes can use AI-Powered Superbrain Yoga for peak performance.

CONCLUSION:

Superbrain Yoga is a powerful tool that can help athletes leverage their strength, balance, flexibility, and overall well-being to achieve greater success in sports. By harnessing the power of the brain and nervous system, athletes can tap into their full potential and perform at their best. Superbrain Yoga is a game-changer for anyone looking to take their athletic performance to the next level.

Srikanth N Jois and Lancy D` Souza of Mysore University suggested for the implementation of Superbrain Yoga in schools to improve academic performance of the students. Hence it is suggested that, a topic on SBY is to be included in the curriculum of school education and physical education as co-curricular activity. Necessary steps should be taken for the implementation of SBY in educational institutions as mandatory during morning assembly. The Physical Education Teachers are to be trained with the procedure, who will in turn monitor the fitness exercise (SBY) in the morning assembly.

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THE EFFECTS OF UTILIZING THE OMNI RATE OF PERCEIVED EXERTION COLOR-FACE SCALE AMONG OBESE STUDENTS IN SINGAPORE

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ABSTRACT

Research have shown that RPE is a tool to self-regulate exercise intensity that provides a safe and effective overload stimulus for weight loss and to improve cardiorespiratory fitness.

PURPOSE:

To investigate the effects of self-regulation by utilizing the OMNI RPE Color-Face Scale (CFS) on obese students' physiological responses during exercise.

METHODOLOGY:

A total of 45 participants (1st cohort: 26 students (age: 14.27 ± 0.96 yrs, height: 1.59 ± 0.08 m, weight 82.50 ± 11.38 kg, body mass index (BMI) 32.44 ± 2.79 ($\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$); 2nd cohort: 19 students (age: 14.37 ± 1.30 yrs, 1.61 ± 0.09 m, 87.61 ± 19.61 kg, 33.33 ± 4.65 $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$)) participated in this study. Participants underwent 11 sessions including a familiarization trial and anchoring orientation on the use of the OMNI RPE CFS during intervention. Participants did a 5-minute warm up, 5-minute break (water break, record HR and RPE), 35 minutes of game play. The game play consisted of a rotation of various net-barrier and invasion games. Participants recorded their HR and RPE again at the end of each session.

RESULTS:

Results indicated significant difference between pre- and post-height and BMI for 1st cohort (height: pre: 1.59 ± 0.08 m vs. post: 1.61 ± 0.07 m, $p = 0.010$; BMI: pre: 32.44 ± 2.79 $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$ vs. 31.86 ± 2.80 $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$, $p = 0.044$); significant difference between pre- and post-height for 2nd cohort (pre: 1.61 ± 0.09 m vs. Post: 1.63 ± 0.08 m, $p = 0.003$).

DISCUSSION:

The results may suggest that students may have an increase in lean muscle mass from the exercise. Students maintained an average of 45.77% of maximum HR during the game. **Conclusion:** Sports practitioners, Physical Education teachers, coaches, student-athletes can utilize the OMNI Colour-Face scale during their exercise and training sessions to train within an optimal intensity.

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THE IMPACT OF FOOTBALL TRAINING ON COGNITIVE FUNCTION AND REACTION TIME IN ADOLESCENTS

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ABSTRACT:

Football is known for its significant contributions to physical health, but its effects on cognitive function and reaction time remain underexplored. This study investigates the influence of an eight-week football training program on cognitive abilities and reaction time in adolescent boys. A sample of 30 participants aged 12 to 16 underwent pre- and post-intervention assessments using standardized tests for cognitive function and reaction time. Results demonstrated marked improvements in both areas, underscoring the potential of football training to enhance neurocognitive performance in addition to physical fitness. **Keywords:** Football, Cognitive Function, Reaction Time, Neurocognitive Development, Adolescents

INTRODUCTION

Football, a globally celebrated sport, transcends physical activity to influence mental and social dimensions of health. Beyond its obvious benefits in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and agility, football also has the potential to enhance cognitive capabilities. Adolescence, a critical period for brain development, presents an ideal opportunity to examine the intersection of sports and cognition. With the prevalence of sedentary behaviors among adolescents increasing (World Health Organization, 2020), interventions like football training can serve as an engaging and effective method for improving both physical and mental health.

Research has highlighted the relationship between physical activity and cognitive function, particularly in team-based sports that require quick decision-making, spatial awareness, and adaptability. Football, in particular, demands rapid information processing, motor coordination, and split-second decisions, all of which can stimulate cognitive growth. Studies such as those by Huijgen et al. (2015) and Verburch et al. (2014) suggest that football players exhibit enhanced executive functions compared to their non-playing peers.

The cognitive benefits of football are rooted in its inherent challenges. During gameplay, athletes must continuously monitor the positions of teammates, opponents, and the ball while simultaneously planning and executing strategic actions. This dynamic environment fosters improvements in working memory, selective

attention, and problem-solving skills. According to Vestberg et al. (2012), the cognitive demands of football significantly enhance neural plasticity, particularly in regions of the brain associated with executive functioning and spatial navigation.

Furthermore, the social aspects of football contribute to cognitive and emotional growth. Team-based sports encourage communication, leadership, and collaboration, which are critical for holistic development. Participating in football has been shown to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression while improving self-regulation and emotional resilience (Faude et al., 2013). These benefits highlight the sport's unique ability to support cognitive and psychological well-being simultaneously.

Incorporating football into school and community programs could address the alarming trends of declining physical activity and cognitive engagement among adolescents. This study aims to evaluate the impact of an eight-week football training program on cognitive parameters, specifically memory, attention, and reaction time, among adolescent boys. By exploring these dimensions, the study seeks to expand the understanding of football's holistic benefits and its potential as a cognitive enhancement tool.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

The study adopted a pre-test and post-test experimental design involving 30 adolescent boys aged 12 to 16 years. Participants were recruited from local schools and were required to meet the inclusion criteria of being in good health, having no prior structured football training experience, and providing parental consent. Ethical approval was obtained from the institutional review board.

The intervention consisted of an eight-week structured football training program, with sessions conducted five days a week for 90 minutes each. Each session began with a 10-minute warm-up involving light jogging, dynamic stretching, and mobility exercises. The core training segment, lasting 60 minutes, included skill-focused drills (passing, dribbling, and shooting), small-sided games, and reaction-based exercises such as color-coded cone drills and ball interception activities. The sessions concluded with a 20-minute cool-down phase, incorporating static stretching and breathing exercises to aid recovery.

Cognitive function was assessed using validated tools: memory was measured through the Digit Span Test, attention was evaluated using the Stroop Test, and reaction time was recorded via a computer-based reaction time task. Baseline assessments were conducted before the commencement of training, and identical tests were administered after the eight-week program. All tests were conducted in a quiet, controlled environment to minimize distractions. Data analysis was performed using paired t-tests to compare pre- and post-test scores, with

statistical significance set at $p < 0.05$. Effect sizes were calculated to quantify the magnitude of improvements. IBM SPSS Statistics software (Version 28.0) was used for all analyses.

RESULTS

Cognitive Function and Reaction Time Improvements

Parameter	Pre-Test Mean \pm SD	Post-Test Mean \pm SD	Improvement (%)
Stroop Test (seconds)	68.5 \pm 6.2	60.1 \pm 5.8	-12.3%
Reaction Time (milliseconds)	310 \pm 25	265 \pm 20	-14.5%

Participants exhibited significant improvements in both cognitive function and reaction time. The Stroop Test scores decreased by 12.3%, indicating faster and more accurate cognitive processing. Reaction time improved by 14.5%, with participants responding more quickly to visual stimuli after the training program. These results suggest that the high cognitive and physical demands of football training positively influenced neurocognitive performance.

DISCUSSION

The findings highlight the dual benefits of football training on physical and cognitive health. The improvements in Stroop Test performance align with existing literature suggesting that aerobic exercise enhances executive functioning by increasing cerebral blood flow and promoting neurogenesis (Hillman et al., 2008). The reduction in reaction time further supports the hypothesis that sports requiring rapid decision-making, such as football, enhance neural efficiency and synaptic plasticity (Verburgh et al., 2014).

The structured nature of the football training program likely contributed to these outcomes. Technical and tactical drills challenged participants to process information quickly and make split-second decisions, reinforcing cognitive pathways. Physical conditioning exercises, on the other hand, improved neural signalling and motor response times, as evidenced by the reduction in reaction time.

These findings have practical implications for educators, coaches, and policymakers. Integrating football training into school curricula and community programs can foster not only physical fitness but also cognitive development. Future research should explore the long-term effects of football training and its impact on academic performance and other cognitive domains.

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates that football training significantly enhances cognitive function and reaction time in adolescents. The results underscore the importance of structured sports programs in promoting holistic development during adolescence. By leveraging the cognitive and physical benefits of football, stakeholders can support the overall well-being and potential of young individuals.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Incorporate football training into school programs to enhance cognitive and physical health.

Conduct longitudinal studies to examine the sustained impact of football on neurocognitive development.

Explore the effects of football training on other cognitive domains, such as memory and problem-solving skills.

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INFLUENCE OF YOGIC PRACTICES ON SELECTED PHYSICAL FITNESS ABILITIES OF ADOLESCENT GIRLS

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ABSTRACT:

The present study examines the influence of yogic practices on selected physical fitness abilities of adolescent girls. A total of 30 adolescent girls aged 12 to 15 years participated in a 12-week yoga intervention program. Physical fitness parameters such as flexibility, muscular strength, balance, endurance, and coordination were measured before and after the intervention. The results indicated significant improvements in flexibility, balance, and muscular strength, while endurance and coordination showed moderate improvements. This study underscores the potential of yoga as a holistic and effective means of enhancing physical fitness among adolescent girls. Keywords: Yoga, Physical Fitness, Adolescent Girls, Flexibility, Muscular Strength, Balance, Endurance, Coordination

INTRODUCTION

Physical fitness is a critical aspect of overall health and well-being, especially during adolescence, a period characterized by rapid physiological and psychological changes. Developing and maintaining physical fitness during these formative years lays the foundation for a healthy adulthood (Strong et al., 2005). Among adolescent girls, promoting physical fitness is particularly important as it not only enhances physical health but also contributes to improved self-esteem, mental health, and academic performance (Biddle & Asare, 2011). However, due to cultural, societal, and environmental factors, adolescent girls often exhibit lower levels of physical activity compared to their male counterparts, leading to decreased fitness levels and increased health risks (World Health Organization [WHO], 2020).

Yogic practices, an ancient system of holistic health and wellness, have gained recognition worldwide for their potential to enhance both physical and mental fitness. Yoga integrates physical postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation to promote balance, strength, flexibility, and relaxation (Woodyard, 2011). Unlike conventional fitness regimes, yoga is non-competitive and adaptable to individual capabilities, making it an inclusive and sustainable practice for adolescents (Harvard Health Publishing, 2018).

Research has indicated that regular engagement in yogic practices can positively influence various components of physical fitness, including flexibility, muscular strength, endurance, and balance (Khalsa & Butzer, 2016). Moreover, yoga's emphasis on mindfulness and stress management can contribute to overall well-being, which is crucial during the tumultuous phase of adolescence (Telles et al., 2009). However, there is a need for empirical studies to assess the specific impact of yoga on the physical fitness abilities of adolescent girls, particularly in contexts where socio-cultural barriers may limit their participation in traditional sports and fitness activities (Malhotra et al., 2010).

This study aims to examine the influence of yogic practices on selected physical fitness abilities of adolescent girls. By focusing on key fitness parameters, this research seeks to provide evidence-based insights into the role of yoga as an effective intervention for promoting physical health among young females. The findings of this study could have significant implications for integrating yoga into school curricula and community-based fitness programs to support the holistic development of adolescent girls.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

Thirty adolescent girls aged 12 to 15 years were selected using purposive sampling from a local school. Inclusion criteria required participants to be free of chronic illnesses, have no prior yoga experience, and be willing to participate in the study. Parental and participant consent was obtained. A pre-test and post-test design was adopted to evaluate the impact of a 12-week yoga intervention on selected physical fitness parameters. Baseline assessments of flexibility, muscular strength, balance, endurance, and coordination were conducted using standardized tools, including the sit-and-reach test, push-up test, flamingo balance test, 600-meter run, and ball toss and catch test. Participants engaged in a structured yoga program, comprising five 60-minute sessions per week. Each session included a 10-minute warm-up with gentle stretches, 30 minutes of asanas such as Trikonasana, Bhujangasana, and Vrikshasana to improve flexibility, strength, and balance, 10 minutes of pranayama practices like Anulom Vilom and Bhramari for endurance and relaxation, and a 10-minute cool-down with relaxation techniques. Post-intervention testing followed the same assessment protocols, and data were analyzed using paired t-tests to determine significant differences, with a significance threshold set at $p < 0.05$.

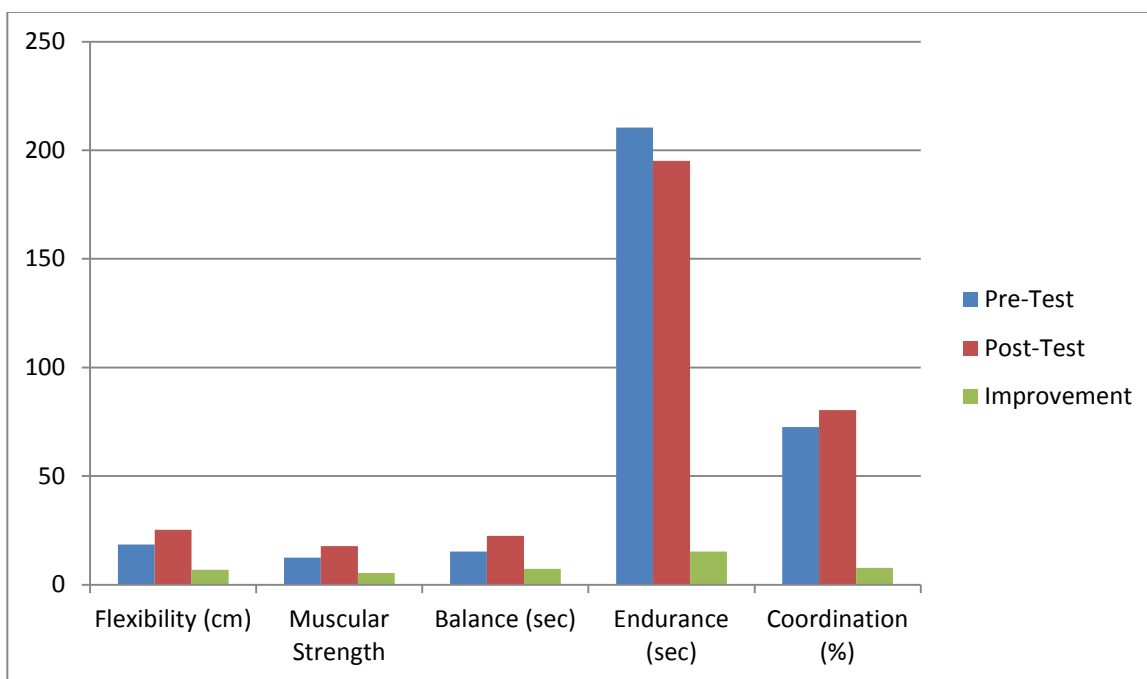
RESULTS

The results demonstrated significant improvements in the physical fitness abilities of the adolescent girls following the 12-week yoga intervention program. Flexibility showed the most pronounced enhancement, with

the sit-and-reach test indicating an average increase of 6.8 cm, highlighting the effectiveness of stretching-focused asanas such as Trikonasana and Bhujangasana ($t = 7.89$, $p < 0.001$). Muscular strength, assessed through the push-up test, exhibited a substantial gain of 5.4 points, emphasizing the dynamic engagement of core and upper body muscles during yoga postures ($t = 6.74$, $p < 0.001$). Balance also improved markedly, with an increase of 7.3 seconds in the flamingo balance test, attributed to poses like Vrikshasana that focus on stability and body control ($t = 8.12$, $p < 0.001$). Endurance, as measured by the 600-meter run test, displayed moderate improvement, with an average reduction of 15.2 seconds in completion time ($t = 4.35$, $p < 0.01$). This suggests that pranayama practices, emphasizing controlled breathing, positively influenced aerobic capacity. Coordination scores increased by 7.7%, as demonstrated by the ball toss and catch test, reflecting better hand-eye coordination and motor control, likely resulting from dynamic yoga movements ($t = 5.21$, $p < 0.01$). Overall, these results underscore the efficacy of yoga in improving multiple physical fitness components, especially flexibility, balance, and strength. While the gains in endurance and coordination were moderate, they indicate that yoga can serve as a foundational practice for enhancing overall fitness.

Results Table

Parameter	Pre-Test Mean ± SD	Post-Test Mean ± SD	Improvement
Flexibility (cm)	18.5 ± 4.2	25.3 ± 3.8	+6.8 cm
Muscular Strength	12.4 ± 3.6	17.8 ± 3.2	+5.4 points
Balance (sec)	15.2 ± 4.8	22.5 ± 5.1	+7.3 seconds
Endurance (sec)	210.4 ± 18.6	195.2 ± 16.3	-15.2 seconds
Coordination (%)	72.6 ± 8.4	80.3 ± 7.9	+7.7%



DISCUSSION:

The findings reveal significant improvements in flexibility, balance, and muscular strength, corroborating existing literature on yoga's benefits. The enhancement in flexibility can be attributed to sustained practice of asanas involving stretches. Improved balance and muscular strength likely resulted from poses like Vrikshasana and Bhujangasana, which engage core and lower body muscles. Moderate improvements in endurance and coordination suggest that yoga indirectly contributes to these abilities through enhanced body awareness and controlled breathing. However, these parameters might require additional aerobic or high-intensity activities for greater impact.

The holistic nature of yoga, incorporating both physical and mental elements, also likely influenced participants' motivation and consistency, contributing to overall fitness gains.

CONCLUSION:

This study highlights the efficacy of yogic practices in improving key physical fitness abilities among adolescent girls. Incorporating yoga into school physical education programs can serve as a low-cost, accessible strategy to promote fitness and well-being. Future research could explore long-term effects and comparative studies with other physical training methods.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Integrate yoga sessions into school curricula. Extend intervention durations for sustained benefits.

Investigate psychological and academic performance impacts of yoga practices.

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THE INFLUENCE OF FOOTBALL TRAINING ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING

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ABSTRACT:

Football, the world's most popular sport, serves as an effective medium for enhancing physical fitness and psychological well-being. This study explores the impact of football training on selected physical fitness parameters, including cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, agility, and coordination, as well as its role in improving mental health. A sample of 30 adolescent boys aged 12 to 16 participated in an eight-week football training program. Results revealed significant improvements in all physical fitness parameters and a positive influence on psychological well-being, emphasising the multifaceted benefits of football. Keywords: Football, Physical Fitness, Endurance, Agility, Mental Health, Adolescent Training

INTRODUCTION

Football, widely regarded as the "beautiful game," is more than just a sport; it is a platform for developing physical, mental, and social skills. Adolescence is a crucial developmental period marked by rapid physical and emotional changes, making it essential to engage young individuals in structured physical activities that promote holistic growth. However, the rise of sedentary lifestyles and excessive screen time has led to an alarming decline in physical activity levels among adolescents (World Health Organization, 2020). These trends highlight the urgent need for engaging and sustainable physical activities like football.

Football training, characterized by its dynamic and team-oriented nature, fosters cardiovascular health, muscular strength, agility, and coordination. Beyond its physical benefits, football instills discipline, teamwork, and resilience, which are essential for psychological well-being. Research by Reilly et al. (2000) demonstrates that football is a highly effective sport for enhancing motor skills and aerobic capacity. Moreover, Williams and Reilly (2000) emphasize its role in building social connections and self-confidence.

The sport's accessibility and global appeal make it uniquely positioned to serve as a tool for promoting health and development. Studies have shown that regular participation in football improves body composition, reduces

the risk of chronic diseases, and enhances mental clarity (Krustrup&Bangsbo, 2018). Furthermore, team sports like football provide adolescents with opportunities to develop leadership qualities and problem-solving skills (Eime et al., 2013).

Football training typically includes a combination of aerobic and anaerobic exercises, making it ideal for improving both endurance and muscular strength. Small-sided games and drills improve motor coordination, agility, and reaction times, as highlighted by Thorpe et al. (1986). In addition, the emotional benefits of football, such as stress reduction and improved self-esteem, make it a well-rounded approach to adolescent development (Höök, 2005).

This study aims to evaluate the effects of an eight-week football training program on selected physical fitness components and psychological well-being among adolescent boys. By doing so, it seeks to reinforce the value of football as a holistic developmental tool.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

Thirty adolescent boys aged 12 to 16 years were recruited from a local school. Participants were selected based on the inclusion criteria of having no prior structured football training, being in good health, and obtaining parental consent. The study adopted a pre-test and post-test experimental design. Baseline assessments of physical fitness and psychological well-being were conducted prior to the intervention, followed by identical post-training assessments to measure progress.

The eight-week football training program consisted of five sessions per week, each lasting 90 minutes. Sessions were structured as follows: a 15-minute warm-up involving dynamic stretching and mobility drills; 30 minutes of technical drills focusing on passing, dribbling, and shooting; 20 minutes of tactical drills including small-sided games and team strategies; 15 minutes of physical conditioning exercises such as sprinting, plyometrics, and agility drills; and a 10-minute cool-down featuring stretching and relaxation exercises.

Physical fitness was assessed using the 12-minute Cooper Run Test for cardiovascular endurance, the Push-up Test for muscular strength, the T-Test Agility Drill for agility, and the Ball Juggling Test for coordination. Psychological well-being was evaluated using the Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale and the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS). Data analysis was performed using paired t-tests to compare pre- and post-test results, with statistical significance set at $p < 0.05$.

RESULTS

The study revealed significant improvements across all physical fitness parameters and psychological well-being measures. Cardiovascular endurance, as measured by the 12-minute Cooper Run Test, increased from an average of 1650 ± 120 meters during the pre-test to 1850 ± 130 meters in the post-test, indicating a 12.1% improvement in aerobic capacity. Muscular strength, assessed using the Push-up Test, showed an increase from 18 ± 5 repetitions to 25 ± 6 repetitions, reflecting a 38.9% improvement in upper body strength. Agility, measured via the T-Test Agility Drill, improved as participants recorded faster times, with an average reduction from 13.5 ± 1.2 seconds to 12.3 ± 1.0 seconds (an 8.9% improvement). Coordination, as determined by the Ball Juggling Test, saw an increase from 15 ± 3 successful juggles to 22 ± 4 juggles, showing a 46.7% enhancement in motor skills.

Psychological well-being also demonstrated notable advancements. Self-esteem, measured using the Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale, improved from a mean score of 22.3 ± 3.4 in the pre-test to 26.1 ± 3.0 in the post-test, reflecting an increase of 17.0%. Perceived stress levels, as assessed by the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS), decreased from an average score of 18.5 ± 4.2 to 14.8 ± 3.6 , indicating a 20.0% reduction in stress levels. These findings collectively highlight the comprehensive benefits of football training on both physical and mental health.

Perceived Stress (Score) 18.5 ± 4.2 14.8 ± 3.6 -20.0%

Table:1 Physical Fitness Improvements

Parameter	Pre-Test Mean \pm SD	Post-Test Mean \pm SD	Improvement
Cardiovascular Endurance (m)	1650 ± 120	1850 ± 130	+200 m
Muscular Strength (Reps)	18 ± 5	25 ± 6	+7 reps
Agility (sec)	13.5 ± 1.2	12.3 ± 1.0	-1.2 sec
Coordination (juggles)	15 ± 3	22 ± 4	+7 juggles

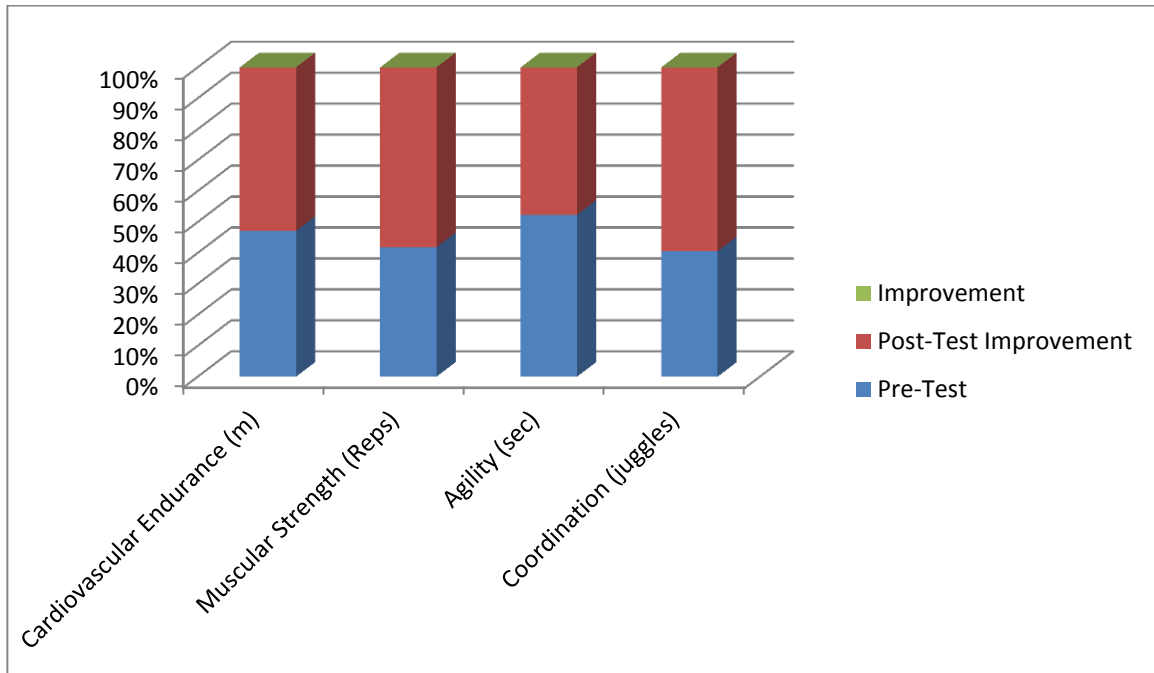
Table: 2 Psychological Well-Being Improvements

Measure	Pre-Test Mean \pm SD	Post-Test Mean \pm SD	Change
Self-Esteem (Score)	22.3 \pm 3.4	26.1 \pm 3.0	+3.8 points
Perceived Stress (Score)	18.5 \pm 4.2	14.8 \pm 3.6	-3.7 points

Table: Psychological well-being Improvements

Self-Esteem: Increased from a mean score of 22.3 \pm 3.4 to 26.1 \pm 3.0, reflecting enhanced confidence and self-worth.

Perceived Stress: Decreased from a mean score of 18.5 \pm 4.2 to 14.8 \pm 3.6, indicating reduced stress levels.



GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION:

Graphical representations provide visual insights into these improvements. Cardiovascular endurance experienced a steady rise as participants adapted to the aerobic demands of football training. Similarly, agility and coordination showed marked enhancements, underlining the sport's emphasis on quick reflexes and motor skill precision. Psychological well-being results align with these trends, as football promotes teamwork and reduces stress through physical exertion and social interaction.

EXPLANATION

Cardiovascular endurance showed the highest improvement due to the aerobic nature of football training, involving sustained running and dynamic gameplay. Strength gains were evident from drills requiring explosive power, such as sprinting and shooting. Agility and coordination improvements resulted from small-sided games and ball-handling drills, which demand quick reflexes and precise movements. Psychological well-being improvements align with research linking physical activity to reduced stress and enhanced self-esteem.

DISCUSSION

The results highlight football training's substantial benefits for physical and psychological health. Cardiovascular endurance improvements align with findings by Krstrup and Bangsbo (2018), who demonstrated football's effectiveness in enhancing aerobic fitness. Muscular strength and agility gains reflect the sport's emphasis on explosive movements and rapid directional changes.

Psychologically, football fosters teamwork and social interaction, which contribute to enhanced self-esteem and reduced stress levels. These findings support previous research by Eime et al. (2013), emphasizing the holistic impact of team sports.

While the study confirms football's benefits, future research could explore its long-term impacts and comparative effectiveness with other sports. Additionally, integrating mental health assessments could provide deeper insights into football's role in psychological resilience.

CONCLUSION

This study reaffirms football training as a multifaceted tool for enhancing physical fitness and psychological well-being in adolescents. The significant improvements in cardiovascular endurance, strength, agility, coordination, and mental health underscore football's value as a developmental intervention. By incorporating football into school and community programs, stakeholders can promote holistic health and social growth among adolescents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include football training in school curricula.

Provide access to facilities and qualified coaching.

Encourage participation through local tournaments and community leagues.

Explore football's impact on academic performance and social skills.

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EFFECT OF SELECTED YOGIC EXERCISES ON ATTENTION AND MEMORY OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the present study is to evaluate the effect of yogic exercises on attention and memory power of the high school students. For this purpose, 40 high school students, aged 11 to 13 years were randomly selected from the zphs Madur high school students, Shankarampet ®, Medak. Yogi exercises session was conducted for duration of six weeks. The study has been conducted with an Experimental group and a control group. The experimental group was progressively introduced to the selected yogic exercises for forty-five minutes daily. The session included a series of Asanas, Pranayama and deep relaxation technique. The control group was not exposed to any yogic exercises. The initial and final Memory test score and the Attention Control Scale score were collected for both the groups. The results of the parameters were analyzed through student's t test. The experimental group showed a significant result in all the parameters. But there was no significant change in Control group. The present study reveals that yogic exercises help efficiently in improving memory power and attention among high school students. **Keywords:** Asanas, Pranayama, Memory, Attention.

INTRODUCTION

In today's competitive world, parents are frantically looking for ways to give their children the sharpest memory, laser-like concentration, and unwavering intelligence. The pressures of modern education and the demands of an ever-changing job market have highlighted the importance of these essential cognitive skills. Many students are turning to the timeless wisdom of yoga, which is especially beneficial for students to help improve their memory and concentration. This discipline that possesses a treasure trove of ancient practices, including Yogasanas, designed to improve memory, attention, and concentration.

In the exam time, the students develop their mental and physical issues due to exam pressure. The main reason behind this misbalance is the lack of concentration and memory in studies. Thus, students fail to remember concepts and learning's, which leads to anxiety and exam pressure. Do not worry; we are going to emphasis on

certain yoga exercises that students can do regularly to get the required attentiveness, concentration, health, and positivity to perform better in the exams.

METHODOLOGY

The purpose of the study to find out the effect of selected yogic exercises on memory power and attention among high school students of ZPHS Madur, shankarampet ® Medak Telangana state. To achieve the purpose of the study, forty students randomly selected from ZPHS Madur high school girl's students, shankarampet ®, Medak were selected as subject for this study. Their age ranged between 11 to 13 years. They were further divided into two equal groups of twenty, namely experimental group and control group. The first group of 20 subjects named 'Experimental group' was exposed to the Yogic exercises, session for forty-five minutes daily for 5 days a week, and for a duration of six weeks. The study was carried out at ZPHS Madur high school, Shankarampet®, Medak. The Second group of 20 subjects, named 'control group' lived their routine work and did not participate in any training program. In this practical session; Asanas, Pranayama and deep Relaxation Techniques were taught systematically and gradually. Before the start of experiment, Memory tests score and Attention was assessed by Attention Control Scale. And the same repeated after the completion of experiment. A paired 't' test was employed in the study to analyses the significance of the result statistically.

Parameters of the study

1. Attention Test: Attention test was assessed by Attention Control Scale. This test conducted before and after the yogic exercises was considered for the study.
2. Memory Test: 50 items of daily use were kept on a table and the students were allowed to see those items for 2 minutes. Then sitting in another room they have to write the items they had seen in 3 minutes.

The following Yogic practices were given to Experimental group.

