

= Sourav Ganguly =

Sourav Chandidas Ganguly (pronunciation ; born 8 July 1972) , affectionately known as Dada (meaning " elder brother " in Bengali) , is a former Indian cricketer and captain of the Indian national team . Currently , he is appointed as the honourable President of the CAB and President of the Editorial Board with Wisden India .

Ganguly was introduced into the world of cricket by his elder brother Snehasish . He is regarded as one of India 's most successful captains in modern times , and one of the greatest ODI batsmen of all time . He started his career by playing in state and school teams . Currently , he is the 8th highest run scorer in One Day Internationals (ODIs) and was the 3rd batsman in history to cross the 10 @,@ 000 run landmark , after Sachin Tendulkar and Inzamam Ul Haq . In 2002 , the Wisden Cricketers ' Almanack ranked him the sixth greatest ODI batsman of all time , next to Viv Richards , Sachin Tendulkar , Brian Lara , Dean Jones and Michael Bevan .

After playing in different Indian domestic tournaments , such as the Ranji and Duleep trophies , Ganguly got his big @-@ break while playing for India on their tour of England . He scored 131 runs and cemented his place in the Indian team . Ganguly 's place in the team was assured after successful performances in series against Sri Lanka , Pakistan and Australia , winning the Man of the Match awards . In the 1999 Cricket World Cup , he was involved in a partnership of 318 runs with Rahul Dravid , which remains the highest overall partnership score in the World Cup tournament history . Due to the match @-@ fixing scandals in 2000 by other players of the team , and for his poor health , Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar resigned his position , and Ganguly was made the captain of the Indian cricket team . He was soon the subject of media criticism after an unsuccessful stint for county side Durham and for taking off his shirt in the final of the 2002 NatWest Series . He led India into the 2003 World Cup final , where they were defeated by Australia . Due to a decrease in individual performance , he was dropped from the team in the following year . Ganguly was awarded the Padma Shri in 2004 , one of India 's highest civilian awards . He returned to the National team in 2006 , and made successful batting displays . Around this time , he became involved in a dispute with Indian team coach Greg Chappell over several misunderstandings . Ganguly was again dropped from the team , however he was selected to play in the 2007 Cricket World Cup .

Ganguly joined the Kolkata Knight Riders team as captain for the Indian Premier League Twenty20 cricket tournament in 2008 . The same year , after a home Test series against Australia , he announced his retirement from international cricket . He continued to play for the Bengal team and was appointed the chairman of the Cricket Association of Bengal 's Cricket Development Committee . The left @-@ handed Ganguly was a prolific One Day International (ODI) batsman , with over 11 @,@ 000 ODI runs to his credit . He is one of the most successful Indian Test captains to date , winning 21 out of 49 test matches.Sourav Ganguly is the most successful Indian test captain overseas with 11 wins . The Indian team was ranked eighth in the ICC rankings before he became the captain , and under his tenure the team rank went up to second . An aggressive captain , Ganguly is credited with having nurtured the careers of many young players who played under him , and transforming the Indian team into an aggressive fighting unit .

Along with Harshavardhan Neotia , Sanjiv Goenka , Utsav Parekh , and Spanish La Liga side Atlético de Madrid , Ganguly is also the co @-@ owner of Atlético de Kolkata , a franchise of the Indian Super League , which won the inaugural season in 2014 .

He was awarded with the Banga Bibhushan Award from the Government of West Bengal on 20 May 2013 .

Sourav is currently a part of the Supreme Court of India appointed Justice Mudgal Committee probe panel for the IPL Spot fixing and betting scandal 's investigations .

He presently holds the post of being a member of the Indian Premier League governing council .

= = Biography = =

== = 1972 ? 1989 : Early life and introduction to cricket == =

Sourav Ganguly was born on 8 July 1972 in Calcutta , and is the youngest son of Chandidas and Nirupa Ganguly . Chandidas ran a flourishing print business and was one of the richest men in the city . Ganguly had a luxurious childhood and was nicknamed the ' Maharaja ' , meaning the ' Great King ' . Ganguly 's father Chandidas Ganguly died at the age of 73 on 21 February 2013 after a long illness .

Since the favourite sport for the people of Calcutta was the game of football , Ganguly was initially attracted to the game . However , academics came in @-@ between his love for sports and Nirupa was not very supportive of Ganguly taking up cricket or any other sport as a career . By then , his elder brother Snehasish was already an established cricketer for the Bengal cricket team . He supported Ganguly 's dream to be a cricketer and asked their father to get Ganguly enrolled in a cricket coaching camp during his summer holidays . Ganguly was studying in tenth grade at that time .

