Why Should India Promote and Invest In Sports and How Close are we in Reaching the Global Standards?



PRESTIGE SALVACED

Emerge Asian Games Football Champion

History of Sports performances of the Indian team in the global level has been extremely rich. Indian athletes have shown remarkable performances at the global level, winning medals in events like the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, and international championships. From cricket and badminton to wrestling and athletics, Indian sportspersons are earning worldwide recognition and making the country proud.

Football	The Indian National Football team had won the first ever Asian Cup football Gold	d
	in 1951. The went to reclaim the Gold again in 1961.	
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Athletics	P.T Usha has won 4 gold and 7 silver medals at the Asian Games, and narrowly
	missed a bronze in the 400m hurdles at the 1984 Olympics.

Hockey	The Indian National Hockey team has won 13 Gold medals in the Olympics from
	1928 to 2024.

Chess	Vishwanathan Anand is a five-time World Chess Champion (2000, 2007, 2008,
	2010, 2012) and a global chess icon.

Boxing Mary Kom Boxing is a Six-time World Amateur Boxing Champion and Olympic bronze medalist (2012), a trailblazer for women's boxing in India.

India's Promising Future

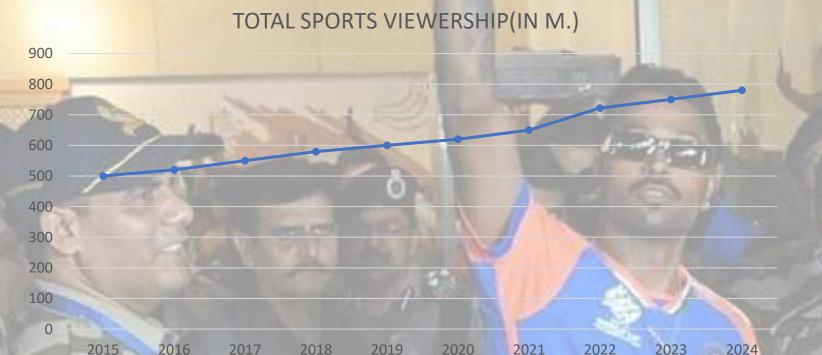
India's large population is like a vast ocean filled with hidden pearls, representing immense untapped talent in sports. With over 1.4 billion people, if our young athletes are equipped with proper resources, the potential talent pool is massive. Just as a big field has more chances of growing rare and valuable crops, a populous country like India has massive chances of producing world-class athletes across various sports. As awareness, infrastructure, and support improve, more individuals from diverse backgrounds will emerge and shine.



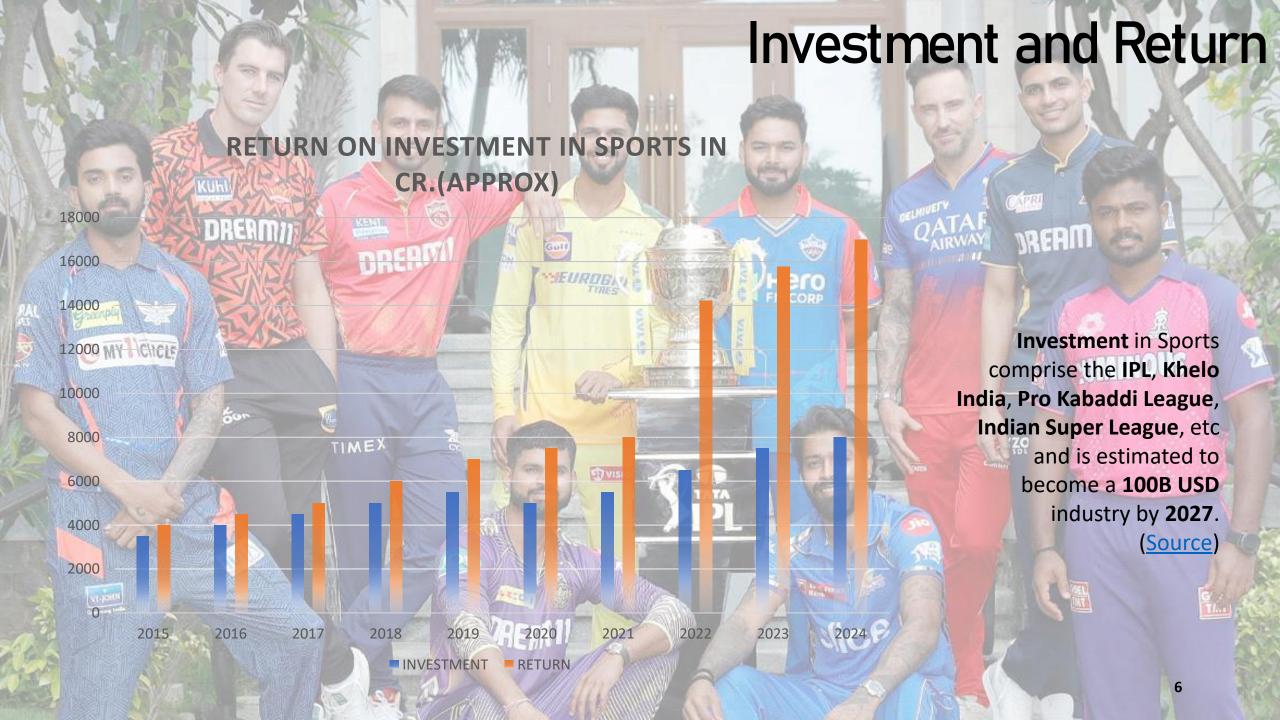
The Public Sentiment

Sports in India is much more than just a game of winning and losing. It is filled with emotions, starting with emotions for the nation to emotions a player.

People in India live and breath sports and wouldn't miss watching their favorite sports star pull up a comeback.



TOTAL SPORTS VIEWERSHIP(IN M.)



Infrastructure



Sports infrastructure in India needs improvement to provide athletes with the right environment for training and development. Better facilities like stadiums, gyms, and training centers help in nurturing talent from a young age. Many athletes, especially in rural areas, struggle due to lack of access to basic sports equipment and grounds. Improved infrastructure also encourages more people to take up sports, building a healthier and more active society. (Source)

MEETING GLOBAL STANDARDS

Khelo India Scheme

Target Olympic Podium Scheme(TOPS)

Fit India Movement

National Sports Development Fund(NSDF)

JSW Sports

Reliance Foundation Youth Sports

Tata Trusts – Sports for Development

Many **Indian athletes** meet global standards due to right guidance and access to resources, however, millions of other potential athletes fail to do so due to poor living conditions and lack of resources and equipment. Many athletes are forced to leave sports to find other means to sustain their family due to poor financial conditions. The **Government and the Private** sector have launched a few schemes to support budding athletes to help them realize their potential, however, more such programs are necessary.

Champions

In spite of the challenges faced by our athletes, India is becoming a Sporting Nation, giving us the hope and the reason to invest more into sports as a nation. Education and Awareness about Sports should increase as well, as the more people know about different sports, the better the infrastructures become. India is a leading cricket team and BCCI is the richest cricket board in the world as people love watching cricket. That is the potential of every sport in India.