- 1 Asanas : Tadasana, Trikonasana, Virkshasana, Padangustasana, Parshakonasana, Prasaritha Padotthanasana, Veerabhadrasana, Padmasana, Janusirasana, Pachimottanasana, Vakrasana, Setubandasana, Bhujangasana, Dhanurasana, Shalabasana, Pavanamuktasana, Sarvangasana.
2. Pranayama (Breathe regulations): Bhastrika, Nadi Shodana, Bhramari Pranayama,
3. Deep relaxation pose: Balasana, Shavasana

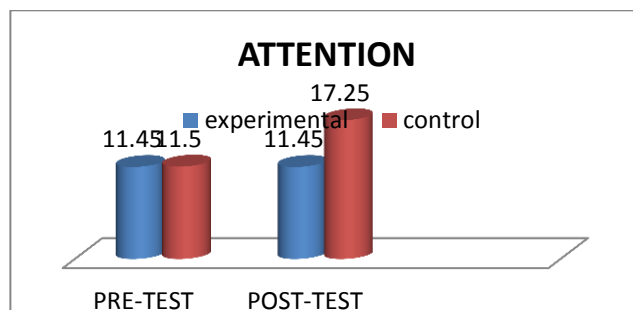
TABLE 1

SHOWING MEAN DIFFERENCE OF CONTROL AND EXPERIMENT GROUP AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THEIR YOGIC EXERCISES OF ATTENTION

Parameters	Group	Mean		SD		Df	't' value	sig
		Pre	Post	Pre	Post			
Attention test	Control	11.5	11.25	1.9	1.44	18	16.817	0.001
	Experimental	11.45	17.25	1.87	2.04		1.045	0.309

*significant at 0.05

The above table shows that the mean, standard deviation and "t" value of pretest, posttest of experimental group and control group from the data obtained. The study was to find out the effect of yogic exercises on attention. To obtained mean on experimental group was 11.45 and 17.25 and control group was 11.5 and 11.25 the obtained experimental t value was 1.045 and control group t ratio was -16.817 this proved that the groups experimental and control groups were at initial and final of the experiment. The table shows that the initial and final means, standard deviation and obtained t value after six week yogic exercises training among the high school students.



*significant at 0.05

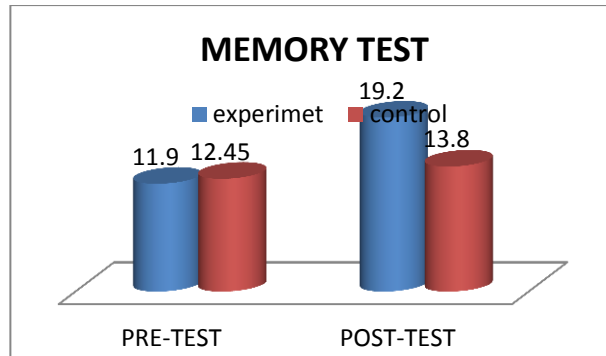
TABLE 2

SHOWING MEAN DIFFERENCE OF CONTROL AND EXPERIMENT GROUP AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THEIR YOGIC EXERCISES OF MEMORY

Group	Mean		SD		df	t' value	Sig
	Pre	Post	Pre	Post			
Control	12.45	13.8	1.5	1.76	18	-2.397	0.027
Experimental	11.9	19.2	1.74	2.85		-14.509	0

*significant at 0.05

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*Significant at 0.05

DISCUSSION ON THE FINDINGS

The purpose of this study is to determine the role of yogic exercises on attention and memory of high school students in terms of their performance in attention and memory test. Yogic exercise training for six week resulted in a significant improvement in both attention and Memory measures such as attention test was assessed by Attention Control Scale and Memory Test. In the present study, the results of experimental group were proved to be statistically highly significant for both the parameters. But there is no significant improvement in control group.

CONCLUSION

The results of the study showed that the experimental group improved attention and memory power significantly after the six weeks' yogic exercises among high school students of zphs Madur, shankarampet ®, Medak

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“EFFECT OF YOGIC PRACTICES AND INTERVAL TRAINING ON SELECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL AND BIO-CHEMICAL VARIABLES AMONG HIGH SCHOOL BOYS”

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❖ INTRODUCTION

In today's world, sport plays an important role in our lives. Not so long ago it was the hobby of the idle rich. Today, millions of people under modern conditions participate in it, and sport has got woven into the fabric of modern life, providing a counter weight to the excessive comforts and indulgences of today.

❖ YOGA

“Yoga has a complete message for humanity. It has a message for the human body, it has a message for the human mind, and it has also a message for the human soul. Intelligent and capable youth must come forth to carry this message to every individual not only in India, but also in every other part of the world”.

❖ INTERVAL TRAINING

Interval training is to subject the body to repeat but short intermittent periods of reduced intensity. Interval training is advocated by many of the top coaches, trainers and performers who have used it to advantage.

1. A specific distance that is repeated at given number of times.
2. A recovery period during which the athlete jogs slowly and relaxes.

❖ STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The purpose of the study was to find out whether there is any significant improvement on the efficiency of the Physiological and Biochemical variables through selected asanas and interval training.

❖ **HYPOTHESIS**

- 1) There may be significant differences in the way the selected physiological variables respond to yogasanas.
- 2) There may be significant differences in the way the selected physiological variables respond to interval training.
- 3) There may be significant differences in the way the selected bio-chemical variables respond to yogasanas.
- 4) There may be significant differences in the way the selected bio-chemical variables respond to interval training.
- 5) There may be significant differences on the responses of selected physiological variables among yogic practices and interval training groups.
- 6) There may be significant differences on the responses of selected bio-chemical variables among yogic practices and interval training groups.

❖ **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROBLEM**

- 1) The study might throw light on whether selected yogasanas and interval training might cause desirable changes on selected physiological and bio-chemical variables.
- 2) It would also be possible to find out whether any one-exercise program might have a marked difference over the other in bringing out changes in the selected physiological and bio-chemical variables.

❖ **DELIMITATIONS**

- 1) The subjects were selected randomly from TGSW Residential School (Boys), Janagoan, Warangal Dist.
- 2) The study was delimited to the age group ranging from 12 to 15 years.
- 3) The study was conducted on ninety boys only.
- 4) The following physiological and bio-chemical variables only were selected.

❖ **PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES**

- I. Vital capacity
- II. Pulse rate
- III. Breath holding time

❖ BIO-CHEMICAL VARIABLES

- I. Serum cholesterol
- II. Red blood cells
- III. White blood cells

❖ LIMITATIONS

The study was limited in the following aspects and these limitations would be taken into consideration in the interpretation of the results. The possible variables such as air, temperature, atmospheric pressure, relative humidity etcetera during the testing periods, could not be controlled and their possible influence on the result of the study was not taken into consideration while interpreting the result.

❖ METHODOLOGY

SAMPLE AND DESIGN

To execute this investigation, the research scholar employed random sampling method. The study was conducted on a total sample of ninety boys drawn randomly from one hundred and fifty students of TGSWR School, Janagoan, Warangal Dist, age was ranged from twelve to fifteen years. The pre and posttests design employing analysis of covariance technique was adopted.

❖ PROCEDURE

EXPERIMENTATION –I

The selected ten Asanas training was given in six days a week except Sunday. The duration of the exercises was 20 minutes during the first month 30 minutes during the next month and 40 minutes during the third month in the morning from 6:30 A.M. to 7.10 A.M.

❖ EXPERIMENTAL – II

The interval training was practiced by the subjects three days per week over a period of three months. Before giving the interval training the subjects were asked to warm up. The duration training schedule was 20 minutes during the first month 30 minutes during the second month and 40 minutes during the third month in the morning from 6:30 am to 7:10 am.

❖ CRITERION MEASURES

The following criterion measures were chosen for testing the hypothesis.

1. Vital capacity was recorded in liters / minute.
2. Pulse rate was measured in beats per minute.
3. Breath holding time was recorded in seconds.
4. Red blood cells, white blood cells and serum cholesterol was measured through blood analysis.

❖ STATISTICAL PROCEDURE

In this study the analysis of covariance was used to analyze the results. The Scheff's post hoc test was used to analyze the means and differences between the means of the various groups.

❖ CONCLUSIONS

1. Yogic practices and Interval Training had significantly improved the pulse rate, breath holding time, vital capacity and serum cholesterol.
2. When the experimental group-I (yogic practices) were compared with control group, there was significant improvement in pulse rate, vital capacity, breath holding time and serum cholesterol.
3. When the experimental group-II (Interval Training) was compared with control group, there was significant improvement in pulse rate, vital capacity, and breath holding time and serum cholesterol.
4. When the experimental group-I was compared with experimental group-II, experimental group-I had no significant difference in physiological variables where experimental group-II had a significant difference in physiological variables.
5. When the experimental group-I was compared with experimental group-II, experimental group-I had no significant difference in bio-chemical variables whereas experimental group-II had a significant difference in bio-chemical variables except W.B.C and R.B.C.

❖ RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Similar study can be conducted using other physiological and bio-chemical variables.
2. The study may also be conducted in Asthmatic patients.
3. Similar study can be conducted separately for girls of different age groups.
4. It is recommended that yoga shall be made a compulsory part in the physical education programme in schools and colleges.
5. Comparative studies on the effects of yogasanas and other training schedules on the variables used in the studies shall be conducted.
6. Studies to see the effect of yogasanas on psycho-physiological and psychomotor variables shall also be conducted.
7. Similar studies may be conducted for other stages of yoga.
8. Similar studies may be conducted on state and National level players and Athletes to find the effects.
9. It is recommended that similar studies may be conducted separately for men of different age groups.

YOGA EFFECT ON CRICKET - 10 STRETCHES YOGIC EXERCISES THAT MIGHT BOOST CRICKET SKILL PERFORMANCE

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ABSTRACT:

The purpose of the present Study was to determine yoga effect on cricket ten stretches yoga exercises that might boost cricket performance. To achieve for this study Forty (N=40) inter collegiate cricket players affiliated colleges of Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. were randomly selected as subjects and their age ranged between 18-25 years Cricket players. The researcher gave the 6 weeks Yogic training to the experimental group and tests the pre and post results from the same group. Both experimental groups underwent their respective experimental treatment for Six weeks, six days a week and one session on daily. Ten stretching yogic exercises training was comprised into daily. The collected data was analyzed using t-test at .05 level of significance. The result of the study revealed that there was significant improvement in Skill Performance level of Cricket players after six weeks Yoga training. **Keywords:** Yoga, stretches exercises, Cricket Players.

INTRODUCTION:

Yoga is essentially a spiritual discipline based on an extremely subtle science, which focuses on bringing harmony between mind and body. It is an art and science of healthy living. The word 'Yoga' is derived from the Sanskrit root 'Yuj', meaning 'to join' or 'to yoke' or 'to unite'. As per Yogic scriptures the practice of Yoga leads to the union of individual consciousness with that of the Universal Consciousness, indicating a perfect harmony between the mind and body, Man & Nature. According to modern scientists, everything in the universe is just a manifestation of the same quantum firmament. One who experiences this oneness of existence is said to be in yoga, and is termed as a yogi, having attained to a state of freedom referred to as mukti, nirvana or moksha.

Thus the aim of Yoga is Self-realization, to overcome all kinds of sufferings leading to 'the state of liberation' (Moksha) or 'freedom' (Kaivalya). Living with freedom in all walks of life, health and harmony shall be the main objectives of Yoga practice."Yoga" also refers to an inner science comprising of a variety of methods through which human beings can realize this union and achieve mastery over their destiny. Yoga, being widely considered as an 'immortal cultural outcome' of Indus Saraswati Valley civilization – dating back to 2700 B.C., has proved itself catering to both material and spiritual upliftment of humanity. Basic humane values are the very identity of Yoga Sadhana

Yoga is a popular activity at present for athletes, children and seniors. Yoga can be modified to suit all levels of people for developing fitness. The efficiency of yoga on health and physical and cardio-respiratory fitness have been well proved (. Yoga has been proven to lower blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate (Raub, 2002) [9] and increase strength and flexibility Yoga calms our minds help to reduce stress. Yoga is traditionally believed to have beneficial effects on physical and emotional health. The yoga practice might be interacting with varies somatic and neuro endocrine mechanism bringing about therapeutic effects. The overall performance is known to be improved by practicing yoga techniques and their effects on physical functions were reported by (Upadhyay et al., 2008). Study reported that Yoga practice can also be used as psycho-physiological stimuli to increase the secretion of melatonin which in turn, might be responsible for perceived well-being and happiness (Harinath et al., 2004). Yoga may be effective as or better than exercise at improving a variety of health related outcome measures (Ross and Thomas, 2010). In this background the present study was designed to find out yogic effects on Cricket Ten Stretches Yogic Exercises that boost Cricket Players skill performance.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

To Purpose of the Study “Yoga effect on Cricket - 10 Stretches yoga exercises that might boost cricket skill Performance”

METHODOLOGY:

The selection of the sample was intentional, according to Student's and parents' acceptance. The study included 40 Inter Collegiate Cricket Players in Affiliated colleges of Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh aged 18 years to 25 Years old, who had no previous experience with yoga. The Student were enrolled players in the periphery of a major Department of Physical Education and Sports Science, Andhra University.

Yoga Programme:

The yoga program was implemented in the physical education classes during 6 weeks, Every Day morning for 45 min each lesson. Since the Andhra University has no gym or other safety space, the lessons were implemented in the Training centre. A student-centered approach of teaching was implemented. Appropriated practices were provided with a yoga movement curriculum with scope and sequence based on Student the initial level of performance in order enhances cognitive, social, and motor development. The teacher used direct and indirect learning strategies, encouraging Student do modeled movements, and to discovery the different ways to move. The instruction was meaningful and adequate to the Student level of understanding, using simple words, and cue word to perform the yoga postures. The teacher also encourages the self-expression throughout the movement and equally encourages Players as well the Student with disability to achieve success and cooperate with each other. Different skill levels of yoga tasks were presented in each session that encompassed group diversity of skills levels. The teacher strategies also supported the autonomy of Student, personal and group achievements, and the active participation in decision-making during the learning process.

Yogic Exercises:

Discover how yoga for Cricketers might enhance performance, boost flexibility, and improve focus. From LeBron to Rodgers, top athletes embrace yoga. Explore 10 essential stretches and learn how yoga may be your game-changer.

1. Cobra Pose
2. Supine Twist
3. Warrior II
4. Downward Dog
5. Camel Pose
6. Boat Pose
7. Cat Cow
8. Bow Pose
9. Pigeon Pose
10. Bridge Pose

Cricket Skills: 1. Batting 2. Bowling 3. Wicket Keeping 4. Fielding

STATISTICAL PROCEDURE USED

To conduct the present study single group design was adopted. Therefore, descriptive and inferential statistics were used for analyzed the data. Mean and standard deviation were used as descriptive statistics. The significance of difference between the pretest score and post test score was computed by using t-test. Only 0.05 level of significance was considered in this study. All statistical calculations have done by the standard statistical software (Excel 2010).

Table 1: Analysis of Pre and Post Test Ten Stretching Yogic Exercises that might boost Cricket Skills Performance.

S.No	Variables	N	Mean		S.D.		S.D.	t-Value
			Pre	Post	Pre	Post		
1	Cobra Pose	40	9.24	9.54	0.46	0.49	0.123	0.14*
2	Supine Twist	40	9.35	9.62	0.49	0.52	0.214	0.12*
3	Warrior II	40	8.94	9.42	0.4	0.46	0.198	0.09*
4	Downward Dog	40	8.99	9.45	0.41	0.48	0.132	0.21*
5	Camel Pose	40	9.02	9.62	0.43	0.49	0.219	0.13*
6	Boat Pose	40	9.05	9.74	0.46	0.5	0.183	0.12*
7	Cat Cow	40	9.05	9.49	0.46	0.51	0.254	0.11*
8	Bow Pose	40	9.01	9.85	0.41	0.48	0.265	0.10*
9	Pigeon Pose	40	8.99	9.49	0.4	0.47	0.195	0.12*
10	Bridge Pose	40	8.96	9.69	0.4	0.46	0.168	0.14*

Significance at .05 level of significant

The means scores of Pre and post Ten yogic Stretching Exercises for Cobra pose on were 0.46 and 0.49 respectively and SD of Pre and post yogic Stretching Exercises were 0.46 and 0.49 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.14* , Supine Twist Exercises on were 0.49 and 0.52 respectively and SD of Pre and post yogic Supine Twist Exercises were 0.49 and 0.52 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.12**, Warrior II were 0.40 and 0.46 respectively and SD of Pre and post yogic Warrior II Exercises were 0.40 and

0.46 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.09**, Ten yogic Stretching Exercises on were 0.41 and 0.48 respectively and SD of Pre and post yogic Downward Dog Exercises were 0.41 and 0.48 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.21*, yogic Camel Pose Exercises on were 0.43 and 0.49 respectively and SD of Pre and post yogic Stretching Exercises were 0.43 and 0.49 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.13*, Boat Pose on were 0.46 and 0.50 respectively yogic Stretching Exercises and SD of Pre and were 0.46 and 0.50 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.12*, Cat Cow on were 0.46 and 0.51 respectively yogic Boat Pose on were 0.46 and 0.51 and the calculated “t” value of 0.11* Cat Cow Stretching Exercises and SD of Pre and were 0.46 and 0.51 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.11*, Bow Pose on were 0.41 and 0.48 respectively yogic Stretching Exercises and SD of Pre and were 0.41 and 0.48 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.10*, Pigeon Pose on were 0.40 and 0.47 respectively yogic Stretching Exercises and SD of Pre and were 0.47 and 0.47 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.12*, Bridge Pose on were 0.40 and 0.46 respectively yogic Stretching Exercises and SD of Pre and were 0.40 and 0.46 respectively and the calculated “t” value of 0.14* which was more than table value (0.21) at 0.05 level of significance. Hence we can say that significant difference exists between the Pre and Post ten Stretching Yogic Exercises that might boost Cricket Skills Performance and hypothesis of research was Accepted.

DISCUSSION:

Some credit mandatory yoga instruction for getting the Seattle Seahawks to the Super Bowl a while back. Who knows if it was all those Ten Stretching Yogic Exercises (Cobra, Locust Poses..etc) that helped them beat out the competition, but science does show that yoga provides a number of performance benefits for Cricketers, including: Strength, Flexibility, balance, and coordination. Hence, it is recommended that systematic designed ten stretching yogic exercises helps to improve boot cricket skill performance in computation which is absolutely needed for better performance in almost all games.

CONCLUSION:

Selected Ten Stretching Yogic Exercises helps to develop or maintain physical fitness and overall health. It is evident from a number of the adaptations that occur with training and yogic practice that there are several health-related benefits. Circuit training has been shown to increase factors associated with Physical fitness and Skill Performance. From the results, the different modes of Yogic exercises can be improved skill performance during the age between 18 and 25 years of Cricket Players. Any practical application requires careful implementation and individual experimentation. The result of the study indicated that there was

significant improvement on Skill Performance and Physical fitness due to Six weeks of Yogic training. From the results, we recommend that Ten Stretching Yogic Exercise is one of the best methods to improve Skill Performance and physical fitness.

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ANALYSIS OF EXPLOSIVE STRENGTH AMONG HANDBALL AND VOLLEYBALL INTER COLLEGIATE FEMALE PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

Purpose of the study was to Analysis of explosive strength of KSAW, University, Vijayapura Karnataka State inter-collegiate Handball and Volleyball players. For this purpose, a total 24 subjects (N=12 from respective game) age between of 18-25 years were selected as the subject for the study. The collected data on explosive strength were analysed through descriptive statistics, independent t-test at the level of confidence 0.05. Significance difference was found in explosive strength among Female Handball and Volleyball inter-collegiate. On the basis of the results and findings it was concluded that Volleyball Female players have more than the handball Female Players of vertical explosive strength at intercollegiate level. **Keywords:** Explosive strength, Handball and Volleyball, inter-collegiate Female Players

INTRODUCTION

Physical education is one of the most ancient arts of the humanities. In its broadest interpretation physical education is defined as the art and science of voluntary purposeful and active human movement. It is clear that physical education is concerned with a fundamental mode of human expression. Likewise, it is an essential form of nonverbal communication which can be communicated very effectively depending and does, express a wider range of emotions while participating in a group towards the activities of physical education (John Nixon, 1980).

The team handball game of today was formed by the end of the 19th century in northern Europe, primarily Denmark, Germany, Norway and Sweden. The Dane Holger Nielsen drew up the rules for modern handball (håndbold) in 1898 and published them in 1906, and R.N. Ernst did something similar in 1897. The International Handball Federation was formed in 1946. Men's field handball was played at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin at the request of Adolf Hitler. It was removed, to return as team handball for the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich. Women's team handball was added at the 1976 Summer Olympics. Since the

1995 world championship in Iceland, the competition has been every two years. The women's world championship has been played since 1957.

Volleyball is a team sport in which two teams of six players are separated by a net. Each team tries to score points by grounding a ball on the other team's court under organized rules. [1] It has been a part of the official program of the Summer Olympic Games since Tokyo 1964. Beach volleyball was introduced to the program at the Atlanta 1996 Summer Olympics. The adapted version of volleyball at the Summer Paralympic Games is sitting volleyball.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the study was to Analysis of explosive strength of Female Handball and Volleyball inter-collegiate players of KSAW, University, Vijayapura Karnataka State.

HYPOTHESIS

It was hypothesized that there is a significant difference between Female Handball and Volleyball inter-collegiate players of KSAW, University, Vijayapura Karnataka State on their explosive strength.

SELECTION OF SUBJECT

Total 24 Female subjects (i.e., N=12 in each group) were selected from KSAW, University, Vijayapura Karnataka State. The age of subjects ranged between 18-25 years. Further, simple random sampling technique was applied in selection of subjects.

SELECTION OF VARIABLES

Dependent Variable: Explosive strength

Independent Variable: Handball and Volleyball inter-collegiate players

Criterion Measures

Vertical jump Test was used to assess the explosive strength of the subjects and score was recorded in centimeters.

ADMINISTRATION OF TEST

Vertical Jump (Sergeant Jump) Test

Purpose: To measure the explosive power ability

Tool: wall, powder, steel-tape

PROCEDURE:

The athlete stands side on to a wall and reaches up with the hand closest to the wall. Keeping the feet flat on the ground, the point of the fingertips is marked or recorded. The athlete then stands away from the wall, and leaps vertically as high as possible using both arms and legs to assist in projecting the body upwards. Attempt to touch the wall at the highest point of the jump. The difference in distance between the standing reach height and the jump height is the score. The best of three attempts is recorded.

Scoring: The jump height is usually recorded as a distance score vertical jump technique was recorded in centimeter as score.

COLLECTION OF DATA

Data on explosive strength were taken with the permission of the authorities. Further, the data on explosive strength variables were collected in a structured manner by considering the subject's engagement in the university.

STATISTICAL TECHNIQUE

Descriptive statistics, t-test were applied for the analysis of the selected Motor fitness variable between Handball and Volleyball inter-collegiate Female players and the level of significance was set at 0.05 level respectively.

Table 1: Analysis of explosive strength between Handball and Volleyball Inter-Collegiate Players of KSAW, University, Vijayapura Karnataka State.

Variable	Group	Mean	SD	Degree of Freedom	T-Ratio	Sig. Value
Explosive Strength	Handball	40.8554	5.33750	49	4.387	.000
	Volleyball	44.3990	6.82922			

*Significant at 0.05 level of confidence. (The table value required for significance at 0.05 level with df1, 49 was at 2.02).

Table 1 indicated that the mean values of inter-Collegiate Female Handball and Volleyball players on Explosive Strength were 40.8554 and 44.3990 respectively. The obtained t-ratio value of 4.387 was greater than required table value 2.02 for significance at 0.05 level of confidence with df 1, 49. The results of the

study shows that there was a significant difference that exist among inter-Collegiate Female Handball and Volleyball players on Explosive Strength. The mean values of inter-Collegiate Female Handball and Volleyball players on Explosive Strength were graphically represented in Figure 1.

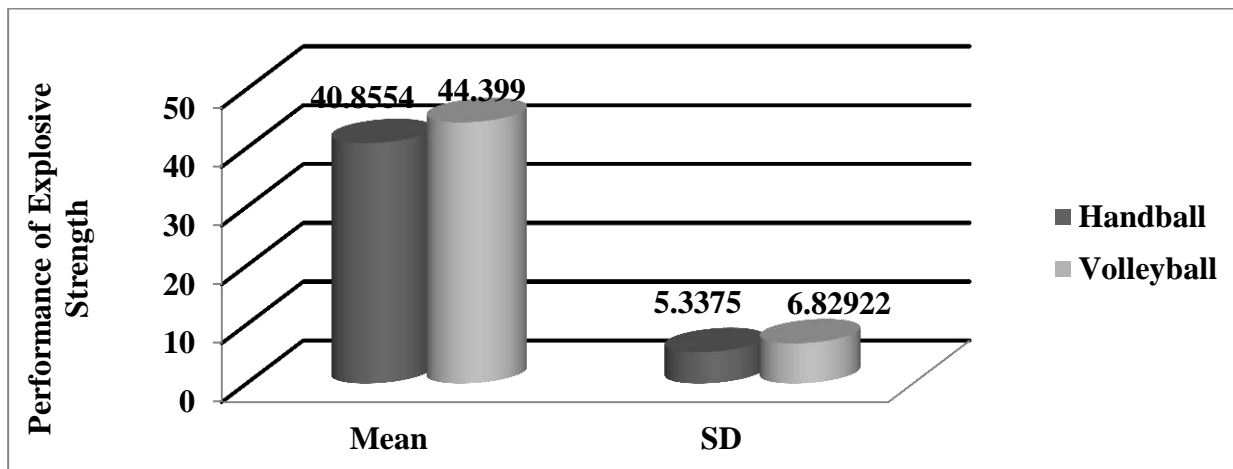


Figure No. 1 (a) the above graph shows the graphical representation of mean scores of Explosive Strength among Handball and Volleyball inter-collegiate Female players on Explosive Strength.

DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

This study was conducted to compare the explosive strength between Female Handball and Volleyball players from of KSAW, University, Vijayapura Karnataka State at intercollegiate level. Further, from table no- 1 the findings of the descriptive analysis were reveals that volleyball intercollegiate players have greater mean value on explosive strength than Handball players. Moreover, table no-1 was also reveals the analyses of independent t- test and significance difference were found among Female Handball and volleyball intercollegiate players of KSAW, University, Vijayapura Karnataka State.

DISCUSSION OF HYPOTHESIS

There was a significant difference that exists among intercollegiate Female Handball and Volleyball player on explosive strength. Volleyball players have better performance than the Handball players on explosive strength. Thus the hypothesis was accepted.

CONCLUSION

The result of the study shows the insignificant difference between Female Handball and Volleyball players of KSAW, University, Vijayapura Karnataka State intercollegiate level. Further, it was concluded that Volleyball Female players have more than the handball Female Players vertical explosive strength at intercollegiate level.

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EFFECT OF PLYOMETRIC EXERCISES ON VERTICAL JUMP OF BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of present study was to scrutinize the effect of Plyometric exercises on vertical jump of Basketball players. For achieving the purpose of the study, data was collected on 20 Basketball players from Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura, of Karnataka State. The subjects were selected randomly. The subjects were purposively divided into two groups: Controlled Group (N1=10) and Experimental Group (N2=10). The plyometric training programme was carried out alternative days only which may be considered as the delimitation of the study. The following two different type of training program will be given (a) Stair exercise, 3 set, each set of 1 minute (b) Bench exercise, 3 set, each set of 1 minute. To compare the effect of Plyometric exercises on vertical jump of Basketball players, mean, standard deviation and t-test were employed with the help of statistical package of SPSS. To test the hypothesis, the significance level was set at 0.05 percent. It was found that the plyometric training is an effective means for improving the vertical jump and no significant improvement in the case of a control group may be a reflection of inactivity, Floor exercise. **Keywords:** Basketball, vertical jump, plyometric exercise

INTRODUCTION

Plyometric training one of the popular sports trainings for the reason that it has significant positive effect on the performance of a player or an athlete who involve in it. This training is mainly designed to improve the relationship between maximum strength and explosive power with an improved performance. This training mainly enhances the muscular strength and jumping performance of the sportsmen involved in it and hence it leads to the improvement of explosive power. Plyometrics mainly working on the firing frequency or discharge rate and neurological pathway are open and optimized with the efficient and swift transition of impulses to the muscle. Advantage of this training is the improvement of stretch- shortening cycle of muscles which helps in every sporting action that needs speed, strength and power.

Plyometrics is a kind of exercise that makes the muscle to attain maximal strength in a very short duration. Usually, it consists of a series of jumping exercises which enable the participants to improve their explosive power. The plyometric training aims to provide the rapid force to the muscles which are involved in it. This training provides much stress on the muscles with maximum speed and strength. It mainly revolves around the jumping activities. These jumping exercises are used to develop either the arm or leg explosiveness or a combination of both. The plyometric training activates the phosphate energy cycle, which delivers high amount of energy for a short span of time. While plyometric training has planned scientifically and systematically, it can be a metabolic training and target the phosphate system.

“Plyometric training is a method of developing explosive power, an important component of the athletic performance. From a practical point of view plyometric training is relatively easy to teach and learn and it places fewer physical demands on the body than strength or endurance.” Radcliffe, James C. et.al.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The purpose of the study is to find the "Effect of Plyometric exercises on vertical jump of Basketball players".

HYPOTHESIS

On the basis of available literature, concern with supervisor and scholar's own understanding it was hypothesized that there might be significant effect of plyometric training on vertical jump of physical education students.

METHOD AND PROCEDURE

Selection of the subject for the purpose of the study 20 Basketball players from Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura, of Karnataka State was selected randomly.

COLLECTION OF DATA

Pre-test was taken before the implementation of training programme after 6-week training programme post-test was constructed. There were two groups i.e. controlled & experimental. 10 subjects were participating in each group. The treatment was received by experimental group only.

SELECTION OF TEST

Vertical Jump

Administration of test

The subject was asked to stand close the wall with heels on the ground and touch the wall, with fully stretched hand reading of height was recorded and then he put chalk powder on his fingertips. As he jumped & touched the wall, the powder left a mark on the board and this reading was recorded.

Scoring

The difference between standing and jump was calculated and this was considered the score of vertical jump.

Training Protocol

The subjects in the experimental group practiced Plyometric Training protocol for 6 days in a week except Sunday for six weeks. The training protocol lasts for approximately 60 minutes including warming up and cooling down exercises. The Plyometric Training protocols consist of practice of Plyometric Training at various Exercises. The training sessions were scheduled in the morning from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM and performed at women KSAWU, Play Ground.

Statistical Analysis

After the collection of relevant data, it was processed and analyzed with descriptive statistics. To compare the subjects mean, standard deviation and t-test was employed with the help of statistical package of SPSS. The significance level was set at 0.05 percent.

RESULT AND FINDING

The analysis of dependent 't'-test on the data obtained from the experimental and control group for Vertical Jump is analyzed and presented in Table 1 respectively.

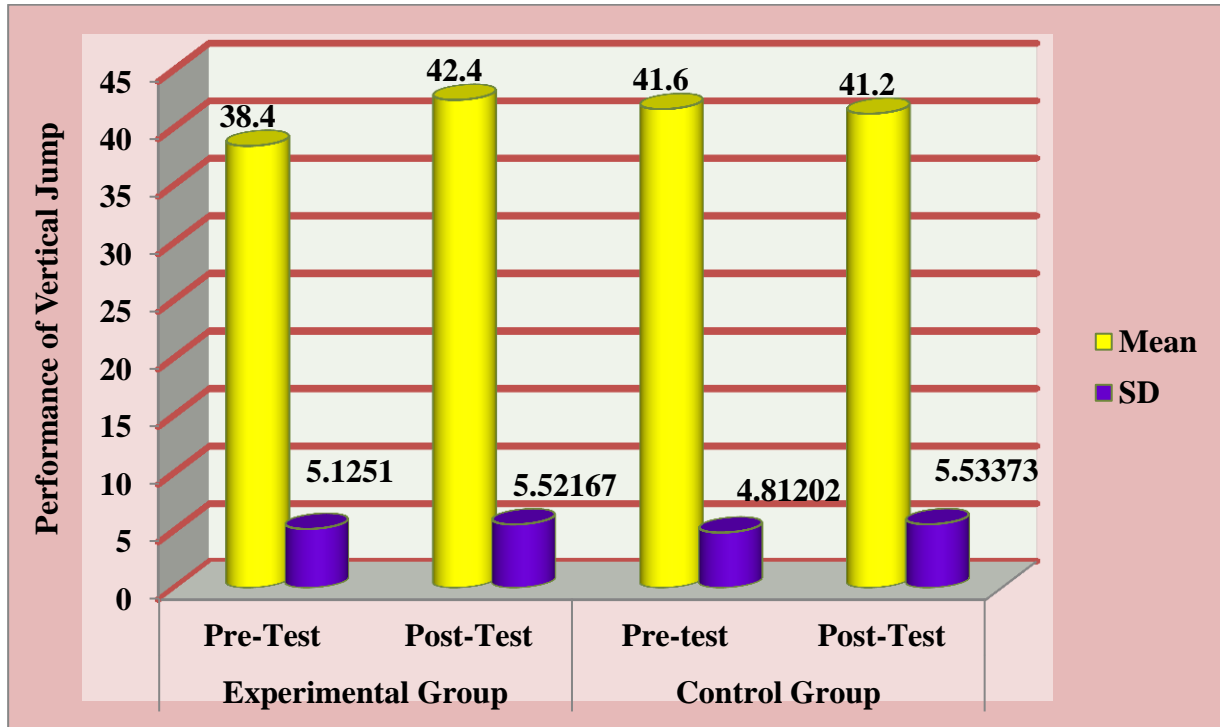
Table1: Pair wise, N, Mean, SD, and t-value of Plyometric Training to experimental and control group during Pre-test and post-test on the Vertical Jump of Basketball players.

