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Does the poor performance in sports indicate the decline of a nation?

~~Outline:~~

Brain storming

Sports performance depends upon:

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 - ↳ investment in sports infrastructure
 - ↳ budget allotted to sports (Gov. support)
 - ↳ identification of talent
 - ↳ Best coaching and training institutes.
 - ↳ Economic conditions.
 - ↳ active participation.
 - ↳ security issues (multi-lateral relations effected)

Decline of a nation depends upon:

- ↳ Security issues
- ↳ Economy / Financial crises
- ↳ Brain Drain
- ↳ Opportunities of Job
- ↳ Women empowerment
- ↳ political instability.
- ↳ Policy making issues.
- ↳ inadequate infrastructure.
- ↳ Literacy rate (Education).

Relationship ship performance in sports and decline of a nation:

1) Financial crises → investment in sports infrastructure
inadequate infrastructure

2) Education → Women empowerment
active participation in sports

3) Opportunities of Job → Best coaching and training institutes

4) Brain Drain $\rightarrow$ ^{less} active participation

5) Policy making issues $\rightarrow$ identification of talent.

6) Budget deficit $\rightarrow$ Economic conditions of Boards of sports.

Outline.

1. Introduction.

Poor performance in sports is not entirely responsible for the decline of a nation.

2- Potentially effecting factors-

2.1 inadequate infrastructure

2.2 Financial crises

2.3 investment in sports

2.4 security threats

2.5 Best coaching and training institutes.

3- Brain Drain

3.1 Lack of opportunities of Jobs.

3.2 policy flaws.

3.3 less active Participation

3.4 Identification of talent

4- Education crises

4.1 Literacy rate

4.2 Women empowerment

4.3 Women in sports (social-gender inequality)

5- Conclusion-

The Essay.

A nation's strength is found not in the number of its laws but in the character of its people.

~James Montgomery Boice

From its appearance in an Olympic games in 1952 to its final appearance in 1988, The Soviet Union was a dominating force in the international sporting world. But

this domination can not help it to resist disintegration in 1991.

So, the performance in sports either good or bad cannot entirely indicate the decline of a nation. There are several problems which can result in the decline of a nation—specifically third world countries like Pakistan is facing many of them. It includes the factors like inadequate infrastructure, Political instability, Educational crises, Budget deficit and policy flaws.

~~Firstly~~, The first and foremost reason of the decline of a nation is low literacy rate. As it leads to social injustice and inequality, healthcare system failures and loss of cultural

identity. Education is not about the mastering of books. It is about the social, moral and ethical values which an individual learns from quality education.

Education plays an important role in sports too as it is crucial to learn about the rules and regulations of anything, one wants to do. There are only rare cases where a person with no much educational background can excel in sports like Babar Azam. ~~the~~ Meanwhile, women

empowerment is compulsory too which can only be possible by education by following the statement Educate your son, instead of protecting your daughter. By education, it is only possible to build the women teams in sports which

can lead in the world too. It is owing to the promise of education by which we have stars in sports like Sana Mir, Bismah Maroof, Maryam Keerio Anum Banday and Hajra Khan.

Secondly, the major part in the decline of a nation is Budget deficit. While the performance in sports is highly affected by the inadequate infrastructure as there is ~~not~~ no proper infrastructure in which players can practice and improve and rectify the errors and flaws in their practice. Pakistan allotted only Rs1674bn for development spending. Not only the poor infrastructure is responsible for poor performance, but also the investment in sports too. In

2024 Paris Olympics, Pakistan was with just seven athletes with the allocation of \$350K while India was with 112 athletes with the allocation of \$11.8m for athletes. (Source: international olympics committee report). This shows the minimum budget allocation for youth development. ~~Meanwhile~~ As far as investment is concerned from foreign investors, it is directly related to the security issues in a country. The social unrest and self-suicidal attacks on the foreign investors push the investors to avoid the investment agreements within Pakistan such as the incident in which two Chinese nationals killed in blast near Pakistan's Karachi airport (Source: BBC report).

Thirdly, the reason of the decline of a nation is Brain Drain which led into the dollar reservoir's deficit. As majority trade in international market is done in USD. Lack of dollar reservoirs result in inflation and unemployment which can lead to social unrest, political instability and less active participation in the fields having a negative impact on sports as well.

We wouldn't have gone abroad if there were opportunities and employment in the country.
~Seema parajuli

Due to political instability, no body wants to work for the government due to poor public administration. Beside this

identification of talent is a crucial step before hiring any individual in any field specially in sports as ~~each~~ one individual can leave a drastic and important impact on the rival team like Arshad Nadeem -

Although his rival Neeraj Chopra was leading by 9-1 but the talent and courage of Arshad Nadeem led him to win Gold Medal in Paris Olympics 2024.