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# The Socioeconomic Development Of Rural Hockey Players At Namdhari Hockey Academy

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This study looks into the various ways that Namdhari's Sports Academy has aided in the socioeconomic development of athletes. The sports academies run by Namdhari have become important establishments for developing athletic potential and promoting local economic growth. This study investigates the mechanisms by which Namdhar's sports academies affect the socioeconomic well-being of athletes and the regions of Sirsa through a thorough review of the body of existing literature. The study highlights the professional coaching and training that sports academies provide to athletes, emphasizing the critical role that these institutions play in skill development. Talented athletes can follow their dreams because the academy lowers financial barriers through scholarships and other financial support. Additionally, the report highlights how Namdhari's sports academies promote job openings indirectly by establishing a need for coaches and support personnel as well as directly by providing.

**Key-Words:-** Hockey, Namdhari, Coach, Players, Academy,

#### INTRODUCTION

In primordial times, the weightage was given to physical fitness and martial arts and the games which obtained the topmost appreciation were: boxing, chariot racing, horse and elephant riding, sword fighting, hunting, wrestling jumping, running, and yog asanas. In Mughal times, a lot of importance was given to swimming, boating, shooting, wrestling, hunting, fencing, dancing, fishing and horse riding and when Britishers came to India they brought various other games to India. Some of these games were: hockey, football, cricket, tennis, gymnastics, athletics, military marching, golf, swimming, rowing, scout, rhythmic exercises, and drills. Primordial man had to practice running, jumping, climbing, swimming and striking skills for the maintenance of his body and for saving his life when attacked. The game of hockey unites some of these activities.

#### **Brief introduction of Hockey**

The history of hockey is very old and the name 'hockey' was not given to this early game until the eighteenth or nineteenth century. Undeniably hockey has been played by the earliest civilizations in one form or the other but here is no solid evidence of where and by whom the game was started. Numerous countries, including India, have contributed chiefly to the development and perfection of this game. Therefore it is compulsary to trace the history and evolution of the game. Hockey is a game of complex manoeuvres, subtle turns, dexterous footwork, stamina and endurance.

## Keywords: Hockey, Namdhari, Achievements, Tournaments, Indian Hockey

### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

"The socioeconomic development of rural hockey players at Namdhari Hockey Academy"

#### **OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY**

The objective of the study is to assess the contribution of Namdhari Sports Academy to Socio Economic growth of Players.

#### **Limitations of the Study**

The study is limited to making profiles of selected Namdhari Hockey players Socio Economic growth of who represented India at International level.

#### **Delimitations of the Study**

This study is delimited to selected Namdhari Hockey players who represented India at National and international level. The study is also delimited to their contributions in the form of performance and achievements.

#### HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY

- It will be hypothesized that the Namdhari Sports Academy (NSA) provides some kind of financial help to the Sports Persons.
- It will be also hypothesized that the Namdhari Sports Academy (NSA) provides full support for the education and training of players.
- It will be also hypothesized that the Namdhari Sports Academy (NSA) provides the full support to development of the community.
- It will be also hypothesized that the NSA gives more employment opportunities to local people.

#### ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

The following section explains the socio-economic facilities provided by Namdhari Sports Academy Table1 Namdhari Sports Academy (NSA) provides some kind of financial help to the Sports Persons (Trainee)

Opinions	Responses	Percentage	Mean	S.D.
Strongly Disagree	14	7.0	3.70	1.121
Disagree	18	9.0		
Neutral	26	13.0		
Agree	98	49.0		
Strongly Agree	44	22.0		
Total	200	100.0		

Source: Survey (SPSS-16.0)

**Table 1** The table shows that majority of the respondents i.e. 98 (49%) out of 200 (100%) are 'Agree' with the statement followed by 44 (22%) are 'Strongly Agree' with the statement, 26 (13%) are 'Neutral' with the statement, 18 (9%) are 'Disagree' with the statement and remaining 14 (7%) respondents are 'Strongly Disagree'with the statement. The overall average value is 3.70and S.D. 1.121. Thus, the results clearly indicate that NSA provides different types of financial help to their sports persons (trainee). And the Standard Deviation indicated that how much the responses are different from the mean value for the group.

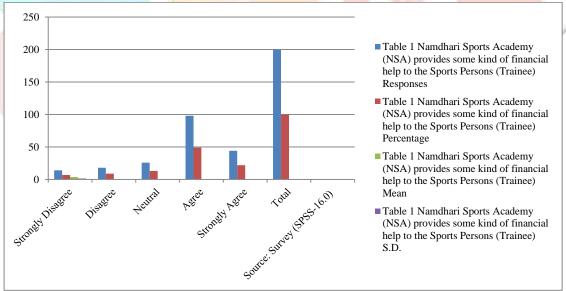


Figure 1: Namdhari Sports Academy (NSA) provides some kind of financial help to the Sports Persons (Trainee)

Table 2

The academy provides full support for the education and training of players

Opinions	Responses	Percentage	Mean	S.D.
Strongly Disagree	13	6.5	3.95	1.146
Disagree	11	5.5		
Neutral	25	12.5		
Agree	75	37.5		
Strongly Agree	76	38.0		
Total	200	100.0		

