



A Critical Analysis of the Krida Mahotsava with the Inspiration of Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh

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Abstract: Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh returned to India after studying higher education from England. In 1932, Shri Shivaji Education Society was established in Amravati. The objective of this was to prevent the suffering of students of the poor farmers & labourers' homes. Gradually, the organization expanded and today 287 branches are in the field of education. The institute possessed 28 higher education colleges under the same administration. One of them is Dhanwate National College, Nagpur. Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krida Mahotsava was started in 2000 due to irregularities in the University would be held in the inter-collegiate competition.

Since last 20-year annual report of Dhanwate National College collected detailed information on the subject. How many college teams were involved in which year? In which year the new game was included? The chart was drawn up by compiling the number of prizes. The prize amount was increased continuously. The chart and graph clearly indicate the detailed analysis of the festival. The facts came out of that time were in the first Krida Mahotsava in 2000. 7 competitions were organised in four sports categories and the participation was 77 teams from 40 colleges. Gradually, some games including, g, and participation increased. After a 20-year journey, the festival is taking 11 competitions in seven sports categories. These tournaments are held every year in the Month of September before the university competition. About 200 teams from 75 to 80 colleges are participating in the festival. This participation is certainly a success story for this Krida Mahotsava. It is a movement to successfully organize 11 events in seven sports categories, not one sport for 20 consecutive years without being broken into one college.

Key words: Krida Mahotsava, Sports event, Tournaments, Players, Colleges, Organisation

Introduction: Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krida Mahotsava, to understand what is there. It is important to understand who Panjabrao Deshmukh was, where the festival started and where it is run. Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh was the first Agriculture Minister of independent India. Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh's native village was Papal in Amravati district. He was born into a farmer's family in this small village. Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh education began in the village, high school at Amravati; he received a bachelor's degree in Ferguson College Pune and later did MA, Barrister with a PhD in England. After returning to the country after studying higher education, he started as a lawyer at Amravati, but it was not his cup of tea to do a lawyer. He had faced many difficulties from schooling to higher education, and his goal was to provide education opportunities to the poor and the peasant's family in Vidarbha. For this he gave his all and the Shri. Shivaji Education society was established at Amravati on 1st July 1932. Gradually, the institutions that taught from schools to colleges were established in Vidarbha.

Earlier in the year 1926, *Shri Shivaji Vyayam Prasar Mandal* was established at Amravati. He accepted the idea of a strong nation. Dr. Panjabrao Upakhya Bhausahib Deshmukh's achievements in agriculture and cooperative sector were outstanding at the national level, apart from the education sector. Even Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh, an active member of the Constitution Drafting Committee, has been debating the drafting with of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. To mention the work of Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh, many books have been written and will be written.

As mentioned above, Shri Shivaji Education Institute, Amravati is the leading institution of education in Vidarbha and number two in Maharashtra. Vidarbha, which provides primary to higher education, has 287 branches. The institute has 28 colleges in total, including art, science, commerce, agriculture, law, education, physical education, engineering, medical education and Drawing. One of these is the Dhanwate National College in Nagpur. Dhanwate National College was established in 1935. Since then, the college has inherited a bright sporting heritage. From the beginning, the college has a tradition of gaining reputation in the field of sports. One of the important parts of this is the Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krida Mahotsava held in the present time. It has been 20 years since the festival of sports started. It is important to see the beginning and the path of this Krida Mahotsava.

In 1998-1999, a major scam was reported in the examination department of Nagpur University. Many have, therefore, been forced to resign including the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. Many were taken to police custody. After this, however, the admissions for session 2000-2001 were delayed. This created confusion as to whether the inter-college competition of the university, which will begin in August or will be held on time. We discussed with the Sports Council of Dhanwate National College that should we compete on the basis of the university? This proposal was kept in front of Principal Dr. Babanrao Taywade by the department of physical education and sports. Since the principal was interested in sports from the beginning, he accepted the proposal. But now, the debate was about the nature of the tournament. To make the event a tangible event, a meeting of sports lovers and professors of physical education in various colleges and sports committee members of the college was held under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Principal.

Will there be university competitions this year or not? The discussion began in the meeting. Then we too wanted to conduct sports events, how to take it, which games to include in the tournament, What would be the name of this tournament, how long to take, on which date to conduct the tournament, there was a detailed discussion on how to play the tournament, how much prizes to pay, the admission fee, the rules for the tournament, etc. All thoughts were learned. Decisions have been taken in all the above matters.