Despite being right @-@ handed , Ganguly learnt to bat left @-@ handed so he could use his brother 's sporting equipment . After he showed some promise as a batsman , he was enrolled in a cricket academy . An indoor multi @-@ gym and concrete wicket was built at their home , so he and Snehasish could practice the game . They used to watch a number of old cricket match videos , especially the games played by David Gower , whom Ganguly admired . After he scored a century against the Orissa Under 15 side , he was made captain of St Xavier 's School 's cricket team , where several of his teammates complained against what they perceived to be his arrogance . While touring with a junior team , Ganguly refused his turn as the twelfth man , as he reportedly felt that the duties involved , which included organising equipment and drinks for the players , and delivering messages , were beneath his social status . Ganguly purportedly refused to do such tasks as he considered it beneath his social status to assist his teammates in such a way . However , his playmanship gave him a chance to make his first @-@ class cricket debut for Bengal in 1989 , the same year that his brother was dropped from the team .

== = 1990 ? 96 : Career beginning and debut success == =

Following a prolific Ranji season in 1990 ? 91 , Ganguly scored three runs in his One Day International (ODI) debut for India against the West Indies in 1992 . He was dropped immediately since he was perceived to be " arrogant " and his attitude towards the game was openly questioned . It was rumoured that Ganguly refused to carry drinks for his teammates , commenting that it was not his job to do so , later denied by him . Consequently , he was removed from the team . He toiled away in domestic cricket , scoring heavily in the 1993 ? 94 and 1994 ? 95 Ranji seasons . Following an innings of 171 in the 1995 ? 96 Duleep Trophy , he was recalled to the National team for a tour of England in 1996 , in the middle of intense media scrutiny . He played in a single ODI , but was omitted from the team for the first Test . However , after teammate Navjot Singh Sidhu left the touring , citing ill @-@ treatment by then captain Mohammad Azharuddin , Ganguly made his Test debut against England in the Second Test of a three @-@ match series at Lord 's Cricket Ground alongside Rahul Dravid . England had won the First Test of the three @-@ match series ; however , Ganguly scored a century , becoming only the third cricketer to achieve such a feat on debut at Lord 's , after Harry Graham and John Hampshire . Andrew Strauss and Matt Prior have since accomplished this feat , but Ganguly 's 131 still remains the highest by any batsman on his debut at the ground . India was not required to bat in the second innings due to the match ending in a draw . In the next Test match at Trent Bridge he made 136 , thus becoming only the third batsman to make a century in each of his first two innings (after Lawrence Rowe and Alvin Kallicharran) . He shared a 255 run stand with Sachin Tendulkar , which became at that time the highest partnership for India against any country for any wicket outside India . The Test again ended in a draw , handing England a 1 ? 0 series victory ; Ganguly scored 48 in the second innings .

== = 1997 ? 99 : Marriage , Opening in ODIs and World Cup ' 99 == =

Weeks after his successful tour of England , Ganguly eloped with childhood sweetheart Dona Roy . The bride and groom 's family were sworn enemies at that point and this news caused an uproar between them . However , both families reconciled and a formal wedding was held in February 1997 . Same year , Ganguly scored his maiden ODI century by hitting 113 , opposed to Sri Lanka 's team total of 238 . Later that year , he won four consecutive man of the match awards , in the Sahara Cup with Pakistan ; the second of these was won after he took five wickets for 16 runs off 10 overs , his best bowling in an ODI . After a barren run in Test cricket his form returned at the end of the year with three centuries in four Tests , all against Sri Lanka , and two of these involved stands with Sachin Tendulkar of over 250 .

During the final of the Independence Cup at Dhaka in January 1998 , India successfully chased down 315 off 48 overs , and Ganguly won the Man of the Match award . In March 1998 he was part of the Indian team that defeated Australia ; in Kolkata , he took three wickets having opened the bowling with his medium pace .

