



ROLL BALL

AN UNIQUE INDIGENOUS SPORT OF THE 21ST CENTURY

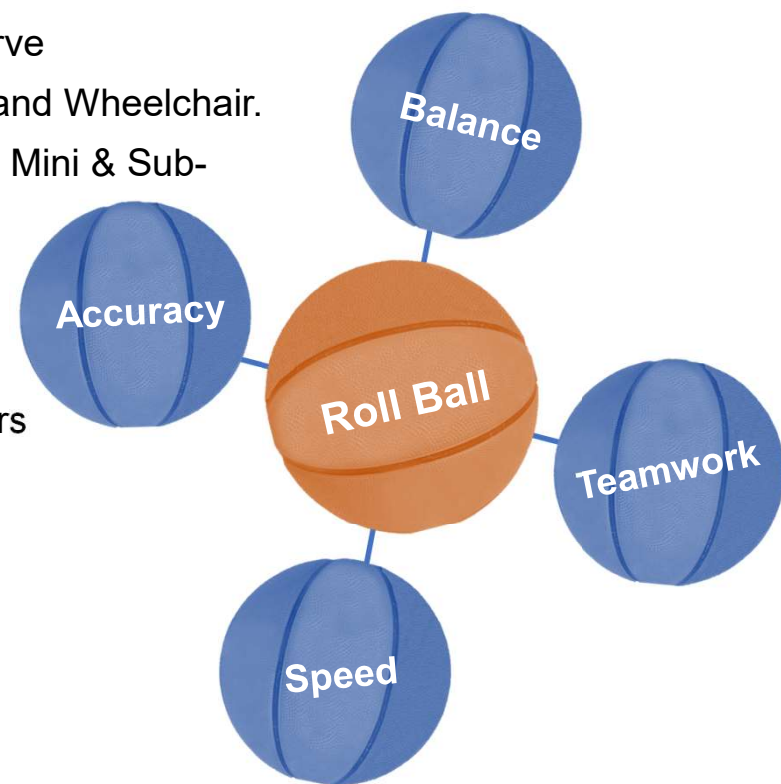
Roll Ball – Unique “Make in India” Sport of the 21st Century

Roll Ball; a game invented in 21st Century at Pune - India by a sports teacher in a private school. Some of the key information on the sports:

- One of the fastest growing Indigenous game played on roller/ inline skates with the Ball
- Team game played between two teams with 12 players each; 6 main and 6 reserve
- The game can be played on indoor as well as outdoor plan surface, Ice surface and Wheelchair.
- The court size is 20 x 40 mtr. for Senior and Junior Age Group & 15 X 30 mtr. for Mini & Sub-Junior Age Group.

Key features of Roll Ball:

- An innovative sport invented in the 21st century in India with an established International Federation (IRBF) and National Federation (RBF1) with headquarters in Pune – India.
- Suitable for skilled players with proper maintained combination of **balance, speed, accuracy and teamwork**
- **Thrilling for spectators** to watch due to unpredictable nature of the sport; game can turn around during any time within a live match
- Most likely to gain attention of the youths due to **speedy nature** of the game



International Roll Ball Federation (IRBF)

The International Roll Ball Federation (IRBF) is the governing body responsible for overseeing and promoting the sport of Roll Ball on a global scale. Established to provide structure, regulations, and support for the sport, the IRBF serves as the central authority for Roll Ball internationally.

The main aim of the International Roll Ball Federation (IRBF) is to promote and develop the sport of Roll Ball internationally. Roll Ball is a relatively new sport that stands on pillars Balance – Speed – Accuracy - Teamwork.

