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The purpose of the study was to analyse the game of Basketball in Karnataka, so as to assess the present status of the game in the state. The study is significant in view of the fact that it will enable the researcher to find out the origin, growth, development, influences, promotion aspect, role of agencies, associations, affiliated clubs and facilities offered for the promotion of the game in the state.

This study provides a vast scope to understand and analyse the various aspects pertaining to the development of the game and involvement of the promoters, coaches, officials, sponsors and general public.

As the investigator had to present the origin and development of Basketball in Karnataka, and the growth and development of the game since its introduction in Mysore State up to the present status (1997) the study of this nature has to depend mostly on the survey method, documentary analysis, interviews with players of yester years, officials, coaches and promoters.

The experts were drawn from administrative machinery of the game in Karnataka, the coaches and selectors of repute in Karnataka, the referees of repute in Karnataka, the basketball players of international repute in Karnataka and few persons with good back ground of Basketball in Karnataka.

The researcher through documents available in the basketball federation of India, State and District Associations and Clubs made a detailed analysis of the development of the game in the state. The researcher after a detailed discussion with the guide prepared Questionnaire to collect data from
players, selectors, officials, connected with Karnataka state Basketball. The investigator could also personally contact experts in different facets of Basketball in Karnataka to collect relevant data by interview method for analysis. This enabled the researcher to classify the study into three parts. Frequent visit and discussion with experts also helped the investigator to collect information related to the study.

PART – I : Origin and Development of the game upto 1950 when the Basketball Federation of India was officially formed and affiliated to FIBA (International Amateur Basketball Federation).

PART – II : Development of the game under the banner of Basketball Federation of India upto 1964. This period possess a special significance since Mysore State emerged as top Basketball team at the national level. The reasons for such a position and status, is analysed through various documents and literature.

PART – III : The game showed slow decline over the years and the state teams performance at the National level was found to be wanting. The reasons for this state of affairs was analysed and also the researcher met various officials, players, coaches and promoters to find out the reasons for the decline in the game from 1965 to 1990 and 1991 to 1997.

The data so collected from the experts and documents duly analysed, so as to provide proper sequence and direction are presented in Chapter - 4 of this study.

The model questionnaire, the list of the experts and resource persons from whom the data collected are presented in vide appendix A and B respectively.