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The Socio-Economic Condition of Sport Player in Madha Tahsil of Solapur District

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Abstract

The present study examines the socio-economic condition of sports players in Madha tahsil of Solapur district, Maharashtra. Using primary data collected through a structured questionnaire from 40 players across four villages—Tembhurni, Kurduwadi, Madha, and Modnimb—the study evaluates key social and economic parameters such as education, occupation, income, caste, social participation, housing, and vehicle ownership. The findings reveal that most players possess a moderate to high level of education, with a majority engaged in private-sector employment. Income distribution indicates a predominance of medium-income households, reflecting overall economic stability. Social participation levels and housing quality further highlight improved living standards among players. However, a smaller proportion of players belonging to low-income and lower-education categories indicates the need for targeted support. The study suggests providing financial assistance, educational incentives, and employment opportunities to enhance the socio-economic status of players and promote wider participation in sports.

Keywords: Socio-economic status, Sports players, Education, Income, Occupation, Social participation

Introduction

Sports are an important part of the society and an integral feature of everyday life. Sports and Physical Education play an important role in human development. Games and other outdoor activities, properly planned and executed, promote social harmony, discipline and increased productivity. These activities develop right attitudes and values in students and help them grow into balanced, integrated and healthy citizens. Socio-economic status is an important factor in selection of sports.

Socio-economic status of an individual may influence his opportunity, his desire to excel, his choice of activity and his success. Considerable research has been conducted on the socio-economic status of sports persons team sport versus individual sport. Socio-economic status (SES) is an economic and sociological combined total measure of a person's work experience and of an individual's or family's economic and social position in relation to others, based on income, education, and occupation. Index of socio-economic status comprises of occupational status, area of residence, monthly income, and type of housing, condition of house, house ownership or rental status, level of living and formal social participation (Nair, 1978) [8].

Participation in sports competition develops hard work, devotion, discipline, right attitude, physical fitness and better individual. While choosing a game to be played or make a carrier into it Socio Economic factors play and important role. Socio Economic status also influences sports participation and performance. Socio Economic status, attitude, motivation, adjustment and home environment often influence affect the players to succeed in sports. Socio Economic Condition- is an individual or groups position within a hierarchical social structure which depends on occupation, education, income, wealth and place of residence. (Dr. Annand Bhat and Prof. Arvind Waghmode, 2018)

Study Region:

For present study Madha tahsil of Solapur district is selected purposively. (Fig 1) It is located between 17° 40' to 18°30' North latitudes and 75°00' to 75°40' East longitudes occupying an area of 1544.9 sq km.

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The region has diversified physiography, southwest and north-east part is covered by plateau region and middle part is covered by small hills. Black soil is mainly found over south-west and north-east part,

Objective:

The main objectives of this paper are as following.

1. To study the social profile of sports player in Madha tahsil of Solapur district.
2. To study the economic profile of sports player in Madha tahsil of Solapur district.

Database and Methodology:

The study was conducted in Madha tahsil of Solapur district in Maharashtra state. For the purpose of the study, both primary and secondary information was collected from different sources. Data regarded to social parameters and economic parameters of sports player are collected based on the Primary sources used for the year of

2024-25. For which special questionnaires were designed and field survey has been made to obtain primary data. During the field survey, 4 villages were selected randomly (Tembhurni, Kurduwadi, Madha and Modnimb). 10 players were selected from each village. The descriptive statistics like frequency and percentage were used for the investigation.

Result and Discussion:

The Solapur district has sports clubs and academies that cater to a variety of sports including cricket, kabaddi, wrestling, chess, running, and more. In rural areas of Madha taluka, especially Tembhorni, Kurduwadi, Madha, Modnimb, secondary, higher secondary and college education is available, so a large number of players are being produced from these villages. The following table no. 01 shows that Socio-Economic condition of sport player in Madha tahsil.

Table No. 01
Socio-Economic condition of sport player in Madha tehsil

Sr. No.	Parameters	Sports players (Percentage)
01	Education	
	Up to 12 std.	11
	Graduate	68
	Post Graduate	21
03	Occupations	
	Farming	27
	Privet sector	57
	Government Sector	16
04	Caste	
	Open	56
	OBC	29
	Other	15
05	Social Participation	
	No Membership	30
	Membership in one organization	59
	Membership in more than one organization	11
06	Income	
	Low Income(up to 1 lakh)	25
	Medium Income (100001 to 5 lakh)	57
	High Income (more than 5 lakh)	18
07	Type of House	
	Pucca House	63
	Semi Pucca House	27
	katcha House	10
08	Vehicle	
	No Vehicle	09
	Only Two-Wheeler	65
	Tow wheeler and Four-Wheeler	26

Source: Fieldwork, December 2024

The socio-economic analysis of sports players in Madha tahsil reveals a moderately educated and economically stable group. The majority of players (68%) are graduates, indicating a good level of education, while 21% have

postgraduate degrees. Employment distribution shows that 57% of the players work in the private sector, followed by 27% in farming and 16% in government service. Caste-wise distribution indicates that 56% belong to the open category, 29% to OBC, and 15% to other categories,



showing diverse social representation. Social participation is relatively strong—59% have membership in one organization, and 11% in more than one, which reflects active social involvement.

Income levels suggest that a majority (57%) fall in the medium-income category (₹1–5 lakh annually), with 25% in the low-income and 18% in the high-income group, implying a stable economic background for most players. Housing data show that 63% live in pucca houses, while 27% and 10% live in semi-pucca and *kachha* houses respectively, suggesting decent living standards. Vehicle ownership is also good, with 65% owning two-wheelers and 26% owning both two-wheelers and four-wheelers, indicating fair mobility and financial capacity.

Conclusion and suggestion:

The socio-economic condition of sports players in Madha tahsil is moderately strong. Most players are well-educated, economically stable, and socially active. The presence of private-sector employment and medium-level income indicates financial security, while the dominance of pucca housing and vehicle ownership reflects an improved standard of living. However, a smaller portion of low-income and less-educated players indicates room for socio-economic upliftment through targeted support.

The empirical result suggested that, there is an urgent need to give Scholarships or educational incentives for players with lower qualifications to encourage higher studies, Creation of sports-related job opportunities through local and private initiatives, Give Special schemes or sponsorships for players from low-income families.

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