Here are some key functions and responsibilities of the International Roll Ball Federation:

- **Regulation and Standardization**
- **Global Promotion and Development**
- **International Competitions**
- **Membership and Governance**
- **Technical Support and Education**
- **Promotion of Values**

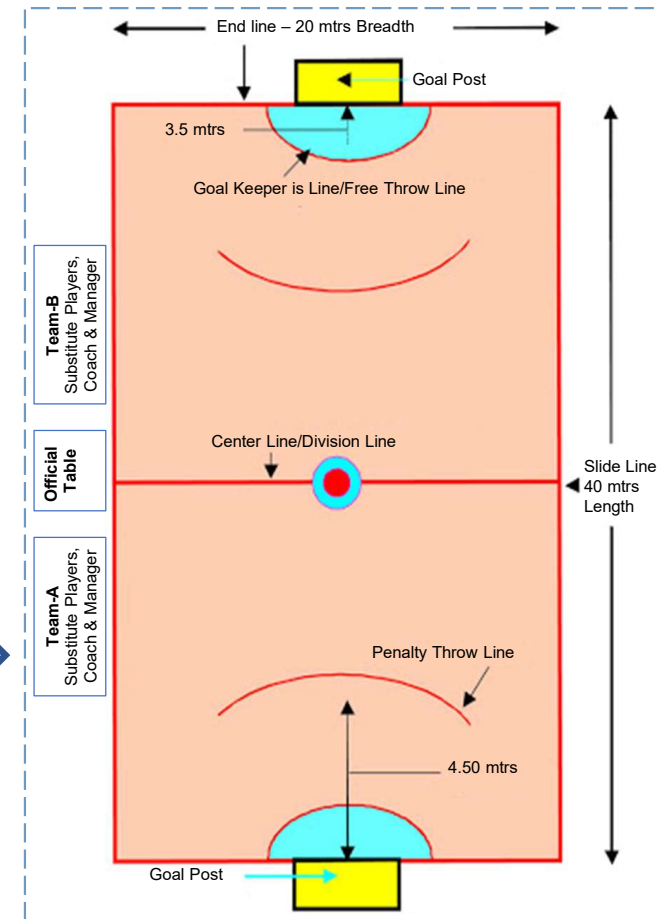
Typical Roll Ball court view and mandatory equipment



Inline Skates with ankle support



Knee guards/ pads and Helmet/ Head guard



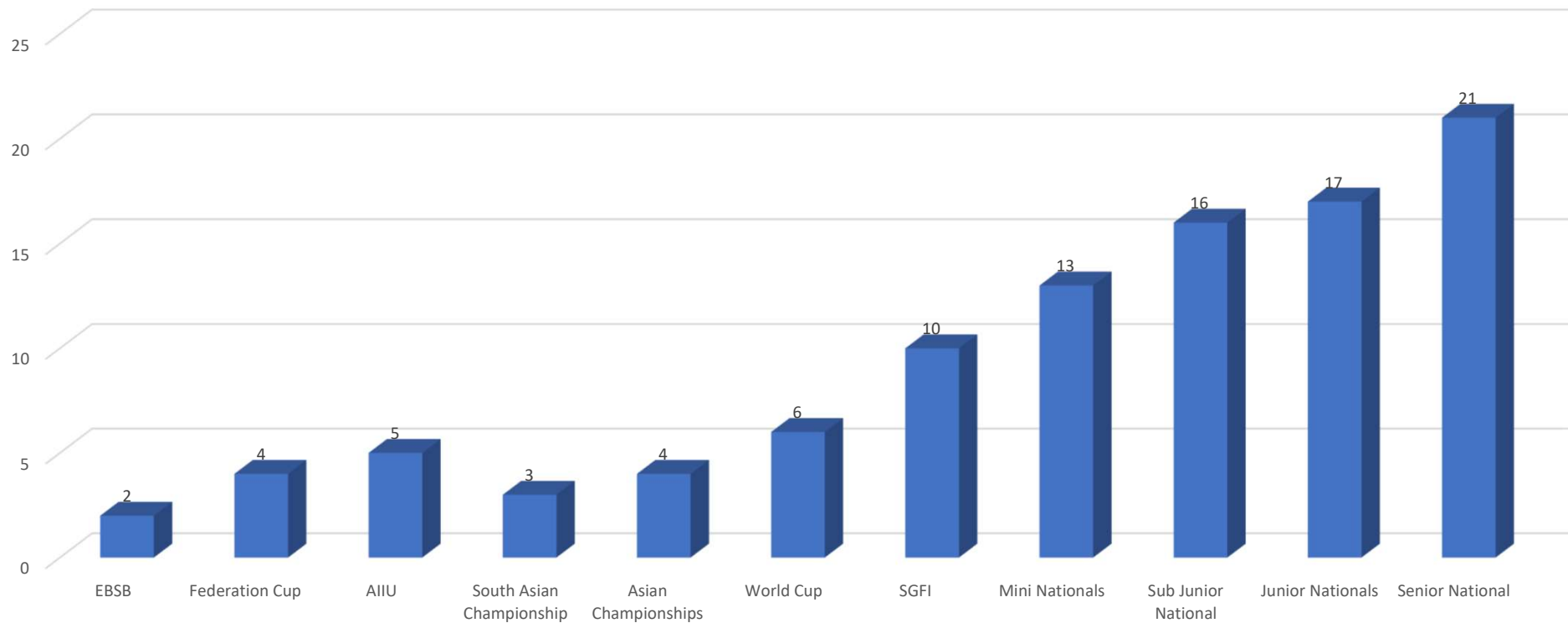
Evolution of Roll Ball world-wide over a span of 22 years