Group	N	Test	Mean	SD	t-Value	P-Value
Experimental Group	10	Pre-Test	38.4000	5.12510	7.442	.000*
		Post-Test	42.4000	5.52167		
Control Group	10	Pre-test	41.6000	4.81202	1.500	.168
		Post-Test	41.2000	5.53373		

From the table 1, it is evident that the obtained t value 7.442 which are significant at 0.05. Level, with df =9. As the value is greater than tabulate t value 2.182.

Table-1 shows the result about the comparison of Vertical Jump among Plyometric Training experimental and control groups obese women. The mean of 10 pre and post-test of yogic Practice experimental group are 38.4000 and 42.4000 with SD of 5.12510 and 5.52167 respectively. Table1 also reveals that there is the significant difference in the experimental pre-test and post-test observations on the Vertical Jump of female basketball players as the obtained t-value of the experimental group on Vertical Jump is 7.442 and p-value is less than 0.05 level of significance. Whereas in the case of control group Mean and SD on Vertical Jump are not found to be significant at 0.05 level of significance, as they obtained t-value is control group 1.500 and p-value is greater than 0.05 level of significance. The pre-test and post-test mean scores of experimental and control groups for Vertical Jump are graphically presented in figure 1.

Figure No.1.The Pre-test and Post-test for Plyometric Training Experimental Group and Control Group on Vertical Jump performance.



The above figure 1. Indicates that the post test values of Experimental group significantly improved the performance of Vertical Jump and also the post test values of Vertical Jump were more than the pre test values due to six weeks of Plyometric Training. The Control group pre- test and post- test performance of Vertical Jump shows no improvement.

DISCUSSION

The raw data was computed and analysis of data showed that the plyometric training improved significantly in the vertical jump abilities of experimental group. The reason for better performance in experimental group may be continues participation in training and the load which was experienced by the subjects in the training programme was adequate to produce significant development in the vertical jump. In case of control group it may be due to their non-participation in the training programme. Plyometric training is used as the latest

methodology for developing the vertical jump abilities. The activities which activate the stretch reflex mechanism affect the body power and come under the category of plyometric exercise.

DISCUSSION OF HYPOTHESIS

On the basis of the above findings, it is obvious that the treatment contributed to the development of vertical jump. Hence, the hypothesis framed for the study is accepted.

CONCLUSION

Six weeks of Plyometric training has shown significant improvement on vertical jump among Basketball players.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON REACTION ABILITY BETWEEN GIRLS KABADDI AND KHO KHO PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

Background: Competitive game requires high level of skill related fitness including reaction time in Kkabaddi and Kho-Kho games to perform frequently higher level of performance.

Objective: The purpose of the study is to find out the difference of reaction ability between Girls Kabaddi and Kho Kho players.

Method: Twelve Kabaddi players and twelve Kho-Kho players were required in this study from different sports in Vijayapura District of Karnataka State. The age of the subjects ranged between 14 to 16 years reaction ability was considered as variable and which was measured by nelson hand reaction test respectively.

Result: The obtained results show that significant difference found in reaction ability ($p=.002$) between female kabaddi and kho- kho players. It is also found that the reaction ability reaction ability ($5.3333\pm.49237$) of the kabaddi players is higher in comparison to kho- kho players ($4.4167\pm.66856$).

Conclusion: It is concluded that there are significant differences found in reaction ability between Girls kabaddi and kho kho players. It is also found that kabaddi players is higher in comparison to kabaddi players have a better reaction ability in contrast to kho kho players

Keywords: Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Motor fitness, Reaction ability, Girls Players

INTRODUCTION

Physical education is a process that enhances the development of individuals through physical activity. A vital concern of physical education & sports is defined as physical activities with established rules engaged in by individuals attempting to outperform. These terms are broadly defined to reflect the contemporary status of

this dynamic field and its expanding scope. The term physical education and sport encompasses a diversity of programmed in a variety of settings serving people of all ages.

Kabaddi is aptly known as the "GAME OF THE MASSES "due to its popularity, and public appeal with simple and easy rules to comprehend. The game calls for no sophisticated equipments, which makes it a very popular sport in the developing countries. Though it is basically an outdoor sport played on clay court, of late the game is being played on synthetic surface indoors with great success. The duration of the game is 45 minutes for men & junior boys with a five-minute break in between for the teams to change sides. In the case of women/girls & sub junior boys, the duration is 35 minutes with a five-minute break in between.

Kabaddi is a combative team game, played with absolutely no equipment, in a rectangular court, either outdoors or indoors with seven players on the ground in each side. Each side takes alternate chances at offence and defenses. The basic idea of the game is to score points by raiding into the opponent's court and touching as many defense players as possible without getting caught on a single breath. During play, the players on the defensive side are called "Antis" while the player of the offence is called the "Raider". Kabaddi is perhaps the only combative sport in which attack is an individual attempt while defenses are a group effort. The attack in Kabaddi is known as a 'Raid'. The antis touched by the raider during the attack are declared 'out' if they do not succeed in catching, the raider before he returns to home court. These players can resume play only when their side scores points against the opposite side during their raiding turn or if the remaining players succeed in catching the opponent's raider.

‘Kho Kho is one such indigenous game which requires certain levels of psychomotor factors on the part of those who play at competitive level. Players are required to posse's high level of fitness and proficiency in fundamental skills. The game of Kho Kho is as fast as any of the international games or sports. When played between two teams of certain standard, the nature of the game demands sprinting, sudden stopping, changing the directions quickly, faking, diving, on the ground flat, the characteristic turning of the post, giving kho and moving on the cross lane and a host of other movements both during offensive and defensive play. The game of Kho Kho, like the instincts of man to express impulse of attack and defense is also characterized by offensive and defensive movements and counter actions call for spectacular skills on the part of every player. The performance of these skills undoubtedly demands the players to have a wide range of physical, motor and Psychology (cognitive) qualities.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the study is to determine the differences of reaction ability between Girls kabaddi and kho kho players.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Subjects: The sample consisted of twelve Girls Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players of each game were selected randomly from Vijayapura Distract of Karnataka State and their aged ranged between 14 to 16 years. All subjects had participated in Vijayapura Distract Kabbadi and Kho-Kho tournaments, session 2024-25. The players were informed about the essence of the studies planned, and they as well as their College Physical Education Directors/coaches consented to voluntary testing. The selected motor fitness variable are Reaction ability.

Variables Studied

In this study reaction ability was considered as variables. Under these circumstances Nelson Hand reaction test was the standard criteria for measuring reaction ability.

Data Collection Procedures

Proper instructions regarding the objectives of the study were oriented to all the participants. All the data were collected in full resting condition. Before administering the test all the subjects properly oriented through demonstration by the investigator and they were motivated to give their best effort in performing all items prescribe for them. The researcher contacted and consulted with the respective head of the club during the data collection and their written consent was also taken for subject participation. The data was collected in two consecutive days for all the subjects.

Statistical Analysis

The statistical analysis of the data gathered for the comparison of motor fitness parameters of Girls Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players analyzed by using statistical independent 't' test. To testing the hypothesis the level of significance at 0.05 level of confidence was considered adequate for the purpose of this study.

RESULTS

Results were presented in tables, graph and interpreted as follows:

Table 1: Mean, Standard deviations and t-value of Reaction time ability test scores of Girls Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players

Reaction time ability	Groups	N	Mean	SD	SEM	Df	t-value	P-value
	Kabaddi	12	5.3333	.49237	.14213	11	4.005	.002
	Kho-Kho	12	4.4167	.66856	.19300			

Significant at 0.05 level of confidence; $t_{0.05}(11) = 2.06$ ($p < 0.05$) P-value < 0.05 is considered to be Significant

Table 1. Showing the mean, standard deviation and t-values of Girls Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players on Reaction time ability respectively. The mean values of Kabaddi (5.3333) and KhoKho (4.4167) indicates that there is difference in Reaction time ability of Girls Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players. When these scores were subjected to 't' test gives out calculated value 4.005 which was higher than tabulated value at 0.05 level. Therefore, it reveals that there is significant difference in Reaction time ability of Girls Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players. The mean value of Girls Kabaddi and Kho-Kho players on Reaction time ability were graphically represented in Figure 1.

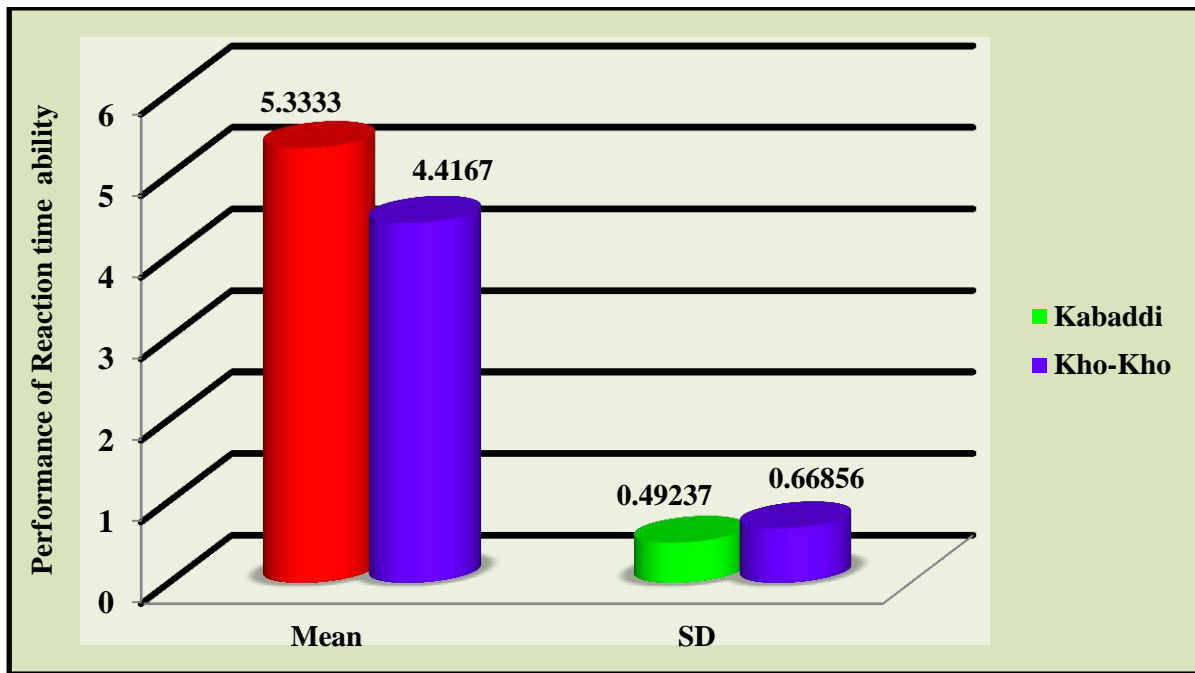


Figure No. 4.1. The above graph shows the graphical representation of mean scores of Reaction time ability among Kabaddi and Kho-Kho Players on Reaction time ability Girls teams.

DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

The result of the study shows that there was a significant difference that exists among Girls Kabaddi and Kho-Kho Players on selected motor variable such as Reaction time ability. It may be due to the nature and area of the game selected for this study.

DISCUSSION OF HYPOTHESIS

There was a significant difference that exists among Girls Kabaddi and Kho-Kho player on Reaction time ability. Kabaddi players have better performance than the Kho-Kho players on Reaction time ability.

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A STUDY OF FOLK GAMES IN KARNATAKA STATE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO HYDERABAD, KARNATAKA

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ABSTRACT:

Folk performing arts represent the cultural segments of a particular region and language. In North Karnataka the documentary looks through the dynamics of the folk games help for physical and mental development of the young generation suiting their geographical conditions. Even in modern computer age their affection towards traditional game is reflected in the spirit of folk games. The objective of the present study was to know the popularity of folk games as well as the number of folk game played in the region of North Karnataka. The data was collected from 6 districts of north Karnataka through questionnaire and interview method. In participation of folk games, Bidar district men and women having more percentage than the other districts boys and girls. In number of folk games played, the Bidar district men and women in the all age group are playing more games than the other districts of north Karnataka.

INTRODUCTION

Today, in conditions of global integration, our future mostly depends on preservation of its cultural variety. The traditional way of life and life in harmony with the nature are not only our past, but also the future in its significant part. Scientists see a way out of economic, ecological, psychological and moral crisis of industrial and urban society in centuries-old experience of those people who have kept their own ethnographic space in extreme conditions of 21st century.

The development of sport and its contribution to the development of society as a whole is not a movement into one direction only, going from traditional games to modern sport. The modern kids of these days and kids of previous generation, one striking difference between them is the lack of folk games. These days, almost all kids play video games previous generation kids used play folk games of their soil and some were that adapted from neighboring places.

TYPES OF FOLK GAMES IN HYDERABAD KARNATAKA

Chinni Dandu (Gilli Danda):

Gilli Danda is one of the most popular outdoor games played all over India and even in South Asia. It is called Chinni Dandu in Kannada. This game is believed to be the origin of many European and American games such as Cricket, Baseball and Softball. The game is played with a peg (Gilli) and a stick (Danda), both of which are made of wood. The stick is used to strike the peg. It is a team game that requires hand eye co-ordination and concentration of the player.

Bugara (Spinning the top):

Spinning the top or Latto is a fun game played across many parts of India and Pakistan. It is known as Bugara in Kannada. It is an interesting traditional game where a wooden top is made to spin. There are grooves in the lower half of the top and a nail at the bottom to spin on. A string is wrapped around the grooves to deploy the top and make it spin.

Gotti (Marbles):

Popularly known as marbles, Kanchi or Goli, it is a much loved gully sport in the country. It is called Gotti in Kannada. This classic game requires the player to hit the selected target 'marble' using his/her own marble ball. The winner of the game walks away with all the marbles of the other players. This game requires aiming and concentration skills on part of the player.

Kabaddi:

Kabaddi is a team sport that originated in ancient India. Two teams occupy opposite halves of an enclosure and each team sends in a raider to the other side in turns. The raider has to tackle members of the opposite team while chanting kabaddi during the raid before he returns to his side of the enclosure. It is a very popular sport that is played not only across India but also in countries like Bangladesh and Maldives.

Kallu Gundu Attitude (Stone Balls)

Kallu Gundu Attitude or Kalita is an outdoor sport of rural Karnataka. It requires the participants to lift round stone balls (called Kalu Gundu in Kannada) of various sizes and weights. The sport demands that the players be physically strong enough to lift heavy stones.

Parade

Parade is a cross and circle board game that is very similar to the ancient game of Pachisi or Chau pad. This game requires 2 or 4 players to race their respective pawns to reach the innermost square. The origin of the game can be traced to 4th century AD and it has remained popular throughout history.

Chuka Bara (Chakaara):

Chuka Bara is one of the oldest board games of India that is still played in some parts of the country. It is known as Chuka Bara in Mysuru and as Chakaara or Chakka in north Karnataka. This game is similar to ludo and can be played by 4 players. It is a game of chance that is played with cowry shells (called kavade in Kannada). The players attempt to race their pawns from the starting point to the safety of home. The game improves eye-to-eye coordination and teaches to make strategies.

Ashta pada:

Ashta pada is an Indian board game that originated before chess. The game is played on a board having eight-by-eight grid of squares of same colour and the board has special markings known as “castles”. Each player has an even number of game pieces and the objective is to move a game piece around the board in clockwise direction, enter the castle, and regain the castle back in a counter-clockwise direction so as to make the game piece reach the centre. It can be played by 2 or 4 players.

Parama pada (Snakes & Ladders):

Snakes & Ladders is a classic board game that originated in ancient India. It is known as Parama pada in Kannada. The game can be played by two or more players on a game-board that has numbered, gridded squares. The board has several ladders and snakes drawn on it. Players have to navigate their game piece from the start to the finish based on die rolls. The ladders help the game piece to progress while the snakes hinder their movement.

Ali Guli Mane:

Ali Guli Mane or Channe Mane is a traditional indoor board game of Karnataka. The game is generally played by two players on a wooden board that has 14 pits. The pits are used to store 70 tamarind seeds or cowry shells that act as counters in the game. It is an engaging game that helps to develop logic, hand-eye coordination and concentration.

Ligorio (Seven Stones):

A stack of stones, a ball and a focused eye is all you need to play the game of Ligorio in an open courtyard. This game is quite popular in the North and Eastern states of India and is fondly called pitta, lingchi or pallid patty by many. However, it is becoming increasingly popular in Mangalore and a common outdoor norm amongst the youth. The game involves a pile of flat stones and two opposing teams. A player from one team throws the ball at the pile to disrupt it, and runs. The players of the opposite team reach for the ball and run to hit the players of the ball-throwing team who re-make the stack in the meantime without getting hit. It barely

makes use of any expensive tools or equipment and is really easy to follow. No wonder it has been gaining heat lately.

Adu Huli Aata (Tiger & Goat):

Tiger and goat is a hunt game that is known as Adu Huli Aata in Kannada. The game is played between 2 players where one player gets 3 tigers and the other player has 15 goats. The game is about the tigers trying to kill the goats while the goats look for ways to immobilize the tigers. This game requires planning and concentration on part of both the players.

Saalu Mane Ata (Nine Men's Morris)

Nine Men's Morris is a traditional board game that originated in the western world. It is known as Saalu Mane Ata or Jodi Ata or Char-Par in Kannada and is popular as Naayantara in various parts of India. This alignment game requires 2 players. Each player is given 9 coins and they try to achieve as many points as possible by getting 3 coins in a row on the game board. It is a complex game that requires strategic thinking.

Kunte Bille (Hopscotch)

Hopscotch is a traditional children's game that is known as Kunte Bille in Kannada. The game can be played alone or with several players. It involves drawing a court on the ground and then tossing a small object into the numbered rectangles of the court. The player then needs to hop or jump through the spaces in order to retrieve the object.

CONCLUSION

Folk performing arts represent the cultural segments of a particular region and language. In North Karnataka the documentary looks through the dynamics of the folk games help for physical and mental development of the young generation suiting their geographical conditions. Even in modern computer age their affection towards traditional game is reflected in the spirit of folk games.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Folk games are instrument for the formation of personality, social and national integration, nation building, identification, and satisfy basic demands.

Folk games should be organized at grass root level to popularize them.

State level folk Olympic games should be organized to promote folk games in the state.

Government should include folk games at school levels to popularize folk games among school going children.

Government should provide funds to local bodies to conduct folk games in village festivals.

Government should take initiative to identify the voluntary agencies or local bodies which promote folk game in a particular geographical condition and encourage them by providing funds.

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EFFECT OF CIRCUIT TRAINING ON SELECTED MOTOR FITNESS VARIABLE FOR INTER COLLEGIATE CRICKET PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study to find out the effect of circuit training on selected motor fitness variables. To achieve the purpose of (30) thirty inter collegiate cricket players from MVS Degree College of arts and science, palamuru university P.G College and college of education of Palamuru University, mahabubnagar Telangana. Their age category from 18-23 years, they were divided in two groups, groups of fifteen each. Group 1 underwent circuit training, group 2 underwent control group. Their did not participate in any special training, apart from their regular curricular activities. Training was given for eight weeks and alternative three days per week. The pre and posttest were conducted before and after training for eight weeks. The data collected from two groups before and after training period were statistically analyzed by using “t” test at 0.05 level of confidence was fixed to test the significant. Criterion Measures Speed was measured by using 50-yard dash and recorded to the nearest one-tenth of a second and Agility was measures by using 10x10 yard shuttle run test and recorded to the nearest one-tenth of a second. The result shows that speed and agility of the selected subjects was significantly improved on experimental groups of due to the effect of circuit training.

Keywords: Speed, Agility, Circuit Training.

INTRODUCTION

Cricket is the most popular sport in India. It is played almost everywhere in the country. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is the governing body of Indian cricket and conduct all domestic tournaments and select the players for India national cricket team and India women's national cricket team. Domestic competitions in India annually organized by BCCI include the Ranji Trophy, the Duleep Trophy, the Vijay Hazare Trophy, the Deodhar Trophy, the Irani Trophy and the NKP Salve Challenger Trophy. The Indian Premier League, a Twenty 20 tournament where various city-based franchises compete in a style similar to American football, is one of the biggest sporting leagues and the biggest cricketing league in the world. In 2023 it launched a similar league for females, the Women's Premier League (WPL).

Cricket is generally viewed as the favorite sport of Indians. Sports broadcasters, national-international news media frequently claim that "cricket is like religion in India", people are crazy for the sport there, but the truth is far from it, Indians don't show up at the stadiums to witness domestic (except IPL) tournament (such as Ranji, Vijay Hazare trophy, Irani Cup etc.), non-India international matches and stadium remain empty, reason for this according to a senior figure in Indian broadcasting, "Indians don't love cricket", "Indians love Indian cricket."

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Circuit training was invented in 1953 as an efficient way for coaches to train many athletes in a limited amount of time with limited equipment. The exerciser moved through a series of weight training or calisthenics arranged consecutively. It was a fast-paced workout of 15-45 seconds per station with little (15-30 seconds) or no rest between stations. Today, this is known as "circuit weight training." Research has shown that it can increase muscular strength and endurance. There is a mild improvement in aerobic stamina but only if the rest periods are kept very short. Another variation is "aerobic circuit training." Aerobic stations like a treadmill, rower, bike, or stepper (one to five minutes per station) are interspersed with weight-training stations. This protocol has been found to increase aerobic stamina and muscular endurance and endurance. A well-designed circuit can help to correct the imbalances that occur in any sport played to a high level. It can also be one of the best types of training for improving strength endurance be it for a sport such as soccer or a classic endurance event like the triathlon. If you haven't quite reached "elite athlete" status yet, circuit training is superb for general fitness and caters for a wide variety of fitness levels. A great time saver, it can be a refreshing and fun change from the more monotonous types of exercise. Circuit training in itself is not a form of exercise per se, but the way an exercise session is structured. Routines can be developed for strength development or for improving endurance or some combination of the two.

METHODOLOGY

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

The selected subjects (N=30) were divided into two groups each containing of fifteen. The experimental group underwent the circuit training programme for three days in a week and eight weeks in total and control group was in kept under the control of the investigator in which they were in as usual activities. The purpose of the present study was to find the effect of circuit training on selected motor fitness variables for inter-collegiate cricket players from MVS Degree College of arts and science, palamuru university P.G College and college of

education of Palamuru University, mahabubnagar Telangana. Their age category from 18-23 years. To achieve the aim of this study the investigator had randomly selected thirty inter-collegiate level cricket players of Palamuru University, Mahabubnagar, Telangana. Their age was ranged from 18-23 years. The selected subjects (N=30) were divided into two groups each containing of fifteen. The experimental group underwent the circuit training programme for three days in a week and eight weeks in total and control group was in kept under the control of the investigator in which they were in as usual activities. The statistical tool used for this present study is described here. The significance of the mean differences between the pretest and post test values of the variable by the experimental and control group during the treatment period of eight weeks were tested by applying 't' test.

RESULTS:

The motor fitness variable namely speed was measured through 50yard run test. The results on the efficacy of circuit training group and control groups are presented in table -I

TABLE - 1

SIGNIFICANCE OF MEAN GAINS / LOSSES BETWEEN PRE AND POST TEST OF EXPERIMENTAL GROUP SELECTED MOTOR FITNESS VARIABLES

S.No	Variables	Initial test	Post test	Mean diff.	σ DM	't' ratio	Sig.
01	Speed	8.70	8.43	0.27	0.51	5.20	Sig.*
02	Agility	11.02	10.14	0.88	0.06	15.16	Sig.*

*significant at 0.05 level, mean diff = mean difference / σ Dm = standard error of difference between mean.

An examination of table -1 indicates that the obtained 't' values on selected motor fitness variables were speed (5.20) and agility (15.16). Since the obtained 't' ratios were greater than the required table value of 2.14 for df 1, 14 and it was found that the mean difference between initial and final test on selected variables were statistically significant at 0.05 level. Therefore, it was concluded that the eight weeks practice of circuit training produced significant improvement on motor fitness variables for inter-collegiate cricket players and the formulated hypothesis was accepted.

TABLE -II

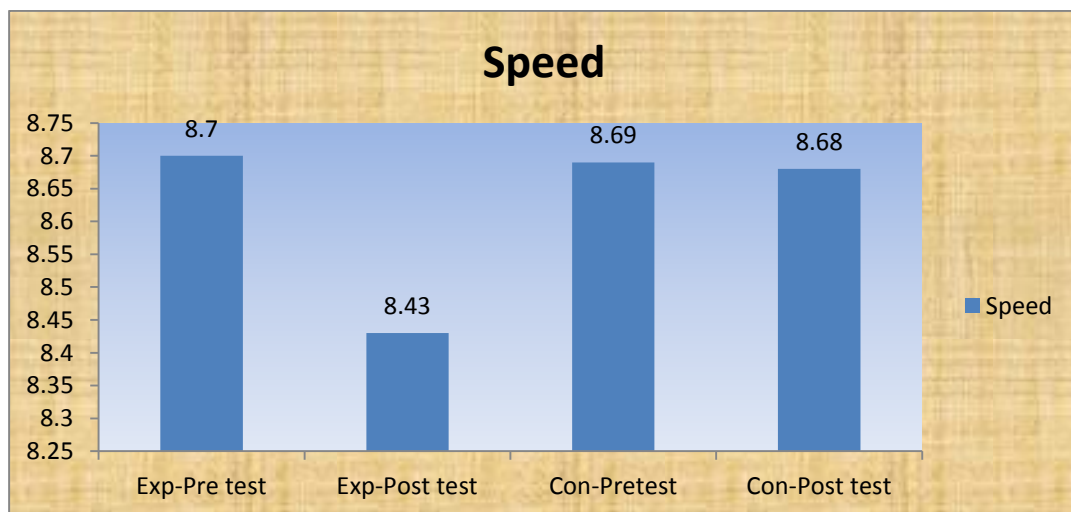
SIGNIFICANCE OF MEAN GAINS / LOSSES BETWEEN PRE AND POST TEST OF CONTROL GROUP SELECTED MOTOR FITNESS VARIABLES

S.No	Variables	Initial test	Post test	Mean diff.	σ DM	't' ratio
01	Speed	8.69	8.68	0.01	0.35	1.49
02	Agility	11.24	11.46	0.22	0.01	1.40

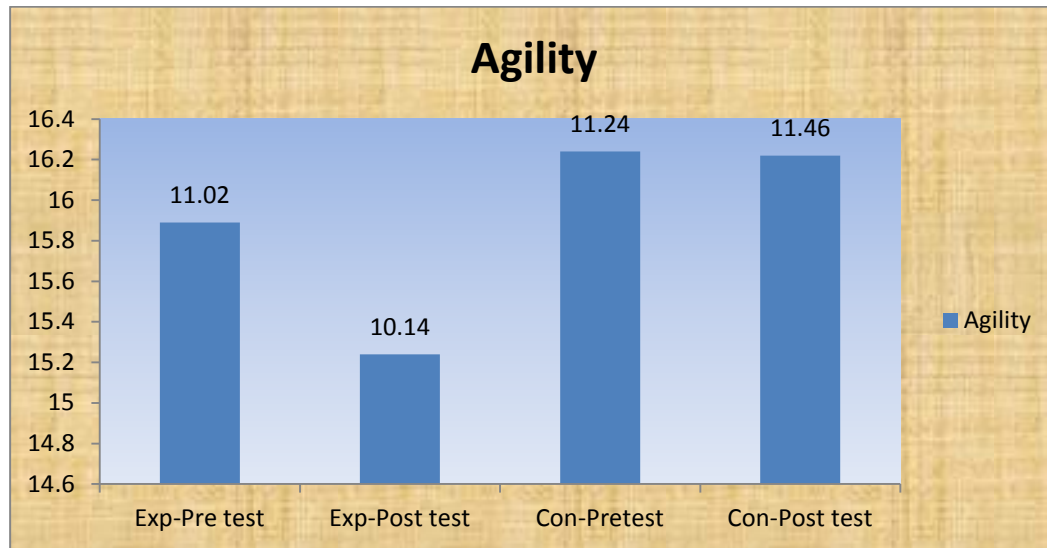
Mean diff. = mean difference / σ DM = standard error of difference between mean.

An examination of table -2 indicates that the obtained 't' values on selected motor fitness variables were speed (1.49) and agility (1.40). Since the obtained 't' ratios were lesser than the required table value of 2.14 for df 1, 14 and it was found that the mean difference between initial and final test on selected motor fitness variables were statistically insignificant at 0.05 level. Therefore, it was concluded that the formulated hypothesis was rejected.

Graphical Representation of Pre-Test and Post-Test Means of Speed is Presented in Figure – I



**Graphical Representation of Pre-Test and Post-Test Means of Agility is
Presented in Figure – 2**



DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS

The results of the study showed that at the end of the eight weeks of circuit training was a significant improvement on the selected motor fitness variables were speed and agility. The improvement is due to the circuit training programme specially designed to develop the motor fitness variables included in this study. Generally, speed and agility were developed in an overload principles based training even by the investigator to the subjects.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the present study the following conclusions have been drawn.

1. It was concluded that the circuit training programme significantly improved the selected motor fitness variables for experimental group.
2. Further it was concluded that the selected motor fitness variables showed insignificant improvements on control group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations have been made from the results of the study.

- a) The study may be conducted on female cricket players too.
- b) The same study can be conducted by increasing in terms of numbers of cricket players as subjects.
- c) The same study can be conducted with other variables such as physiological, socio-economic and psychological among the cricket players.
- d) The same study may be conducted on other games i.e. football, volleyball, handball etc.

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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SELF CONFIDENCE LEVEL AND PLAYING ABILITIES OF SOCCER PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to compare the self-confidence level and playing ability among soccer players. For this purpose, initially, 200 participants were selected from Hyderabad District, Telangana, with the age group of 14 to 16 years old. A self-confidence questionnaire was given to the participants based on their responses five equal groups were formed by a simple random sampling method. Playing ability was measured with 10 points Judges rating scale. To analyze the data Analysis of covariance was used to find whether the difference exists or not. If existing follow-up tests were applied. All the statistics were applied at a 0.05 level of significance. The result of the study concluded that there is difference exist on a different level of self-confidence players in soccer playing abilities. **Keywords:** Playing ability, Self-confidence, Soccer players.

INTRODUCTION

One of the most popular sports in the world is soccer (Tumilty, 1993). People who succeed to the highest level are frequently distinguished from others who are less successful by psychological factors (Morgan, 1979; & Morgan, 1979). In soccer as in other sports, sports administrators and coaches have sought to identify the psychological traits that set apart exceptional athletes from their counterparts (Morris, 2000). Recent studies have used numerous personality evaluation tools to try to determine the psychological traits of different sports-related demographics. Soccer players, sportsmen, and players' performance levels are largely determined by psychological factors (Tufekcioglu et al. 2014). The top athletes tend to have better levels of self- confidence, more task-oriented focus, control over their anxiety levels, more determination and commitment, according to research into sports psychology and performance (Woodman, Lew, 2003). Self-efficacy or self-concept may have an impact on motivation in terms of the amount of effort and

persistence a performer exhibits when working on a task (Bandura, 1977). This study designed to find the level of self-confidence influence in the playing ability among the soccer players

METHODOLOGY

To select the participants Agnihotri's Self Confidence Inventory (Agnihotri, 1987) given to 200 soccer players used to assess the self confidence level among the players. Based on the 200 participants response 150 participants were randomly selected and classify as Very high self-confidence group (VHSCG) (score 7 and below), High self-confidence group (HSCG) (8-19), Average self-confidence group (ASCG) (20-32), Low self-confidence group (LSCG) (33-44) and very low self-confidence group (VLSCG) (45 and above). From the initial assessment by using simple random sampling method group equalized with 30 participants such as VHSCG n=30, HSCG n=30, ASCG n=30, LSCG n=30, and VLSCG n=30. Age of the subject range between 14 to 16 years old boys. The participants of the study from Hyderabad, Telangana. For this analysis playing ability were selected as dependent variables. It was measured with 10 points judges rating method. To analysis the data Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) were used at 0.05 level of significant. If difference exists follow-up test (Post hoc test) were used).