The tournament was decided to be named Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krida Mahotsava, as the college had held the same name a few years ago. It was decided to take the tournament for the senior college players. The four most popular and college-wide sports events were mainly Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball boys and girls and Cricket for boys only. The tournament was scheduled to take place in a manner that would be held between 3 and 5 October 2000, and the cricket tournament was scheduled to last as long as it lasted as long as it could be. It was also decided to provide cash prizes for the tournament and a take small amount of entry fees. It was decided to call officials from the concerned sports association to avoid any technical difficulties in the tournament. Also, technical committees of experts and various committees were formed to organize the event successfully. The main objective of this tournament was to ensure that the players were trained well before the university tournament, improved their skills and team coordination. The decision was taken unanimously to ensure that the players were able to play.

The next day, a letter was sent to all the colleges in the city and district, appealing to all the hon'ble Principals of all colleges. Many colleges have decided to enroll their colleges, even though it was 1st year of the competition. As the tournament drew closer, the preparations for the tournament began to gain momentum. The college had prepared three Kabaddi, two Volleyball and one field of Kho-Kho. The cricket tournament was decided to be held at the college and VNIT (then VRCE) ground.

The first year of the tournament, was a great occasion for organizers, coaches, managers and players to be enthusiastic at the opening ceremony on the 3rd of October. The inaugural function was held under the chairmanship of former Minister,

Hon'ble Shri Vasant Rao Dhotre, president of the Shivaji Education Society. The competition was held for three days with great enthusiasm. The prize distribution ceremony was held on 5th October evening. The cricket tournament lasted another 15 days, with a small prize distribution program on the final day.

In the first year, 77 teams from 40 colleges, including Kabaddi Boys -16, Girls 8, Volleyball Boys - 15, Girls - 8, Kho-Kho Boys-8, Girls - 6 and Cricket Boys – 16 participated in the first year. Some sports lovers, including teachers and non-teaching staff, were invited to sponsor the cash and running cups for the prize distribution. These sports lovers and college professors supported this appeal and sponsored all the running trophies and prizes.

The first year of participation, enthusiasm and success of the tournament led to the decision to hold the Krida Mahotsava every year before the University Tournament. For this purpose, an independent committee was formed in the college. Special provision was made in the annual budget to overcome the financial difficulties that had arisen during the first year of organizing the Krida Mahotsava. As in the first year, the initial meeting of the sports association heads, Sports Teachers, Sports Committee and Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krida Mahotsava Committee members was held at the beginning of the session. The meeting discussed the new approach of the previous tournament. This year, it was decided to expand the football games with Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball and Cricket. This is how the Krida Mahotsava started from then onwards. Some games were increased as mentioned below. Sometimes, the game type has been changed depending upon the participation of the games.

Since 2000, the Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krida Mahotsava has been organized continuously. It is important and worth mentioning that a private organization should continue to compete in a sports event without decreasing the scope of the competition. That is why decided to write a paper titled Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh has 'One Movement' to highlight the issue.

From the start of the Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krida Mahotsava, the seriousness of this Krida Mahotsava is evident. It is a pleasure to follow this festival, that we are witnesses on every occasion. Now, the annual college report of the last 20 years has been examined to gather some important data to analyze the tournament. This is the following data collection.

This includes the number of games which were organized in the year, the number of colleges participating in the year, the number of teams involved in different sports. Years in which prize amount was revised. And to know about the main event that was the opening of the tournament and the awards distribution programme.

Date & year of Mahotsava	Kabaddi		Kho-Kho		Volleyball		Cricket	Football	Basketball	Cross-country		Badminton		Chess	Korfball	Total Teams	Total Colleges
	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	M	M	M	W	M	W	Mix	Mix		
Oct.3-5, 2000	16	8	8	6	15	8	16	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	77	40
Set 1-3, 01	16	8	8	6	16	8	19	12	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	93	45
Sept 14-16, 02	21	9	8	6	8	5	15	15	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	100	44
Sept 11-13, 03	20	8	8	4	20	8	20	17	14	x	x	x	x	x	x	119	46
Sept 9-11, 04	16	9	8	x	20	x	18	16	16	x	x	x	x	x	x	103	44
Sept 14-16, 05	16	10	6	x	20	10	20	16	16	x	x	x	x	x	x	114	45
Sept 14-16, 06	14	8	x	x	21	9	20	16	10	x	x	x	x	x	x	98	45
Sept 27-29, 07	16	8	7	x	18	9	20	19	10	x	x	x	x	x	x	107	45
Sept 18-20, 08	16	8	8	x	20	10	20	17	8	x	x	x	x	x	x	107	51
Sept 10-12, 09	16	8	x	x	21	10	24	17	9	x	x	x	x	x	x	105	58
Sept 7-9, 10	27	12	8	x	27	13	28	24	15	x	x	x	x	x	x	154	57
Sept 16-18, 11	20	10	x	x	20	15	28	21	10	4	5	x	x	x	x	133	66
Sept 14-16, 12	24	10	x	x	24	10	37	26	10	8	7	x	x	x	x	156	78
Sept 14-16, 13	24	10	x	x	24	10	37	26	10	8	7	x	x	x	x	156	65
Sept 19-21, 14	24	8	x	x	20	10	33	27	12	11	11	x	x	x	x	156	75
Sept 9-11, 15	22	7	x	x	24	8	33	22	12	x	x	x	x	x	x	128	63
Sept 19-21, 16	26	8	x	x	20	8	32	22	12	x	x	16	x	12	x	156	69
Sept 17-19, 17	30	8	x	x	24	14	32	24	16	x	x	12	8	15	x	183	88
Sept 19-21, 18	36	11	x	x	20	11	32	24	20	x	x	16	10	12	9	201	80
Sept 19-22, 19	40	12	x	x	24	10	32	24	16	x	x	16	10	12	6	202	66
	425	177	79	21	396	183	505	385	216	31	30	60	28	51	15	2648	

