

## A comparative study of extrinsic, intrinsic and amotivation between male national level players participating in different sports disciplines

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### Abstract

The purpose of the present study was to compare extrinsic, intrinsic and amotivation of male NATIONAL LEVEL players participating in different sports discipline (Basketball, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball). 250 male NATIONAL LEVEEL players who participated in the selected games were considerdas sample 50 male players were selected from each game considered in the study. Motivation questionnaire was used as a tool to collect data from the selected players of different games. One-way ANOVA was used as a statistical tool for analysis of data. The result indicate significant difference in intrinsic motivation and amotivation of male players of different sports i.e. Basketball, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball Players of selected sports did not differ significantly in their extrinsic motivation. Post hoc test for intrinsic and amotivation reveal that Basketball players differ significantly in their intrinsic motivation from Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Handball and Volleyball players. Posthoc test for amotivation indicates Basketball players differ significantly on amotivation dimension from Handball players Kho-Kho players and Handball players differ significantly from Kho-Kho, and Kabaddi players.

**Keywords:** extrinsic, intrinsic and amotivation

### Introduction

Motivation is area for research in sports, most interesting problems, both as a developmental outcome of social environments such as competition and coaches' behaviors, and as a developmental influence on behavioral variables such as persistence, learning, and performance (Duda, 1989) [6].

In general, intrinsic motivation (IM) refers to engaging in an activity purely for the pleasure and satisfaction derived from doing the activity (Deci, 1975) [2]. When a person is intrinsically motivated he or she will perform the behavior voluntarily, in the absence of material rewards or external constraints (Deci& Ryan, 1985) [4]. Athletes who go to practice because they find it interesting and satisfying to learn more about their sport, or athletes who practice their sport for the pleasure of constantly trying to surpass themselves are considered intrinsically motivated toward their sport.

External factors such as money, prizes, acclaim status and praise forms extrinsic motivation. Extrinsic motivation characterizes activities that are performed in order to obtain some separable outcome, whether that to be a tangible reward, avoidance or a punishment, or the attainment of recognition, or appeal.

According to self-determination theory, extrinsic and intrinsic motivations are not discrete categories, but a unique continuum. On one side of the continuum is intrinsic motivation while on the other side is amotivation. Various forms of extrinsic motivation are set between intrinsic motivation and amotivation (Deci& Ryan, 2000) [5].

It has been observed that external stimulations causes a negative effect and additionally "undermines" intrinsic interest and enjoyment in the sport instead of contributing to intrinsic motivation (Lazareviã, 2001). However, using

extrinsic forms of stimulation is unavoidable in sports. The more fully an extrinsic stimulation is internalized and more successfully integrated in one's self, the better basis for self-determination of behaviour and self-motivation will be (Mladenovic, 2010). Because the various forms of motivation are posited to lie on a continuum from high to low self-determination, and because self-determination is associated with enhanced psychological functioning (Deci, 1980) [3], one would expect a corresponding pattern of consequences. Research supports this premise in that the different types of motivation are associated with increasingly positive consequences as one progress from amotivation to intrinsic motivation.

Many researchers have explored different aspects of motivation in sports. Sinha (1987), Bujurke *et al* (1989) [1], Mallet, C.J. (2004), Thiberg, J. (2005), Medic, Mack and Wilson (2010), Jiteshwor *et al.* (2013) and many other have studied the effect of various dimensions of motivation on sports performance. Surprisingly motivation of male interuniversity players from various sport shas not been investigated so far. Therefore an attempt was made to examine motivation of male NATIONAL LEVEL players of various games. It was hypothesized that male NATIONAL LE VEL players would differ significantly in their extrinsic, intrinsic and amotivation.

### Methodology

250 male NATIONAL LEVEL players who participated in the selected games were considerdas sample 50 male players were selected from each game selected for the study. Motivation questionnaire was used as a tool to collect data from the selected players of different games. (Basketball, Handball,

Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball). The sample was selected from Universities operational in HARYNAh. Tiwari, (2005), Motivational Questionnaires was used to collect data. One

way ANOVA statistics was computed to test difference in extrinsic, intrinsic and amotivation among male NATIONAL LEVEL players of selected games

**Results**

The results are depicted in the following tables:

