

EVALUATION OF UGC SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT IN TRIBAL AREA COLLEGES OF NMU JALGAON



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ABSTRACT:

It is acknowledged by UGC that Participation in sports depends up on the availability of sports infrastructure and equipment. It is a well known fact that sports have not been developed in the colleges in a uniform manner situated at tribal and remote area. The main objective of this study was to evaluate the implementation of UGC sponsored schemes meant especially for Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment at college level in tribal areas. For this purpose all non-professional Colleges (only Arts, commerce and

science) situated in tribal areas of Nandurbar and Dhule district were included in the sample. The data was collected through personal interview and telephonic communication with the person-in-Charge UGC Scheme and Director of Physical Education of each college. It was found that only 10% colleges are recognized by UGC under section 2f & 12B and eligible for grants/assistance, while 90% of the colleges are ineligible for grants/ assistance from UGC, New Delhi. The results showed that only three colleges availed benefit /assistance above 50 lakh, while single college reported above 01 crore upto 11th plan, while other college does not utilized sports infrastructural development scheme under XI plan yet. The findings lead to conclusion that the UGC schemes especially for Development of sports Infrastructure and equipments are not implemented in tribal area in uniform manner.

KEYWORDS

UGC Schemes, 11th Plan, Sports grants, Colleges, Tribal area .

INTRODUCTION:

Nandurbar is primarily a Tribal (Aadiwasi) and Hilly district in the northwest corner (Khandesh Region) of Maharashtra state in India . Development of Tribal area and to enhance the standard of living of the tribal people is the top most agenda of Centre Govt. as well as State Govt. As purpose to promote the same : the Tribal and Hilly region was bifurcated by Maharashtra Govt. in the year 1st July 1998. form Dhule district as two separate districts now known as Dhule and Nandurbar districts.

Physical education and sports at present become the demand for everyone in order to compete the latest environmental, mechanical and technological changes. It is not only essential for long life, physical fitness, healthy personality, adjustment, social wellbeing and free from disease but at present this profession has become the healthy source of employment and earning as evidence shows that sportspersons are awarded and rewarded with healthy financial packages (Millions and Billions) and top positions in important sectors by many countries.

The performance of Indian athletes in commonwealth and Asian games has changed the whole scenario and they proved that physical education and sports profession at present is the richest and healthy profession in terms of popularity, fame, recognition, love, sense of belongingness, free from rational biases such as cast, colour, language, not only this but this professional also promote International integration.

UGC, New Dehli also acknowledged that “development of the youth into good citizens who are knowledgeable, confident, balanced and possess strong character with leadership attributes, they require to be exposed to different kinds of outdoor and indoor games”.

It is also acknowledged by UGC that Participation in sports depends up on the availability of sports infrastructure and equipment. It is a known fact that sports have not been developed in the universities and college in a uniform manner.

To bring uniformity keeping in view the topography of the area and the unique institutional features as well as to promote participation of youth in sports the University Grant Commission has decided to give impetus to the promotion of sports infrastructure and equipment during the XI plan by introducing the Scheme i.e.

‘Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment in Universities/Colleges’. All eligible Universities and Colleges (excluding Agriculture /Medical /Private Universities), which are under section 2 (f) and have been declared eligible for central assistance under section 12(B) of the UGC Act.

Under this scheme 100% Financial support available to develop indoor and outdoor sports facilities and infrastructure, while same support also for upgrading and purchase of latest sports infrastructure to those colleges where sufficient sports infrastructure and equipments are already available.

Activities and Assistance Under Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment in Universities/Colleges in 11th Plan :

Sr. No.	Sports Activities	Sports Facility/Infrastructure & Equipments	Assistance
1	Construction of Playfields	<u>Category : I</u> Composite Standard size play ground. for example : Football+ Cricket pitch+ track with & without 8 lane & 6 lane.	03 Lakh To 04 Lakh
		<u>Category : II</u> Non-Composite : Construction of separate play fields for each game. For example : Hockey, Football ground, Basketball Court Cricket pitches etc.	02 Lakh To 2.50 Lakh
2	Construction Indoor Sports Training Facilities	<u>Category : I</u> Size not less than 36X24X12.5 mt. with wooden flooring (Tongue and Groove) system.	70 Lakh
		<u>Category : II</u> Size not less than 30X18X12.5 mt. with wooden flooring (Tongue and Groove) system.	40 lakh
		<u>Category : III</u> Size not less than 27X12X7 mt. with wooden flooring (Tongue and Groove) system.	30 Lakh
3	Outdoor Stadium/ facilities	<u>Category : I</u> Field size not less than 170X100 mt. with 8 lanes grass running track	40 Lakh
		<u>Category : II</u> Field size not less than 105X70 mt.	12 Lakh
4	Swimming Pool	8 lanes swimming pool size 50X21X1.80 mt 8 lanes swimming pool size 25X21X1.80 mt + With complete water filtration plant.	1 Crore + 40 lakh
5	Indoor Shooting Range	Size 30X20x4 mt	50 Lakh
6	Flood Light	Volleyball / Basketball court	20 Lakh
7	Purchase of Nonexpendable equipment	Equipment For each game and health centre and training purpose. (Grant under Sr. No. 7 is only up to 5 Lakh per college throughout 11 th plan.	5 Lakh