Table No.1: Krida Mahotsava Sports Type and Total Participation

Sports Type: In the analysis of Chart 1, it is found that the Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krida Mahotsava began in 2000. In the first year, only four sports were included in the festival. Three of these games were held for men and women and cricket for boys only. But the next year, the 2001 Krida Mahotsava was expanded to provide a men's football game. 4th Krida Mahotsava shows a basketball game for men. The lack of participation of women's teams in the Kho-Kho game since 2004 has shown that this pattern has been reduced.

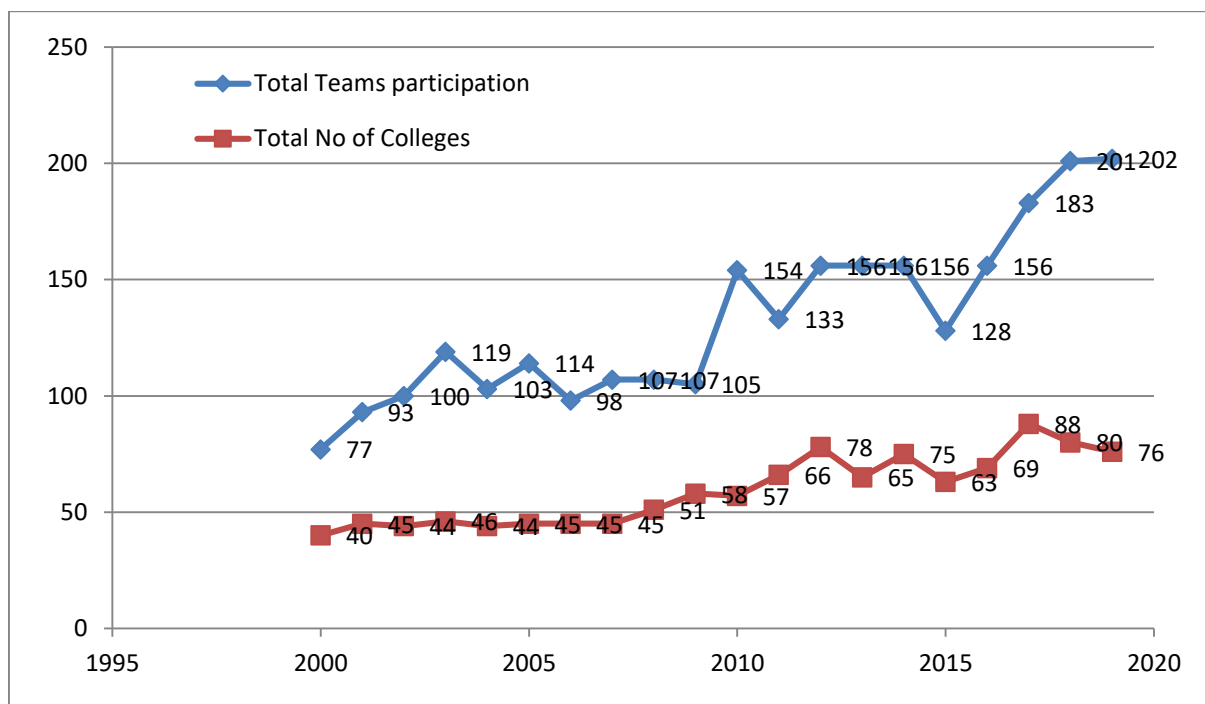
Since 2011, the festival has been marked by a decline in the participation of the Kho-Kho men. But since 2011, the 10 and 5 km cross-country events were included in both the men's and women's groups respectively. The university's cross-country competition began in the first week of September, so the cross-country competition had to be stopped within four years. The main objective of the Krida Mahotsava is to ensure competitive practice for the athletes before the University Tournament.