ANALYSIS OF DATA

Table 1: Represent the Descriptive Statistics Mean and Standard Deviation (SD) value

Variable	N	Mean	SD
VHSCG	30	8.9333	0.78492
HSCG	30	7.4000	0.49827
ASCG	30	5.4333	0.50401
LSCG	30	4.5667	0.50401
VLSCG	30	4.5000	0.50855

Table 2: Represent the F ratio value on playing ability among the groups

Source	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	451.533	4	112.883	46.048	0.000
Within Groups	47.300	145	0.326		

Table 2 reveals that the obtained f value 346.048 is greater than the f table value 2.434 with df f(4 and 145). Statistical results clearly mention that there is a significant difference exists among the groups such as VHSCG, HSCG, ASCG, LSCG, VKSCG among the soccer players in the age group of 14 to 16 years old boys.

Table 3: Scheffe's Post hoc test on Playing ability

VHSCG	HSCG	ASCG	LSCG	VLSCG	MD	CI
8.9333	7.4000				1.53333 [*]	0.46
8.9333		5.4333			3.50000 [*]	
8.9333			4.5667		4.36667 [*]	
8.9333				4.5000	4.43333 [*]	
	7.4000	5.4333			1.96667 [*]	
	7.4000		4.5667		2.83333 [*]	
	7.4000			4.5000	2.90000 [*]	
		5.4333	4.5667		.86667 [*]	
		5.4333		4.5000	.93333 [*]	
			4.5667	4.5000	.06667	

Table 3 reveals that the paired wise mean difference (MD) such as VHSCG and HSCG is 1.53>0.46, VHSCG and ASCG is 3.50>0.46, VHSCG and LSCG is 4.37>0.46, VHSCG and VLSCG is 4.43>0.46, HSCG and ASCG is 1.97>0.46, HSCG and LSCG is 2.83>0.46, HSCG and VLSCG is 2.90>0.46, ASCG and LSCG is

0.87>0.46, ASCG and VLSCG is 0.93>0.46, and LSCG and VLSCG is 0.07<0.46 respectively. Statistical findings indicate VHSCG are better in playing ability when compare with all other group such as HSCG, ASCG, LSCG, VKSCG. However, there is a no difference between the LSCG and VLSCG among the soccer players on playing abilities. Finding also supported with previous findings such as Sheldon, & Eccles, (2005); Singh, & Singh, (2016); Needhiraja, & Kalidasan, (2013) and Otake, et al. (2006).

CONCLUSION

Statistical results concluded that the players who had Very high level of self-confidence are good in their playing abilities. However, players below the average level in the self-confidence their playing abilities also low when compare with other group of players

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EFFECT OF STRENGTH TRAINING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPEED AND SHOULDER STRENGTH AMONG SOFTBALL PLAYERS OF TELANGANA STATE IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT:

The Significance of the present study to find out the significant effect for the development of speed and Shoulder Strength in Softball players of Telangana state in India. The Objective of the present study to find out the effect of strength exercises for the development of speed and Shoulder Strength in Softball players of Telangana state in India. The sample for the present study consists of 20 Male Softball players of Telangana State out of which 10 are experimental group and 10 are controlled group. Strength exercises such as biceps curls, bench press, front press, back press etc. were given to experimental group on alternate days i.e. three sessions per week and controlled group were given the general training for eight weeks. Pre-Test and Post-Test were conducted 30M Running to assess the speed and Pull Ups Test is conducted to assess the shoulder Strength. This study shows that due to the strength training there is an improvement of experimental group in the 30 Meters compare to the controlled group in Speed and Shoulder Strength. Strength training is essential for elite Softball players for better performance. Speed and shoulder strength plays very vital role for the soft ball players in hitting the soft ball, running to take runs and also pitching the ball with high speed and accuracy. **Key words:** Strength Training, Speed, Endurance etc...

INTRODUCTION:

Softball is a sport that requires both muscular strength and endurance, and for this reason when training with weights you need to concentrate on developing strong muscles with high endurance capabilities. Speed is a key component of Physical fitness which is very important for Softball Players for giving the high level of performance in competition.

Strength training exercises can improve speed and endurance by using weights. Weight training exercises increases the intensity of training and builds strength because of the resistance they offer when training. Weight training will strengthen the muscle as well as and will boost the player's power and is ideal for all players and other athletes who depend on high speed running. To reduce the possibility of injury systematic weight training should be conducted once to the player has a good solid base of strength and endurance.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY:

The Objective of the present study to find out the effect of strength exercises for the development of speed and Shoulder Strength in Softball players of Telangana state in India.

Method:

The purpose of the present study to find out the effect of strength exercises for the development of Speed and Shoulder Strength among Soft Ball Players. The sample for the present study consists of 20 Male Soft Ball Players of Telangana State in India out of which 10 are experimental group and 10 are controlled group. Strength exercises such as biceps curls, bench press, front press, back press etc. were given to experimental group on alternate days i.e. three sessions per week and controlled group were given the general training for eight weeks

The following strength exercises are used for training the Experimental group:

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|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Arm Row | 2. Biceps Curl | 3. Bench Press |
| 4. Lateral Raise | 5. Close arm Press ups | 6. Normal Fly |
| 7. Shoulder Press | 8. Half Squat | 9. Front Raise lunge |
| 10. Heel Raise | 11. Squat Jumps | 12. Dumbell Sideward bend |

RESULT:

Table-I Showing the 30 M Run of Experimental and Control Group In Pre and Post Test for Speed among Soft Ball Players.

30 M Run	N	Pre Test	Post Test	t	Sig.
Experimental	10	4.36	4.12	-4.66	0.000
Control	10	4.42	4.65		

The Experimental Group Pre Test Mean Score in 30 M Run is 4.36 compare to post Test Score is 4.12, there is a improvement of mean score timing 0.24 between Pre Test to Post Test due to Weight Training. The Control Pre Test Mean Score in 30 M Run is 4.42 compare to post Test Score is 4.65, there is a decrease of mean score timing 0.23 between Pre Test to Post Test due to General Training. The results of the study show that the Experimental group of soft ball players had improve in speed timing due to the strength training.

Table-II: Table –II showing the Pull Ups Test of Experimental Group in Pre and Post Test for shoulder strength among soft ball Players.

Pull ups	N	Pre Test	Post Test	t	Sig.
Experimental	10	10.10	12.60	6.19	0.000
Control	10	10.10	9.00		

The Experimental Group Pre Test Mean Score in Pull ups is 10.10 compare to post Test Score is 12.60, there is an improvement of mean score 2.50 between Pre Test to Post Test due to Weight Training. The Control Pre Test Mean Score in Pull ups is 10.10 compare to post Test Score is 9.00, there is a decrease of mean score timing 1.10 between Pre Test to Post Test due to General Training. The results of the study show that the Experimental group of soft ball players had improve in shoulder strength due to the strength training

CONCLUSION:

Strength training is essential for elite softball performance. To optimize the benefit from weight training, you must select exercises with mechanical relevance to the softball action, particularly those movements which are useful to the Softball players for batting, running, fielding and throwing, such as the arm pull, sit-ups and leg kick. It is concluded that due to the strength training there is a significant improvement in the 30 M Run and Shoulder Strength.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.It is recommended that strength training program must be included in the coaching program for softball event.
- 2.Similar Studies should be conducted in other sports and games.
3. Coaches must include the conditioning Programme to improve the motor qualities of the soft ball players.

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A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SELF-ESTEEM AND MOTIVATION AMONG ELITE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM ATHLETES IN TELANGANA STATE

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to explore and compare the psychological factors of self-esteem and motivation among elite individual and team athletes in Telangana State. A total of 200 participants were selected, comprising 50 males and 50 female athletes from individual sports, and 50 males and 50 female athletes from team sports. Psychological scales such as the Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale and Sport Motivation Scale were utilized to assess the participants. The results revealed significant differences in self-esteem and motivation between individual and team athletes, with notable variations based on gender and sport type. Findings suggest that individual athletes tend to exhibit higher intrinsic motivation, while team athletes demonstrate stronger extrinsic motivation due to collective goals. These insights can inform coaching strategies, psychological interventions, and athlete development programs, emphasizing tailored approaches to enhance performance and well-being. **Keywords:** Self-Esteem, Motivation, Individual Sports, Team Sports, Athlete Performance, Elite Athletes, Telangana State, Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale, Sport Motivation Scale

INTRODUCTION

Psychological factors play a pivotal role in determining athletic performance, influencing how athletes cope with pressure, maintain focus, and achieve their goals. Among these factors, self-esteem and motivation are critical as they directly impact an athlete's confidence, resilience, and commitment to their sport. Understanding these psychological elements not only aids in enhancing individual performance but also helps in developing tailored training programs and interventions. Self-esteem refers to the overall sense of worth or personal value that an athlete perceives in them. It is essential for maintaining confidence during competition

and training. Motivation, on the other hand, encompasses the internal and external forces driving an athlete to perform and excel. It can be classified as intrinsic motivation, driven by personal satisfaction and enjoyment, or extrinsic motivation, fueled by rewards, recognition, or team dynamics. Both factors are rooted in well-established theoretical frameworks, such as Deci and Ryan's Self-Determination Theory, which emphasizes the importance of autonomy, competence, and relatedness in motivation.

The psychological attributes of athletes often vary between those engaged in individual sports, where performance depends solely on personal effort, and **team sports**, where success is a collective endeavor. These differences warrant detailed exploration to understand how self-esteem and motivation manifest uniquely in these contexts.

This study focuses on elite athletes from Telangana State, a region known for its diverse sports culture and talent. By examining the psychological differences between individual and team athletes in this context, the study aims to provide insights that can inform coaching strategies, enhance athlete well-being, and promote performance optimization.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The primary purpose of this study is to explore the psychological dynamics of self-esteem and motivation among elite athletes, focusing on the differences that arise from the nature of the sport—whether individual or team-based—and the athletes' gender. By addressing these aspects, the study aims to contribute valuable insights to the field of sports psychology and athlete development.

One key objective is to compare self-esteem levels between athletes participating in individual sports, where performance is self-driven, and team sports, where collaboration and group dynamics play a crucial role. Understanding these distinctions will help identify the psychological strengths and challenges unique to each type of athlete.

Another goal is to analyze motivational differences among these athletes, examining the variations in intrinsic and extrinsic motivation based on sport type and gender. Identifying these differences can help coaches and sports psychologists design tailored strategies to enhance athlete engagement and performance.

Finally, the study seeks to investigate how self-esteem and motivation influence athletic performance in both individual and team sports contexts. By examining these psychological factors, the research aims to uncover their role in shaping the success and well-being of athletes, thereby providing actionable recommendations for optimizing training, support systems, and overall athlete development.

METHODOLOGY

This study employs a quantitative research design to investigate the psychological factors of self-esteem and motivation among elite athletes in Telangana State. The methodology is structured to ensure a robust and comprehensive comparison across sport types and gender.

Table 1: Sample Distribution

Sport Type	Gender	Number of Athletes
Individual Sports	Male	50
	Female	50
Team Sports	Male	50
	Female	50
Total		200

The questionnaire used in this study was designed/adapted and validated by Researcher, ensuring alignment with the study objectives. Data were analyzed using statistical techniques such as ANOVA for comparing self-esteem and motivation levels across groups, and correlation analysis to explore relationships between psychological factors and athletic performance. All analyses were performed using SPSS.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The results of the study provide insights into the psychological factors of **self-esteem** and **motivation** among elite athletes, categorized by sport type and gender

Table 2: Psychological Factors by Athlete Category

Category	Self-Esteem	Intrinsic Motivation	Extrinsic Motivation
Individual Sports (Male)	85	90	60
Individual Sports (Female)	80	85	55
Team Sports (Male)	75	70	85
Team Sports (Female)	70	65	90

The findings from the study reveal notable differences in self-esteem and motivation levels across different categories of athletes, highlighting the interplay of sport type and gender in shaping psychological attributes.

Below is the detailed interpretation:

Self-Esteem

- **Individual Sports Athletes:** Male athletes in individual sports scored the highest on self-esteem (85), followed closely by female athletes (80). This suggests that individual sports, which rely heavily on personal effort and achievements, foster greater self-worth and confidence compared to team sports.
- **Team Sports Athletes:** Self-esteem levels were comparatively lower for team sports athletes, with males scoring 75 and females 70. The collaborative nature of team sports may diffuse individual recognition, potentially leading to slightly lower self-esteem.

Intrinsic Motivation

- **Higher in Individual Sports:** Male and female athletes in individual sports demonstrated higher intrinsic motivation (90 and 85, respectively). This reflects their focus on internal goals, self-improvement, and personal satisfaction derived from their performance.
- **Lower in Team Sports:** Intrinsic motivation was lower in team sports, particularly for female athletes (65). This could be due to the reliance on team dynamics, which might shift the motivational focus toward external factors.

Extrinsic Motivation

- **Higher in Team Sports:** Team sports athletes showed significantly higher extrinsic motivation, with females scoring the highest (90), followed by males (85). The social and collaborative nature of team sports, as well as external rewards and recognition, likely play a larger role in motivating team athletes.
- **Lower in Individual Sports:** In contrast, individual athletes displayed lower extrinsic motivation, as their primary drive stems from internal satisfaction rather than external validation.

Gender-Based Trends

- **Male athletes** in both individual and team sports exhibited slightly higher self-esteem and intrinsic motivation compared to their female counterparts. This difference, though small, suggests potential variations in how male and female athletes perceive their roles and performance in sports.
- **Female athletes**, particularly in team sports, showed a stronger reliance on extrinsic motivators, such as peer support and recognition, which may reflect the importance of social dynamics in their motivational framework.

Key Insights

- Individual vs. Team Sports: Individual athletes tend to be more self-reliant and internally driven, which is reflected in higher self-esteem and intrinsic motivation. In contrast, team athletes are more influenced by external factors, which enhance their extrinsic motivation.
- Gender Differences: Subtle variations in self-esteem and motivation between male and female athletes highlight the need for gender-specific strategies to support psychological well-being and performance.
- Practical Implications: Coaches and sports psychologists should tailor their approaches based on these differences. Individual athletes may benefit from personal goal-setting techniques, while team athletes might thrive with strategies that enhance team cohesion and collective recognition.

These interpretations emphasize the importance of understanding the psychological needs of athletes to optimize their performance and well-being.

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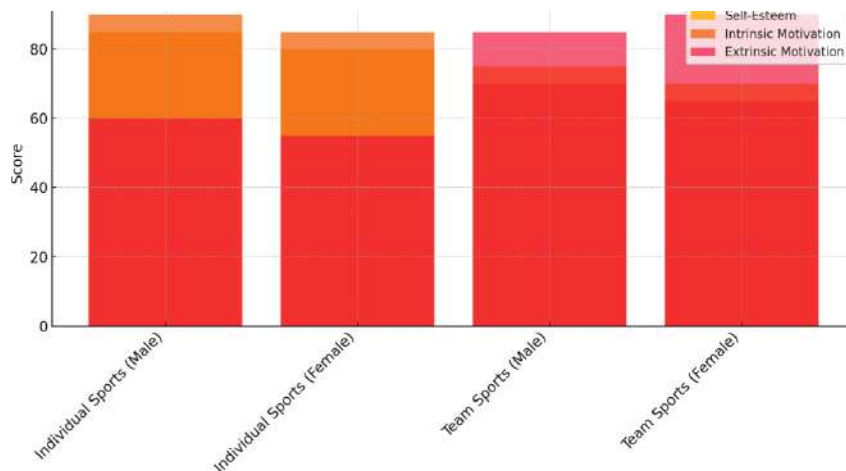


Figure 1: Psychological Factors by Athlete Category

The ANOVA test was conducted to analyze differences in Self-Esteem, Intrinsic Motivation, and Extrinsic Motivation among four athlete categories:

- Individual Sports (Male)
- Individual Sports (Female)
- Team Sports (Male)
- Team Sports (Female)

Table 3: ANOVA table with the F-values and P-values

Factor	F-Value	P-Value
Self-esteem	157.77	9.15
Intrinsic Motivation	358.57	7.37
Extrinsic Motivation	988.88	1.27

The key results from the ANOVA table 3 are:

Self-Esteem ($F = 157.77$, $p < 0.001$)

- The high F-value (157.77) and extremely low p-value ($p < 0.001$) indicate that there is a statistically significant difference in self-esteem across the four athlete groups.
- This suggests that self-esteem is influenced by sport type (individual vs. team) and gender.

Intrinsic Motivation ($F = 358.57$, $p < 0.001$)

- The very high F-value (358.57) confirms that there are significant differences in intrinsic motivation among different athlete groups.
- This result implies that intrinsic motivation varies between individual and team sports athletes, as well as between males and females.

Extrinsic Motivation ($F = 988.88$, $p < 0.001$)

- The highest F-value (988.88) in the table suggests that extrinsic motivation is significantly different across groups.
- This strongly indicates that extrinsic motivation is more prevalent in team sports athletes compared to individual sports athletes.

Since all p-values are significantly lower than 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis, confirming that psychological attributes differ significantly across the four groups.

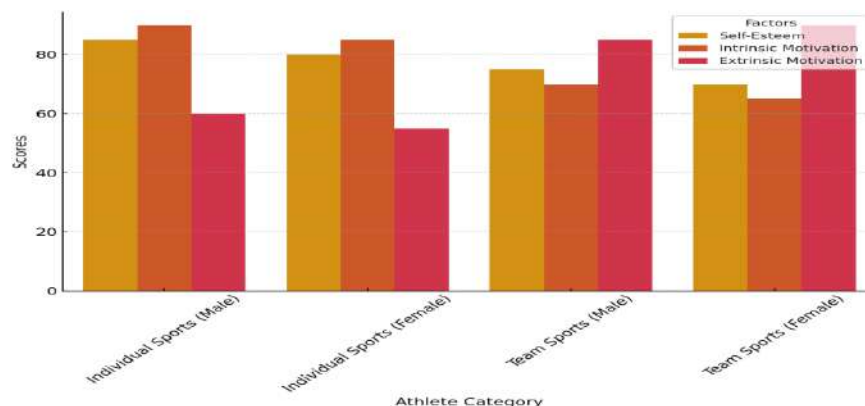


Figure 2: Psychological Factors by Athlete Category

The figure 2 visualizes the differences in psychological factors across the four athlete categories.

Self-Esteem

- Highest in Individual Sports (Male) athletes.
- Slightly lower in Individual Sports (Female) athletes.
- Lowest in Team Sports (Female) athletes.
- This suggests that individual athletes, who rely solely on their personal performance, develop higher self-confidence compared to team athletes.

Intrinsic Motivation

- Higher in Individual Sports athletes, with males scoring slightly higher than females.
- Lower in Team Sports athletes, particularly among females.
- This indicates that individual athletes are more self-driven, focusing on personal goals rather than external recognition.

Extrinsic Motivation

Highest in Team Sports (Female) athletes, followed by males in team sports.

- Lower in Individual Sports athletes, as they rely more on self-motivation.
- This suggests that team athletes are driven by external factors such as team success, peer support, and recognition from coaches and teammates.

Key Insights

- Individual athletes exhibit higher self-esteem and intrinsic motivation because their performance depends solely on their effort and self-improvement.
- Team athletes show higher extrinsic motivation due to external rewards, teamwork, and peer validation.
- Gender Differences:
 - Males tend to have slightly higher self-esteem and intrinsic motivation.
 - Females, especially in team sports, are more influenced by extrinsic motivation, indicating the role of social support in their motivation.

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS

For Coaches & Trainers:

- Individual athletes should be encouraged through self-reflection and goal-setting to maintain their intrinsic motivation.

- Team athletes should be motivated using collective goals, recognition, and peer reinforcement to enhance performance.

For Sports Psychologists:

- Team sports female athletes may need interventions to boost self-esteem and reduce over-reliance on external validation.
- Male individual athletes may need guidance on balancing intrinsic motivation with teamwork skills.

For Athlete Development:

- Training programs should be tailored to the psychological needs of both individual and team athletes.
- Recognizing gender differences in motivation can help in designing more effective athlete support systems.

The study confirms that psychological factors differ significantly based on sport type and gender. Understanding these differences can help optimize coaching strategies, psychological interventions, and training programs to enhance athlete well-being and performance.

DISCUSSION

The findings of this study provide significant insights into the psychological dynamics of self-esteem and motivation among elite athletes, shedding light on the differences between individual and team sports participants and the impact of gender. These results are interpreted in the context of existing research, with practical implications for training and psychological support.

- **Self-Esteem:**

- The higher self-esteem observed in individual sports athletes aligns with previous studies suggesting that self-reliant environments promote greater self-confidence and personal accountability. Athletes in these sports often bear sole responsibility for their success, fostering a sense of ownership over their achievements.
- Lower self-esteem in team sports athletes, particularly among females, may be attributed to the shared nature of success and reduced individual visibility. This finding resonates with research highlighting the potential for collective performance dynamics to overshadow individual contributions.

- **Intrinsic and Extrinsic Motivation:**

- The elevated intrinsic motivation in individual sports athletes supports the notion that personal goals, mastery, and self-satisfaction are critical drivers in these settings. This finding corroborates Deci and Ryan's Self-Determination Theory, which emphasizes the role of autonomy in fostering intrinsic motivation.

○ Higher extrinsic motivation in team sports athletes underscores the influence of external rewards, social recognition, and team dynamics. This result aligns with studies showing that team environments often emphasize external motivators, such as winning championships or gaining peer approval.

- **Gender-Based Differences:**

○ Male athletes exhibited slightly higher self-esteem and intrinsic motivation across both sport types, which may reflect traditional gender norms that emphasize independence and self-confidence in sports. This aligns with prior research suggesting that males often internalize performance-driven motivations more strongly.

○ Female athletes, particularly in team sports, showed a stronger reliance on extrinsic motivators, emphasizing the importance of social cohesion and external validation. This finding highlights the potential need for strategies that reinforce internal motivation among female athletes.

i. Implications for Athletes' Training and Psychological Support

- **Tailored Training Programs:**

○ Coaches and trainers should design individualized interventions to foster intrinsic motivation in team sports athletes, emphasizing personal growth alongside collective goals.

○ For individual sports athletes, psychological support should focus on maintaining high self-esteem and reinforcing their internal drive.

- **Psychological Interventions:**

○ Female athletes, particularly in team sports, may benefit from programs that boost self-esteem and reduce over-reliance on extrinsic motivators. Group discussions, peer support initiatives, and individual counseling can help.

○ For male athletes, strategies should reinforce their intrinsic motivation while addressing potential over-competitiveness that may affect teamwork.

- **Gender-Sensitive Approaches:**

○ Acknowledging the subtle gender differences in psychological factors is crucial. Training programs should integrate activities that cater to the unique needs of both male and female athletes, fostering inclusivity and psychological well-being.

ii. Exploration of Gender-Based Differences and Their Potential Impact

The study's findings suggest that gender-based psychological differences, while not drastic, influence how athletes perceive and respond to training and competition. Male athletes' focus on intrinsic motivation and self-esteem may make them better suited for self-driven tasks, while female athletes' reliance on extrinsic motivators highlights the importance of fostering positive team dynamics.

These differences have broader implications for team composition, leadership roles, and performance outcomes. Addressing these nuances through targeted training and psychological support can enhance athlete development, improve team cohesion, and ultimately contribute to better overall performance in both individual and team sports.

In summary, this discussion emphasizes the importance of a nuanced, context-sensitive approach to athlete training and support, ensuring that psychological factors are effectively addressed to maximize performance and well-being.

CONCLUSION

This study provides a comprehensive analysis of the psychological factors of self-esteem and motivation among elite athletes in Telangana State, emphasizing the distinctions between individual and team sports participants and the influence of gender. The findings offer valuable insights into how these factors shape athletic performance and have practical implications for sports training and psychological support.

Summary of Key Findings

- **Self-Esteem:** Athletes in individual sports exhibited higher self-esteem levels compared to those in team sports. Male athletes, overall, displayed slightly higher self-esteem than female athletes.
- **Motivation:**
 - Intrinsic motivation was more prominent among individual sports athletes, reflecting their focus on personal growth and satisfaction.
 - Extrinsic motivation was significantly higher among team sports athletes, driven by external rewards and team dynamics.
- **Gender Differences:** While gender-based differences were subtle, male athletes showed a stronger inclination toward intrinsic motivators, while female athletes relied more on extrinsic factors, particularly in team sports.

Practical Applications

- **For Sports Coaches:**
 - Develop customized training programs that address the specific psychological needs of individual and team sports athletes.
 - For individual athletes, reinforce their intrinsic motivation through goal-setting and self-reflection exercises.

- For team athletes, create an environment that fosters team cohesion while encouraging individual recognition to enhance self-esteem.
- For Sports Psychologists:
 - Implement targeted interventions to boost self-esteem in team sports athletes, especially females.
 - Use motivational strategies that balance intrinsic and extrinsic motivators, ensuring athletes stay engaged and mentally prepared.
 - Address gender-specific needs by incorporating activities that build confidence and reduce dependency on external validation.

Recommendations for Future Research

- Broader Demographics: Expand the study to include athletes from different regions and levels of expertise to validate findings and identify regional or cultural variations.
- Longitudinal Studies: Conduct long-term studies to examine how psychological factors evolve over an athlete's career and how they influence sustained performance.
- Intervention Effectiveness: Investigate the effectiveness of specific psychological interventions, such as mindfulness training, self-esteem workshops, and motivational coaching, in improving performance.
- Team Dynamics: Explore the role of team dynamics, leadership styles, and interpersonal relationships in shaping the psychological well-being of team sports athletes.
- Gender-Specific Studies: Delve deeper into gender-based differences, particularly in mixed-gender teams, to understand the nuances of motivation and self-esteem in diverse settings.

In conclusion, this study underscores the importance of addressing psychological factors to optimize athlete performance. By tailoring approaches to sport type and gender, coaches and psychologists can foster a supportive and motivating environment, enabling athletes to achieve their full potential. These findings pave the way for further research and innovation in the field of sports psychology.

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EXPLORING THE USE OF RHYTHMIC EXERCISE BASED DANCE THERAPY TO ENHANCE FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT AND SOCIAL SKILLS AMONG CHILDREN WITH AUTISM - A FEASIBILITY STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Dance and movement have long been recognized for their therapeutic benefits, but their impact on children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) remains an evolving area of research. This study explores the effects of rhythmic exercise-based dance therapy on motor skills and social interactions in high-functioning girls with ASD. Fourteen participants, aged 10–12 years, were selected through purposive random sampling and Over 12 weeks, the experimental group engaged in rhythmic exercises and Bharatanatyam dance, while the control group received no specific training. Motor skills (walking, running) were assessed using the Bruininks-Oseretsky Test of Motor Proficiency (BOT-2), and social skills were measured with the Autism Social Skills Profile (ASSP). Post-intervention analysis revealed significant improvements ($p < 0.05$) in both motor coordination and social interactions within the experimental group, emphasizing the transformative potential of structured movement therapies. These findings highlight the power of rhythm and dance in bridging motor and social skill gaps in children with ASD. While promising, the study calls for larger-scale research to further validate these results and explore the long-term impact of dance-based interventions in diverse ASD populations. **Keywords:** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASFD), Rhythmic Exercise, Motor Skill, Social Skills, Bharatanatyam, Therapy.

INTRODUCTION

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental condition characterized by persistent difficulties in social communication and interaction, as well as restricted and repetitive behaviours (World Health Organization [WHO], 2023). These challenges often extend to motor development, with research indicating that children with ASD frequently exhibit deficits in gross and fine motor skills, balance, and coordination (Bhat et al., 2019). Such difficulties may contribute to lower participation in physical activities and reduced opportunities for social interaction (Pan et al., 2017). Given the importance of motor skills in daily functioning and social integration, interventions targeting both movement proficiency and social engagement are crucial for supporting children with ASD.

Rhythmic exercise-based interventions, particularly dance therapy, have been proposed as effective methods for addressing motor and social challenges in children with ASD. Dance involves structured movement patterns that promote coordination, balance, and spatial awareness while simultaneously encouraging social interaction through group participation and nonverbal communication (Koehne et al., 2016). The rhythmic nature of dance can be particularly beneficial for children with ASD, as research suggests that rhythmic cueing enhances motor learning and synchronization abilities, leading to improvements in movement efficiency and engagement in social activities (Srinivasan & Bhat, 2013). Furthermore, dance therapy incorporates elements of play and creativity, which can help children express emotions, build confidence, and develop social connections in a structured yet enjoyable environment (De Jesus et al., 2021).

Despite the growing interest in movement-based interventions for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), research on the specific effects of rhythmic exercise-based dance therapy remains limited. While existing studies have explored the benefits of general physical activities and movement therapies for improving motor coordination and social interaction in children with ASD (MacDonald et al., 2018; Pan et al., 2017), few have isolated the role of rhythmic and dance-based exercises in this context (Bachmann et al., 2020). Most studies investigating dance therapy for ASD have focused on qualitative outcomes, such as emotional expression and engagement, rather than quantitatively assessing improvements in fundamental movement skills and social interactions (De Jesus et al., 2021). This study aims to examine the feasibility and effectiveness of rhythmic exercise-based dance therapy in enhancing fundamental movement skills and social interactions among children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

METHODOLOGY

To achieve the purpose of the study, total of fourteen high functioning girl children with autism (N=14) were selected using purposive random sampling technique. This subject age ranged from 10 to 12 years. Rhythmic Exercise based dance therapy is independent Variable and Fundamental movements such as walking and running was measured by Bruininks – Oseretsky Test of Motor Proficiency – BOT – 2 (Bruininks, R. H., & Bruininks, B. D. 2005), Social skills was measured by Autism Social Skill Profile (Scott Bellini, 2006) are the dependent Variable. In this study after the pre-test fourteen children with autism were randomly divided into two groups namely, Rhythmic Exercise based dance therapy (EBDT=7) and the second group was Control Group (CG=7). Experimental Group underwent Rhythmic Exercise based dance therapy and the control group did not undergo any specific training for 12 weeks (6 days a week). Experimental group underwent Rhythmic Exercise for 16 counts 3 days a week (Mon, Wed, Fri) and alternate days (Tue, Thu, Sat) Bharatanatyam for traditional sorkattu for 12 weeks. After 12 weeks of the training period post test was conducted. To find out if any significant difference ($P < 0.05$) exists between pre and post-test, t-ratio was applied.

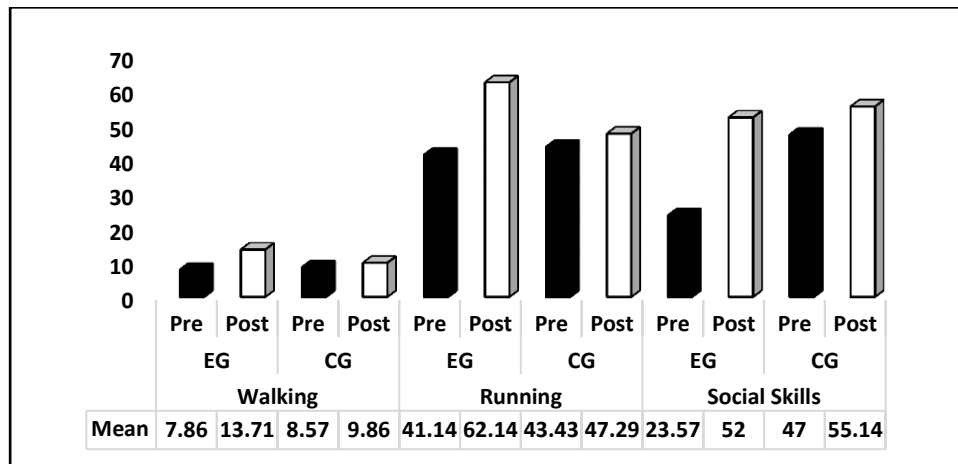
RESULTS

Table showing obtained mean values for the selected variables

Variables	Group	Test	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean	t ratio
Walking	EG	Pre	7.86	1.069	.404	1.30
		Post	13.71	1.113	.421	6.6*
	CG	Pre	8.57	.976	.369	1.00
		Post	9.86	1.069	.404	0.64
Running	EG	Pre	41.14	2.116	.800	1.40
		Post	62.14	4.706	1.779	6.29*
	CG	Pre	43.43	3.735	1.412	0.90
		Post	47.29	4.112	1.554	0.87
Social Skills	EG	Pre	23.57	2.936	1.110	1.85
		Post	52.00	3.367	1.272	8.58*
	CG	Pre	47.00	1.414	.577	0.89
		Post	55.14	2.968	1.122	0.31

*Table value 1.94 Significant at 0.05 level of confidence 1 and 6.

