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Organizational, administrative and functional set-ups of sports in higher educational institutions of Haryana: A survey

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Abstract

The present study aims to analyze the organizational, administrative and functional set-ups of Directorate of Higher Education and State Universities of Haryana.To fulfil the objectives of the study, 77 Higher Educational Institutions (07 State Universities and 70 Government Colleges) were selected. Descriptive research design was used to answer the research questions. In the study, both type of data-primary and secondary data, have been used. With regard to sports promotion in States Universities, the Vice-Chancellor being the head of the university monitors the administrative, financial developments. For sport promotion, there are two main bodies working at university level – Sports Council and Executive Board. Directorate of Sports is separately instituted and here the Director sports occupy the key position.

Keywords: Sports promotion, sports council, executive board, HEIs

Introduction

Haryana has left an indelible mark in the field of sports not only in the country but in the world also. At present Haryana is one of the foremost states in sports activities. Since its birth in 1966 the state has tremendously raised the standard of sports. The government has made serious efforts to encourage and assist its residents for their participation in sports and physical activities. Haryana has given the best sports persons of the country nearly in all games and has brought lion's share of medals thus establishing its might in this sphere. Now people all over the world know Haryana for its athletic power. There are number of factors responsible for this meteoric rise of Haryana in the field of sports. Every government of the state since its inception has worked very hard in this direction by bringing various schemes for the promotion of sports and creating a homely atmosphere for the realization of the talent of its youth. Haryana is the only state that can proudly boasts of giving the highest cash prizes, incentives and jobs for the achievers in the whole of the country. For collecting, the primary data schedule and unstandardized questionnaire were constructed and administered.

Certainly, role of educational institutions is predominant for the growth of the sports as per the modern sports culture. There are numerous sports programme and schemes provided by higher educational institutions of the state as they deal with the youth for their sports along with their academic career. To make these sports programmes and infrastructure more beneficial, there is a need to investigate these set-ups and financial aspects of sports on regular intervals. To fill this requirement, the present study was carried out with following objectives. 1) To study organizational and administrative Set-up of Sports in Directorate of Higher Education of Haryana. 2) To study functional set-up of sports in Directorate of Higher Education of Haryana. 4) To study functional set-up of sports in State Universities of Haryana. 4) To study functional set-up of sports in State Universities of Haryana. At Directorate of Higher Education, Deputy Director is authorized to look after the different matters related to sports promotion and the implementation of it in all colleges.

Methodology

To fulfil the objectives of the study, 77 Higher Educational Institutions (07 State Universities and 70 Government Colleges) were selected.

Descriptive research design was used to answer the research question. This type of research method is not simply arranging and tabulating facts but includes proper analyses, interpretation, comparisons, identification of trends and relationships. In the study, both type of data - primary and secondary data, have been used. For collecting the secondary information, published documents, reports and bulletin of the various universities and directorate of higher education were assessed. For collecting, the primary data schedule and unstandardized questionnaire were constructed and administered.

Results

In India, higher education system includes both government and private Universities. The Government of India and State Governments establish Government Universities. The establishment and control over Central Universities is the subject matter of Central Government while State Universities are usually established by passing act by the respective State Legislative Assembly. With regard to sports promotion in States Universities the Vice-Chancellor being the head of the university monitors the administrative, financial developments. For this Directorate of Sports is separately instituted and here the Director sports occupies the key position. Moreover, a sports council is constituted to run and regulate the sports activities in the state universities. To look after and promote the education and sports standard in the state, there is a full-fledged wing called directorate of Higher Education, which is a prominent department in the area of education in the state. It mainly supervises and controls the functioning of Government colleges, Aided Colleges and Self Finance colleges. In order to promote sports activities the department provides finance to the colleges for organizing various sports events. The department works to develop a culture of sports and create sports infrastructure especially at college level in Haryana.

Directorate of Higher Education allocates sports grant under sports scheme for sports activities to colleges annually for the promotion of sports among the youth. At Directorate of Higher Education, Deputy Director is authorized to look after the different matters related to sports promotion and the implementation of it in all colleges. He makes all kinds of correspondence and initiates to implement and provide grants from the sports schemes. Further, in case of Inter Collegiate state Tournament / Championship, he puts up the matter to Director General Higher Education who further sends it to ACS (Additional Chief Secretary) higher Education for consideration and approval. After getting the said approval, Deputy Director takes all necessary actions for the proper implementation of the said scheme at college level. Further, SNE (Schedule for new expenditure) Scheme for sports activities for Govt. Colleges was allowed by the Cabinet of State and accorded sanction by the Hon'ble Governor his section for the said scheme. In this regard, Deputy Director prepares and puts up the file and necessary documents to Directorate of Higher Education who presents it to ACS higher Education and there after the matter is considered by the Cabinet. Principal of the college is the overall in charge of sports activities to execute the different levels of championships and athletic meets. It is the duty of the Principal to organize such sports activities according to the rules and regulations provided by either Directorate of Higher Education or the respective university as the case may be. In Colleges, teachers of the Physical Education generally deal with the physical education and all sports activities organized as per the directions of the respective Principals. These teachers train the students for different sports competition and accompany the college teams for different sports competitions. These teachers are generally authorized to arrange the sports facilities in the colleges. A sports Board is constituted in every college to look after and facilitate the sports activities. Physical Education Teacher's occupy the key positions in this board. To keep the records related to sports activities the principal usually deputes a non- teaching staff member. Further, the college can engage persons like labour (grounds men), coaches and any other specialized persons with regard to developing and maintaining the sports facilities in the colleges.