In May 2016, the Dhanwate National College developed a national standard indoor stadium. It has four badminton courts, chess halls, table tennis halls and gyms. The 2016 Krida Mahotsava included badminton men's and chess mix tournaments to benefit the athletes. The Badminton Women's Competition was also held in 2017. From 2018, however, more games like korfball has been added. Now, Kabaddi, Volleyball and badminton compete for men and women's and Chess and korfball mix and football, cricket and basketball are only for men's groups. This means that the events are now held in 11 sports categories.

Awards: The first, second and the third prize money was Rs. 1500, 1000 and 500 respectively when the competition started in the first year. Rs. 2500 and 1500 first and second prizes for cricket. In 2006, the prize money was increased to Rs. 2000, 1500 and 1000 respectively, while football 3000, 2000 and 1000 and cricket 5000 and 3000 respectively. Then again, in 2018, Rs 3000, 2500 and 2000 respectively, 5000, 4000 and 3000 for football and Rs 7,000 and 5000 for cricket. It is also evident that from the very first year, all award winning teams are being given running cups and certificates. Also, the best players in each game are honoured with cash and memento.

Every year, the festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm and the inaugural function and the prize distribution is celebrated. Since the first Krida Mahotsava, in the last 20 years, many dignitaries from Nagpur district have attended the inaugural or prize distribution event. All the hon'ble Vice Chancellors of Nagpur University in the last twenty years have inaugurated the Mahotsava ,Dr. Arun Satputle in the year 2002, Dr. S N Pathan in 2006, Dr Vilas Sapkal in 2011 and Dr. Siddharth Vinayak Kane in 2012. Deputy Director, Youth and Sports, Nagpur Division Shri Wasant Mulak, Dr JaiPrakash Duple, Shri Manik Thosare, Shri Subhash Rewatkar and Director of The University Physical Education department were also present as the chief guests at the festival. All the Mayor of Nagpur city and all MLAs of the city have also been present. In 2007, Hon'ble Shri Vilas Muttemwar, Union Minister of Non-Conventional Energy, Namdar Shri Anil Deshmukh, Minister, Maharashtra State, 2012 Namdar Shri Padmakar Valvi ,Sports Minister have also been present. All the Hon'ble Commissioners of Police and the Hon'ble Collector s working at Nagpur have also been present from time to time. Since the first festival, the Hon'ble President of the Shivaji Education Society Shri Vasantrao Dhotre, Adv Shri Arunkumar Shelke, President Shri Harshvardhan Deshmukh and all the vice-presidents of the institute have shown their presence and guided them from time to time. In particular, the presence of the ex Vice-President and the present Treasurer of Society's Chhatrapati Awardee, Shri Dilipbhai Ingole, has been felt.

The Krida Mahotsava has been held from 2000 to 2017, under the chairmanship of Dr. Babanrao Taywade, former principal of the college for 18 consecutive years . Prof Madhavrao Fukey, head of department, has served as the Organising Secretary for eight years from 2000 to 2007. Since 2008, I myself have been responsible for this tournament as the head of the department. Besides, the associate secretary of the department and teaching and non-teaching staff of the college are seen to have played lion's share in the Mahotsava. The prize money is given by the college staff every year.



Graph No. 1: A graph showing participation in the year 20

The festival is held every September before the university calendar. The number of participating colleges and their teams in this competition is increasing every year. All the relevant sports organizations are called for officiating to ensure that the tournament is conducted according to the rules. So far, there is no misconduct seen in this tournament. This is why the increasing participation of various Colleges has been evident. The continued participation of such sports events every year is a major sporting movement.

Conclusion: The Krida Mahotsava was started in 2000 at Dhanwate National College due to irregularities in the university would be competing in the inter-college competitions. In the first year, only four games, seven tournaments were held in league-cum-knockout basis. From the second year, it is a regular event that is held before the University Tournament. The festival is a second year of football and basketball in the fourth year. The low participation of the Kho-Kho game shows that the game has been closed and the cross-country tournament has been included since 2011. The indoor stadium has been established in the college since 2016, with badminton and chess being included.

In 2000, the first Krida Mahotsava, which had 77 teams and participated only 40 college. Slow but steady progress was seen. Now participation of 200 teams from 75 to 80 colleges was observed. This growing participation is undoubtedly a sign of the popularity and success of the festival. It is a sports movement that has been successfully organizing 11 events in seven sports categories. The process of organisation is continuous and since last without any interruption.

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