A glimpse of Roll Ball development nationally and internationally over the past 20 years



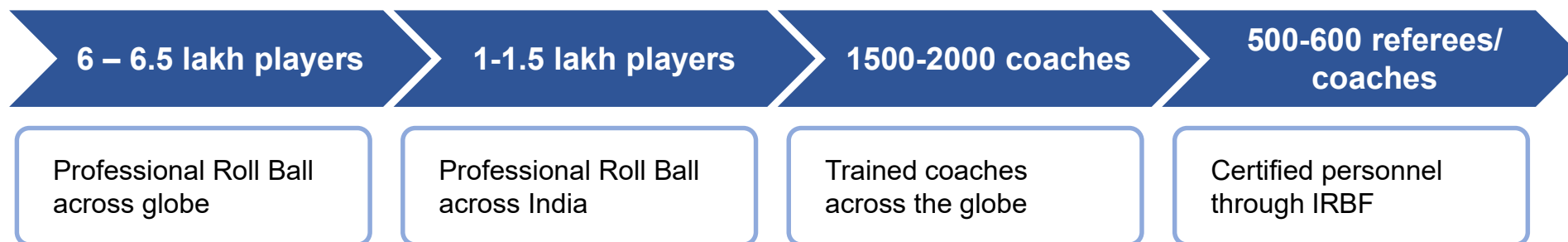
National & International Championships

Till now RBFi has organized various National & International Level Championships in all age groups in both Men's & Women's categories.



The game is rapidly spreading and getting formally registered under different country govts

Out of the total 60+ countries playing Roll Ball, 30 countries are officially registered or incorporated under their local government acts and further registered/ affiliated with the international federation. Following are the countries



6 Mega World Cups successfully conducted in a short span of 22 years

WORLD CUP

01

Pune, India

- Men's champion – Denmark

WORLD CUP

02

Nairobi, Kenya

- Men's champion – India
- Women's champion – India

WORLD CUP

03

Pune, India

- Men's champion – India
- Women's champion – Kenya

WORLD CUP

04

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Men's champion – India
- Women's champion – India