Graphical representation showing the pre and posttest mean values of experimental group and control group



DISCUSSION

The findings of this study suggest that rhythmic exercise-based dance therapy (EBDT) significantly enhances fundamental movement skills and social interactions in high-functioning children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The results indicate notable improvements in walking and running abilities as well as social skills, reinforcing the potential of dance therapy as an effective intervention for children with ASD. The significant t-ratios observed in the EG across all variables underscore the efficacy of rhythmic exercise-based interventions in addressing both motor and social skill deficits in children with ASD. Previous studies have highlighted the role of structured physical activities in improving motor coordination and social interactions in this population (MacDonald et al., 2018; Pan et al., 2017). However, the current study adds to the existing literature by specifically isolating the effects of rhythmic and dance-based exercises, an area that has received limited empirical attention (Bachmann et al., 2020). Despite the promising results, this study has some limitations. The small sample size (N=14) restricts the generalizability of findings, necessitating further research with larger and more diverse cohorts. Additionally, while the study successfully quantifies improvements in motor and social skills, future research could incorporate qualitative measures to assess emotional and psychological impacts more comprehensively.

CONCLUSION

Overall, this study highlights the potential of rhythmic exercise-based dance therapy as a valuable intervention for improving motor and social skills in children with ASD. The findings suggest that structured and rhythmic movement activities, particularly dance, can provide a holistic approach to addressing motor deficits while simultaneously fostering social engagement. Future research should explore long-term effects and investigate the applicability of similar interventions across different ASD severity levels and cultural contexts.

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“A STUDY ON PHYSICAL AND MOTOR FITNESS AMONG VOLLEY BALL, HAND BALL AND KABADDI PLAYERS OF NALGONDA IN TELANGANA”

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ABSTRACT:

Motor fitness is regarded as the preparedness for performance with special regard for big muscles activity, in a more general phase of physical fitness. Fundamental and success of all games and sports is higher level of physical and motor fitness. Under any hypothesis, a secured and fit body is a re-requisite to become a top-level performer in any of the games and sports. Ramprasad (2020) conducted a research programme on comparison of selected physiological and physical factors of handball, kabaddi and volleyball. **Keywords:** Physical and Motor Fitness, Volley Ball, Hand Ball and Kabaddi Players.

INTRODUCTION:

Volleyball is the game which is not having physical contact with opposite teams' player. Comparing to other two games in the study volleyball need less vital capacity because when every point was scored they will have the breathing time while net service. But vital capacity is needed while playing the rally. Endurance is needed to play whole five sets of match which is having 25 points in each set. Speed is needed to the ground and spike the ball while moving. Handball is a fast moving vigorous combative game so lot of oxygen is needed to play for an hour. So handball needs to be good oxygen uptake capacity (vital capacity). While handball has to play 60 minutes in a same energy level so lot of endurance is needed to play the game. While on the move of task break and while coming to difference speed will be needed to gain the position. Kabaddi is an also vigorous agility game with lot of body contact.

In this game vital capacity holds an important role while doing can't skill. Rider has to hold his breath while riding in opponent's court. If he loses his breath, he will be called out. So more vital capacity need than any other sport in the study. Kabaddi players need endurance for play a 40 minutes and speed is needed for antiriders to catch the riders while riders need speed to escape from antirider and to touch the center line to gain the point. To study the significant difference between Volley ball players, Hand ball players and Kabaddi

players with respect to diastolic blood pressure. To study the significant difference between Volley Ball players, Hand Ball Players and Kabaddi players with respect to 50 meters speed.

The limitation of the present study is as follows the food habits; other regular habits and life style are not controlled. The regular activities of the students will not be controlled. Family background of the subject will not be considered. Environmental factors, which contribute to the mental ability of the players, were not taken into consideration. The response of the subject to the questionnaire might not be honest in all cases and this was recognized as a limitation. The present study was delighted in the following aspects. The study will be restricted to 30 Volley Ball, 30 Hand Ball and 30 Kabaddi players. The age limit of the subject will be limited to the range of 18 to 25 years. The study was restricted to two physiological variables namely blood pressure and heart rate, Motor Fitness variables are Speed and Endurance.

METHODOLOGY:

In this chapter the selection of subjects, selection of variables, reliability of the data, instrumental reliability, testers competence, subjects, collection of the data and statistical techniques employed for anglicizing the date have been described.

SELECTION OF SUBJECTS: A total of 90 inter collegiate level consist of volley ball, hand ball and kabaddi players were randomly selected.



SELECTION OF VARIABLES: The research scholar reviewed the available scientific literature, books, journals, periodicals, and magazine and research papers pertaining to the study. Taking into confederation of the importance of these variables and the feasibility criteria for these following variables were selected for the investigator. Physiological Variables, Blood Pressure, Vital Capacity, Motor and Fitness Variables, Speed, Endurance Reliability of Data. The reliability of data was ensured by establishing the instrument reliability and subject reliability.

SUBJECT RELIABILITY: As the same subjects were used to measure for self-confidence and achievement motivation of ability with questionnaires by the same investigator were considered reliable.

COLLECTION OF DATA: The administration of the test and the method of the collection data were explained while collecting the data.

PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES: Blood Pressure and Vital Capacity was measured by using Standard Instrument.

MOTOR VARIABLES: Speed and Endurance was measured in Track.

STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES:

The data that were collected from the subjects were treated statistically. To find out the significance difference among the volley ball, hand ball and kabaddi players for the main purpose of the study was “A Study on Physical and Motor Fitness among Volley ball, Hand ball and Kabaddi players.” Then the data were analysed with reference to the objectives and hypothesis by using student unpaired ‘t’ test and Karl Pearson’s correlation coefficient by using SPSS 11.0 statistical software and results were obtained thereby have been interpreted.

DATA ANALYSIS:

After the data had been collected, it was processed and tabulated using Microsoft Excel – 2000 Software. The data collected on Vital capacity, Diastolic blood pressure, 50 meters Speed and Endurance of 1000 meters of Volley ball, Hand ball and Kabaddi players. The main purpose of the study was “ A study on physical and motor fitness among Volley ball, Hand ball and Kabaddi players ”.

Then the data were analyzed with reference to the objectives and hypothesis by using students unpaired t-test and Karl Pearson’s correlations coefficient by using SPSS 11.0 statistical software and the results obtained there by have been interpreted. It is also the intention of the investigator to find out whether differences in the independent variable namely group of players (Volleyball, Handball and Kabaddi players) with respect to Vital capacity, Diastolic blood pressure, 50 meters Speed and Endurance of 1000 meters and consequently

others. The results are presented in the following section. To achieve this hypothesis, the Karl Pearson's correlation coefficient technique has been applied and results are presented in the following table.

TABLE-1:

Results of correlation coefficient between vital capacity, diastolic blood pressure, speed 50 meters and endurance 1000 meters of all the three types of players:

Variables	Vital capacity	Diastolic blood pressure	50 meters speed	Endurance of 1000 meters
Vital capacity	1.0000			
Diastolic blood pressure	0.2596*	1.0000		
50 meters Speed	0.1223	-0.0602	1.0000	
Endurance of 1000 meters	0.1099	-0.0057	0.2062	1.0000

**Significant at 5% level of significance $p < 0.05$. The relationship between vital capacity and diastolic blood pressure of all players (Volley ball, Hand ball & Kabaddi) players ($r = 0.2596$, $p < 0.05$) is found to positive and statistically significant at 5% level of significance. Hence, the null hypothesis is rejected and alternative hypothesis is accepted. It means that, vital capacity increases with increase in diastolic blood pressure of all players. The relationship between vital capacity and 50 meters speed of all players ($r = 0.1223$, $p > 0.05$) is found to positive and statistically not significant at 5% level of significance. Hence, the null hypothesis is accepted and alternative hypothesis rejected. ($r = 0.1099$, $p > 0.05$) is found to positive and statistically not significant at 5% level of significance.

Hence, the null hypothesis is accepted and alternative hypothesis is rejected. The relationship between diastolic blood pressure and 50 meters speed of all players ($r = -0.0602$, $p > 0.05$) is found to negative and statistically not significant at 5% level of significance. Hence, the null hypothesis is accepted and alternative is rejected. The relationship between diastolic blood pressure and endurance of 1000 meters of all players ($r = -0.0057$, $p > 0.05$) is found to negative and statistically not significant at 5% level of significance.

CONCLUSION:

The Volley ball players and Hand ball players have similar speed. The Volley ball players and Kabaddi players have similar speed. The Hand ball players and Kabaddi players have similar speed. The Volley ball players and Hand ball players have similar endurance. The Volley ball players and Kabaddi players have similar endurance. The Hand ball players and Kabaddi players have similar endurance. Vital capacity increases with increase in diastolic blood pressure of Hand ball player's Vital capacity increases with increase in diastolic blood pressure of all players (Volley ball, Hand ball & Kabaddi) players.

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EXERCISE-INDUCED HYPERTENSION (EIH) IS THE MOST HAZARDOUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH: POTENTIAL RISK FACTORS, CAUSES AND TREATMENT

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ABSTRACT

High blood pressure, also scientifically known as hypertension, is a major risk factor for stroke, heart disease, kidney disease, and other health complications. During exercise, a person will experience a gradual increase in systolic blood pressure (SBP) as exercise intensity increases, while diastolic pressure may remain stable or decrease slightly. Exercise-induced hypertension or Blood Pressure is considering when a systolic BP is higher in 190 mmHg for women higher in case 210 mmHg for men in individuals during the exercise period and not normalize for long period. Exercise-induced hypertension is an independent risk factor for cardiovascular disease and mortality, cardiac abnormalities, and increase the risk of left ventricular (LV) hypertrophy, which can lead to myocardial fibrosis arrhythmias, atrial fibrillation and sudden cardiac arrest. The exact cause of Exercise-induced hypertension is unclear but some authors and research argued that change of life style, excessive consume of salt, sleep in late night, obesity, Chronic endothelial dysfunction, decreased myocardial diastolic function and myocardial hypertrophy, lethal arrhythmias, myocardial ischemia may be caused by exercise-induced hypertension. The low-intensity exercise is recommended for Exercise-induced hypertension and gradually increase the intensity so that body can adapt. Angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs), angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and β -blockers, loop and thiazide diuretics and calcium channel blockers would be the best possible treatment options for exercise-induced hypertension (EIH). There is a need to attention on greater awareness of exercise-induced hypertension and it prevention strategies. **Key words:** Exercise, Hypertension, Treatment, risk factor, cardiovascular disease

INTRODUCTION

Exercise induced blood pressure" refers to a temporary increase both in systolic and Diastolic blood pressure as a normal physiological response that occurs during exercise or anaerobic and aerobic physical activity or while participating in sports, where the body needs to deliver more blood to the muscles ; However, in some cases, This

increase is unusually high and persists for a long time and is not normal, known as "exercise-induced hypertension" (EIH), where systolic and diastolic blood pressure increases significantly during physical activity, which can potentially lead to health risks (Mohammed, Dhavale, Abdelaal, et al. (2020). High blood pressure has become the most prevalent cardiovascular risk factor worldwide. The role of participation in a variety of exercise and sports activities in the prevention, control, and delay of chronic diseases such as obesity, hyperthyroidism, cardiovascular disease, Type I and Type II diabetes, and hypertension is well described. Although hypertension is typically a disease of older people, the prevalence of hypertension in young athletes and active individuals is higher than typically seen. Caselli S, Cerdoz A, Mango F, et al well defined exercise-induced hypertension in 2019, they reported that exercise-induced hypertension is a systolic BP of >190 for women and >210 mmHg for men in individuals undergoing exercise stress testing. Normally, systolic blood pressure increases where Systolic blood pressure (SBP) is the maximum pressure in the arteries when the heart contracts. It's also known as the peak aortic pressure, while diastolic pressure where the stage of heartbeat when the heart relaxes may remain stable or slightly increase during exercise due to increased demands on the heart and increased oxygen intake from the working muscles and blood pressure returns to normal after some time due to reduced blood vessel stiffness so that blood can flow more easily.

THE POSSIBLE RISK FACTORS FOR EXERCISE-INDUCED HYPERTENSION

Several authors and investigators have indicated that EIH is an independent risk factor for cardiovascular events and mortality, cardiac injury and left ventricular (LV) hypertrophy, which can lead to arrhythmias (A heart rhythm that is not normal, beating too fast within its normal level), atrial fibrillation (an irregular heart rhythm that starts in the upper chambers of the heart), myocardial fibrosis (Expansion of the cardiac interstitium through deposition of extracellular matrix proteins), and sudden cardiac death(Leischik et.al. 2014, Caldarone, 2017, Mohammed, Dhavale, Abdelaal, et al. (2020). However, other studies have shown that EIH is associated with the future development of hypertension (Tsumura, 2002, Manolio, 1994). High blood pressure during exercise can put healthy young adults and athletes at risk for developing high blood pressure and heart disease. Several researchers Manolio et.al. 1994, Kim, et.al.2020, Kim et.al. 2013; Tahir et.al 2020; Niebauer et.al 2019; Ha et.al 2002) show significant adverse associations between EIH and cardiovascular risk in their studies. The most commonly reported findings were LV mass and left atrium enlargement. The study of (Longás, Casanovas & Lenguas 1996) showed that 75% of young athletes with EIH suffered from severe LV hypertrophy. Structural changes in atrial size may increase the risk of arrhythmias, especially in the atrium heart fibrillation. Kim et al. and Abdulla et al.

both reported in their studies that Atrial fibrillation was reported to be 2.5 times more prevalent in athletes who perform high-intensity exercise is five times more common athletes compared to the general population (Kim, Kim and Park , 2016; Abdulla & Nielsen, 2009)

NORMAL PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSE OF BP DURING EXERCISE

Normal blood pressure in an adult human is usually between 90/60 mmHg and 120/80 mmHg. Blood pressure is assessed using systolic (SBP) and diastolic pressure (DBP). Systolic blood pressure is the higher number and measures the pressure in arteries when your heart contracts while diastolic blood pressure is the lower number and measures the pressure in arteries when heart relaxes. In clinically healthy individual, systolic arterial blood pressure elevates during dynamic exercise and normalize after 2-3 minutes of exercise of a given intensity. (O'Brien et al. 2002; Yamaguchi et.al.2000, Mohammed, Dhavale , Abdelaal, et al. (2020) .In such situations diastolic blood pressure usually remains unchanged or may decrease marginally (O'Brien et al. 2002). According to European and American experts, high intensity dynamic exercise under normal conditions can increase the maximum value of systolic blood pressure up to 250 mmHg and diastolic pressure up to 110 mmHg (Mancia , Backer , Dominiczak A., et al. 2007; Fletcher , Balady , Amsterdam , et al. 2001; Astrand , 1960; Maneia , Laurent , Agabiti-Rosei , et al. 2009).

CAUSES OF EXERCISE-INDUCED HYPERTENSION (EIH)

The pathophysiological mechanism of EIH is still unclear. A study shows that exercise-induced hypertension (EIH) is a risk factor for sudden cardiac death (SCD). While regular exercise may help reduce the risk of CVD, excessive exercise may increase the risk of cardiovascular events, including sudden cardiac death (SCD). One possible cause is the mismatch between oxygen supply and demand, leading to myocardial ischemia in patients with CVD. Exercise-induced hypertension (EIH) can also increase myocardial oxygen demand as blood pressure increases during exertion. Chronic endothelial dysfunction, decreased myocardial diastolic function and myocardial hypertrophy, lethal arrhythmias, myocardial ischemia may be caused by exercise-induced hypertension. Resistant high blood pressure, diabetes, or cardiovascular diseases may contribute to abnormal exercise blood pressure responses. Older people may experience greater increases in blood pressure during exercise due to decreased compliance of arteries.

RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN-ALDOSTERONE SYSTEM (RAAS) ON EXERCISE-INDUCED HYPERTENSION (EIH)

According to the latest research, EIH has also been linked to angiotensin II activity. It has been found that EIH is associated with angiotensin II and nitric oxide (NO)Activities during exercise. For example, a 2008 study looked

at the association between angiotensin II and an exaggerated blood pressure response to exercise. It was found that people with high angiotensin II were more likely to have an exaggerated blood pressure response during exercise.

ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION

Endothelial dysfunction is one of the main causes of exercise-induced hypertension (EIH). Endothelial dysfunction is a condition where the endothelium, or lining of blood vessels, becomes damaged. This can lead to high blood pressure with chronic heart failure and chronic artery disease. Prolonged excessive exercise can reduce endothelial function and increase arterial stiffness, resulting in increased after exertion and excessive increases in blood pressure.

POSSIBLE TREATMENT OF EXERCISE-INDUCED HYPERTENSION (EIH)

Treatment of exercise-induced hypertension depends on qualified medical practitioners, including physicians and cardiologists and, in some cases, nephrologists and endocrinologists. The most prevalent pathophysiological mechanisms behind EIH are increase angiotensin II, decreased nitric oxide (NO) levels in blood, and elevated sympathetic tone. Thus, angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs), angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and β -blockers, loop and thiazide diuretics and calcium channel blockers would be the best possible treatment options for exercise-induced hypertension (EIH). Another way to help treat exercise-induced hypertension (EIH) is to eat garlic, beets, carrots as well as reduce salt, caffeine and sugar intake which helps support the above medication.

ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKERS (ARBs)

According to current clinical guidelines, angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) are considered a first-line treatment option for hypertension, which means it is often the first medication prescribed to manage hypertension. Angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs) are a class of drugs that treat high blood pressure, heart failure, and chronic kidney disease. They work by stopping the action of the hormone angiotensin II, which constricts blood vessels and manage blood pressure. Irbesartan (Avapro), Valsartan (Diovan), Losartan (Cozaar), Candesartan (Atacand), Azilsartan (Edarbi), and Telmisartan (Micardis) are the class of Angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs)

ANGIOTENSIN-CONVERTING ENZYME (ACE)

Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors are a class of drugs commonly used to treat high blood pressure, which prevent the body from producing a substance that narrows blood vessels, effectively relaxing the arteries and reduces blood pressure. ACE inhibitors prevent the conversion of angiotensin I to angiotensin II, which is a

powerful vasoconstrictor, resulting in reduced blood vessel contraction and reduced blood pressure; This makes them a major treatment option for managing high blood pressure. Captopril, Enalapril, lisinopril, ramipril, and perindopril are the example of Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors.

DIURETICS

Diuretics, also known as water pills, are a class of medications that help treat high blood pressure and heart failure by reducing the amount of fluid in your body.

BETA BLOCKERS

Beta blockers are a class of prescription drugs that slow the heart rate and relax the blood vessels. They are used to treat a variety of conditions including high blood pressure and heart failure.

CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS (CCBS)

Calcium channel blockers (CCBs) are a group of medications that treat conditions affecting the heart and blood vessels. Calcium channel blockers prevent calcium from entering the heart and blood vessels, which relaxes and widens the blood vessels. This allows blood to flow more easily and lowers blood pressure. Amlodipine (Norvasc), Felodipine (Plendil), Isradipine (DynaCirc), Nifedipine (Cardene), Verapamil (Calan, Isoptin), and Diltiazem (Cardizem) are example of Calcium channel blockers.

CONCLUSIONS

In discussing the above, the author said that exercise-induced hypertension is more dangerous for the young population and is a worrying situation for the society both in the present and future. There is a need to emphasize on greater awareness of exercise induced hypertension, leading to control and treatment of exercise induced hypertension.

LIMITATIONS

The author writes this article on the basis of selected research papers and someone may not agree with the author so there is a need to research this topic in future. Some of the selected studies were conducted on a small sample group, which affected the power of the study. Because this article is an interventional review, we did not perform a quality assessment of the said studies.

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EFFECT OF SWISS BALL TRAINING AND MEDICINE BALL TRAINING ON SELECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES OF SCHOOL LEVEL MALE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

The present study is to find out the effect of Swiss ball training and medicine ball training on selected physiological variables of school level male football player. Seventy-two football players were selected from various schools of Hyderabad Dist, TG. The subjects were between 13 to 15 years. They were divided into three groups of twenty-four in each. One group was acted as the Swiss ball training group, group two was acted as the medicine ball training group and another group was acted as control group. The experimental groups underwent the Swiss ball and medicine ball training for 8 weeks 3 days per week. Each training session was for one hour in the evening from 5.00 PM to 6.00 PM. To achieve the result, the following criterion measures namely physiological variables namely forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume were also tested. The standardized tests were taken before and after the training period. Bone mass and muscle mass was tested by using body fat scale was tested by using forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume. The paired 't' test was applied to analyze the collected data and in all cases the criteria for the statistical significance is set at 0.05 level of confidence. The result shows that forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume of the selected subjects was significantly improved on experimental groups of due to the effect of Swiss ball training and medicine training.

Keywords: Forced Vital Capacity and Forced Expiratory Volume, Swiss Ball Training Medicine Ball Training.

INTRODUCTION

The word of physical education is derived from two separate words 'physical' and 'education.' The plain dictionary meaning of word physical is relating to body, it may related to any one of the bodily characteristics. It may be physical strength and endurance, physical fitness, physical health or physical appearance. The word

‘education’ means systematic instruction or training, or preparation for life or some particular task. A combined meaning of these two words would be that systematic instructions or training which relate to physical activities or programme of activities, necessary for development and maintenance of human body, development of physical powers, or cultivation of physical skill.

FOOTBALL

Football is a family of team sports that involve, to varying degrees, kicking a ball to score a goal. Unqualified, the word football generally means the form of football that is the most popular where the word is used. Sports commonly called football include association football (known as soccer in Australia, Canada, South Africa, the United States, and sometimes in Ireland and New Zealand); Australian rules football, Gaelic football, gridiron football (specifically American football, arena football, or Canadian football); International rules football, rugby league football; and rugby union football.

SWISS BALL TRAINING

The exercise ball, also known as the Swiss, therapy, physio, fitness, balance, gymnastic or stability ball was originally used in Europe during the 1960s for the management of orthopedic and neurological problems. Physical therapists found that the ball’s constant movement encouraged the Individual to improve body and movement awareness, as well as call upon deeper layers of muscles necessary for overall joint stability, better posture and muscle balance. Use of the Swiss ball has been extended from therapeutic applications to the sports medicine field and most, recently to the normal people in gyms and body conditioning centres. The Swiss ball has become a versatile piece of fitness training equipment.

MEDICINE BALL TRAINING

A medicine ball is a light weighted ball and can be held to perform many exercises. The main advantage of using it is that unlike traditional dumbbells, it does not put pressure on the wrists and joints but can give a similar exercise and training experience. One can add an extra component of strength to the stretching regime, using medicine ball exercises.

SPORTS TRAINING

The importance of sports and games in students' lives goes far beyond physical fitness. They are essential for mental and emotional well-being, life skills development, and academic success.

METHODOLOGY

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

The study was formulated as a true random group design, consisting of a pre-test and post-test. Seventy-two male football players from various schools of Hyderabad, Dist, Telangana. India were selected as subjects at random and their ages were ranged from 13 to 15 years. The subjects (N=72) were randomly assigned in to three equal groups of twenty-four subjects each. Pretest was conducted for all the subjects on selected physiological variables. This initial test scores formed as pretest score of the subjects. Selected subjects assigned as Experimental Group I, Experimental Group II, and Control Group III in an equivalent manner. Experimental Group I was given to Swiss ball trainings, Experimental Group –II was exposed to medicine ball trainings and Control Group –III was not exposed to any experimental training other than their regular daily activities. The duration of training period was eight weeks. After the experimental treatment, all the seventy-two subjects were tested on their physiological variables. This final test scores formed as post test scores of the subjects. The pretest and post test scores were subjected to statistical analysis by using paired ‘t’ test and Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) to find out the significance difference among the mean differences, whenever the ‘F’ ratio was found to be significant, pair wise comparison was used to find out paired mean significant difference. In all cases 0.05 level of significance was fixed to test the hypothesis.

RESULTS:

The physiological variable namely forced vital capacity was measured through digital spiro meter test. The results on the efficacy of Swiss ball, medicine ball training group and control groups are presented in table –I.

TABLE-I

**COMPUTATION OF ANALYSIS OF COVARIANCE ON FORCED VITAL CAPACITY OF
EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS**

(Tested by Digital Spiro Meter in Litres)

Test	Means			Sources of Variance	Sum of Square	df	Mean Square	F	'p' Value
	Training group	ball-II Training	Control Group						
Pre	2.04	2.10	2.01	B	0.14	2	0.68	0.28	0.75
				W	16.90	69	0.24		
Post	2.40	2.50	1.99	B	3.51	2	1.75	7.26*	0.01
				W	16.67	69	0.24		
Adjusted Post test	2.41	2.46	2.03	B	2.63	2	1.32	13.69*	0.01
				W	6.53	68	0.09		
Mean Gain	0.37	0.10	0.02						

*Significant difference at 0.05 level of confidence

Table I shows that the pre-test means of forced vital capacity of swiss ball training group was 2.04, medicine ball training group was 2.10, and control group (CG) was 2.01.

The obtained 'p' value on pre-test 0.75 was greater than the required 'p' value of 0.05 to be significant at 0.05 levels. This proved that there were no significant differences among the experimental and control groups indicating that the process of randomization of the groups was perfect while assigning subjects to groups.

The post-test analysis proved that there was a significant difference among the groups, as the obtained 'p' value 0.01 was lesser than the required 'p' value of 0.05. This was proved that there were significant differences among the post-test means of all the groups.

While considering the pre and post-test among the experimental and control groups, the adjusted post-test means were calculated and applied to statistical treatment. The obtained 'p' value of 0.01 was lesser than the required 'p' value of 0.05. This proved that there were significant differences among the adjusted posttest means of experimental groups due to the selected specific training on forced vital capacity.

FIGURE –1

GRAPH SHOWING THE MEAN OF INITIAL AND FINAL TEST OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPSON FORCED VITAL CAPACITY

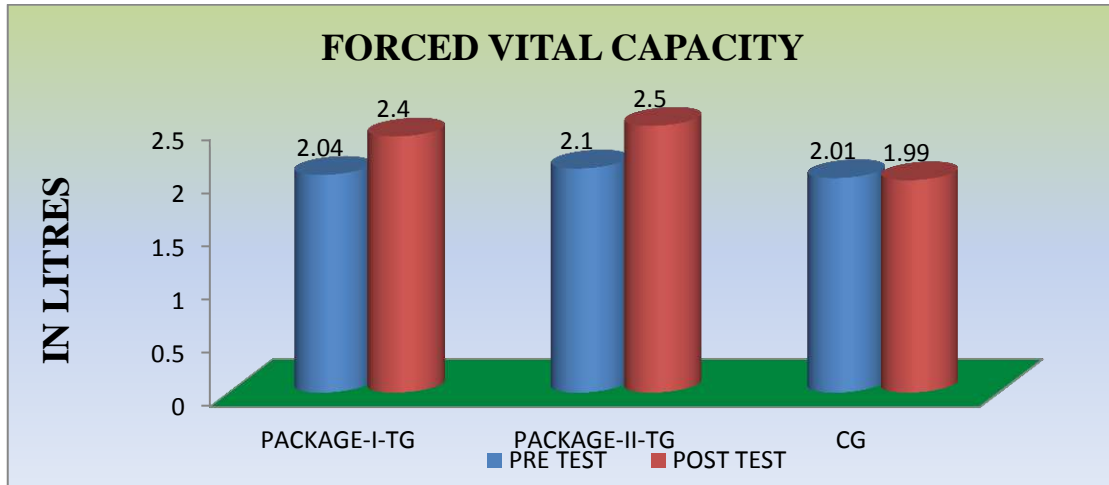


TABLE- II

COMPUTATION OF ANALYSIS OF COVARIANCE ON FORCED EXPIRATORY VOLUME OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS

(Tested by Digital Spiro Meter Litres)

Test	Means			Sources of Variance	Sum of Square	df	Mean Square	F	'p' Value
	Training group	Training group	Control Group						
Pre	1.93	2.02	1.91	B	0.18	2	0.09	0.38	0.68
				W	16.38	69	0.24		
Post	2.20	2.33	1.90	B	2.33	2	1.16	5.99*	0.04
				W	13.41	69	0.19		
Adjusted Post test	2.22	2.29	1.92	B	1.77	2	0.88	7.35*	0.01
				W	8.17	68	0.12		
Mean Gain	0.27	0.31	0.01						

*Significant difference at 0.05 level of confidence

Table II shows that the pre-test means of forced expiratory volume of swiss ball training group was 1.93, medicine ball training group was 2.02, and control group (CG) was 1.91.

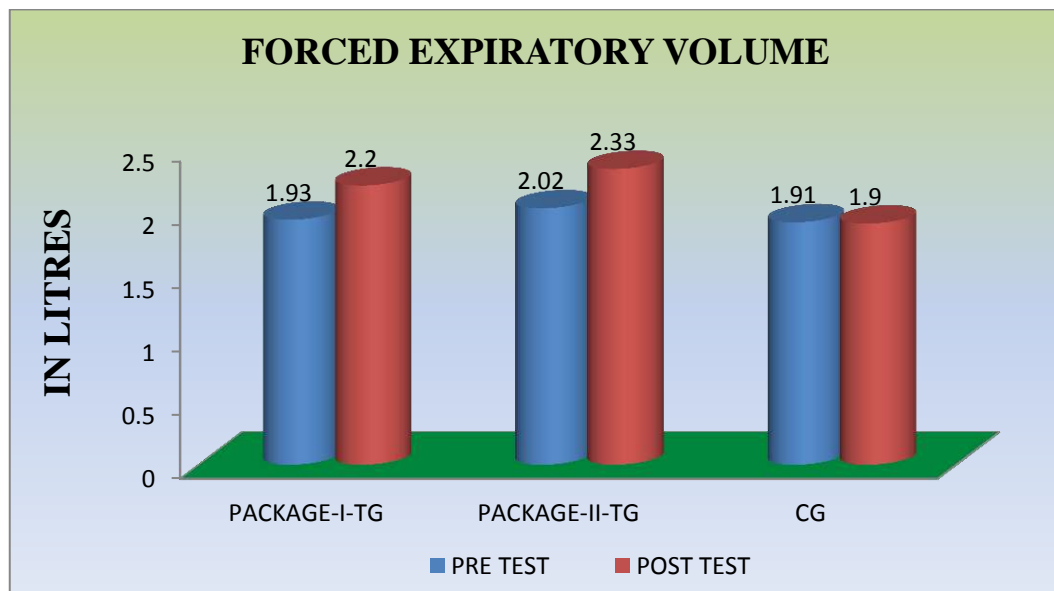
The obtained 'p' value on pre-test 0.68 was greater than the required 'p' value of 0.05 to be significant at 0.05 levels. This proved that there were no significant differences among the experimental and control groups indicating that the process of randomization of the groups was perfect while assigning subjects to groups.

The post-test analysis proved that there was a significant difference among the groups, as the obtained 'p' value 0.04 was lesser than the required 'p' value of 0.05. This was proved that there were significant differences among the post-test means of all the groups.

While considering the pre and post-test among the experimental and control groups, the adjusted post-test means were calculated and applied to statistical treatment. The obtained 'p' value of 0.01 was lesser than the required 'p' value of 0.05. This proved that there were significant differences among the adjusted post test means of experimental groups due to the selected specific training on forced expiratory volume.

FIGURE –2

GRAPH SHOWING THE MEAN OF INITIAL AND FINAL TEST OF EXPERIMENTALAND CONTROL GROUPSON FORCED EXPIRATORY VOLUME



DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS

The results of the study showed that at the end of the eight weeks of swiss ball training and medicine ball training was a significant improvement on the selected physiological variables were forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume. The improvement is due to the swiss ball training and medicine ball training programme specially designed to develop the physiological variables included in this study. Generally forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume were developed in an overload principles based training given by the investigator to the subjects.

CONCLUSIONS

From findings of the study the following conclusions were arrived:

1. On the basis of the findings, it was concluded that the eight weeks of swiss ball training significantly improved the selected physiological variables like forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume of school level male football players.
2. On the basis of the findings, it was concluded that the eight weeks of medicine ball training significantly improved the selected physiological variables like forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume of school level male football players.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the conclusions of this research study the following recommendations have been given.

1. The findings predicted in this study may be used by the physical education teachers, coaches to enhance performance of selected physiological variables of school level sports persons.
2. It is recommended that the combination of swiss ball training can be given to sports men or sports women to enhance their performance related fitness variables which will support to increase their games performance.
3. It is recommended that the combination of medicine ball training may be given to volleyball players to enhance their fitness level which will support to their games performance.