The present study was delimited only to grant-in-aid colleges located in tribal areas of Nandurbar District (Navapur, Dhadgaon, Ukkalkuwana, Sahada, Taloda) and Dhule District (Sakri, Pimpelner, Dondiacha, Masadi) and affiliated to North Maharashtra University Jalgaon and comes under Nandurbar Zonal Sports Committee.

Objectives of the study were: -

1)To evaluate the implementation of “Development of sports infrastructure and equipment” Scheme

under UGC 11th plan in grant-in-aided colleges situated in tribal areas of Nandurbar and Dhule districts of Maharashtra State .

2) To find out the tribal area colleges of Nandurbar and Dhule Districts, which are ineligible for UGC Assistance in 11th plan.

METHODOLOGY :

There are total 25 grant-in-aided in tribal areas of Nandurbar and dhule district, out of which 22 colleges are non professional Colleges (Arts, Commerce & Science). These colleges are affiliated to NMU Jalgaon and situated in notified as tribal blocks/ tribal area, which is also included under Tribal Integrated Project of Govt. of Maharashtra.

Finally after due deliberations with the experts, it has been decided to include all the 22 non professional Colleges as a sample for the present study on non probability sampling basis. Thus, Person-in-Charge of UGC Schemes/ Principal/DPE of these 22 colleges were recognized as subjects.

The data was collected through personal interview with Thus, Person-in-Charge of UGC Schemes/ Principal/DPE. In case of Colleges situated in remote areas where personal approach was not possible then telephonic method was also used for data collection. The collected data arranged in tabular form and then analysed & interpreted as follows :

Table – 1 : Showing the Eligibility and Ineligibility of the Colleges Situated in Tribal Areas For the UGC ‘Sports Infrastructural Development Scheme’ Under 11th Plan

District	N	Eligible Colleges	Ineligible Colleges
		Covered under 2 (f) & 12(B) of UGC Act 1956	Uncovered under 2 (f) & 12(B) of UGC Act 1956
Nandurbar	15	07 (46.67%)	08 (53.33%)
Dhule	07	04 (57.14%)	03 (42.86%)
Total	22	11 (50%)	11 (50%)

N = size of sample

The above table clearly shows that 57.14% colleges of Dhule and 46.67% colleges of Nandurbar districts are recognized by UGC under Section 2(f)&12(B) of UGC Act 1956. Table also shows that that majority of colleges i.e.53.33% of Nandurbar Districts are ineligible for central assistance, while in dhule 42.86% colleges are ineligible for same assistance/grants.

Table - II : Showing the District wise detail about Eligible Colleges who availed benefits in UGC 11th Plan 'Sports Infrastructural Development Scheme'.

District	N	Covered under 12 (B) section of UGC	
		Benefitted	Not Benefitted
Nandurbar	7	5 (71.43%)	2 (28.57%)
Dhule	4	3 (75%)	1 (25%)
Total	11	8 (72.72%)	3 (27.28%)

N = size of sample

The above table reveals that 75% and 71.43% eligible colleges of Dhule and Nandurbar districts respectively availed the benefits in UGC under 11th plan, While 28.57% and 25% colleges of Dhule and Nandurbar districts who were eligible for central assistance/grants not take any benefits in UGC 11th plan : 'Sports Infrastructural Development Scheme'.

Data also suggests that three colleges (27.28%) of both districts which do not take any assistance for sports infrastructure development yet are unaware about this scheme. They also stated that sports personnel's are newly recruited. Thus it can also be concluded that unawareness and inexperienced is the main reason behind this.

Table - III : Showing Facilities Developed by the Eligible Colleges in UGC 11th Plan for 'Sports Infrastructural Development Scheme'.

Sr. No.	Sports Facilities	Nandurbar		Dhule	
		No. of Colleges availed benefits	Out of Total Colleges	No. of Colleges availed benefits	Out of Total Colleges
1	Construction of Playfield	00	07	01 (25%)	04
2	Construction Indoor Sports	03 (50%)	07	01 (25%)	04
3	Outdoor Stadium/ facilities	01 (16.67%)	07	00	04
4	Swimming Pool	00	07	00	04
5	Indoor Shooting Range	00	07	00	04
6	Flood Lights	00	07	00	04
7	Purchase of Nonexpendable equipment	03 (50%)	07	02 (50%)	04

The above table concludes that 50% colleges of Nandurbar and 25% colleges of Dhule districts constructed Indoor sports facilities with central assistance under 'Sports Infrastructural Development Scheme' in UGC 11th plan, while in case of outdoor stadium/facilities only one college each in both district utilised the same scheme. Table also shows that colleges in majority i.e. 50% in both districts purchased the equipments for health station as well as for games and sports under this scheme.