Ganguly was part of the Indian team that competed in the 1999 Cricket World Cup in England . During the match against Sri Lanka at Taunton , India chose to bat . After Sadagoppan Ramesh was bowled , Ganguly scored 183 from 158 balls , and hit 17 fours and seven sixes . It became the second highest score in World Cup history and the highest by an Indian in the tournament . His partnership of 318 with Rahul Dravid is the highest overall score in a World Cup and is the second highest in all ODI cricket . In 1999 ? 00 , India lost Test series to both Australia and South Africa that involved a combined total of five Tests . Ganguly struggled scoring 224 runs at 22 @. @ 40 ; however his ODI form was impressive , with five centuries over the season taking him to the top of the PwC One Day Ratings for batsmen . Around the same time , allegations came that Ganguly was romantically involved with South Indian actress Nagma , something he denied .

= = = 2000 ? 05 : Ascension to captaincy and accolades = = =

In 2000 , after the match fixing scandal by some of the players of the team , Ganguly was named the Captain of the Indian cricket team . The decision was spurred due to Tendulkar stepping down from the position for his health , and Ganguly being the vice @-@ captain at that time . He began well as a captain , leading India to a series win over South Africa in the five @-@ match one day series and led the Indian team to the finals of the 2000 ICC KnockOut Trophy . He scored two centuries , including one in the final ; however , New Zealand still won by four wickets . The same year , Ganguly tried his hand at county cricket career in England but was not successful . In " The Wisden Cricketer " , reviewers Steve Pittard and John Stern called him as " The imperious Indian ? dubbed ' Lord Snooty ' . They commented :

" At the crease it was sometimes uncertain whether his partner was a batsman or a batman being dispatched to take his discarded sweater to the pavilion or carry his kit bag . But mutiny was afoot among the lower orders . In one match Ganguly , after reaching his fifty , raised his bat to the home balcony , only to find it deserted . He did not inspire at Glamorgan or Northamptonshire either . At the latter in 2006 he averaged 4 @. @ 80 from his four first @-@ class appearances . "

His Lancashire teammate Andrew Flintoff thought him to be aloof and compared his attitude to that of Prince Charles . In Australia 's three Test and five match ODI tour of India in early 2001 , Ganguly caused controversy by arriving late for the toss on four occasions , something that agitated opposing captain Steve Waugh . In the Fourth ODI , he caused further controversy by failing to wear his playing attire to the toss , something considered unusual in cricket circles . However , India won the Test series 2 ? 1 , ending Australia 's run of 16 consecutive Test match victories in the Second Test . The match saw India looking set for defeat after conceding a first innings lead of 274 . Waugh chose to enforce the follow @-@ on and V. V. S. Laxman (281) and Rahul Dravid (180) batted for the entire fourth day 's play to set Australia a target of 384 on a dusty , spinning wicket . The Australians were unable to survive and became only the third team to lose a Test after enforcing the follow @-@ on . In November 2001 , Ganguly 's wife Dona gave birth to their daughter Sana Ganguly . During the final match of the 2002 NatWest Series held in Lords after a stunning

performance by team mates Yuvraj Singh and Mohammad Kaif , Ganguly took off his shirt in public and brandished it in the air to celebrate India 's winning of the match . He was later strongly condemned for tarnishing the " gentleman 's game " image of cricket and disrespecting Lord 's protocol . Ganguly said that he was only mimicking an act performed by the British all @-@ rounder Andrew Flintoff during a tour of India . In 2003 , India reached the World Cup Final for the first time since 1983 , where they lost to the Australians . Ganguly had a successful tournament personally , scoring 465 runs at an average of 58 @.@ 12 , including three centuries .

By 2004 , he had achieved significant success as captain and was deemed as India 's most successful cricket captain by sections of the media . However , his individual performance deteriorated during his captaincy reign , especially after the World Cup , the tour of Australia in 2003 and the Pakistan series in 2004 . In 2004 , Australia won a Test series in India for the first time since 1969 . It was speculated that Ganguly was in disagreement with the head of cricket in Nagpur over the type of pitch to be used for the Third Test . The groundsmen went against Ganguly , leaving a large amount of grass on the pitch . Some experts indicated that the reason for this was for " spite or revenge " against the Indian captain . When Australia 's stand @-@ in @-@ captain , Adam Gilchrist , went to the toss , he noticed Rahul Dravid was waiting instead of Ganguly , leaving him to ask Dravid where Ganguly was . Dravid could not give a definitive answer , saying : " Oh , who knows ? "

Following indifferent form in 2004 and poor form in 2005 , he was dropped from the team in October 2005 . Having been nominated and rejected in 2000 , when the game suffered a tarnished reputation due to match fixing scandals , the captaincy was passed to Dravid , his former deputy . Ganguly decided against retiring and attempted to make a comeback to the team . Ganguly was awarded the Padma Shri in 2004 , India 's fourth highest civilian award , in recognition of his distinguished contribution in the field of sports . He was presented with the award on 30 June 2004 , by then President of India , Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam .

