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Discuss the measure needed to be taken by the government of India to increase its sporting performance and soft power.

Ans:- The term, soft power, was coined by an American political scientist Joseph Nye Jr. in the late 1980s.

It is a country's ability to influence the preferences and behaviours of various actors in the international arena through attraction or persuasion rather than coercion.

Measure by Government to increase sporting performance and soft power

1. Address issues in sports governance
- 1.1 Direct and indirect financial assistance to sports federation e.g. tax benefits
- 1.2 Sports facilities for hosting events to National sports federations.
- 1.3 National Sports Development Council of India, which provides minimum standards to be

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to be followed by sports bodies

- (2) India should forge MoUs with nations that excel in specific sports to train Indian players overseas.

for example, Australia and UK can assist us in swimming and African nation like Kenya in running

- (3) India needs to boast the number of athletes under 10Ps to foster competitive climate

- (4) Private investment needs to develop infrastructure

- (5) Private sectors entry in other sports like Indian Premier League in Cricket

- (6) Implementation and execution of scheme like Khelo India, Chess Olympiad

Though India has improved in various games and widen its genre but it has to do more to be emerged as global leader in games by collaborating with other nations