AN INVESTIGATION ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS AND SELECTED ANTHROPOMETRIC VARIABLES OF SPORTS PERFORMANCE

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ABSTRACT

In sport, the characteristics of physical, physiological, psychological, sociological and anthropometrical are functionally associated with the performance of a player or an athlete. Considering the requirements of these characteristics in sport, each sport has its own entity since they differed from one another in nature. Meanwhile, though a particular sport has been defined in the requirements of these characteristics, within variance in sport may arise because of variations exist among the players of particular sport in terms of physical, sociological and anthropometric aspects.

KEY WORD: characteristics of physical, physiological, psychological, sociological.

INTRODUCTION:

Socio-economic status (SES) and Anthropometric measurements are important determinants of sports performance and various studies shown that lower SES and higher SES have significant effect on the sports performance in the background of socio-economic conditions of athletes and also body anthropometric measurements are the predictors of sports performance and various studies shown that players with same height and weight may not be similar in the efficiency of execution of movement and sustainable capacities since the segments of body part are varied in terms of its length, width, and circumference.

Keeping in view of above facts the present study is designed as an investigation on socio-economic status and selected anthropometric variables in relation to sports performance of inter-collegiate sportsmen.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

The main purpose of the study is to compare the selected anthropometric measurements and socio-economic status of intercollegiate sports persons of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam respectively. Further to find out the relationship of anthropometric measurements and socio-economic status in relation to their performance between Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam respectively.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

• To compare the selected anthropometric measurements and socio-economic status of intercollegiate sports persons of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam respectively.
• To find out the anthropometric measurements relationship to their performance between Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam respectively.
• To find out the socio-economic status relationship to their performance between Karnataka University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam respectively.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:
To achieve the purpose of the study 120 inter-collegiate athletes in the age group 18 to 28 years studying in UG and P.G. Colleges affiliated to Karnataka University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam respectively were selected as subjects by random sampling method.

The socio-economic status and selected anthropometric variables such as body arm length and leg length, calf and thigh circumferences of inter collegiate sportsman were measured. The performance of 100 mtrs Running event is taken in form of time.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS:
1. The comparisons (paired t-test) on Calf Circumference among Karnataka University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.

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<tr>
<th>Pair</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pair 1</td>
<td>KUD</td>
<td>21.56</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>7.90</td>
<td>2.37*</td>
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<td>RCUB</td>
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*Significant at the 0.05 level.

It can be seen from the table that the value t-statistics 2.37 of paired samples test between the Karnataka University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes respectively. The t-value is significant as the p-value (0.21) is less than 0.05. Thus, it can be concluded that the mean value of calf circumference between Karnataka University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes is not similar. In other words there is significant difference in calf circumference between above said university athletes.

2. The comparisons (paired t-test) on Thigh Circumference among Karnataka University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.

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<td>Pair 2</td>
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<td>42.86</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>4.22*</td>
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<td>RCUB</td>
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It can be seen from the table that the value t-statistics (4.22) of paired samples test between the Karnataka University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes respectively. The t-value is significant as the p-value (.000) is less than 0.05. Thus, it can be concluded that the mean value of thigh circumference between Karnataka University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam
athletes is not similar. In other words there is significant difference in thigh circumference between above said university athletes.

3. The comparisons (paired t-test) on Arm length among Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.

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<td>Pair 3</td>
<td>KUD</td>
<td>53.55</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>1.08</td>
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<td></td>
<td>RCUB</td>
<td>52.08</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>1.12</td>
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*Significant at the 0.05 level.

It can be seen from the table.No.1 that the value t-statistics (7.62) of paired samples test between the Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes respectively. The t-value is significant as the p-value (.000) is less than 0.05. Thus, it can be concluded that the mean value of thigh circumference between Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes is not similar. In other words there is significant difference in thigh circumference between above said university athletes.

4. The comparisons (paired t-test) on Leg length among Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.

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It can be seen from the table.No.1 that the value t-statistics (4.29) of paired samples test between the Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes respectively. The t-value is significant as the p-value (.000) is less than 0.05. Thus, it can be concluded that the mean value of thigh circumference between Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes is not similar. In other words there is significant difference in thigh circumference between above said university athletes.

5. Influence of Socio Economic Status on the performance of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.

To find out the influence of socio economic status on the performance of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes the researcher used the descriptive statistical method like paired t-test with the help of socio economic status scores and performance scores of athletes and presented in the following ways,
Table No. 5
Mean, Std. Deviation and t-values between 100 mtrs performance scores of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes

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<th>Level of Factor</th>
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<td>60</td>
<td>13.12</td>
<td>0.84</td>
<td>1.32</td>
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<td>Low SES</td>
<td>RCUB</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>13.63</td>
<td>0.79</td>
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Table No. 5 presents the paired samples Mean, Std. Deviation and t-values between 100 mtrs performance scores of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes. The mean score of KUD athletes in 100 meters event (13.12) is lower than the mean score of RCUB athletes (13.63) and t-values (1.32) is not significant at 0.01 level. In other words it is interpreted that the Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes performance in 100 meters event is almost similar.

6. Relationship between Socio Economic Status, Anthropometric Variables and 100 Mtrs Performance of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.

To find out the relationship between Socio Economic Status, Anthropometric variables and 100 mtrs performance of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes the researcher used the Pearson correlation co-efficient (r-values) statistical method with the help of Anthropometric variables scores and 100 mtrs performance scores presented in the table 1 following ways,

Table No. 6
Correlation co-efficient (r-values) of variables

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<td>Anthropometric variables &amp; 100 meters scores</td>
<td>0.78**</td>
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<td>Socio Economic Status &amp; 100 meters scores</td>
<td>0.71**</td>
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**Significance at 0.01 level

Table No. 6 presents r-values between the Socio Economic Status, Anthropometric variables and 100 mtrs performance of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes. It can be observed that the correlation co-efficient (r-values) between Socio Economic Status 100 mtrs performance scores, Anthropometric variables and 100 mtrs performance scores of athletes are significant at 0.01 level.

Thus the significant r-values clearly indicates that the significant relationship between these independent variable and dependent variables. It means that the Socio Economic Status and Anthropometric variables have positive significant influence on the performance of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.

CONCLUSIONS:

- There is a significant difference between in Calf and Thigh circumference, Arm length and Leg length among Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.
- There is no influence of Socio economic status on the performance in the 100 mtrs event of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.
- There is a significant relationship between Socio economic status, Anthropometric variables and performance of Karnatak University Dharwad and Rani Channamma University, Belguam athletes.
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