

# Analysis of the First Year of Inter-University Competitions Organized by the Inter-University Board of India

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**Abstract – The first Inter-University Tournament was organized in 1940-41 that was started with men's tournaments only. Athletics, Hockey and Tennis were the games in which the tournaments were organized. Punjab, Allahabad and Patna were the champion of those tournaments. Here, the investigators will discuss about the struggle of Inter-University Board to organize Inter-University Tournaments. This paper also analysis the tournaments organized in the first year i.e. 1940-41.**

## INTRODUCTION

Inter-University Board of India was formed for the reciprocal interactions among the Indian universities. Mutual recognition of Degrees, Diploma, migration between universities etc. was the main issues behind the establishment of Inter-University Board of India in 1925. In 1928 the "Inter-University Athletic Board" was formed with the approval of Inter-University Board. The board organized some isolated tournaments in different games with different universities, but it was not in regular basis. After a long journey the Inter-University Board of India started Inter-University Tournaments in different games in the year 1940-41.

At first, the researcher wants to present the list of the universities for the understanding the area of work of the Board. The researcher also present only the universities were established before the Board was formed, except University of Ceylon.

Name of the University	Place/City	Present name of the City, State and country
Bombay University	Bombay	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Madras University	Madras	Chennai, Tamilnadu, India
Punjab University	Lahore	Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan
Benares Hindu University	Benares	Benares, Uttar Pradesh, India
Mysore University	Mysore	Mysore, Karnataka, India
Patna University	Patna	Patna, Bihar, India
Osmania University	Hyderabad	Hyderabad, Telengana, India
Aligarh Muslim University	Aligarh	Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, India
Dacca University	Dacca	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Delhi University	Delhi	Delhi, India
Nagpur University	Nagpur	Nagpur, Maharashtra, India
Calcutta University	Calcutta	Kolkata, West Bengal, India
Allahabad University	Allahabad	Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India
Rangoon University	Rangoon	Yangon, Myanmar
University of Ceylon	Ceylon	Colombo, Srilanka

The membership of the Inter-University Board was open to the universities in the neighboring countries. When the Inter-University Board was formed, Burma at that time was administratively a part of India. So, naturally the University of Rangoon was one of the founding members of the Board. Even in 1948, when Burma broken herself free from the British

Commonwealth; the University of Rangoon decided to continue to be a member of Inter-University Board, though, at that time was national enthusiasm, excitement and pride.

The University of Ceylon was joined in the Board in 1943. And in this situation the Inter-University Board was spread in Undivided India (at present India, Pakistan and Bangladesh), Burma (present name is Myanmar), and Ceylon (present name is Sri Lanka).

## OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the paper is to discuss about the first year of Inter-University Tournaments organized by Inter-University Board of India.

## METHODOLOGY:

Since the study is historical type, the researcher was mostly depended upon primary and secondary data available. As primary source, the researcher went through the Reports, minutes, Proceedings of AIU. As secondary source, the scholar was of the view to go through various books, journals, periodicals, newspapers and magazines and collect relevant information and try his best to make judicious interpretations on them.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Decade of the Inter-University Tournaments:

After organizing different games separately by enthusiastic universities, the Inter-University Board of India tried to organize Inter-University tournaments in 1940-41. This was the last year of 3rd decade of the 20th century, so the only year of the decade.

The Board tried to organize Athletics, Hockey, Tennis, Cricket, Football and Swimming for men. In female section, only tennis was tried to organize.

However, it was not possible to organize any event except athletics, hockey and tennis (male) due to various obstacles and problems. It is unfortunate that women tournament could not organized in this decade.

**Tournaments organized for Men:**

Year	1940-41
Tournaments	Athletics
	Hockey
	Tennis

**Results of Men Championship:**

Year & Tournaments	1940-41
Athletics	Punjab University (Lahore)
Hockey	Allahabad
Tennis	Patna

**Results of Men Runners-up:**

Year & Tournaments	1940-41
Athletics	Aligarh University
Hockey	Lucknow
Tennis	Lucknow

**Athletics:**

In the first year, in 1940-41 athletics was organized for men only. The Punjab University of undivided India, located in Lahore, and now in Pakistan was the first organizer of the tournament. A total of 16 athletics events are contested. 46 participants from 4 universities participated in the tournament. The organizer, Punjab University was the champion and Aligarh Muslim University was the runners up in the first Inter-University Athletics Tournament.

**Events of Athletics for Men:**

100 yards run, 220 yards run, 440 yards run, 880 yards run, 1 Mile Run, 120 Yards Hurdles, 220 yards hurdles, 4 Mile Cycle Race, Long lump, High jump, Pole vault, Hop-step & jump, Discuss throw, Javelin throw, Short put, Hammer throw.

**Tennis:**

In the first Inter-University Tennis Tournament Patna University was the champion and Lucknow University was runners up.

**Hockey:**

In the first Inter-University Hockey tournament was organized for men only. Where, Allahabad University was the champion and Lucknow was the runners up.

**All India Men Tournaments organized by the following Universities:**

Year & Tournaments	1940-41
Athletics	Punjab University (Lahore)
Hockey	Not found
Tennis	Not found

**CONCLUSION:**

In the first year of Inter-University Tournaments very few universities are showed interested towards sports. The Board tried to organize Athletics, Hockey, Tennis, Cricket, Football and Swimming for men. In female section, only tennis was tried to organize. However, it was not possible to organize any event except athletics, hockey and tennis (male) due to various obstacles and problems. It is unfortunate that women tournament could not organized in this decade.

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