WORLD CUP

05

Chennai, India

- Men's champion – India
- Women's champion – Kenya

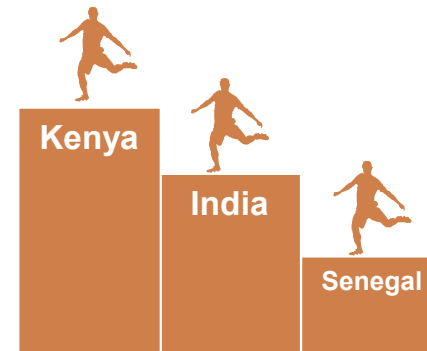
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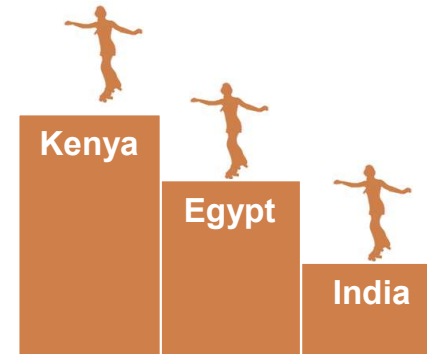
Pune, India

- Men's champion – Kenya
- Women's champion – Kenya

Gradual growth experienced in the number of participating countries over a span of 8 years



Men's World ranking



Women's World ranking

Roll Ball World Cup

✓ **1st Roll Ball World Cup 2011** was held at Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune – India from 16th to 23rd April 2011. In which 16 countries from 3 continents participated. Denmark became the World Champion and India and Belgium became 1st and 2nd runner up respectively.

✓ **2nd Roll Ball World Cup 2013** was held at MOI Stadium, Nairobi – Kenya from 3rd to 6th October 2013 in which first time Women's team also participated. 22 Countries fought for the championship title and India lifted the cup in both categories whereas Iran and Denmark came 1st and 2nd Runner Up respectively in Men's Category. In Women Kenya and Nepal respectively stood at 1st and 2nd runner up position.

✓ **3rd Roll Ball World Cup 2015** was held at Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune- India from 15th to 20th December 2015 in which 34 countries across globe fought for the prestigious title of World Champions. In Men's category India defeated for the title against Iran where as Latvia secured 3rd Place. In Women's category Kenya became the World Champion for the first time beating India and Iran stood at 3rd place.

✓ **4th Roll Ball World Cup 2017** was held at Sheikh Hassel Roller Skating Stadium in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 17th to 23rd February 2017. 39 countries across 5 continents and approximately 1000 Players, Coaches and Officials participated in this Mega event. India retain the World Championship against Iran and Kenya got the third place. In Women's category India and Iran fought for this cup and India won and identically Kenya stood at Third place.

Roll Ball World Cup

✓ **5th Roll Ball World Cup 2019** was held at ICF Indoor Stadium, Perumbur, Chennai- India from 15th to 20th November 2019 in which 27 countries across 5 continents were participated. In Men's category India retain the title after defeating Kenya and Bangladesh stood at Third place whereas in Women's category Kenya clinched the title from India and Egypt erupted to be at Third place.

✓ **6th Roll Ball World Cup 2023** was held at Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune - India from 21th to 27th April 2023 in which 24 countries across 5 continents were participated. In the Men's category, Kenya won the title by defeating India, while Senegal finished third. In the Women's category, Kenya retained the title from Egypt, and India rose to finish third.

SAI NS NIS Six Week Certification Course

Roll Ball Discipline is included in Netaji Subhas Chandra National Institute of Sports (NS NIS), Patiala which is fully governed by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and MYAS, GOI. NS NIS Six Week Certification Course is held every year for which Senior Players, Coaches, Trainers get admitted and complete the course in which 4 weeks of Online Theory classes and 2 weeks physical practical classes are held.

RBFi has about 250+ SAI NS NIS Six Week Certified Coaches till now and everyone is doing there best in respective fields. We are pretty sure that we will get many more qualified Roll Ball Coaches for our game in near future.



