



**Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
Department of Sports**

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**“EK Bharat Shrestha Bharat Programme”**

**Report of Handball Championship for Senior Boys & Girls U21 Zone-1**

1. The Department of Sports organised following two events at Indore, Madhya Pradesh on 28-30 Jan 2020 between the teams of four Paired States. Each paired state was represented by a joint team. The winner of Zone 1 qualified to participate in Finals.

- a) EBSB Handball championship Senior Boys Zone 1.
- b) EBSB Handball championship Senior Girls Zone1.

2. Handball as a Olympic discipline was introduced in 1936 at Berlin Olympics, Germany. Subsequently, it featured regularly from 1972 Much Olympics and Became one of the popular sports in Olympic as well as major international Championship such as the World Championship, Commonwealth Championship, Asian Games, Asian Championship and South Asian Federation Games. Handball is the Second most popular sport in Europe after football. Handball basically is an Indoor Sport. In spite of the fact that it is played on Clay and grass courts due to lack of infrastructure facilities in the country, the Game has prospered tremendously providing ample opportunity to the players by way of employment in Central/State Government departments and Indian Armed Forces. Handball is an Very popular Olympic sports discipline that has been included in EK Bharat shrestha Bharat Programmed of department of sports & Youth Affair. The competition matches of the Championship were organized at Indore (Madhya Pradesh) on 28-30 January 2020. As part of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Programme.

3. **Inauguration:** The Hon’ble Corporator, Indore Smt. Kavita Khoval was then Chief Guest for the inauguration of the event. In her welcome address the Hon’ble Carporater welcomed all the players and officials from different state and gave thanks to the prime Minister for this very innovative program for the unity of the country. There was participation of local/District/State officials of the Sports Department..

4. **Participating State:** The competition was held between the teams of paired states as Follows:

**Boys Section :**

- M.P. & Manipur, Nagaland
- Himachal Pradesh & Kerla
- Punjab & Andhra Pradesh
- Jharkhand & Goa

**Girls Section:**

- M.P. & Manipur and Nagaland
- Delhi & Sikkim
- Puducherry & Daman and Diu
- Tamilnadu & J&K, Ladhakh

6. **Participation**: 64 Boys + 8 Official and 64 Girls+ 8 Official (Total 144) participated in the event. In addition a number of local technical officials were engaged for successful conduct of the competition. Sports Apparel was given on 144 participants.
7. **Opening Ceremony**: All the participants including the visiting dignitaries expressed their gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for the concept of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat which encouraged the youth of diverse culture and paired state to for better understating and strengthen the National Integration. The events were witness by large number of spectators.
8. **Publicity & Branding**: The venue barding was AS PER the guidelines. The event was covered extensively in the print and electronic media which had a very positive impact relating to the concept of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat though the sports activities. Photographs and paper cutting are enclosed. Digital copies and short illustrative video clippings of the live events are also attached.
9. **Boarding and Lodging**: The arrangements were made for participating boys and girls separately in Samrat hotel.
10. **Impact**: As per the feedback from the players and management good/excellent facilities both for stay and food were provided to them. The players from all the participating paired states/UTs were extremely happy to be together for better understanding of culture, food habits and other related issues and this opportunity has made them the friend forever.