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ABSTRACT

The present study is to find out the effect of medicine ball training on selected body composition variables of college level men kabaddi player. Thirty kabaddi players were selected from various colleges of Osmania University, Hyderabad, TG. The subjects were between 17 to 21 years. They were divided into two groups of fifteen in each. One group was acted as the experimental group and another group was acted as control group. The experimental group underwent the medicine ball training for 8 weeks 3 days per week. Each training session was for one hour in the evening from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM. To achieve the result, the following criterion measures namely body composition variables namely bone mass percentage and muscle mass percentage were also tested. The standardized tests were taken before and after the medicine ball training. Bone mass and muscle mass was tested by using body fat scale was tested by using bone mass and percentage muscle mass percentage. The paired 't' test was applied to analyze the collected data and in all cases the criteria for the statistical significance is set at 0.05 level of confidence. The result shows that bone mass percentage and muscle mass percentage of the selected subjects was significantly improved on experimental groups of due to the effect of medicine training.

Keywords: Bone Mass Percentage, Muscle Mass Percentage, Medicine Ball Training.

INTRODUCTION

Sport is a form of physical activity or game. Often competitive and organized, sports use, maintain, or improve physical ability and skills. They also provide enjoyment to participants and, in some cases, entertainment to

spectators. Many sports exist, with different participant numbers, some are done by a single person with others being done by hundreds. Most sports take place either in teams or competing as individuals. Some sports allow a "tie" or "draw", in which there is no single winner; others provide tie-breaking methods to ensure one winner. A number of contests may be arranged in a tournament format, producing a champion. Many sports leagues make an annual champion by arranging games in a regular sports season.

KABADDI

Kabaddi, is a contact sport, native to the Indian subcontinent. It is one of the most popular sports in India, played mainly among village people. India has taken part in four Asian Games in kabaddi, and won gold in all. Four forms of kabaddi played in India are Amar, Suranjeevi, huttuttoo, and Gaminee. Amar is generally played in Punjab, Haryana, the United States, Canada, and other parts of the world, mostly by Punjabi sportsmen. Suranjeevi is the most played form of kabaddi in India and the world. This is the form used in international matches generally and played in Asian Games. Huttuttoo was played by men in Maharashtra. In Gaminee style, seven players play on each side and a player put out has to remain out until all his team members are out. The team that is successful in outing all the players of the opponent's side secures a point. The game continues until five or seven such points are secured and has no fixed time duration.

MEDICINE BALL TRAINING

A medicine ball refers to a weighted ball that can be used for doing a wide range of exercises to improve fitness, strength and coordination as well as help sportsmen recover from injuries. This type of ball can be made of leather, nylon, vinyl, rubber, polyurethane and other materials, and it comes in many different weights, ranging from 2 lb to 25 lb.

METHODOLOGY

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

The selected subjects (N=30) were divided into two groups each containing of fifteen. The experimental group underwent the medicine ball training programme for three days in a week and eight weeks in total and control group was in kept under the control of the investigator in which they were in as usual activities. The purpose of the present study was to find the effect of medicine ball training on selected body composition variables for college level men kabaddi players from various colleges of Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana. Their age category from 18-23 years. To achieve the aim of this study the investigator had randomly selected thirty inter-

collegiate level cricket players of Palamuru University, Mahabubnagar, Telangana. Their age was ranged from 17-21 years. The selected subjects (N=30) were divided into two groups each containing of fifteen. The experimental group underwent the medicine ball training programme for three days in a week and eight weeks in total and control group was in kept under the control of the investigator in which they were in as usual activities. The statistical tool used for this present study is described here. The significance of the mean differences between the pretest and posttest values of the variable by the experimental and control group during the treatment period of eight weeks were tested by applying 't' test.

RESULTS:

The body composition variable namely bone mass was measured through body fat scale test. The results on the efficacy of medicine ball training group and control groups are presented in table -I

TABLE - 1

COMPUTATION OF “t” RATIO BETWEEN THE PRE AND POST TESTS ON BONE MASS PERCENTAGE OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS

Group	Tests	M	SD	DM	σDM	t-ratio	‘p’value
Experimental group	Pre	3.01	0.32	0.81	0.043	18.68*	0.000
	Post	3.86	0.38				
Control group	Pre	2.90	0.28	0.005	0.004	1.366	0.186
	Post	2.92	0.30				

*Significant at 0.05 level of confidence

It observes from the table-1 that the experimental group's mean value for pretest was 3.01 and posttest was 3.86. The standard deviation for the pretest was 0.32 and posttest was 0.38. The standard error of the different between the means was 0.043. The mean difference for the pretest and posttest was 0.81. The obtained t-ratio was 18.68. Since the 'p' value 0.00 was lesser than 0.05, there was a significant improvement on bone mass of the experimental group at 0.05 level of confidence.

It may be seen that the control group's mean value for pretest was 2.90 and posttest was 2.92. The standard deviation for the pretest was 0.28 and posttest was 0.30. The standard error of the different between the means was found out and the value was 0.004. The mean difference for the pretest and posttest was 0.005. The obtained t-ratio was 1.366. Since the 'p' value 0.186 was greater than 0.05, there was no significant improvement on bone mass control group at 0.05 level of confidence.

FIGURE-I

BAR DIAGRAM SHOWING THE MEAN DIFFERENCE OF PRE AND POST TESTS SCORES ON BONE MASS PERCENTAGE OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS

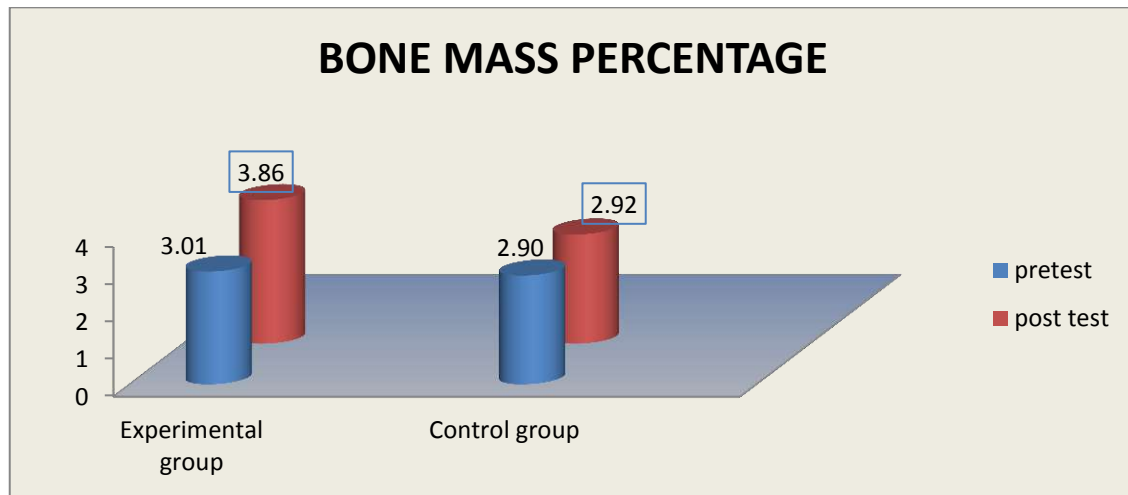


TABLE-II

COMPUTATION OF “t” RATIO BETWEEN THE PRE AND POST TESTS ON MUSCLE MASS PERCENTAGE OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS

Group	Tests	M	SD	DM	σDM	t-ratio	'p' value
Experimental group	Pre	36.72	5.07	1.36	0.19	7.11*	0.000
	Post	38.08	5.11				
Control group	Pre	37.20	5.63	0.32	0.25	1.28	0.80
	Post	37.52	5.59				

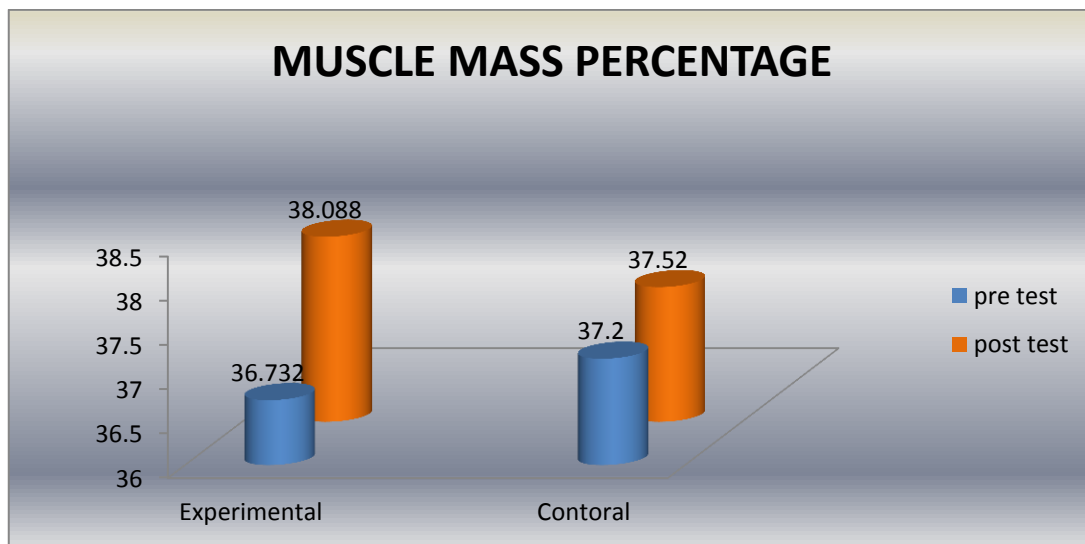
*Significant at 0.05 level of confidence

It observes from the table-2 that the experimental group's mean value for pre test was 36.72 and post test was 38.08. The standard deviation for the pre test was 5.07 and post test was 5.11. The standard error of the different between the means was 0.19. The mean difference for the pre test and post test was 1.36. The obtained t-ratio was 7.11. Since the 'p' value 0.00 was lesser than 0.05, there was a significant improvement on muscle mass percentage of the experimental group at 0.05 level of confidence.

It may be seen that the control group's mean value for pre test was 37.20 and post test was 37.52. The standard deviation for the pre test was 5.63 and post test was 5.59. The standard error of the different between the means was found out and the value was 0.25. The mean difference for the pre test and post test was 0.32. The obtained t-ratio was 1.28. Since the 'p' value 0.80 was greater than 0.05, there was no significant improvement on muscle mass percentage of control group at 0.05 level of confidence

FIGURE-II

BAR DIAGRAM SHOWING THE MEAN DIFFERENCE OF PRE AND POST TESTS SCORES ON MUSCLE MASS PERCENTAGE OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS



DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS

The results of the study showed that at the end of the eight weeks of medicine ball training was a significant improvement on the selected body composition variables were bone mass percentage and muscle mass percentage.

The improvement is due to the medicine ball training programme specially designed to develop the body composition variables included in this study. Generally, bone mass percentage and muscle mass percentage were developed in an overload principles based training even by the investigator to the subjects.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the present study the following conclusions have been drawn.

1. It was concluded that the medicine ball training programme significantly improved the selected body composition variables for experimental group.
2. Further it was concluded that the selected body composition variables showed insignificant improvements on control group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations have been made from the results of the study.

- a). The study may be conducted on female kabaddi players too.
- b). The same study can be conducted by increasing in terms of numbers of kabaddi players as subjects.
- c). The same study can be conducted with other variables such as physiological, socio-economic and psychological among the cricket players.
- d). The same study may be conducted on other games i.e. football, volleyball, handball etc.

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EFFECT OF CIRCUIT TRAINING AND PLYOMETRIC TRAINING ON SELECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES OF INTER COLLEGIATE MALE BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

The present study is to find out the effect of circuit training and plyometric training on selected physiological variables of inter collegiate male basketball player. Forty-five basketball players were selected from various colleges of Mahabubnagar Dist, TG. The subjects were between 17 to 20 years. They were divided into three groups of fifteen in each. One group was acted as the circuit training group, group two was acted as the plyometric training group and another group was acted as control group. The experimental groups underwent the circuit training and plyometric training for 8 weeks 3 days per week. Each training session was for one hour in the evening from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM. To achieve the result, the following criterion measures the physiological variables namely breath holding time and resting pulse rate were also tested. The standardized tests were taken before and after the training period. Bone mass and muscle mass was tested by using body fat scale was tested by using breath holding time and resting pulse rate. The paired 't' test was applied to analyze the collected data and in all cases the criteria for the statistical significance is set at 0.05 level of confidence. The result shows that breath holding time and resting pulse rate of the selected subjects was significantly improved on experimental groups of due to the effect of circuit training and plyometric training. **Keywords:** Breath Holding Time, Resting Pulse Rate, Circuit Training and Plyometric.

INTRODUCTION

All sports activities depend on the natural and fundamental skills of walking, running, climbing, jumping, and throwing. Any achievement in sports is largely based on the finer aspects of any one or combination of the fundamental skills. Nevertheless, these skills are determined by the skeleton and muscular system of an individual. Physical fitness is to improve the muscular performance of the human being. It can be useful for optimum performance of game. Physical fitness is to develop emotional stability, endurance, strength, speed, flexibility, co-

ordination and agility. The people of today demand even greater attention to physical fitness exercises, nutrition and rest build quality of physical fitness. Though it is a well – known fact that the development of different basic abilities are at different rates, most of these physical fitness abilities reach high, between the age of 12 and 15 years.

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Circuit training was invented in 1953 as an effective and efficient way for coaches to train many athletes in a limited amount of time with limited equipment. The exerciser moved through a series of weight training or calisthenics arranged consecutively. It was fast paced workout of 15 to 45 sec per station with little (15-30 seconds) rest or no rest between stations. Today this is known as “circuit weight training” research has shown that it can increase muscular strength and endurance. There is mild improvement in aerobic stamina but only if the rest periods are kept very short. Another variation is “aerobic circuit training” aerobic stations like tread mill, rover or stepper (one to five minute per station) are interspersed with weight training stations. This protocol has been found to increase aerobic stamina and muscular endurance and endurance.

PLYOMETRIC TRAINING

Plyometric training, also known as ‘jump training’, has traditionally been reserved for athletes in jump related or athletics based sports. This is mainly due to the similar movements involved in the drills for these two sports but they are also comparable in terms of the forces impacting on the body. For example, a sprinting athlete will load around 2.5 times body weight during each stride of the race.

BASKETBALL

Basketball began with its invention in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts, by Canadian physical education instructor James Naismith as a less injury-prone sport than football. Naismith was a 31-year-old graduate student when he created the indoor sport to keep athletes indoors during the winters.^[1] The game became established fairly quickly and grew very popular as the 20th century progressed, first in America and then in other parts of the world. After basketball became established in American colleges, the professional game followed. The American National Basketball Association (NBA), established in 1946, grew to a multibillion-dollar enterprise by the end of the century, and basketball became an integral part of American culture.

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

To start the present study the research scholar chooses forty five male basketball players. Mahabubnagar, District, Telangana and their age groups were from 17 to 20 years. The chosen basketball players were randomly classified into three equal groups' circuit training, plyometric training and Control Group (CG). Group I & II were known as experimental groups and group III was called as control group. Each group having fifteen (15) college basketball players. Experimental groups were engaged to circuit training and plyometric training for a period of eight weeks and control group did not went in any kind of training program apart from their regular routine. These subjects were tested twice prior and after the prescribed training period to find out the significant improvement on their physiological variable like breath holding time and resting pulse rate. Circuit training and plyometric training for eight weeks were given to the subjects of the experimental groups. Their training days and hours of every week were from Monday to Saturday between 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. A pre-test was conducted before the commence of the training and final test data were collected after the eight weeks of training. The procured data were then statistically analyzed by paried't' test, ANCOVA and post hoc test. In all the cases 0.05 was fixed as the level of confidence.

RESULTS:

The physiological variable namely breath holding time was measured through manual test. The results on the efficacy of circuit training, plyometric training group and control groups are presented in table –I.

TABLE-I COMPUTATION OF ANALYSIS OF COVARIANCE ON BREATH HOLDING TIME OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS (Breath Holding Test - in seconds)

Test	Means			Sources of Variance	Sum of Square	DF	Mean Square	F	'P" Value
	Training Group (CTG)	Plyometric Group (PTG)	Control Group (CG)						
Pre	39.33	39.53	39.60	B	0.58	2	0.29	0.43	0.96
				W	284.67	42	6.78		
Post	42.00	41.67	39.67	B	47.78	2	23.89	3.38*	0.04

				W	296.67	42	7.06		
Adjusted Post	42.15	41.62	39.56	B	56.14	2	28.07	34.28*	0.01
				W	33.58	41	0.82		
Mean Gain	2.67	2.14	0.07						

*Significant difference at 0.05 level of confidence

Table -I displays that the pre test mean of breath holding time of circuit training group (CTG) was 39.33, plyometric training group (PTG) was 39.53 and control group (CG) was 39.60.

The observed 'p' value on pre test 0.96 was higher than the 'p' value of 0.05 to be significant at 0.05 level of confidence. This showed that there were no statistical significant differences on the pre tests among the experimental and control groups showing that the process of assigning of the groups was perfect while assigning the subjects to groups.

The post test analysis showed that there was a statistical significant difference among the groups, as the obtained 'p' value 0.01 was lower than the 'p' value of 0.05. This was proved that there were significant differences among the post test means of all the groups.

Taking into consideration of the pre and post test among the groups, the adjusted post test means were calculated and subjected to statistical treatment. The observed 'p' value of 0.01 was smaller than the required 'p' value of 0.05. This showed that there were significant differences among the means of experimental groups due to the allotted trainings on breath holding time.

FIGURE -I

CYLINDER DIAGRAM DISPLAYING THE MEAN DIFFERENCE OF PRE AND POST TESTS SCORES ON LEG BREATH HOLDING TIME OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS

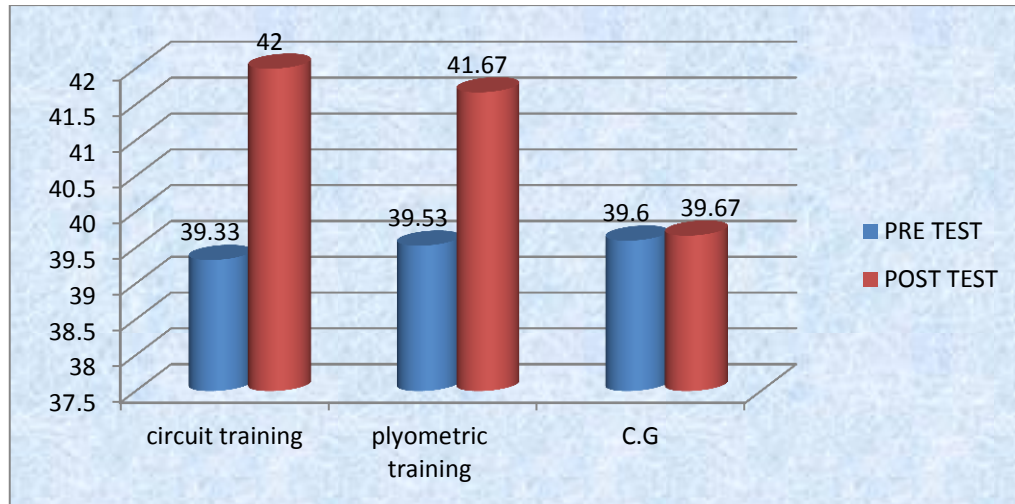


TABLE –II

ANALYSIS OF COVARIANCE OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS ON RESTING PULSE RATE (Unit in numbers of counts)

Test	Means			Sources of Variance	Sum of Square	DF	Mean Square	F	p Value
	Training Group (CTG)	Plyometric Group (PTG)	Control Group (CG)						
Pre	84.03	83.93	83.57	B	3.62	2	1.81	0.22	0.92
				W	714.20	42	8.21		
Post	81.27	80.93	85.90	B	462.47	2	213.23	29.48*	0.03
				W	682.43	42	7.84		
Adjusted				B	522.41	2	261.20		0.01

Post	81.12	80.87	86.11	W	266.09	41	3.09	84.42*	
Mean Gain	2.76	3.00	2.33						

*Significant difference at 0.05 level of confidence

Table -I displays that the pre test mean of resting pulse rate of circuit training group (CTG) was 84.03, plyometric training group (PTG) was 83.93 and control group (CG) was 83.57.

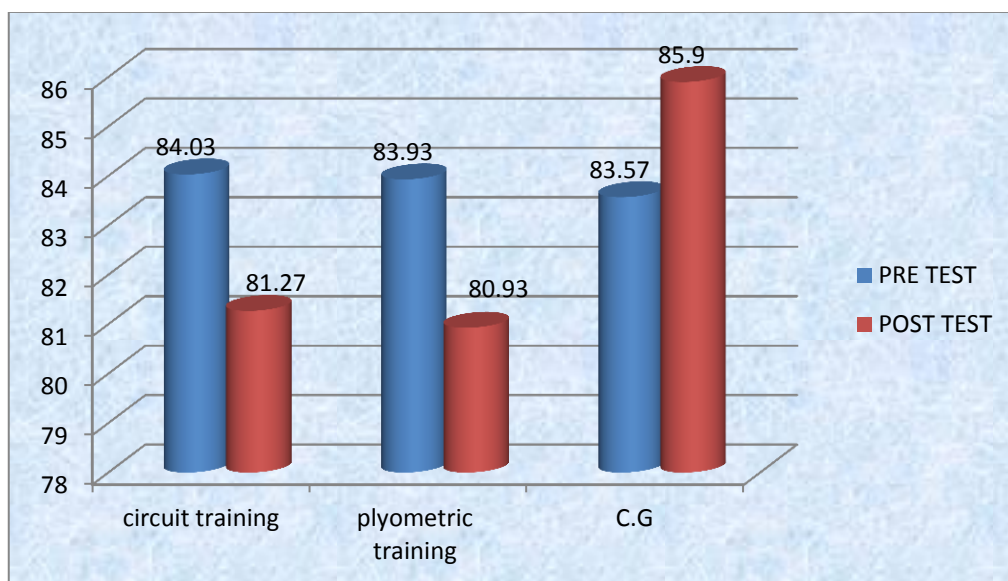
The observed 'p' value on pre test 0.92 was higher than the 'p' value of 0.05 to be significant at 0.05 level of confidence. This showed that there were no statistical significant differences on the pre tests among the experimental and control groups showing that the process of assigning of the groups was perfect while assigning the subjects to groups.

The post test analysis showed that there was a statistical significant difference among the groups, as the obtained 'p' value 0.03 was lower than the 'p' value of 0.05. This was proved that there were significant differences among the post test means of all the groups.

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FIGURE -II

CYLINDER DIAGRAM DISPLAYING THE MEAN DIFFERENCE OF PRE AND POST TESTS SCORES ON RESTING PULSE RATE OF EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS



DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS

The results of the study showed that at the end of the eight weeks of circuit training and plyometric training was a significant improvement on the selected physiological variables were breath holding time and resting pulse rate. The improvement is due to the circuit training and plyometric training programme specially designed to develop the physiological variables included in this study. Generally, breath holding time and resting pulse rate were developed in an overload principles based training given by the investigator to the subjects.

CONCLUSIONS

From findings of the study the following conclusions were arrived:

1. On the basis of the findings, it was concluded that the eight weeks of circuit training significantly improved the selected physiological variables like breath holding time and resting pulse rate of inter collegiate male basketball players.
2. On the basis of the findings, it was concluded that the eight weeks of plyometric training significantly improved the selected physiological variables like breath holding time and resting pulse rate of inter collegiate male basketball players.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the conclusions of this research study the following recommendations have been given.

1. The findings predicted in this study may be used by the physical education teachers, coaches to enhance performance of selected motor fitness variables of school level sports persons.

2. It is recommended that the combination of resistance training can be given to sports men or sports women to enhance their performance related fitness variables which will support to increase their games performance.
3. It is recommended that the combination of medicine ball training may be given to volleyball players to enhance their fitness level which will support to their games performance.

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THE PHYSICAL LITERACY

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ABSTRACT

Physical literacy is a multifaceted concept that encompasses the ability to move with competence with confidence. Physical Literacy is essential for promoting lifelong physical activity reducing risk of chronic diseases. The physical activity is a vital component of human development and also essential to provide with skills, knowledge and different attitudes to participate in physical activity throughout their life. Individuals can improve physical health, confidence, cognitive function, social skills and also self-esteem. Promoting physical literacy in individuals of all ages and abilities. Key words. Physical literacy, Game based skills, movement skills, physical fitness, health and wellness, chronic disease.

INTRODUCTION

Physical Literacy is a critical concept that recognizes the importance of physical activity in promoting overall wellbeing and health. Taking part in Physical literacy individual can improve their physical health, confidence and self-esteem. It is also increases the cognitive function and social skills.

A. The elements of Physical Literacy.

- 1.Motivation and Confidence (Affective)
- 2.Physical Competence (Physical)
- 3.Knowledge and Understanding (Cognitive)
- 4.Engagement in Physical Activities for Life (Behavioural)

B. Importance of Physical Literacy for overall well-being:

Social, Aesthetic, Competition and Survival

C. Components Physical literacy.

Physical literacy can be described as the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge and understanding to value and take responsibility for engagement in physical activities for life.

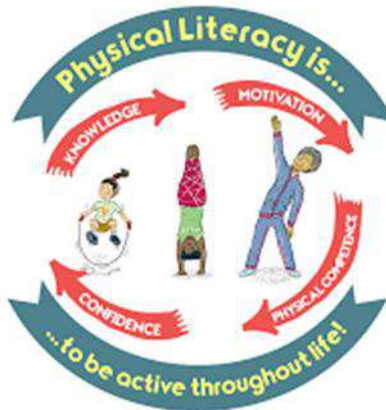
D. Fundamental Movements.

E. Physical Health Benefits improve your ability to do everyday activities improve cardiovascular ability.

F. Cognitive Benefits reduce your risk of cognitive decline, including dementia

Social and Emotional Benefits decreases stress, anxiety, and fatigue Improves confidence and well-being.

Long Term Implications improve muscular and cardiorespiratory fitness, improve bone functional health, reduce risk of hypertension, coronary heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, reduce the risk of falls and hip fractures, help maintain body weight d with Process.



CONCLUSION

Physical literacy is a vital and a critical concept that has the potential to transforms the way we approach physical activity and health. By promoting physical literacy, we can empower individuals to take control of their health and wellbeing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Integrate physical literacy in Education, Provide opportunities for physical activity. Promoting physical literacy in Community and by support Physical literacy research.

A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS AMONG FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF GULBARGA UNIVERSITY IN VARIOUS PLAYING POSITIONS

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to compare anthropometric measurements and psychological factors among football players of Gulbarga University across various playing positions. The research analyzed 60 male football players categorized into four positions: forwards, midfielders, defenders, and goalkeepers. Data on physical parameters such as height, weight, BMI, and limb measurements were gathered, alongside psychological factors including stress, motivation, and team cohesion. Statistical methods including descriptive statistics, ANOVA, and post-hoc tests were employed to explore significant differences among the groups. Results indicated that while anthropometric measurements varied notably across positions, psychological factors such as stress, motivation, and team cohesion also differed, highlighting the distinct physical and mental demands of each playing role. The findings emphasize the importance of tailoring training and psychological interventions based on specific playing positions to enhance overall player performance and well-being.

1. INTRODUCTION:

Football, as a team sport, requires a combination of physical attributes and psychological traits that vary depending on the player's position. Football players in different positions are tasked with specific roles, and these roles demand particular physical builds and psychological characteristics. While much is known about the general physical demands of the sport, research specifically analyzing the differences in anthropometric and psychological factors across various playing positions is limited, particularly at the university level.

This study aims to conduct a comparative analysis of anthropometric measurements (such as height, weight, BMI, and limb circumferences) and psychological factors (including stress, motivation, and team cohesion) among football players of Gulbarga University, categorized by their playing positions: forwards, midfielders, defenders, and goalkeepers.

2. METHODOLOGY:

2.1 Participants:

Sixty male football players from Gulbarga University, aged 18 to 25 years, were selected for the study. Participants were divided into four groups based on their primary playing positions: forwards (15 players), midfielders (15 players), defenders (15 players), and goalkeepers (15 players). All participants had at least two years of football-playing experience at the university level.

2.2 ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS:

The following anthropometric data were collected:

Height: Measured using a stadiometer (in cm).

Weight: Measured using a calibrated digital scale (in kg).

Body Mass Index (BMI): BMI was calculated using the formula: $BMI = \frac{\text{weight (kg)}}{\text{height (m)}^2}$ BMI = \frac{\text{weight (kg)}}{\text{height (m)}^2}

Limb Measurements: Circumference of the arm and thigh were measured using a flexible tape measure (in cm).

2.3 PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS

Psychological variables were assessed using the following standardized questionnaires:

Stress: The Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) was used to measure stress levels.

Motivation: The Sport Motivation Scale (SMS) was used to assess intrinsic and extrinsic motivation.

Team Cohesion: The Group Environment Questionnaire (GEQ) was used to assess the level of team cohesion.

2.4 DATA ANALYSIS

Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation) to summarize the anthropometric and psychological data. ANOVA was performed to detect significant differences across playing positions. Post-hoc comparisons were carried out using Tukey's test to identify the specific differences between groups.

3. RESULTS

3.1 Anthropometric Measurements:

The results for anthropometric measurements are summarized in Table 1.

Variable	Forwards (n=15)	Midfielders (n=15)	Defenders (n=15)	Goalkeepers (n=15)	p-value
Height (cm)	181.2 ± 4.5	175.4 ± 4.1	178.5 ± 3.9	179.1 ± 3.5	0.004
Weight (kg)	78.3 ± 6.1	73.5 ± 4.8	75.2 ± 5.3	70.8 ± 4.3	0.021
BMI	25.4 ± 2.0	22.7 ± 1.6	23.8 ± 1.9	21.4 ± 1.7	0.000
Arm Circumference (cm)	33.0 ± 2.5	32.2 ± 2.3	32.5 ± 2.4	33.4 ± 2.6	0.548
Thigh Circumference (cm)	55.4 ± 3.2	53.0 ± 2.8	54.5 ± 3.0	54.0 ± 2.7	0.279

3.2 Psychological Factors:

Table 2 presents the psychological factors, with stress, motivation, and team cohesion scores for each playing position.

Variable	Forwards (n=15)	Midfielders (n=15)	Defenders (n=15)	Goalkeepers (n=15)	p-value
Stress (PSS Score)	18.2 ± 4.1	16.4 ± 3.5	17.1 ± 3.8	20.4 ± 4.3	0.017
Motivation (SMS Score)	72.4 ± 5.2	69.2 ± 4.8	71.0 ± 5.0	70.1 ± 4.9	0.375
Team Cohesion (GEQ Score)	29.8 ± 3.1	28.5 ± 2.9	31.3 ± 2.7	30.8 ± 3.0	0.045

4. DISCUSSION:

The study revealed significant differences in both anthropometric measurements and psychological factors across different football positions.

4.1 Anthropometric Characteristics:

Forwards exhibited the highest BMI and height, suggesting that they require a more robust and powerful build for offensive play. The muscularity observed in this group is essential for speed, agility, and the physical demands of attacking play. Midfielders, who need to sustain high levels of endurance and maintain fluid movement, had moderate BMI scores and were shorter on average. Defenders, who require strength and stability to challenge opposing attackers, had a balanced BMI, suggesting a focus on physicality rather than excessive size. Goalkeepers,

with the lowest BMI, showed distinct body proportions suitable for quick reflexes and agility. Their limb measurements, particularly in the arms, were slightly larger, which is likely essential for diving and ball-handling.

4.2 Psychological Factors:

Goalkeepers exhibited significantly higher stress levels than players in other positions, which is likely a result of the high-pressure nature of their role. They are the last line of defense, and a single mistake can lead to conceding a goal, which can result in heightened stress. Despite the stress, goalkeepers also displayed high levels of team cohesion, which is critical for communication and coordination with defenders. Forwards, with the highest motivation scores, are likely driven by the intrinsic satisfaction of scoring goals, which directly impacts the team's performance and success. Defenders showed the highest team cohesion, emphasizing the need for strong defensive strategies and communication. Interestingly, motivation did not significantly differ across positions, suggesting that intrinsic and extrinsic factors influence players in a similar manner regardless of their position.

5. CONCLUSION:

This study provided valuable insights into the differences in anthropometric and psychological factors among football players based on their playing positions. Forwards tend to have a more muscular build, while goalkeepers have distinct psychological profiles with higher stress and strong team cohesion. These findings suggest that training programs should be customized to address the physical and psychological needs of players in different positions. Further research could explore the relationship between these factors and performance outcomes to better understand how physical and mental conditioning can optimize player performance across positions.