First Batch of SAI NS NIS Qualified Coaches

Roll Ball Game get its first ever dedicated Stadium



Pune Smart City Developmental Corporation Ltd and Pune Municipal Corporation allocated a space for Roll Ball Ground to Pune District Roll Ball Association. This space and Letter of Award was officially handed over to PDRBA. The commencement of the Stadium Work was done by the hands of Shri. Chandrakant Dada Patil MLA and President BJP Maharashtra State. We got the presence of Mr. Sanjay Kolte IAS CEO, Mr. Arun Godbole Chief Engineer, Mr. Borse Deputy Engineer all from PSCDCL, Mr. Amol Balwadkar Corporator, Mr. Sandeep Khardekar Vice President MRBA, Mr. Jay & Vijay Kakade, Mr. Vasant Rathi Members IRBF, Mr. Gajanan Tharkude President PDRBA, Adv. Amol Kajale Patil, Mr. Raju Dabhade Founder of Roll Ball and all Roll Ball Family members. RBFi is really thankful to PSCDCL and PMC for giving this wonderful opportunity to develop Indigenous game - Roll Ball.

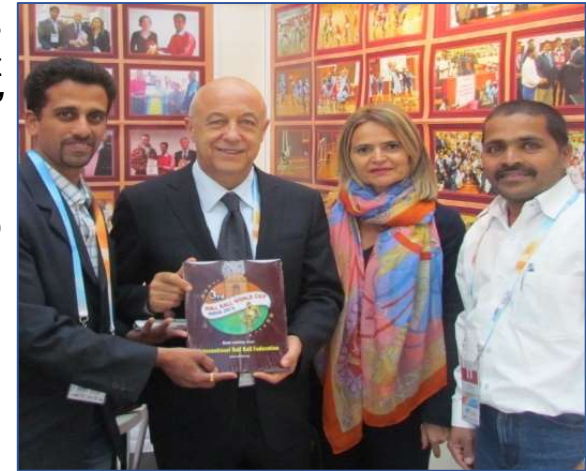
Efforts taken for global exposure to Roll Ball



The International Roll Ball Federation has done tremendous effort for popularizing the game through the world. It has kept constant participation in the **“Sports Accord Convention”** held every year in different parts of the world. Following is the list of the conventions in which “Roll Ball, IRBF” exhibition stall was established, and game was introduced and explained to different personalities within the sports sector:

- Sport Accord Convention, Quebec, 2012
- Sport Accord Convention, Sochi, 2015
- Sport Accord Convention, Lausanne, 2016
- Sport Accord Convention, Denmark, 2017
- Sport Accord Convention, Thailand, 2018
- Sport Accord Convention, Gold Coast, 2019
- Sport Accord Convention, Birmingham, 2024

Also, efforts were taken to reach out the **“International Olympic Committee”** to introduce the Roll Ball within Olympic Games. A visit was done to the Olympic committee in Switzerland from 3rd to 4th November 2011. IRBF has now received International Olympic Association’s recognition. Efforts are still continuously being taken with constant coordination with the IOC for incorporation of the game with Olympic Games.





Future Prospects of Roll Ball

The future prospects of Roll Ball are promising, with several factors contributing to its potential growth and development:

Global Expansion: Roll Ball has been steadily gaining popularity in various countries around the world, particularly in regions where roller skating and team sports are already well-established.

Youth Appeal: Roll Ball appeals to a wide range of age groups, but its dynamic and fast-paced nature makes it particularly attractive to young people.

Adaptability: Roll Ball is a versatile sport that can be played on different surfaces, including indoor and outdoor courts. This adaptability makes it accessible to a wide range of communities, including those with limited access to specialized sports facilities.

Innovation and Evolution: Roll Ball continues to evolve with advancements in technology, equipment, and training methods.

International Recognition: The establishment of the International Roll Ball Federation (IRBF) provides a solid foundation for the global governance and promotion of Roll Ball.

Community Engagement: Roll Ball fosters a sense of community and camaraderie among players, coaches, officials, and fans.