**Table 1:** Mean, Standard Deviation on Extrinsic Scale between Selected Players of Various Sports

Groups	Extrinsic Motivation	Intrinsic Motivation	Amotivation
	Mean±S.D.	Mean±S.D.	Mean±S.D.
Male Basketball Player (N=50)	43.03±9.53	40.42±9.59	43.86±10.31
Male Handball Players (N=50)	43.48±6.91	39.46±7.28	47.68±7.36
Male Kabaddi Players (N=50)	42.18±9.12	35.34±8.68	51.84±10.98
Male Kho-Kho Players (N=50)	43.84±6.32	44.58±8.96	43.20±7.87
Male Volleyball Players (N=50)	46.34±7.63	45.44±7.80	46.66±7.35
	F(4,245)=1.92, p>.05	F(4,245)=11.61, p<.01	F(4,245)=7.49, p<.01

**Statistical analysis of data reveals the following**

- Insignificant differences in extrinsic motivation were observed among male Basketball, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball players. (F=1.92, p>.05)
- Statistically significant differences was observed in case of intrinsic motivation among male players of selected games (F=11.61, p<.01).

- Statistically significant differences was also observed among in amotivation among male players of selected games (F=7.49, p<.01).

To find out the difference in intrinsic motivation between players of various sports, Post-hoc ANOVA was applied. The results are presented in table 2

**Table 2:** Post-hoc ANOVA Difference in Intrinsic Motivation of Players from Selected Sports

Games	Mean Difference	Sig. 0.05
Basketball x Handball	.96	Non- Sig
Basketball x Kabaddi	5.08*	Sig
Basketball x Kho-Kho	-4.16*	Sig
Basketball x Kho-Kho	-5.02*	Sig
Handball x Kabaddi	4.12*	Sig
Handball x Kho-Kho	-5.12*	Sig
Handball x Volleyball	-5.98*	Sig
Kabaddi x Kho-Kho	-9.24*	Sig
Kabaddi x Volleyball	-10.10*	Sig
Kho-Kho x Volleyball	-.86	Non- Sig

Mean difference significance at .05

A perusal of table 2 reveal Basketball players was significantly differ in intrinsic motivation from Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball players. Handball players differ significantly from Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball player.

To find out the difference in amotivation between players of various sports, Post-hoc test was applied. The results are presented in table 3.

**Table 3:** Post-hoc ANOVA Difference in Intrinsic Amotivation of Players from Selected Sports

Games	Mean Difference	Sig. 0.05
Basketball x Handball	-3.82*	Sig
Basketball x Kabaddi	-7.98	Sig
Basketball x Kho-Kho	4.48*	Sig
Basketball x Kho-Kho	1.02	Non -Sig
Handball x Kabaddi	-4.16*	Sig
Handball x Kho-Kho	4.48*	Sig
Handball x Volleyball	1.02	Non -Sig
Kabaddi x Kho-Kho	-8.64*	Sig
Kabaddi x Volleyball	5.18*	Sig
Kho-Kho x Volleyball	-3.46	Non- Sig

\* Mean difference significant at .05 level

A perusal of table 3 revealed that amotivation in Basketball players differ significantly more than Kho-Kho players and

Handball players. Kabaddi players significantly differ on amotivation than Kho-Kho and Volleyball players.

Post hoc result indicates significant differences in the specific group mentioned above.

**On the basis of analysis of data following results were obtained**

1. National Level male sportspersons taking part in selected sports i.e. Basketball, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball did not differ significantly with each other in their Extrinsic motivation
2. National Level male Players taking part in selected sports i.e. Basketball, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball did differ significantly with each other in their intrinsic motivation.
3. National Level male sportspersons taking part in selected sports i.e. Basketball, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball did differ significantly with each other, in the amotivation.
4. Observation of mean table reveals that Kabaddi players are highest on amotivation followed by Handball and Volleyball players respectively.
5. Male Volleyball players and Kho-Kho players, scored higher mean values are higher on intrinsic motivation in comparison to the players of other games.

**Discussion**

The findings of the study indicate that the male Kabaddi players are highly amotivated in comparison to the other game counterpart, the reason for such low motivation may be attributed to the perception related to the prospect of the game. They do not find any connection between other efforts and its outcomes. The Volleyball and Kho-Kho male players are more intrinsically motivated. The reason for intrinsic motivation for Kho-Kho players may be different from the Volleyball players. As the Kho-Kho game includes pleasure enjoyment and skills which help players to feel more involved for the game. Volleyball players also seem to enjoy the game & motivated to participate in the same further it.

**Conclusion**

On the basis of results, it was concluded that intrinsic and amotivation of Players taking part in selected sports i.e. Basketball, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball is significantly different with an exception of extrinsic motivation. The mean values of motivation (IMSEM) are lower as compared to other study (Tiwari, 2005), whereas the mean score of amotivation is high. Hence it is recommended that insight to this aspect has to be developed and further investigation should bring out the causes of lower levels of motivation and high level of amotivation. An intervention program shall be very truthful to increase the motivation level of the players for better performance.

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