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A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SELECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES AMONG COLLEGE FEMALE KHO-KHO AND KABADDI

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ABSTRACT

Psychology is the science of the activity of an individual in relation to his environment” (Kamlesh, 1993). The purpose of the study was to find out the significant differences on selected physiological variables among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players. To achieve this purpose of the study, fifteen Kho-Kho players and fifteen Kabaddi players were selected as subjects. The selected subjects were tested on selected criterion variables such as breath holding time and Vo2 max. They were tested by one minute counted test and Cooper test formula Vo2 max respectively. The collected data were analysed statistically by using t-ratio to find out the significant differences if any. **Keywords:** Breath holding time, Vo2 max, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi Female Players

INTRODUCTION

Physical education is one of the most ancient arts of the humanities. In its broadest interpretation physical education is defined as the art and science of voluntary purposeful and active human movement. It is clear that physical education is concerned with a fundamental mode of human expression. Likewise it is an essential form of non-verbal communication which can be communicated very effectively depending and does, express a wider range of emotions while participating in a group towards the activities of physical education (John Nixon, 1980).

Physical education and training organized instruction in motor activities will contribute to the physical growth, health, and body image of the individual. The historical roots of Physical education go back as far as the ancient Chinese (c.2500 B.C), who had a well-developed system of exercise and physical training.

According to Bucher (1975) "Physical Education on integral part of the total education process, is a field of endeavour that has as its aim, the development of physically, mentally, emotionally and socially fit citizens through the medium physical activities that have been selected with a view to realizing these outcomes."

Physical exercise is any bodily activity that improves or maintains physical fitness and overall health and wellness. Regular exercise makes the heart stronger and the lungs fitter, enabling the cardiovascular system to deliver more oxygen to the body with every heartbeat and the pulmonary system to increase the maximum amount of oxygen that the lungs can take in. A sports physiologist examines the acute responses and chronic adaptations to athletic performance in a variety of environments. Physiology is the branch of biology dealing with the functions and activities of living organisms and their part, including all physical and chemical processes. Exercise Physiology is the study of how exercise changes the function and structure of the body. Exercise Physiology is what happens to the body as it exercises a single time, how these changes are brought about, what changes in function occur after repeated sessions of exercise and how these changes come to pass, and finally, what can be done to improve the body's response to exercise and its adaptation to training. It is the identification of physiological mechanisms underlying physical activity, the comprehensive delivery of treatment services concerned with the analysis, improvement, and maintenance of health and fitness, rehabilitation of heart disease and other chronic diseases and/or disabilities, and the professional guidance and counsel of athletes and others interested in athletics, sports training and human adaptability to acute and chronic exercise.

OBJECTIVES

The present research study focuses the following objectives regarding physiological variables among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi Players are:

- To identify the physiological capacities of Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi Players.
- To find out which players may be better in the selected physiological variables.
- The study gives an additional knowledge to the area of study.
- To find out the significant differences on selected physiological parameters such as breathe holding time between college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi Players.
- To find out the significant differences, if any the independent 't' ratio was used.
- To find out vo2 max among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi Players.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The purpose of the study was to comparative analysis of selected physiological variables among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi Players.

DELIMITATIONS

- The subject for this study each 15 college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi Players were selected as subjects between the age group of 18 to 25 years.
- The physiological variables selected for the present study the breath holding time and Vo2 max.
- Years of experience in the play court regular activities pertaining to their day today activities were not considered.
- The tests were conducted randomly in the college premises.

HYPOTHESIS

- It was hypothesized that Kabaddi Players may have the better breath holding time than the Kho Kho player.
- It was hypothesized that Kho Kho Players may have the better in Vo2 max than the Kabaddi players.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

- The result of the study may help in identifying the physiological capacities of Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players.
- This research may helpful to suggest ways and means for improving better fitness through special type of physical exercises.
- The results of the study may help the teacher and physical educator to find out which players may be better in the selected physiological variables.
- The study gives an additional knowledge to the area of research

SELECTION OF SUBJECTS

The purpose of the study was to compare the selected physiological variables among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players. To achieve the purpose of the study 15 college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players were selected as subjects age ranged between 18-25 years.

SELECTION OF VARIABLES

In the present study, the investigator selected the following variables.

1. Breath holding time
2. Vo2 max

SELECTION OF TESTS

The present study was undertaken to find out the significant difference, if any, between College Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players winners of inter-Collegiate tournament on selected Physiological Variables such as Breath holding time and Vo2 max. The investigator analyzed various literatures, and consulted the experts in physical education and selected the following test items which were standardized and almost suitable for the purpose of this study and they are presented in Table.

Selection of test

Sr. No.	Variables	Tests
1.	Breath holding time	Hold the nostrils
2.	Vo2 max	Cooper test formula Vo2 max

The investigator has learnt the procedure and method of administering the tests and had a number of practice session in order to familiarize the testing procedure.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

Breath Holding Time

Equipment's: Stopwatch and score sheet.

Procedure: The subjects stand at ease and inhales deeply after which holds breath for a length of time possible. The index finger of the respondent serves as an indicator to the researcher to make them know the start and end of the recording time. The thumb and centre finger were used to hold the nostrils and also the co-operation of the subjects by not letting the air opening the mouth apparently was considered while recording the breath holding time.

Scoring: The time of holding breath till the movements subjects lets the air out was clocked by using the stopwatch to the nearest 1/10th of a second as breath holding time.

VO2 max

Purpose: To measure the VO2 max (cardio respiratory endurance).

Equipment: Whistle, stopwatch, 400 meters track.

Description: Subjects assembled behind the starting line at the starting signal, they, run or walk as far as possible with in the 12 minutes time limit. An experienced pacer should accompany performers around the running area during the actual test. At the signal to stop performers should remain where they finished long enough for test administrators to record the distance covered. Ample time should be given for stretching and warm-up as well as cool down.

Scoring: The distance in meters covered in 12 minutes The Vo2 max in ml/min/kg was calculated based on the formula suggested by Cooper (1960). Where, d12 is the distance (in meters) covered in 12 minutes.

STATISTICAL PROCEDURE

The purpose of the study was to find out the significant difference, if any, between college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on selected criterion variables such as breath holding time and Vo2 max. The subjects were tested on selected criterion variables and they were analyzed statistically by using t-ratio to find out the significant difference. In all cases.05 level of confidence was fixed to be the significance which was considered as appropriate.

ANALYSIS OF THE DATA

The analysis of the data for physical and physiological variable among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players have been analyzed and presented separately.

Breath holding time

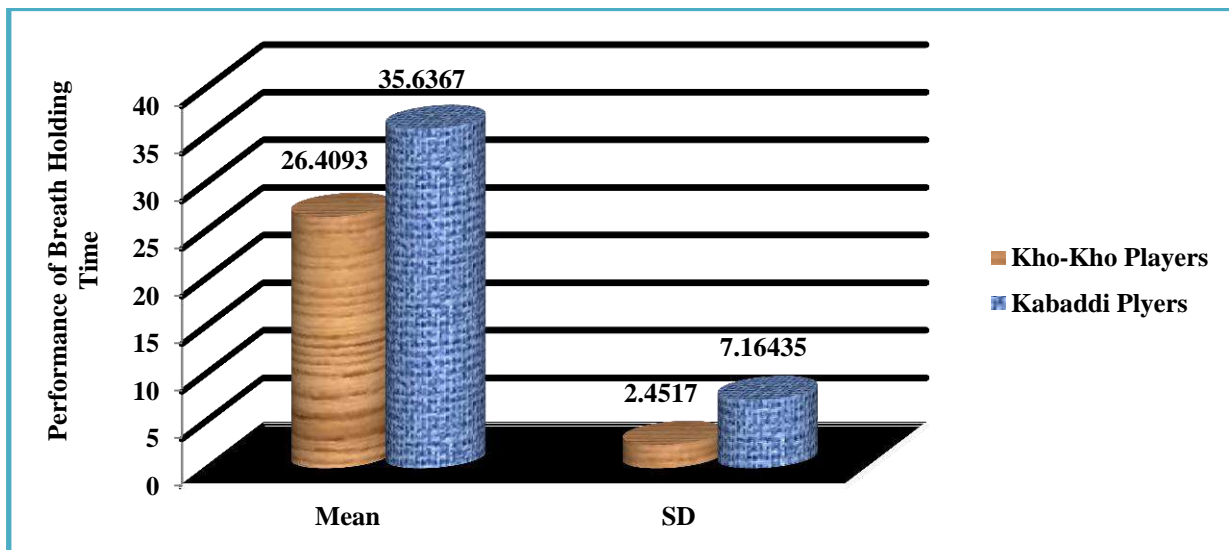
The data collected on breath holding time were analyzed and presented in Table 3.

Table 1: The mean, standard deviation, and ‘t’ ratio value of college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on breath holding time

Group	Mean	SD	t-Ratio
Kho-Kho Players	26.4093	2.45170	5.635*
Kabaddi Players	35.6367	7.16435	

***Significant at 0.05 level of confidence. (The table value required for significance at 0.05 level with df1, 14 was at 2.02).**

Table 1 indicated that the mean values of college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on breath holding time were 26.4093 and 35.6367 respectively. The obtained t-ratio value of 5.635 was greater than required table value 2.02 for significance at 0.05 level of confidence with df 1, 14. The results of the study shows that there was a significant difference that exist among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on breath holding time. The mean value of college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on breath holding time were graphically represented in Figure 1.



VO2 max

The data collected on vo2 max were analyzed and presented

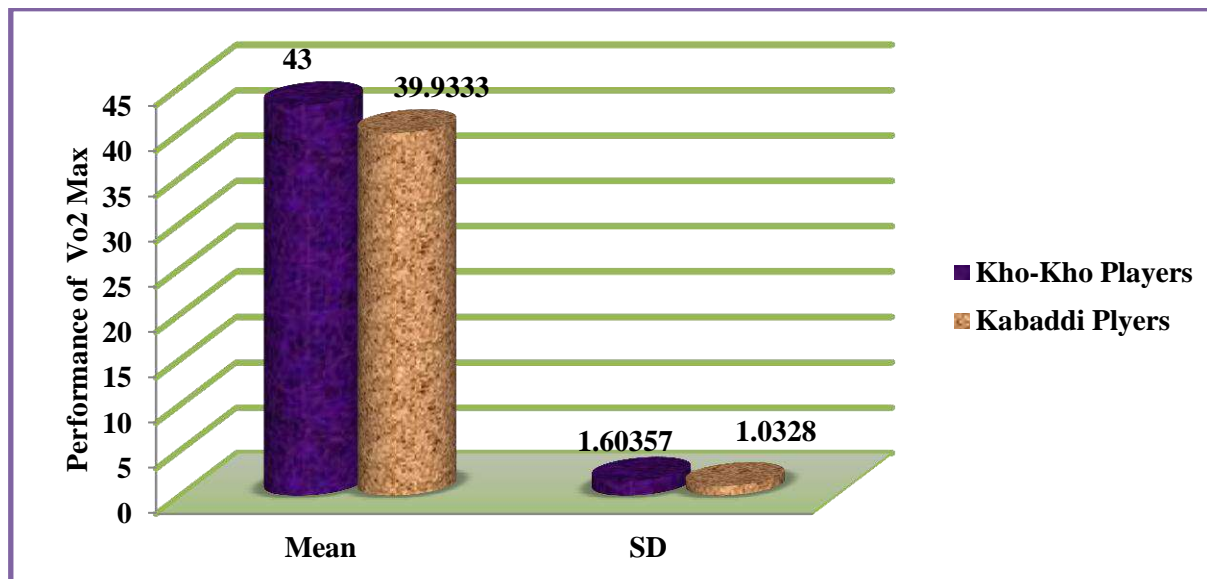
Table 2: The mean, standard deviation, and 't' ratio value of college men Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on vo2 max

Group	Mean	SD	t-Ratio
Kho-Kho Players	43.0000	1.60357	11.500*
Kabaddi Players	39.9333	1.03280	

***Significant at 0.05 level of confidence. (The table value required for significance at 0.05 level with df1, 14 was at 2.02).**

Table 4 indicated that the mean values of college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on vo2 max were 43.0000 and 39.9333 respectively. The obtained t-ratio value of 11.500 was greater than required table value 2.02

for significance at 0.05 level of confidence with df1, 14. The results of the study shows that there was a significant difference that exist among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on Vo2 max. The mean value of college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on vo2 max were graphically represented in Figure 2.



DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

The result of the study shows that there was a significant difference that exists among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players on selected physiological variables such as breath holding time and vo2 max. It may be due to the nature and area of the game selected for this study.

DISCUSSION OF HYPOTHESIS

There was a significant difference that exists among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi player on breath holding time. Kabaddi players have better performance than the Kho Kho players on breath holding time. Thus the hypothesis was accepted. There was a significant difference that exists among college Female Kho-Kho and Kabaddi player on Vo2 max. Kho-Kho players have better performance than the Kabaddi players on Vo2 max. Thus the hypothesis was accepted.

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“TRAINING ON EXPLOSIVE POWER AMONG COLLEGE LEVEL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS IN NORTH TELANGANA REGION”

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ABSTRACT:

OBJECTIVE:

To examine the impact of Plyometric training program on explosive power among college level volleyball players in north Telangana region”

METHOD:

A sample of (N=150) subjects were selected by random sampling method. The Age ranges from 18 to 22 years from Telangana region (Nizamabad). The selected subjects were randomly divided into 3 equal groups of 50 subjects each. Experimental group1-50, Experimental group2-50, subjects and control group 50 subjects. Control group didn't participate in any training program. Initially pre-test data was collected before the start of training and after the Training Period Post test data was collected for both the groups. Twelve weeks of training was given to experimental groups i.e. Plyometric Training. Pre-test and post-test were conducted on Explosive power variable by administering Standing vertical jump test. Statistical technique analyzed with ANOVA.

RESULTS:

The results of the study indicate that improvement in the Abdominal Strength in Experimental group when compared to control group by participating in 12 weeks of Circuit training program. Keywords: Circuit Training, Abdominal Strength.

INTRODUCTION:

Volleyball is a team sport in which two teams of six players are separated by a net. Each team tries to score points by grounding a ball on the other team's court under organized rules. It has been a part of the official program of the Summer Olympic Games since Tokyo 1964. Beach volleyball was introduced to the programme at the Atlanta 1996. The adapted version of volleyball at the Summer Paralympic Games is sitting volleyball.

Plyometrics exploit the stretch-shortening cycle of muscles to enhance the myotatic (stretch) reflex. This involves rapid alternation of lengthening and shortening of muscle fibers against resistance. The resistance involved is often a weighted object such as a medicine ball or sandbag, but can also be the body itself as in jumping exercises or the body with a weight vest that allows movement with resistance. Plyometrics is used to develop explosive speed, and focuses on maximal power instead of maximal strength by compressing the force of muscular contraction into as short a period as possible, and may be used to improve the effectiveness of a boxer's punch, or to increase the vertical jumping ability of players.

Plyometric training is a quick, powerful movement involving a system of reactive exercises and an eccentric contraction, followed immediately by an explosive concentric contraction. accomplish this through any movement utilizing the Stretch-Shortening Cycle (SSC).

Explosive power is the ability to use a lot of muscular force in a short amount of time. It's a combination of strength and speed. Vertical jump test is used for measure the explosive power.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

The purpose of the study is to find out the effect of plyometric training whether or not any significant difference found between pre-test and post-test on explosive power among Volley ball players in North Telangana region in relation to their performance.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY:

The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the impact of selected training methods on the motor fitness development of college-level volleyball players in the North Telangana region. This assessment will involve measuring changes in agility, speed, strength, endurance, and coordination resulting from the training interventions.

To find out the significant difference on effect of selected training method in relation to motor fitness that is Explosive Power on Volley ball players in North Telangana region.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:

The study investigates the existing difference between pre-test and post-test in relation to their effect of plyometric training on development of explosive power among Volley ball players in North Telangana region in relation to their performance.

AIM OF THE STUDY:

This study aims to investigate the impact of plyometric training method on the explosive power of volleyball players between the age group of 18-22 years North Telangana region in relation to their performance

HYPOTHESIS

It was hypothesized that there may not be any significant difference between pre – test and post of experimental group on effect of plyometric training method among volley ball players in relation to their motor fitness that is Explosive Power.

METHODOLOGY

SELECTION OF THE SUBJECTS

The review was designed using a simple random sampling method, and it involved collecting samples from 150 volleyball players aged between 18 and 22 years, specifically from the male population in the NTR of Telangana state (NTRTS). The Volleyball players were divided in to three group's (Experimental two groups and one control group) experimental group includes strength exercise group, plyometric exercise group and control group. The data will collect separately from men volley ball players of NTRTS Volleyball players for pre-test and post-test.

TABLE SHOWING THE SAMPLE OF THE STUDY

S. No	NTR from Telangana state Volley ball Players (Nizamabad District)		No of Volley ball Players
1.	Experimental Group	Plyometric Training	50
		Strength Training	50
2.	Control Group	No Training	50
	Total :		150

SELECTION OF VARIABLES

The Researcher reviewed the related scientific literature pertaining to this study on the basis of discussion with experts, feasibility criteria, and availability of equipment's and relevance of the present study variable. Selected motor Fitness variables is – explosive power. By vertical jump test.

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

The 150 subjects from the age category 18-22 year's volley ball players of NTR from Telangana state Volley ball Players (Nizamabad District) are selected as Subjects.

1. The selected subjects were randomly divided into 3 equal groups of 50 subjects each.
2. Experimental group-1(Plyometric Training)-50 subjects and Experimental group-2(Strength Training)- 50 subjects and control group 50 subjects. Control group didn't participate in any training program. Initially pre-test data was collected before the start of training and after the Training Period Post test data was collected for all three groups.
3. Twelve weeks of training was given to experimental groups i.e. plyometric Training.

COLLECTION OF DATA

In order to collect the data standing vertical jump test were administrated to experimental groups and control group the score was recorded in the observed readings for the group.

Testing tools – Standing Vertical Jump test.

STATISTICAL TECHNIQUE

The investigation will examine the disparities among the initial test and Follow-up -test results of Investigational groups, including the SEG, PEG, and CG, comprising volleyball players from NTR of Telangana state. The data collected will be analyzed using statistical measures such as mean, standard deviation, t-tests, correlations, and ANOVA

RESULTS

Results pertaining to Hypothesis- “There may not be any significant difference between pre – test and post of experimental group on effect of plyometric training method among volley ball players in relation to their motor fitness that is Explosive Power.”

“Table presenting the Mean Values, Standard Deviation (SD), degrees of freedom (df), 't' value, and two-tailed significance (Sig.) difference between pre-test and post-test results, assessing the impact of plyometric training method on the motor fitness of volleyball players, specifically focusing on explosive power”.

Sl. No.	Subjects	N	Mean	SD	df.	't' value	Sig.(2tailed)
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1	Pre - Test	50	1.8950	.20158	49	-14.387	0.000
2	Post - Test	50	2.3320	.12041			

Table Description and Analysis: “The table presents the mean values, standard deviations (SD), degrees of freedom (df), 't' value, and significance (Sig.) levels (2-tailed) indicating the differences between pretest and post-test results in relation to the effect of a plyometric training method on motor fitness, specifically explosive power, among volleyball players”

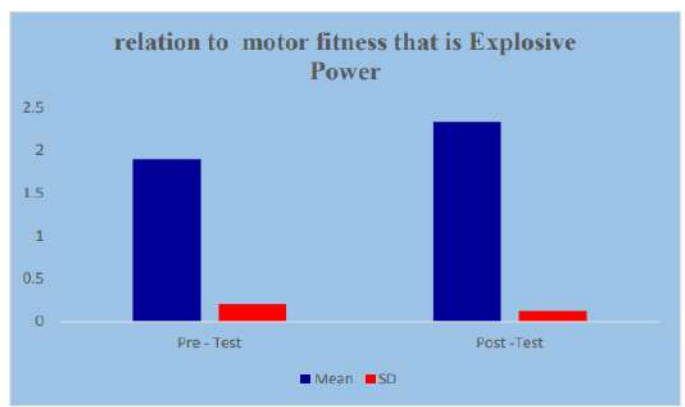
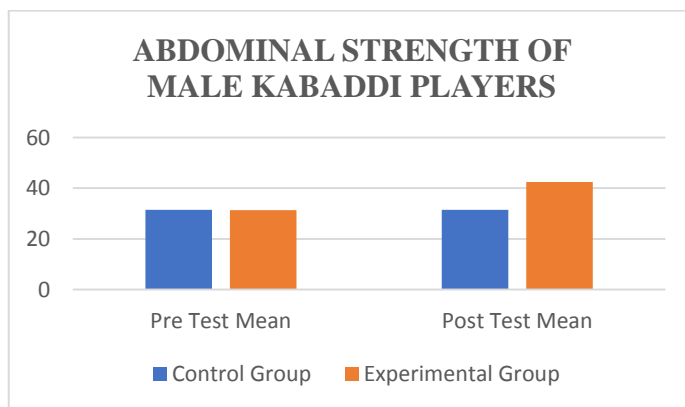
Pre-Test Mean and SD:

- The pre-test mean explosive power score for the participants was 1.8950, with a standard deviation (SD) of 0.20158.
- The standard deviation suggests that the data points were relatively close to the mean, indicating some consistency in the initial explosive power scores of the participants.

Post-Test Mean and SD:

- After undergoing the plyometric training method, the post-test mean explosive power score increased to 2.3320, and the standard deviation was 0.12041.

“Graph displaying the Mean Values and Standard Deviation (SD, illustrating the difference between pre-test and post-test results in evaluating the effects of plyometric training on the motor fitness component of explosive power among volleyball players”



DISCUSSION

“The analysis indicates that the plyometric training method had a significant positive effect on the motor fitness (explosive power) of volleyball players. The participants' explosive power scores showed a substantial improvement following the training method, as evidenced by the increase in mean score from pre-test to post-test. The highly significant 't' value reinforces the notion that the observed improvement in explosive power is not a random occurrence”

CONCLUSION:

Within the limitation of the study and on the basis of the obtained results from this study, it was concluded that the participating in 12 weeks of plyometric program had significantly improved the explosive power in Experimental groups when compared to control group.

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TRADITIONAL KABADDI VERSUS TECHNO KABADDI

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ABSTRACT

Life of every man is ridden by two horses – tradition and technology. The fight in every mind, whether to follow tradition or to enjoy the user-friendliness of technology, is always evident. In the phase of life, the betterment man is mostly driven by technology. Every test on a traditional practice results in a new technology. That was the ultimate cause of western games to reach the peak in recent years. This article has discussed the traditional heritage of India's very own sport kabaddi in line with technology for the game to reach the Olympic podium. Reaching the Olympic podium is possible by winning over the popularity contest. The more the popularity, the more are the fan followers. The recent rule changes and advancement in technology have escalated kabaddi facilitating popularity. Another important avenue is that at least 50 affiliated countries should systematically play the game setting up professional associations. When all these falls in place, the Olympic podium will be at a one-step reach. **Keywords:** Kabaddi, Olympic, Technology, Tradition.

1. INTRODUCTION

Oh! What a revolution. The clock has spun too fast this decade. On one-side, advancements in science and technology have made man lead a switch button age. On the other side, the same has made the man run a rat's race. To update the ongoing latest changes that too alongside the rapid growth is still a challenging task. Like now cricket being a fond street-side hobby sport, during the early 19th century, kabaddi was one such [1,2]. Even in the present era, no Pongal festival of rural Tamil Nadu is celebrated without kabaddi. Kabaddi is a test for bravery. A quest for confidence and pride. Kabaddi is still developing from the rural roots. Earlier in the south of Tamil Nadu, especially, it was a pride call for every bridegroom.

2. THE PAST TENSE OF KABADDI

The dehydrating temperature, layered skin tan, the bleeding toes and knees, dusty, polluted playfields, sludgy floor, and dirty jerseys were all real signs of popular kabaddi. Although being a popular game in South Asia, it has gained tremendous popularity around the world [3-6]. Kabaddi is also known as Hututu, Do-do, and Ghidugudu. It is an ancient mass-based group game, which is played in most of the tropical countries of titles. It is popularly known as Hadudu in Bangladesh, Gudu in Sri Lanka, the Chub in Indonesia, and kabaddi in India.

The game of kabaddi is one of the oldest games of Indian origin. As you know, the game has been playing for a long time (about 1000 years ago) in India. Circle kabaddi is a 4000 years old game. It was properly invented to be group attacks an individual and vice versa. A dramatized version of the great Indian epic Mahabharata has made an analogy of the game a tight situation faced by Abhimanyu when he was surrounded by the entire team of opponents. Buddhist literature speaks of the Gautama Buddha were also playing circle kabaddi for recreation. Further, in Mahabharata times, different kings such as Jarasandh, Bhim, Balarama, Krishna, Abhimanyu, Kansa, and Daryodhanaetcare few examples, who make the history of great battle by performing rules of the fight. The king Chandragupta, Krishnadevaraya, and Prithviraj Chauhan is further great examples for maintaining the tradition of kabaddi in the form of sport as well as battle. Hence, the origin of kabaddi poses infinite changes in the history of Indian scenario, and the popularity of this game is a rural indigenous origin draw charms and identity for a great performance about the blend of human strength, sound mind, concrete spirit, decision-making ability, and in the last human satisfaction.

3. KABADDI HISTORY AND THE OLYMPIC MYSTERY

The origin of the game dates back to prehistoric times, played in different forms. The modern kabaddi game was played all over India and some parts of South Asia from 1930. The first known framework of the rules of kabaddi, as an indigenous sport of India, was prepared in Maharashtra, in 1921, for kabaddi competitions, combining the patterns of Sanjeevani and Gamini. Thereafter, a committee was constituted in 1923, which amended the rules framed in 1921. The amended rules were applied during the All India Kabaddi Tournament in 1923. The All India Kabaddi Federation was formed in 1950 to look after the promotion of the game, and the Senior National Championship started in the year 1952. The new body, Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India, came into existence from the year 1972 affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association with a view to popularize the game in India and neighboring countries of Asia. After the formation of this body, kabaddi took a new shape and national level competitions started for junior and sub-junior boys and girls. A separate competition, the Federation Cup, was introduced for men and women for the elite teams (best eight) of the country. Kabaddi was included as a regular sports discipline in the 11th Beijing Asian Games, 1990, where India won a gold medal for kabaddi – its only gold medal in Beijing. The Indian team continues to create history by winning the gold medal at each succeeding Asian Games held thereafter Hiroshima 1994, Bangkok 1998, Busan 2002, Doha 2006, Guangzhou 2010, and Incheon 2014. For the 1st time in the history of the Asian Games, a separate indoor stadium was built for kabaddi competitions and training for the 15th Asian games held in Doha (Qatar) 2006. The training/warming up courts and main field of play were equipped with a giant public screen, which

displayed replays and the running score. Two Tissot plasma scoreboards, info terminals for the presentation crew, the ceremony crew, and the media were also provided. The 15th Asian games at Doha provided an excellent opportunity to showcase kabaddi to many Europeans and Australians, who were responsible for organizing the games. A large number of spectators belonging to European countries, USA, Australia, Western Asia, and the Mediterranean countries, experiencing the game for the 1st time, were very impressed with the simple rules and the thrill of the sport and desired to introduce the sport in their countries. This had given kabaddi a very good and positive exposure for its future development in the continents of Europe, the USA, Australia, and Africa. Kabaddi has been included as a major discipline in the 2nd Asian Indoor Games that were held in Macau from October 25 to November 3, 2007, and in the Asian Beach Games hosted by Indonesia in 2008, which are major landmarks in the history of the game.

4. THE PRESENT TENSE OF KABADDI

It was surprising and astonishing to watch pro kabaddi in television channels. What a tremendous growth. An outdoor fest has now become an indoor feast! R&D has not left any stone unturned. Yes! It has turned stony mud courts to soft and safe mattresses. Mother India, the home of kabaddi, has extended its case, thereby preventing 90% open injuries. Time and tide wait for no one. Now, we, too, need not wait for the sun to spread its light. Midnight or scorching sun kabaddi lovers can play anytime indoors. The love for the game has multiplied. After the pro kabaddi revolution, the viewership increased to 56%, that is, 43.5 crore viewers which were the second highest in India watching matches on television.

5. NEW RULE CHANGES

5.1.30 Seconds

A raid begins when a player enters the opponent's half. It lasts for 30 s within which the raider has to try and score a point – either a touchpoint or bonus point – and return back to his half. Failure to return within 30 s rules the raider as out. Each raid is restricted to 30 s (in both the halves). The clocks will be set/reset as the raider crosses the centerline or when the raid is over. The clocks will be stopped when each raid is restricted to 30 s (in both the halves). The clocks will be set/reset as the raider crosses the centerline or when the raid is over. Raider crosses center line on returning to his court raider exits the arena after being declared “OUT” or goes out of bounds and is declared out.

5.2. Do-or-Die Raid

If a team has two consecutive empty raids, then its raider in the next raid has to score a point. If he does not,

then he is ruled as out. Quite aptly, it is called the “do-or-die raid.” Hence, a team cannot have three empty raids in a row. A do-or-die raid, thus, often serves as a turning point in the game.

5.3. Super Tackle

A super tackle is when a raider is caught by the opponent who has just three or fewer defenders left on the court. In case of a super tackle, the defending team gets an additional point apart from the point from the tackle. However, it only revives one lost member, despite the number of points earned is two. A super tackle serves teams in a spot of bother, giving them a good chance to come back in the encounter, thus keeping the game in the balance.

5.4. Weight Category

- Men: Should not be >85 kg
- Junior boys: Should not be >70 kg
- Women: Should not be >75 kg
- Junior girls: Should not be >65 kg
- Sub-junior: Should not be >65 kg (Boys and Girls).

5.5. Technical Point

Awarding technical points to the opponent, but the same team shall take up the consecutive raid for late cant, double entry, and late entry.

5.6. The Future Tense of Kabaddi

There has been a gradual but significant change in trends of the game over the past 50 years. What was once considered, a game of brawn is not so now. The introduction of mats, shoes, new techniques, and changes in rules has made the sport infinitely more athletic and interesting. The modern, international, competitive avatar of kabaddi have evolved into a spectacular, hugely popular sport in an ever-growing list of countries from around the globe. India’s very own sport – kabaddi – has been the talk of the town. Sanjeevani, Gaminee, Amar, Punjabi, or Sadugudu are various forms of kabaddi. With all the new rule changes and technological developments, the game has gained tremendous popularity. However, one thing that kabaddi is not is an Olympic sport. For a sport to be considered to be part of the Olympics, it must be widely practiced around the world – 75 countries across four continents. Kabaddi has seen an exponential growth in popularity and this would be just a formality in the near future. Despite the popularity, there are plenty of reasons why kabaddi should be part of the biggest multi-sport event in the world. The number of countries and continents has never been in question in kabaddi, but the lack of a professional kabaddi association and league hampers the sport’s chances of being part of the Olympics. Hence, if all the countries who play kabaddi invest in making it a

professional sport in their country, kabaddi can put forth their name for consideration.

Kabaddi was introduced as a demonstration sport in Berlin Olympics in 1936. However, kabaddi never got recognized as an Olympic competitive sport due to various reasons. It has been recognized as an international sport and is featured in the Asian games format. However, to become an Olympic sport, it has crossed a few more hurdles. The World Kabaddi Federation is working hard to get a game into the Olympics, but they have been told by the International Olympic Committee that their request could only be entertained if the game can be played systematically in 50 affiliated countries. To gain the Olympic berth, the sport needs to be widely adopted in many countries. Countries like Japan have started playing this sport well. We need more countries to adopt this sport for it to be included in the Olympics. Apart from all these, to make the Olympic dream come true, we should work on the vigilant and acceptable technical methods which will make this game much more reliable, entertaining, safe, and interesting.

6. CONCLUSION

Reaching the Olympic podium is possible by winning over the popularity contest. The more the popularity, the more are the fan followers. The recent rule changes and advancement in technology have escalated kabaddi facilitating popularity. Another important avenue is that at least 50 affiliated countries should systematically play the game setting up professional associations. When all these falls in place, the Olympic podium will be at a one-step reach.

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**“A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON PHYSICAL LITERACY OF PLAYFUN AMONG SCHOOL GOING
CHILDREN’S”**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to find out the Physical literacy of PLAY fun variables between Ballari and Sunder school-going children. Physical literacy assessment for youth (PLAY fun) is a measure comparing variables of Running, Locomotor, Object control-upper body, Object control-lower body, and Balance, stability& body control of Ballari and sunder school students.

Method: in this study, samples were selected randomly, 7 to 14 years age group a total of 20 Subjects in that 10 from Ballari, and 10 from Sunder Taluk. In this study children were assessed using the “PLAY tool”.

Result: We used SPSS software to analyze the data, measuring the mean and independent Samples t-test of all PLAY fun Five domains and 18 tasks. based on the analyzed data the following results of the Ballari school students were better in terms of all 5 PLAY fun domains variables than sunder school going children. But didn't Differ significantly from to mean and the standard deviation obtained t-value was more than 0.05 level significance

Conclusion: the structure and patterns of the PLAY fun as a measure of Running, Locomotor, Object control-upper body, Object control-lower body, and Balance, stability& body control as for PLAY tool FLAYfun variables very low parentage of Physical literacy of both school taluk. **Keywords:** Physical Fitness, Physical Literacy, Youths, child’s, Motor competence, Elementary school, Locomotor etc.