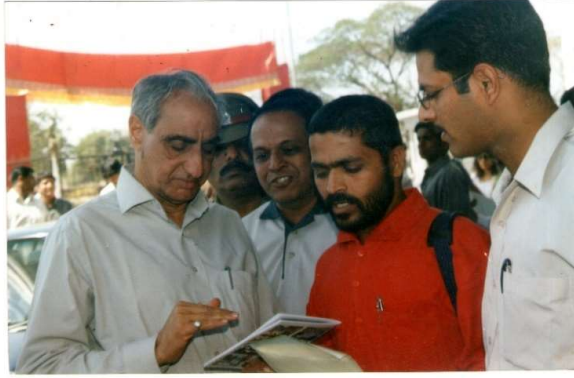
Future Plan for Development of the game

- ✓ RBFi and IRBF are committed to work for development of the game not only countrywide but also across the globe.
- ✓ We are working on strengthening the infrastructure as well as development of technical teams to promote the game.
- ✓ We are regularly organizing coaches training programs, official's workshops, organizing State and national level championships and local/ regional competitions.
- ✓ We are participating in International Sports Accord Convention which is organized by IOC & Sports Accord since 2012 for the promotion of the game worldwide.
- ✓ We have successfully conducted five World Cups as well as Asian, African & European championships and International official workshops.
- ✓ To get the recognition from International Olympic Committee & Asian Olympic Committee.











CERTIFICATE

The largest roll ball lesson is 309 participants, achieved by Roll Ball Federation of India and IRBF (both India) in Karnataka, India, on 18 May 2018.

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FROM a newspaper delivery boy to inventing a recognised international game and organising a world cup in Kerala, Raju Dabhadre's saga has been a journey of sweat and triumph. Not the one to give up, Dabhadre has set his eyes for recognition from the highest sporting body in the world: Olympics. And why not?

The villager from a nondescript Manded village in Mohali, near Pune, who successfully invented the roll ball, is geared up to host the six-day third Roll Ball World Cup in December 14-20 in Pune.

The recognition has not come without a price. Dabhadre, 50, currently a physical education and sports teacher at MES, Balshahani Mandir English Medium School, Kolhapur, Pune, was forced to sell part of his agricultural land to raise money for his travels abroad to popularise the game.

"We are expecting teams from 50 countries to participate," Dabhadre, a dropout from school, due to abject poverty, told *Financial Chronicle* with pride. "This is 100 per cent made in India game, which should make our prime minister Narendra Modi proud, but till now I have been struggling to raise funds. My appeals to the central government and the state government have not borne fruit yet," says Dabhadre.

Before he made it as a physical education teacher, Dabhadre says did a lot of odd jobs, including newspaper deliveries and plugging a rented autorickshaw on Pune streets. Life turned around for him after he completed Certificate of Physical Education (CPE) in 1985. Later, he went on to complete his BA and BEd degrees.

The idea for roll ball, says Dabhadre, came to him one afternoon in 2001 when an errand basketball interrupted his skating instruction. Roller-skating on old school grounds is still popular in India and most sports are at ways well-liked. Therefore, he decided to combine the two. "The game is a combination of roller-skating, handball, basketball and hockey. It is the only sport in the world that has reached the world cup stage in a span of eight years," says Dabhadre.

The sports teacher spent more than two years to research, formulate rules and regulations was hosted by the Kerian government at Nainital in June 2013. In the first world cup, Denmark team lifted the trophy and India had to be content with the runners-up prize, while Belarus secured the third position. But in the second world cup, Indian men's and women's team emerged winners. Iran and Korea were the runners-up while Denmark and Nepal secured came third in men's and women's categories.

The game was first introduced on February 2, 2003, in Pune in the presence of a team of officials from Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi, with the help of the then Pune BJP MP Pradeep Barwat. "Our team, comprising six boys and six girls played the 35 minutes game separately and at the end of the 'inspection', the SAI officials approved it. They also said it had the potential to become a world sport," recalls Dabhadre. The six member team comprised one goal keeper, two defenders, one central player and two forward players.

The game received a fillip after it was also recognised by ministry of youth affairs and sports in 2007.

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ROLL IN PLAY: (clockwise) a roll ball game in Trivandrum, Kerala and Indian teams

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