Source: Survey (SPSS-16.0)

**Table 2** The table shows that majority of the respondents i.e. 76 (38.0%) out of 200 (100%) are 'Strongly Agree' with the statement followed by 75 (37.5%) are 'Agree' with the statement, 25 (12.5%) are 'Neutral' with the statement, 11 (5.5%) are 'Disagree' with the statement and remaining 13 (6.5 %) respondents are 'Strongly Disagree' with the statement. The overall average value is 3.95 and S.D. 1.146. Thus, the results clearly indicate that NSA provides full support for the education and training of players. And the Standard Deviation indicated that how much the responses are different from the mean value for the group.

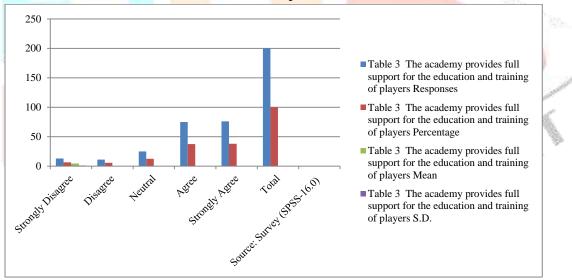


Figure 2:The academy provides full support for the education and training of players

Table 3
NSA is always working for the development of the community

Opinions	Responses	Percentage	Mean	S.D.
Strongly Disagree	10	5.0	3.9	1.125
Disagree	17	8.5		
Neutral	26	13.0		
Agree	77	38.5		
Strongly Agree	70	35.0		
Total	200	100.0		

Source: Survey (SPSS-16.0)

**Table 3** The table shows that majority of the respondents i.e. 77 (38.5%) out of 200 (100%) are 'Agree' with the statement followed by 70 (35.0%) are 'Strongly Agree' with the statement, 26 (13.0%) are 'Neutral' with the statement, 17 (8.5%) are 'Disagree' with the statement and remaining 10 (5.0 %) respondents are 'Strongly Disagree 'with the statement. The overall average value is 3.9 and S.D. 1.125. Thus, the results clearly indicate that NSA always works for the development of the community. And the Standard Deviation indicated that how much the responses are different from the mean value for the group.

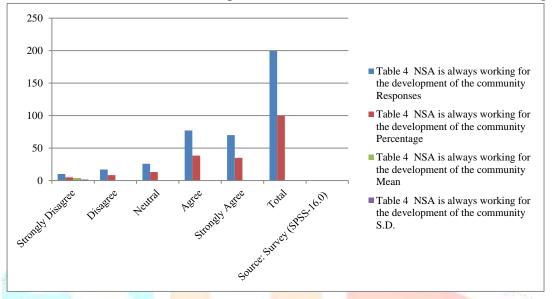


Figure 3: NSA is always working for the development of the community

Table 4

NSA gives more employment opportunities to local people

Opinions	Responses	Percentage	Mean	S.D.
Strongly Disagree	12	6.0	3.38	1.149
Disagree	35	17.5		
Neutral	56	28.0		
Agree	60	30.0		
Strongly Agree	37	18.5		
Total	200	100.0		

Source: Survey (SPSS-16.0)

**Table 4** The table shows that majority of the respondents i.e. 60 (30.0%) out of 200 (100%) are 'Agree' with the statement followed by 37 (18.5%) are 'Strongly Agree' with the statement, 56 (28.0%) are 'Neutral' with the statement, 35 (17.5%) are 'Disagree' with the statement and remaining 12 (6.0 %) respondents are 'Strongly Disagree' with the statement. The overall average value is 3.38and S.D. 1.149. Thus, the results clearly indicate that NSA gives more employment opportunities to local people. And the Standard Deviation indicated that how much the responses are different from the mean value for the group.

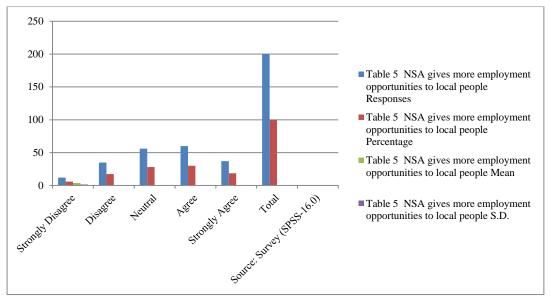


Figure 4: NSA gives more employment opportunities to local people

#### CONCLUSION AND RESULTS

This study has designed to investigate the contribution of NSA to Socio Economic growth of Players and after investigating the researcher comes to conclusion that Namdhari Sports Academy has made a great deal of contribution with its determined efforts to achieve and promote the Hockey game as well as physical activities and sports in the country especially in the field of hockey. Namdhari Sports Academy has produced one of the best teams of India i.e. Namdhari XI. For the upliftment of Namdhari players and their families Namdhari Sports Academy has worked a lot day and night. For this purpose they have provided many facilities which become the subject matter of Socio-Economic Aspects.

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