The table also shows that assistance for the activities such as Swimming Pool, Shooting Range and Flood Lights were not utilized by any single colleges in both districts.

Table – IV : Showing Facility Wise Utilization of Grant By Each Eligible College in UGC 11th Plan 'Sports Infrastructural Development Scheme'.

District	Name of College*	Construction of Playfield	Construction- Indoor Sports	Construction Outdoor Stadium	Purchase of Non-expendable equipment	Total Assistance Received
Nandurbar (N=5) Total assistance received by all colleges : 02 crore 47 lakh only	NSR-1	---	70 lakh	40 lakh	----	110 Lakh
	NDR -2	---	40 lakh	Nil	5 lakh*	45 Lakh
	NHS -3	---	70 lakh	00	Up to 04 lakh*	74 Lakh
	NMP-4	--	--	--	Up to 04 lakh*	4 lakh
	NML-5	--	---	----	Up to 04 lakh**	4 Lakh
Dhule (N=2) Total assistance received by all colleges : 85 Lakh only.	DH-1	05 lakh	70 lakh	---	05 lakh	80 lakh
	DHL-2	--	--	--	05 lakh	5 Lakh
Total	N =7	5 Lakh	2 crore 50 Lakh	40 Lakh	27	227 Lakh

*Names are kept secret only secret codes are given

The table No.-IV clearly shows that only single college of Nandurbar districts has availed assistance up to one crore for construction of Indoor stadium, while in Dhule district maximum Rs. 80 lakh received by a college in UGC 11th plan for 'Sports Infrastructural Development Scheme'.

It is also observed from the table No.-IV that colleges of Nandurbar district has availed financial assistance from UGC up to 2 crore 47 Lakh, while on the same end tribal areas Colleges of Dhule district availed Rs. 85 lakh only in, which meant that the Colleges of Nandurbar district are more aware than the colleges of Dhule district in respect to UGC grants/assistance for 'Sports Infrastructural Development Scheme'.

FINDINGS :

The followings were the main findings of the study:

- 1) Majority of the colleges i.e. 50% of the colleges were recognized under Section 2(f)&12(B) section of UGC Act, 1956 in tribal areas of Nandurbar-Dhule districts and also eligible to receive financial assistance from UGC.
- 2) 72.72% tribal areas colleges availed the benefits under 11th plan : Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment Scheme, while 27.28% eligible colleges of tribal areas covered under 12(b) section of UGC do not take any assistance under the same scheme.
- 3) No assistance was utilized for development of Swimming Pool, Shooting Range and Flood Lights by any tribal area colleges of both districts under 11th plan : Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment Scheme.
- 4) Three indoor stadium constructed in three colleges out of seven eligible colleges under under 11th plan : Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment Scheme in Nandurbar district, while one indoor stadium also constructed in one college of Dhule district out of four eligible colleges under the same scheme.
- 5) Only one outdoor stadium (Nandurbar) constructed in both district. There were total 10 colleges eligible for this in both districts.
- 6) Majority of the eligible colleges in both districts has given healthy weightage for Purchase of nonexpendable equipments especially equipment for health station under 11th plan : Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment Scheme.
- 7) In both district only one college has availed financial assistance up to Rs. 01 crore for development of sports Infrastructure and equipments, while three colleges availed benefits /assistances in between Rs. 50-80 lakh.

CONCLUSION :

The findings lead to conclusion that 'UGC schemes meant especially for Development of sports Infrastructure and equipments in Universities/Colleges' are not implemented in uniform manner in tribal areas of Nandurbar and Dhule District of Maharashtra State.

SUGGESTIONS:

The UGC, New Dehli should take proper steps towards 'Development of Healthy Education and Sports' in tribal areas by framing special policies and provisions like as :

- 1) The eligibility criteria for recognizing under 12 (B) of UGC ACT should be relaxed to tribal area colleges.
- 2) Sports Infrastructural Grants especially for tribal areas should be 50% extra than its normal limit.
- 3) Performa and prescribed formats of proposals for various sports activities and items should be simple and clear.
- 4) It should be compulsory for every college to upload the project's Details (Estimates & Photographs etc.) on its website .
- 5) Workshop, seminar and Conferences on UGC five year plan should be organize in each district in order to aware and educate the colleges about the various schemes under current plan.

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