INTRODUCTION

In the present era, Physical literacy is very important. Its importance is not limited to physical and mental health, and well-being, and also Physical literacy can help children and youth develop physical fitness, mental health, emotional adjustment, and overall development. Just as we measure the level of literacy in many aspects e.g., educational, financial, development, marketing, etc., many plans are made to develop it by understanding its level. Similarly, measuring the level of physical literacy is a very important factor in the present era because it has a great impact on the overall development of children and the level of basic motor skills of children and youth can be known through physical literacy. Likewise, helps to measure and improve the physical literacy of physical education teachers, physical fitness trainers, sports trainers, sports coaches, and parents. We developed children's game skills, physical exercises, and physical activities, all of the above factors can be measured. We used a PLAY tool and measured the level of physical literacy. Physical literacy is important for the development of children's physical ability, cardiovascular ability, metabolic ability, muscle ability, musculoskeletal ability, and mental ability, all of these can be developed and being physically literate reduces stress, anxiety, and fatigue. Overall, in today's era, physical literacy is very important to understand Physical literacy in the current era to empower children, youth, and adults to be healthy and develop sports skills.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

“The main purpose of the study was to find out the comparison of Physical Literacy of PLAY fun Among School-Children of Ballari and Sunder Taluk - a Pilot study”.

DELIMITATIONS:

1. The study was delimited to the 8 to 10 Age group only.
2. The study assessed physical literacy by selecting only the PLAY tool.
3. The study was delimited to Ballari and Sunder Taluk only
4. The study was delimited to school-going children's only
5. The study was delimited to a total of 20 Subjects in that 10 from Ballari, 10 from Sunder Taluk.

SELECTION OF THE SUBJECT:

The main purpose of the study was to find out the ‘‘comparison of Physical Literacy of PLAY fun Among School-Children of Ballari and Sunder Taluk a Pilot study’’ To achieve this there was a total of 20 School-Going Children’s were Selected Randomly from Shri Visvesvaraya Higher Primary School (Best School) and Sri Shaileshwara English Medium School, Sunder 5th standard students, for the Schools Located in Ballari District.

SELECTION OF THE TOOL:

In this study, I have used a standardized assessment tool, Physical Literacy Assessment for Youth (PLAY) instruments will be used to describe the physical literacy of children (Sport for Life, 2014). PLAY tools were developed at the University of Manitoba in 2009-2010 and released to Canadian Sport for Life in 2012. These tools are appropriate for ages 7 and older children. PLAY tools were consistently designed as research evaluation tools for physical literacy and are appropriate with a physical literacy model.

Selection of the Assessment Variables:

In this study, I have used the PLAY tool in this physical literacy assessment for youth assessing PLAY fun, only and for a total of 5 subsections and 18 tasks.

Table No: 1 Selection of the Variables

Sl. No	Tool	PLAY Tools	Subsection	Task
1	P L A Y T O	PLAY fun	Running	1. Run a square 2. Run there and back 3. Run, jump, then land on two feet
			Locomotor	4. Crossovers 5. Skip 6. Gallop 7. Hop 8. Jump
			Object Control- Upper	9. Overhand throw 10. Strike with stick 11. One-handed catch

	O L		Body	12. Hand dribble stationary and moving
			Object Control- Lower Body	13. Kickball 14. Foot dribble moving forward
			Balance, stability & body control	15. Balance walk(hell-to-toe) forward 16. Balance walk(toe-to-hell) forward 17. Drop to the ground and back up 18. Lift and Lower

Administration of the PLAY fun

I have used the PLAY tool and conducted a Study and assessment of PLAY fun I will take a total of 10 school-going children of Shri Visvesvaraya Higher Primary School (Best School) and Sri Shaileshwara English Medium School, 5th standard, for the Schools Located in Ballari.

Important: Each question uses a 100mm scale so that the assessor may place a mark anywhere along the scale within each box. This allows the assessor to be more specific when defining the child's ability for each task. Remember that the top score for proficiency is the very best anyone could be at the skill, regardless of age. Example: This assessor has placed a black mark on the leftmost side of the “Competent” box to identify that Child A has only just acquired the skill. This score is worth 51/100. An orange mark has been placed farther to the right side of the “Competent” box to indicate that Child B is more competent than Child A, who has just acquired the skill. This second score would be worth 63/100.

DATA COLLECTION AND MEASURES

Measures

The PL of the children was assessed using the PLAY tool. This tool is open-source and available online. It was developed by the University of Manitoba the PLAY tool includes a total 6 collections of tools this study used PLAY fun, an assessment of motor competence, confidence, and comprehension of 18 fundamental movement skills, and PLAY fun comparison of a collection of 18 different movement tasks within five domains this movement task measures physical literacy individuals 7 yr and older. five domains assess an individual's different child's movement skills. The five domains and 18 tasks are shown the Table 1.

A 100 mm-long VAS is used to evaluate children, and it is separated into four groups: initial (0–25 mm), emerging (25–50 mm), competent (50–75 mm), and proficient (75–100 mm). While the competent and proficient categories show that a skill has been learned, the beginning and emerging categories show that a child is still learning the skill. After deciding which group the kid belongs to, the assessor marks the child's proficiency for the given job by placing an "X" inside the 25-mm box of the category. An individual who has just learned a particular ability, for instance, may be positioned at the lower end of the competent group, whereas someone who exhibits a higher degree of competence would be positioned higher in that category. A high degree of skill-specific training through sports or other activities (e.g., dancing, gymnastics, aerobics etc.) is usually possessed by those in the skilled group. For each of the 18 jobs, there are comprehensive examples for each category in the PLAYfun training handbook. The scale is not criterion-based; rather, it is a comprehensive rubric. The 100-mm scale is used to represent all individuals, regardless of age, rather than scoring children about other kids their age. "The very best anyone could be at the skill regardless of age" is the definition of the highest score, or 100. A ruler is used to measure from the beginning of the scale (i.e., developing) to the middle of the "X" to get the score for each assignment. Each assignment is therefore assigned a score between 0 and 100. The sum of the scores from each of the 18 tasks makes up the total score, while the sum of the scores from the tasks that are part of the domain makes up the domain scores. For example, as shown the Tables 2 and 3.

COLLATION OF DATA

Before I go to the collation of data have taken the help of three Trained Research Experts for the collation of data. Subjects get a broad set of instructions before the assessment begins, explaining that they will be required to do a variety of exercises and that they should make every effort to perform as best they can. Before each talent is executed, the players are given a brief explanation (for example, "I want you to run a square around the pylons").

Do your best to run a square, please. Are you ready? "Run now"); subjects are not given any skill modeling. Each of the 18 activities requires a single attempt from each player, and the entire evaluation needs each participant to do around 15 minutes.

ANALYSIS

We used SPSS software to analyze the data, measuring the mean and independent Samples t-test of all PLAY fun Five domains and 18 tasks.

Table No: 4 Descriptive Statistics of PLAY fun Variables between Ballari and Sunder School going children's

PLAY fun Variables	Group	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
RUNNING	BALLARI	10	110.70	57.55	18.201
	SUNDER	10	107.50	40.33	12.754
LOCOMOTOR	BALLARI	10	148.00	52.99	16.759
	SUNDER	10	126.60	49.97	15.803
OBJECT CONTROL- UPPER BODY	BALLARI	10	178.40	69.40	21.946
	SUNDER	10	137.20	48.24	15.255
OBJECT CONTROL - LOWER BODY	BALLARI	10	62.10	23.20	7.338
	SUNDER	10	53.40	22.30	7.052
BALANCE,STABILITY& BODY CONTROL	BALLARI	10	132.90	65.15	20.603
	SUNDER	10	120.30	56.91	17.998

INTERPRETATION

From the above table, 4 gives descriptive statistics such as mean standard deviation and standard error of PLAY fun Variables between Ballari and Sunder School-going children's.

Running: The mean, Standard Deviation and standard error of PLAYfun Variables of Running for Ballari school students 110.70, 57.55 and 18.201Respectively. Other sunder school students are 107.50, 40.33 and 12.754 respectively. Hence Ballari Students are better than Sunder Students.

Locomotor: The mean, Standard Deviation and standard error of PLAYfun Variables of Running for Ballari school students 148,52.99 and 16.759 respectively. Other sunder school students are 126.60, 49.97 and 15.803 respectively. Hence Ballari Students are better than Sunder Students.

Object Control- Upper Body: The mean, Standard Deviation and standard error of PLAYfun Variables of Running for Ballari school students 62.10, 23.20 and 7.052 respectively. Other sunder school students are 53.40, 22.30 and 7.052 respectively. Hence Ballari Students are better than Sunder Students.

Balance, Stability& Body Control: The mean, Standard Deviation and standard error of PLAYfun Variables of Running for Ballari school students 132.90, 65.15 and 20.603 respectively. Other sunder school students are 120.30, 56.91 and 17.998 respectively. Hence Ballari Students are better than Sunder Students.

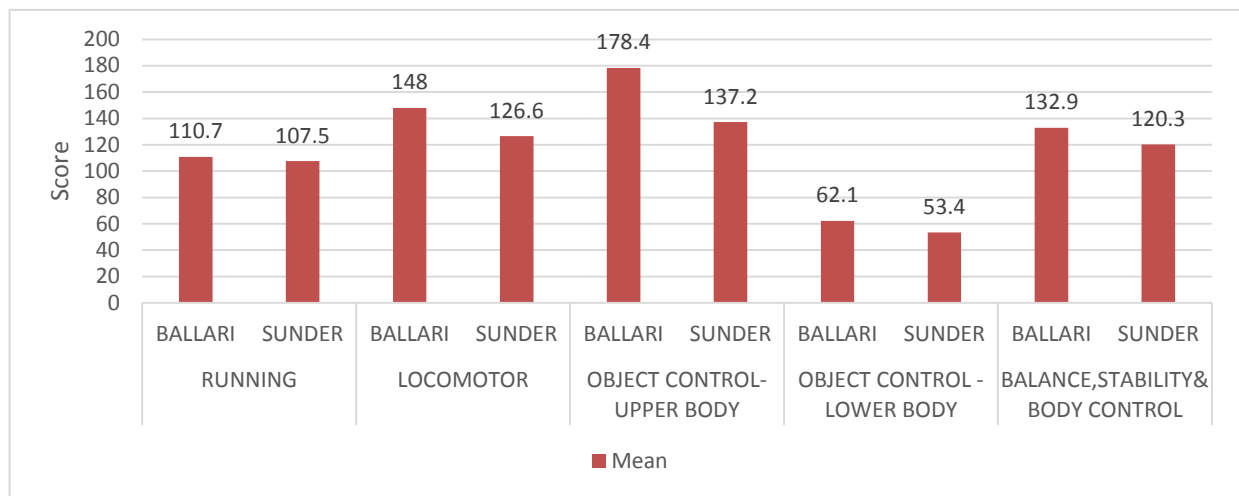


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Descriptive Statistics of PLAYfun Variables between Ballari and Sunder School going children's

Table No: 5 "T" test of PLAYfun Variables between Ballari and Sunder School-going children's

PLAYfun Variables	Group	N	Mean	SD	Df	t	Sig
RUNNING	BALLARI	10	110.70	57.55	18	.144	.093
	SUNDER	10	107.50	40.33			
LOCOMOTOR	BALLARI	10	148.00	52.99			

	SUNDER	10	126.60	49.97	18	.929	.632
OBJECT CONTROL- UPPER BODY	BALLARI	10	178.40	69.40	18	1.54	.084
	SUNDER	10	137.20	48.24			
OBJECT CONTROL - LOWER BODY	BALLARI	10	62.10	23.20	18	.855	.919
	SUNDER	10	53.40	22.30			
BALANCE, STABILITY& BODY CONTROL	BALLARI	10	132.90	65.15	18	.461	.619
	SUNDER	10	120.30	56.91			

*Significant at 0.05 level

INFERENCE:

above table 5 displays the mean and standard deviation of PLAY fun Variables of running between Ballari students are 110.70 and 57.55 respectively and Sunder students are 107.50 and 40.33 respectively and t ratio for running is .144. locomotor between Ballari students is 148 and 52.99 respectively and Sunder students are 126.60 and 49.97 respectively. and the t ratio for locomotor is .929. Object control-upper body between Ballari students are 178.40 and 69.40 respectively and Sunder students are 137.20 and 48.24 respectively. and t ratio 1.54. Object control-lower body between Ballari students are 62.10 and 23.20 respectively and Sunder students are 53.40 and 22.30 respectively. and the t ratio is .855. Balance, stability& body control between Ballari students are 132.90 and 65.15 respectively and Sunder students are 120.30 and 56.91 respectively. And t ratio is .461. with 18 degrees of freedom. greater than 0.05, at a 5% level of significance. Hence, it is concluded that there is no significant difference in the level of PLAY fun variables between Ballari and Sunder school-going children.

CONCLUSION

The study aimed to compare the assessment of PLAY fun variables between Ballari and Sunder taluk school-going children. the PLAY fun variables included Running, Locomotor, Object control-upper body, Object control-lower body, and Balance, stability& body control. based on the analysed data the following conclusions of the Ballari school students were better in terms of PLAY fun variables of sunder school going children. the structure and patterns of the PALY fun as a measure of Running, Locomotor, Object control-upper body, Object control-lower

body, and Balance, stability& body control as for PLAY tool FLAY fun variables very low parentage of Physical literacy of both Ballari and Sunder taluk.

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ROLE OF YOGA FOR SPORTS RECOVERY: POST-TRAINING AND POST- INJURY REHABILITATION

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ABSTRACT

Yoga, a holistic practice encompassing physical postures, breath work, and mindfulness, has gained significant attention in recent years as a complementary approach to sports rehabilitation and recovery. It has emerged as a valuable tool in sports rehabilitation, particularly for post-training and post-injury recovery. This paper explores the integration of yoga into recovery protocols, emphasizing its potential to support the healing process and enhance rehabilitation outcomes. Through specific postures and breath work, yoga aids in increasing flexibility, improving muscle strength, and promoting the restoration of joint mobility—all essential components of effective recovery. This review synthesizes current research on the physiological and psychological benefits of yoga in sports recovery, highlighting its role in facilitating muscle repair, enhancing circulation, and improving functional movement. The paper also examines practical considerations for incorporating yoga into post-training and post-injury recovery programs, positioning it as a complementary therapy alongside traditional rehabilitation practices. Overall, the findings suggest that yoga offers a holistic and effective strategy for optimizing recovery and supporting athletes throughout the rehabilitation process. **Keywords:** physiotherapy, sports injuries, yoga, rehabilitation, post injury recovery

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INTRODUCTION

Sports recovery is an essential aspect of athletic performance, encompassing the strategies and practices that help athletes restore their physical and mental state after intense training or competition. Effective recovery not only prevents overtraining but also accelerates muscle repair, enhances performance, and minimizes the risk of injuries. For athletes, incorporating recovery techniques into their routine is critical to sustaining long-term success and well-being. Yoga, an ancient practice rooted in physical postures, breath control, and mindfulness, has gained immense popularity among athletes as a recovery and rehabilitation tool. Unlike conventional recovery methods that primarily target physical recovery, yoga's holistic approach addresses both the physical and mental dimensions of well-being. Athletes across various disciplines, from runners to basketball players, have embraced yoga to improve flexibility, reduce stress, and support injury recovery.

The practice of yoga may provide an additional training option to enhance performance for college athletes as well (Polsgrove et al., 2015). Yoga's impact on specific components of fitness in relation to sport-specific tasks, or a comparison of athletes from the same sport, could further demonstrate yoga's potential to improve sports performance. (Polsgrove et al., 2015). The growing evidence on yoga's therapeutic potential has led some researchers to explore its applications for athletes and individuals recovering from sports-related injuries. While traditional rehabilitation approaches often focus on strength training and cardiovascular exercise, yoga's emphasis on controlled movements, balance, and muscle activation may complement these modalities and facilitate a more holistic recovery process. (Curtis et al., 2017). Yoga postures have been shown to activate specific muscle groups, including the core stabilizing muscles that play a crucial role in athletic performance and injury prevention. Targeted yoga practices may therefore be useful for restoring strength and function following an injury, as well as optimizing neuromuscular control for injury-prone athletes.

Post-training and post-injury recovery are critical components of athletic performance and overall health. As athletes push their bodies to achieve peak performance, the processes that occur after intense physical exertion or injury play a crucial role in determining long-term success and well-being. Recovery encompasses various physiological and psychological aspects, including muscle repair, inflammation reduction, and mental rejuvenation. Recent research has highlighted the importance of tailored recovery strategies in optimizing athletic performance and preventing future injuries (Smith & Johnson, 2020).

The field of sports science has made significant strides in understanding the complex mechanisms underlying post-training and post-injury recovery. Advances in areas such as nutrition, sleep science, and rehabilitation techniques

have provided athletes and healthcare professionals with a broader range of tools to enhance recovery processes (Brown et al., 2019). However, despite these advancements, there remains a need for further investigation into the most effective recovery strategies for different sports and individual athletes.

The objective of this review is to explore the role of yoga in aiding recovery post-training and post-injury. By examining its physiological and psychological benefits and its integration into athletic routines, this article aims to highlight yoga's potential as a comprehensive recovery strategy for athletes.

YOGA FOR POST-TRAINING RECOVERY

Post-training recovery is critical for sustaining athletic performance and preventing overuse injuries. This phase allows the body to repair microtears in muscle fibres, restore glycogen levels, and return the nervous system to a balanced state. While traditional recovery methods often focus on physical rest and nutrition, yoga offers a comprehensive approach by addressing both the body and the mind, enhancing the overall recovery process.

Yoga postures (asanas) also increase flexibility and joint range of motion, contributing to faster muscle recovery and preventing injuries (Cowen & Adams, 2005). For example, Child's Pose (Balasana) and Supine Twist (Supta Matsyendrasana) stretch and release tension in the lower back, hips, and hamstrings, while poses like Legs-Up-the-Wall (Viparita Karani) reverse blood flow, reducing swelling and restoring energy.

Yoga helps athletes manage muscle tightness caused by repetitive motion and high-impact activities. Dynamic and static stretches like Downward Dog and Pigeon Pose prevent stiffness and improve joint mobility, reducing injury risk and maintaining functional flexibility.

Intense training often activates the sympathetic nervous system, triggering the "fight or flight" response. Chronic activation of this system can elevate cortisol levels, impair recovery, and increase fatigue. Yoga helps counteract this by promoting parasympathetic activation through breath control and mindfulness, encouraging a state of rest and repair. Pranayama (breathing exercises) improve respiratory efficiency, boost oxygen delivery to muscles, and support the recovery process (Sengupta, 2012). Techniques such as Nadi Shodhana (alternate nostril breathing) and Ujjayi Pranayama regulate the heart rate, lower blood pressure, and induce relaxation, helping athletes enter a recovery-optimized state for muscle repair and energy restoration.

Recovery is not only about physical healing but also about building mental and emotional resilience. Yoga practices like meditation and mindfulness help athletes cope with the psychological challenges of injury and

recovery (Gard et al., 2014). Training schedules, competition stress, and performance pressure can lead to mental fatigue and burnout. Yoga's meditative practices, like guided relaxation and mindfulness meditation, help athletes manage stress, sharpen focus, and maintain a positive mindset. Incorporating Yoga Nidra into recovery routines can reduce stress and improve sleep quality.

YOGA FOR POST-INJURY REHABILITATION

Yoga has been increasingly recognized as an effective form of physical rehabilitation for individuals recovering from various injuries. Yoga postures, or asanas, have been shown to activate specific muscle groups that can aid in the recovery process (Rathore et al., 2017).

One key aspect of yoga's efficacy in rehabilitation is its holistic approach. Yoga exercises challenge the body in varied ways, engaging the entire musculoskeletal system (Grabara & Szopa, 2015). This holistic challenge can help optimize body functioning and minimize movement constraints. (Polsgrove et al., 2015) For example, the Warrior 2 pose requires an upright torso twisted inward, with the hips and head twisted in the opposite direction, engaging various muscle groups simultaneously. (Polsgrove et al., 2015)

Yoga's benefits extend beyond the physical realm. Yoga has traditionally been viewed as a relatively safe form of exercise, with practices aimed at aligning, strengthening, and balancing the structure of the body. Furthermore, yoga has been used to enhance dynamic control of core stabilizing muscles, which can help reduce lower back pain through increased hip and spinal flexibility. (Rathore et al., 2017).

INTEGRATING YOGA INTO REHABILITATION PROTOCOLS

Yoga has gained significant attention in the realm of rehabilitation and physical therapy in recent years. The therapeutic potential of yoga has been explored for various medical conditions, including spinal cord injuries and conditions affecting older adults. (Curtis et al., 2017)

Recent studies have suggested that yoga can be as effective as traditional stretching and strengthening exercises in improving functional fitness outcomes (Gothe & McAuley, 2015). This finding holds important implications, as yoga may serve as an accessible and enjoyable form of physical activity for individuals who may have difficulty performing conventional exercises. (Gothe & McAuley, 2015)

Individuals with spinal cord injuries have reported a need for highly individualized treatment approaches, including complementary health therapies for SCI-related pain (Curtis et al., 2017). Yoga, with its focus on physical postures and deep concentrative awareness, may be a promising intervention for this population. Furthermore, studies have demonstrated that regular yoga practice can enhance flexibility, strength, balance, and body posture, which are all important considerations for individuals with spinal cord injuries. (Grabara & Szopa, 2015; Gothe & McAuley, 2015).

The benefits of yoga may extend beyond physical improvements, as it has the potential to positively impact psychological well-being. Factors such as self-compassion and psychological flexibility, which are theoretically relevant for individuals with SCI, have yet to be explored in the context of rehabilitation interventions.

CONCLUSION

Yoga is a powerful and holistic tool in sports recovery, offering benefits beyond traditional methods. It integrates both physical and mental aspects of recovery, making it an ideal complement to other techniques. Through postures, breath work, and mindfulness, yoga accelerates muscle recovery, improves flexibility, reduces injury risk, and promotes psychological resilience. However, there is a need for further research to fully understand its long-term impact on athletic performance. Comparing yoga's benefits to other recovery modalities and assessing its long-term effects on injury prevention and performance enhancement are essential next steps.

Athletes from diverse disciplines can benefit from sport-specific yoga programs that target their unique recovery needs. By tailoring yoga routines to specific sports, athletes can benefit from enhanced muscle recovery, improved flexibility, and reduced injury risks, leading to better performance outcomes and a lower incidence of overuse injuries.

As sports recovery continues to evolve, integrating yoga as a standard practice in athletic training regimens has the potential to revolutionize recovery strategies. Research and practical application should work together to ensure athletes have access to the best tools for maintaining peak performance. Yoga's ability to enhance both physical and mental well-being makes it a vital recovery strategy that athletes cannot afford to overlook.

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Impact of Sports Injuries among Track and Field Athletes – A Review

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Abstract:

Games and sports can also result in injuries, some minor, some serious and still other in life long medical problem. Sports injuries result from acute trauma or repetitive stress associated with athletic activities. Sports injuries can affect bones or soft tissue (ligaments, muscles, tendons). There are numerous sports injuries happened in the field of sports. The Purpose of the study to find out the types of injuries among track and field athletes. The Data is Collected through Interview Method from 30 Track and Field athletes of Andhra Pradesh. Throwers and Jumpers are prone to back injuries, Javelin Throwers and Shot Putters are prone to Shoulder Injuries, Elbow Injuries are common in Javelin and Discus Throw. Hip Injuries are common in Middle and Long Distance Running, Ankle Injuries are common in Long Jump, Triple Jump and High Jump. Feet, Ankles, Plantarflexor, Dorsiflexors injuries for sprinters. Jumpers, Sprinter, Middle and Long distance runners are prone to Knee Injuries. Injuries can be prevented through proper warm up, proper warm down, proper shoes, proper use of technique and proper stretching exercises. Key words: Sports injuries, track and field athletes, sprinters, jumpers etc.

Introduction:

Every day, a lot of people all over the world participate in games and sports activities or competitions. Participation in sports improves physical fitness and overall health and wellness. Games and sports can also result in injuries, some minor, some serious and still other in life long medical problem. Sports injuries result from acute trauma or repetitive stress associated with athletic activities. Sports injuries can affect bones or soft tissue (ligaments, muscles, tendons). There are numerous sports injuries happened in the field of sports. It is very important for all coaches, trainers and players to know the causes symptoms, prevention and treatment for all these common injuries in order to avoid most of these types of injuries, also to update the poor training methods.



The lower leg complex (feet, ankles, plantarflexor, dorsiflexors-) is the point of contact where the force generated from up the chain, is put into the ground. We talked about how have a weak/unstable ankles or feet will also cause energy leaks.

Hamstrings Injuries on Sprinters

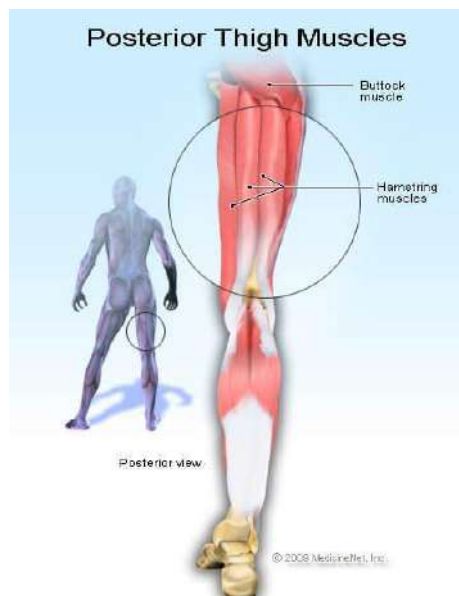


Figure Hamstrings Muscles Injury

Shota Enoki et al (2021) studied Injuries in Collegiate Track and Field Jumping: A 2-Year Prospective Surveillance Study Athletes participating in track and field jumping events (long jump, triple jump, high jump, and pole vault) are exposed to ground-reaction forces on the takeoff leg that are several times their body weight. This can cause injuries specific to such activities. A total of 51 jumpers between April 2016 and March 2017 and 54 jumpers between April 2017 and March 2018 participated in this study. All athletes were from a single college in Japan. Baseline information on athletes participating in the long jump, triple jump, high jump, and pole vault was collected at study enrollment. Practice and competition exposures were reported by the team trainer. Injury incidence was calculated as the number of injuries per 1000 athlete-exposures . A total of 147 injuries were reported among 16,998 exposures (8.65 injuries per 1000 AEs). The most common injury locations were the posterior thigh and lateral ankle (17.0%), followed by the posterior foot or toe (12.9%); the most frequent type of injury was strain/muscle rupture/tear (21.1%). The most common injury for long jumpers was ankle sprain (23.3%); for high jumpers, flexor hallucis longus tendinosis (15.8%); and for pole vaulters, hamstring strain (13.2%).

Ajay S Thakur and Rajesh Kumar (2022) Study on Role of Platelet-Rich Plasma in Sports Injuries Sports injuries are injuries that occur during sport, athletic activities, or exercising. Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) is derived from autologous blood and prepared so that the platelet concentration is above baseline value. Platelet-rich plasma is currently being used and promoted for many muscle injuries, ligament tears and early arthritis in sports persons and young adults. This case series studied the short-term results of PRP injections in various sports injuries. All patients received three injections one week apart as an out-patient procedure. The Sample for the Study consists of 31 sports persons with injuries. Males were 25 and females were 6. The mean age was 24.7 years. Different injuries were noted in various sports. Type of injury and number of injections and post injection complications were studied Data were collected prospectively with pre-injection Visual analogue scores (VAS) (0 to 10) for pain (VAS pain) were recorded. In addition, as part of the final follow-up questionnaire, two 'Yes/No' questions were asked: (i) are you satisfied with the result post injection and (ii) if your symptoms recurred, would you have a repeat injection? The VAS pain improved from a mean of 8.16 (7-9) pre-injection to 1.4 (range 0 to 3) at final follow-up. All patients felt that they were better than they were prior to the injection. All patients would have another injection if their symptoms recurred. Only one patient with patellar tendinitis continued to have pain (VAS 7) even with 3 injections and needed a surgical debridement procedure. He had a severe flat foot which we feel,

might have put mechanical overload on the patellar ligament. No severe adverse events or complications related to the injections were observed during the treatment or follow-up period. PRP was harvested and prepared using same commercial device in all these patients. Post-injection, all patients were put on early exercise therapy. Return to sports was allowed only after complete pain relief and function. The short-term results showed good pain relief, early return to sports and function following PRP therapy in various muscle injuries, tendinopathies and grade I arthritis. PRP treatment offers the potential for a safe, convenient, and effective therapeutic option for athletes and other active persons who have musculoskeletal injuries

Most track and field athletes specialize in one or two events, such as sprinting, long-distance runs, relays, hurdles and throwing. While track and field might not have the same contact concerns as football or soccer, athletes may experience an injury related to:

- Over-training
- Poor form and biomechanical imbalance
- Training or doing events on hard, unsupportive surfaces
- Strain from jumping, throwing or twisting
- Hard landings after jumping
- Repetitive motion across all event types
- Practice conditions, including exposure to high heat outdoors
- Dehydration, increasing risks for strains and heat stroke

Methodology

The Data is Collected through Interview Method from 30 Track and Field athletes of Andhra Pradesh.

Results and Discussion:

Injury frequency classified by body area and Injuries among Track and Field athletes	
Body area	Track and Field events
Back Injuries	High-impact lands, bending backwards, repetitively throwing and twisting can place greater strain on the back. These factors can increase a track and field athlete's risk for back pain, lumbar disc issues, strains and spinal fractures,

	potentially leading to decreased mobility in the long term Jumpers and Throwers are Prone to Back Injuries
Shoulder Injuries	Select track and field events come with higher risks for shoulder injuries. Particularly, throwing places more stress on the lower back and shoulder area due to the speed at which the arm moves, rotation required and repetition. This combination increases the likelihood of a rotator cuff injury like a strain or tear, especially during javelin and shot put.
Elbow Injuries	Throwing events also increase the risk of elbow injuries due to a similar combination of twisting and repetition. In addition to a potential rotator cuff injury, these athletes may develop tennis elbow, flexor tendinitis or an ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) injury over time.
Hip Injuries	As the foundation of most track and field events, running can contribute to tendinitis and hip flexor strain. Injuries may occur in response to overtraining, poor form or practicing on a hard surface in Middle and Long Distance Running.
Ankle Injuries	Athletes involved in jumping events, as well as running may experience a fracture or twisted ankle in response to repeated landing, a loss of balance or improper technique. Long Jumpers, Triple Jumpers and High Jumpers are prone to ankle injuries. Feet, Ankles, Plantarflexor, Dorsiflexors injuries for Sprinters.
Knee Injuries	The repetition of running frequently places strain on the knee joint. All track and field and cross-country athletes have risks for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patella tendinitis, a type of overuse injury affecting the front of the knee related to jumping and high-impact landing. • Anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears, which affect the center of the knee. Injury risks increase for those involved in jumping and throwing events due to the amount of impact and twisting motion involved. • Runner's knee, also known as iliotibial band syndrome, which can develop from the knee cap repeatedly rubbing against the knee joint. This overuse injury often requires athletes to stop training to fully recover. • Jumper's knee, a condition stemming from an inflamed patellar tendon, also related to friction and a poorly

	<p>aligned knee cap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patellofemoral pain syndrome, another overuse injury that causes the cartilage of the knee to break down and increases osteoarthritis risks. Also called runner's knee, you'll feel pain toward the front of the knee and below the patella.
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Conclusions:

Throwers and Jumpers are prone to back injuries, Javelin Throwers and Shot Putters are prone to Shoulder Injuries, Elbow Injuries are common in Javelin and Discus Throw. Hip Injuries are common in Middle and Long Distance Running, Ankle Injuries are common in Long Jump, Triple Jump and High Jump. Feet, Ankles, Plantarflexor, Dorsiflexors injuries for sprinters. Jumpers, Sprinter, Middle and Long distance runners are prone to Knee Injuries.

Recommendations

The following suggestions are made for the benefit of players, coach's academicians and sports scientists.

- Proper Warming Up, Stretching exercises, cool down, Proper shoes, dress etc. are essential to prevent the Injuries.
- The study helps the physical educationist and coaches for selecting the best recovery techniques for injured athletes.
- The study also helps the physical educationists and coaches compass the knowledge of performance and recovery among injured athletes.
- The study also helps injured athletes and coaches to select recovery technique depending on type of injury.

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