CHAPTER-5

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

5.0 Introduction

From the above discussions and analysis concerning with the existing "information system" in the field of "Sports" in Manipur it may be concluded that-

- The value of "games and sports" is indispensable for healthy living of the people. Sports play a crucial role in building up of national integration. The short history of sports which has been discussed in chapter two has proved it true;
- The people of Manipur are fond of "sports" and they are sportive in nature;
- There are a number of ancient and indigenous sports practiced in Manipur;
- There are also number of organizations active in sports activities;
- The important sports bodies of Manipur play crucial role in promoting sports in the state;
- Both in individual and team events Manipur can participate with flying colours;
✓ The collections of sports literatures in different libraries of Manipur are inadequate;
✓ The internet-facility is not available in most of the libraries;
✓ The major purposes for collection of information by the sportspersons are for updating of their knowledge and techniques of playing;
✓ While players collect information mostly from their coaches and seniors, coaches/administrators are used to collect from the websites, media and seniors;
✓ Libraries are hardly visited and library-collections are hardly used;
✓ The availability of sports materials in the sports organizations of Manipur are not adequate; and
✓ The problems in the collection of sports-information are very common and acute.

5.1 Important findings

Some of the important findings of the study are:

➢ The existing sports information infrastructures are not suitable enough to fulfil the needs of the user;
➢ A large number of library users do not know how to use information sources and how to get information services from the library staff;
➢ In all the existing libraries, there is a very poor collection on ‘sports’;
> Almost all the sports organizations (at all levels) do not have any well organized library;
> There is limited media for the communication of sports information; and
> There is dire need to design an effective Sports Information System (SIS) in Manipur.

The findings of the study thus justify the hypothesis that the sports information system in Manipur is not functional and therefore it needs to be reorganized for betterment of the sports in the state.

5.2 Suggestions and recommendations

Based on the suggestions made by the user-communities and considering the importance of the issue in reality, the following suggestions and recommendations are presented for setting up of an efficient and effective ‘sports information system’ in the state.

> A separate Sports Library need to be established in the state with ICT facilities under the control and direct supervision of Youth Affairs and Sports Department, Government of Manipur;
> In the curriculum of the high and higher secondary schools, the ‘game and sports’ should be included as compulsory subject;
> Every sports organizations must have their own library with good collection of sports information;
➢ Collection of documents on sports should be increased in all the libraries of Manipur;
➢ Library professionals should themselves join hands to improve the standard of library and its services with the help of emerging Information Communication Technology (ICT).
➢ The government should give incentives for setting up of libraries in different levels of sports organizations.
➢ Establishment of a separate ‘College of Sports and Physical Education’ (CSPE) is also now an urgent need to encourage the sports loving people of the state.

5.3 Proposed model of Sports Information System (SIS)

After a thorough study of the prevailing sports information system in Manipur the researcher felt that a new model of ‘Sports Information System’ is absolutely required so that all the relevant information on sports can be communicated to all the sports loving people of the state well in time for their participation. Manipur being a poor state it will be difficult to make functional of the model at the first instant. So it can be done in phase wise manner, in the first phase construction of State Sports Library (SSL), fully financed by the State government is required. In the second phase setting up
Fig. 1.5: Proposed model of Sports Information System in Manipur

KEY:
- IOA: Indian Olympic Association
- MSA: Manipur Sports Association
- DST: Department of Science and Technology
- NIC: National Informatics Centre
- SSL: State Sports Library
- DSO: District Sports Office
- BSO: Block Sports Office
- RSO: Rural Sports Office
- AUL: Agricultural University Library
- MUL: Manipur University Library
- RML: Regional Medical Library
- RSC: Regional Sports Council
- RSO: Rural Sports Organisation

FLOW:
- IOA → MSA → DST → NIC → SCL → MUL → AUL → OTHER → DSO → BSO → RSO
- OUTREACH → PUBLICITY → RADIO → NEWSPAPER → TV → SEMINAR/CONFERENCE → SPORTSPERSONS → LOCAL MARKET
of organizational libraries (state/district level) with the incentive and financial support of the government is required. For effective implementation of the model at the minimum cost the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Manipur may take technical advice from the Manipur University Library, National Information Centre (NIC) of Imphal and Department of Science and Technology (DST), government of Manipur etc.

The model is concerned with the retrieval and dissemination of information. Interaction between various disseminating agencies and media and target groups will also be a part of this proposed SIS model, as shown in figure 15.

5.3.1 Characteristics of the proposed SIS

- There should be a computerized, interactive and multipurpose information network centre at Imphal city with necessary provision for extension to the rural area.
- The main ‘hub’ of the SIS should be ‘State Sports Library’ (SSL) under the control and supervision of Youth Affairs and Sports government of Manipur.
- The State Sports Library should be well connected (through network) with various agencies as shown in the model.
- For publicity and outreach, the SSL may use different media like TV, newspaper, radio, seminar, conference etc.
The SSL should have modern furniture and equipment and good collection of documents on games, sports, psychology, health and other related subjects.

It shall be administered by well-trained and highly educated persons.

It should provide sports-information in different forms (print, non-print, visual, audio-visual etc.) on different areas (health care, health psychology, sports techniques and technologies, rules and regulations etc.) including latest necessary information and documents.

It should have spacious reading room and research cubicles with all facilities for the users and researchers of ‘sports’.

The ‘service’, should not be ‘free’- it will act like ‘profit making organization’.

5.4 Conclusion

In this modern information age people are very much aware about the importance of sports. Every day different media covered the sports information. It enthusiasts the young people to participate in sports. At the same time there has been tremendous development in sports techniques by which an ordinary player can defeat his opponent. Therefore, every sportsman is in need of information and physical strength to excel his opponent. Competition has become a fundamental mode of human
expression as it is one of the very important functions by which national and international recognition and prestige is gained. From its very simple form, 'sports' have been emerged into a highly organized activity of human society and become a complex social and cultured phenomenon, because of the concept of competition (faster, higher and stronger).

The increased concern of society for the performance of athletes at the national and international level has transformed sports competition into a highly exciting enterprise. Society takes pride in the performance of athletes who represent a particular region or country. Perhaps this is the reason why athletes are under pressure to win and to create records. The whole process induces stress and allied response in the athlete, the degree of which depends a large on the effective 'Information System'. An efficient and well-organised 'system' can provide information on sports in different forms—print, non-print (electronically), visual, vocal, audio, audio-visual forms— to the sportspersons. The information also includes latest techniques and technologies use in the advanced countries for sports and health-care. It is fact that the value of such information to the sportspersons is very high and far reaching.

The impinging force and adaptability nature of sports have curved a place in almost all the hearts of mankind today. It had slowly crept into our social institutions including education, art, politics, laws, and mass communications and even to international diplomacy.
In Manipur there are many potential sportspersons. It is mainly through them that the state is in the sports map of the county. In order to make them more informative, efficient, effective and competitive, the 'Sports Information System' need to be established so that it will enable to retrieve all the relevant sports information from all parts of the globe and disseminate it to sportspersons so that they can participate well in time. For establishment of such institution the state government under the supervision of the proper authority (i.e. YAS) should take the sole responsibility. The sports loving people of the state are eagerly waiting for such efficient system.