With regard to sport promotion there are two main bodies working at university level - sports council and Executive Board. In all state universities of Haryana, sports councils have been formed to run and regulate the sports activities in the university teaching Departments (UTD) and affiliated colleges. The Director of Sports appointed by the University Acts as Ex-Officio Secretary of this council and is responsible for executing all the decisions taken by the council. Sports Council of the university is to organize and regulate sports activities within the territorial jurisdiction of the university and to conduct Annual Tournaments in various sports events for women students of all maintained recognized colleges by the university in accordance with the rules specially made on the behalf of the council. It also makes rules and regulations for the organization of the conduct and control of the university tournaments, considers and passes the Annual Budget, sports calendar proposed and recommended by executive board. DHE (Directorate of Higher Education) supervises and controls the functioning of Government Colleges, Government aided colleges and self-finance colleges. It has been observed that the sports activities and tournaments are generally organised at college level in three ways: (i) Sports activities and tournaments according to the rules and regulations of the DHE (Directorate of Higher Education). (ii) Sports activities and tournaments according to the rules and regulations of the concerned university. (iii) Sports activities at college level.

The state universities are making serious efforts for sports promotion in their respective territorial jurisdiction. For regulating and promoting sports activity at different sports programs, all seven State Universities (taken in the study) have already constituted their Sports Council, which is an important establishment regarding promotion and strengthening the sports mechanism at different levels. Director of Sports is mainly responsible for taking care of all kinds of sports development and plays key role at the university level under the supervision and direction of concerned vice-chancellor.

DHE (Directorate of Higher Education) allocates grants to all the government colleges annually for the promotion of sports and organising various sports activities. These colleges organise numerous sports activities and tournaments under the following categories: (a) Inter collegiate state tournament/championship (For both Government Colleges and Government aided colleges). (b) SNE (Schedule for new expenditure) scheme for sports activities in government colleges (only for government colleges). At the level of DHE (Directorate of Higher Education), Deputy Director looks after the different matters related to sports in the colleges of the state. He/ She works under the direction of DGHE (Directorate General Higher Education) and ACS also. At college level, Principal of the college is responsible to organise different sports activities on regular basis and the teachers of physical education take the responsibility regarding the implementation aspect of these sports activities and tournaments. The colleges can engage the coaches and other specialized persons to train and look after the sports activities of the students/ players. The colleges are required to constitute a sports board.

Sports Council of the university makes and approves different financial and administrative rules and regulations related to the sports, which may also be considered for further approval of the executive Council of the university. Executive board is also made to execute the decision and affairs of the sports council in way that is more appropriate. In the sports council a comprehensive approach is generally followed as far as representation in the Council is concerned. Sports council usually includes Vice Chancellor, President, Vice-President, Registrar, Dean Academic Affairs, Dean of Colleges, DSW, Chairperson of Physical Education, Finance Officer, Provost (Boys and Girls), One faculty member from UTD, Director Youth Affairs, Regular Principals/ Director, Control of Examination, One coach of University, Assistant Director of Sports (Male and Female), Assistant Director Physical Education, Assistant or Associate Professor of Physical Education, Director Sports, One Arjuna Awardee, District Sports Officer, Outstanding (male and female) Sports Person etc.

Conclusion

It is observed that DHE (Directorate of Higher Education) supervises and controls the functioning of Government Colleges, Government Aided Colleges and Self-finance Colleges. The sports activities and tournaments are generally organised at college level in three ways: (i) Sports activities and tournaments according to the rules and regulations of the DHE (Directorate of Higher Education). (ii) Sports activities and tournaments according to the rules and regulations of the concerned university. (iii) Sports activities at college level.

It has also been observed that the regulation and promotion of sports activity at different sports programs, State Universities (taken in the study) have already constituted their Sports Councils and Executive Boards also and have Director of Sports who is mainly responsible for taking care of all kinds of sports development.

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