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Name of the topic **Socio-Cultural, Economic and Educational Factors in Sports:
A Case Study of Swimmers of Munirka Village in Delhi**

Finding of the study

The Munirka village pond established by Baba Gang Nath a saint from Ayodhya in the temple premises constituted a secular place for learning, practicing and teaching swimming to the Munirka community with population approximately about 1 lakh. More than 100 swimmers of national and international repute are located in 1 km area of Munirka village now a part of New Delhi.

The study revealed a strong bond of teachers-learner relationship between seniors while encouragement of family particularly the father was observed. The pond itself was a motivating factor to practice. Once the medals were won by Khazan Singh tokas , Mohinder tokas , Dharam Pal tokas, Praveen tokas , Sandeep Sajwal and Balraj Rathee. They became coaches and role models for the aspiring youth.

The skill in swimming became an entry point and basis for securing better education (schools and universities) as well as job opportunities.

As a village Munirka urbanized and the land became expensive, the community became wealthier.

The modern contemporary families changed their aspiration. These families are not able to sustain swimming since the pond has dried and transportation to other swimming venue is difficult.

Lack of government efforts to re-establish the pond as an international pool and encourage the sport has led to decline of swimming in Munirka.

With economic mobility the community prefers to encourage children to become doctors and engineers and concentrated more on academic activities than sports.

There is a strong case for the government to note such concentration of sportsperson and protect as well as encourage them.

Contribution of the Munirka Village Swimming in Historical Perspective

Twenty three Munirka swimmers have represented India in the international swimming events.(Olympian two ,world swimming compition three,Commen wealth Games eight,Asian Games three,South Asian Federation Games seven.

Munirka's Contribution to Swimming at National level Championship

The fifty selected Munirka swimmers participated in senior national, national games, junior national, sub – junior and, school national.

Indian Police Swimmers from Munirka Village

Eighteen swimmers from Munirka village are Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), , Indo Tibet Border Police (ITBP) and all state police .

Departmental Swimmers from Munirka Village

Nine Swimmers represented the teams of India are Post and Telegraph Department, Delhi Government, Civil Aviation, Delhi Income Tax, Central Government, National Capital Region and Western Railway.

Munirka's Contribution to University Swimming

Nineteen males and four females' swimmers from Munirka village were selected to represent in All India University Swimming Championship from University of Delhi, Delhi.

Munirka's Contribution to College Swimming

Twenty two males and four females of Munirka village swimmers represented their respective college swimming teams.

Personal Information of the Respondents

1. Gender Distribution Male(45),Female(5)

2. Caste Classification -i) Toka(38),ii) Rathee(08),iii) Mudgals(02),iv) Muslim(01),v) Sejwal(01)

3. Place of Birth-Munirka village(49),Lado Sarai(01)

4. Academic Qualification-i) Ph.D(01),ii) Post Graduation(06),iii) Under Graduation(27),iv) Senior Secondary(13), v) Secondary(03)

Professional Qualification-i) Diploma in Coaching(11),ii) Master of Physical Education(05),iii) Diploma in Life Saving(03),iv) Diploma in Physical Education(01),v) Chartered Accountant(01)

5. Occupation and Designation of Respondents in Various Departments

Indian Police Force Eighteen and government department seventeen.

6. Recognitions Achieved

Arjuna Award(1), Rajiv Gandhi Award(1)

7. Scholarship Aailed (42)