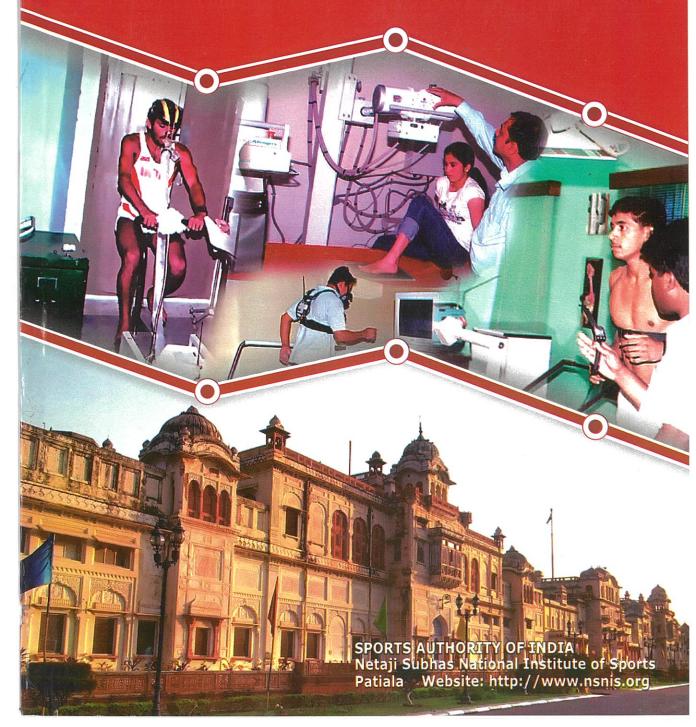


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### Editorial

This issue of Sports Research carries six articles, on various sports related topics.

In the lead article, the SAI scientists compare the performance of Indian sportspersons at the 2010 and 2014 Asian Games, on the basis of the medal tally. They found that nine medals, in 2010 Asian Games were from those sports disciplines which were dropped in 2014 Asian Games and almost same number of medals were lacking for India in 2014 Asian Games. There was increase in medals in Athletics, Shooting, Wrestling, Archery, Squash, Hockey, and Badminton: and decrease in medals in Boxing, Rowing; and no change in Kabadi, Wushu, Sailing and Swimming. It was concluded that in future India should focus more on all sports to maintain its winning performance.

The second article compares the spectator attraction between the African and non Afican team matches, during FIFA World Cup 2010. The authors found that people from African continent supported the teams from their region, which would be seen as their passion for the game and their love towards their continent.

In the third article the researchers find a significant positive effect of Swimming programme of body weight and blood sugar in diabetic patients.

The next article provides an insight into the psychological factors that are important in the personal development of the elite track and field athletes.

In the fifth article, the author's analyse the selected physical fitness variables associated with the playing performance of male Volleyball players; and found that playing performance has significant relationship with speed, agility, jumping ability, and hitting strength; whereas, no significant relationship was found with flexibility and endurance.

The last article evaluates the relation of various physical and psychological profiles of the junior female Volleyball and Table Tennis players, of the eastern region of India of different age groups, with reference to growth and development. Authors conclude that like growth and development, the regular physical activity also influences various psychological and physiological profiles; particularly the component of strength and endurance.

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