= = = 2006 ? 07 : Comeback and rift with Greg Chappell = = =

In September 2005 , Greg Chappell became the coach of India for the tour of Zimbabwe . Ganguly 's dispute with him resulted in many headlines . Chappell had emailed the Board of Control for Cricket in India , stating that Ganguly was " physically and mentally " unfit to lead India and that his " divide and rule " behaviour was damaging the team . This email was leaked to the media and resulted in huge backlash from Ganguly 's fans . Ganguly had enlisted the support from the Indian media and eventually the board had to intervene and order a truce between the pair . BCCI president Ranbir Singh Mahendra issued a statement that ,

" In view of the decision that cricket is to go forward , both the coach and the captain have been asked to work out a mutual and professional working relationship . For this , performance will be the criteria , applicable to captain , coach and players . [...] Of course the captain controls the game , the coach does his own job . Mutual trust is important . Henceforth no player / captain / coach will write or have any interaction with the media . Going to the media will lead to disciplinary action . "

Ganguly , Chappell and the Indian team manager for the Zimbabwe tour , Amitabh Choudhary , were asked to appear before the BCCI committee , where it was reported that assurance of working together was given by them . Consequently , due to his poor form and differences with the coach , Ganguly was dropped as the captain of the team , with Dravid taking his place . Chandresh Narayan , chief correspondent for The Times of India , commented that " The row with Greg Chappell just added to the mystery , but he was going through a really bad patch then , his only score [of note] was a hundred against Zimbabwe and that didn 't count for much . " Ten months later , during India 's tour to South Africa , Ganguly was recalled after his middle order replacements Suresh Raina and Mohammad Kaif suffered poor form .

Following India 's poor batting display in the 2006 ICC Champions Trophy and the ODI series in South Africa , in which they were whitewashed 4 ? 0 , Ganguly made his comeback to the Test team . Wasim Jaffer , Zaheer Khan and Anil Kumble had earlier been selected for the one @-@ day squad , despite their recent poor performances . Many saw this as an indictment of coach Greg

Chappell's youth @-@ first policy . Coming in at 37 / 4 , Ganguly scored 83 in a tour match against the rest of South Africa , modifying his original batting style and taking a middle @-@ stump guard , resulting in India winning the match . During his first Test innings since his comeback , against South Africa in Johannesburg his score of 51 helped India to victory , marking the first Test match win for the team in South Africa . Though India lost the series , Ganguly accumulated the most runs on the scoring chart . After his successful Test comeback he was recalled for the ODI team , as India played host to West Indies and Sri Lanka in back to back ODI tournaments . In his first ODI innings in almost two years , he scored a matchwinning 98 . He performed well in both series , averaging almost 70 and won the Man of the Series Award against Sri Lanka .

Ganguly was allotted a place in the official team for the 2007 Cricket World Cup . He was the leading scorer for India in their first round defeat against Bangladesh . After India were knocked out of the tournament in the group stage , there were reports of a rift between certain members of the Indian team and Chappell . Ganguly was alleged to have ignored instructions from the team management to score quickly . After Tendulkar issued a statement saying that what hurt the team most was that " the coach has questioned our attitude " , Chappell decided not to renew his contract with the Indian team and left his post as coach , citing " family and personal reasons " . On 12 December 2007 , Ganguly scored his maiden double century of his career while playing against Pakistan . He scored 239 runs in the first innings of the third and final Test match of the series . He was involved in a 300 run partnership for the fifth wicket with Yuvraj Singh . Ganguly remained prolific in both Test and ODI cricket in the year 2007 . He scored 1106 Test runs at an average of 61 @.@ 44 (with three centuries and four fifties) in 2007 to become the second highest run @-@ scorer in Test matches of that year after Jacques Kallis . He was also the fifth highest run @-@ scorer in 2007 in ODIs , where he scored 1240 runs at an average of 44 @.@ 28 .

= = = 2008 ? present : International retirement and IPL = = =

In February 2008 , Ganguly joined as the captain of Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) team , owned by Bollywood actor Shahrukh Khan , as part of the Indian Premier League (IPL) . On 18 April 2008 , Ganguly led the KKR , in the IPL Twenty20 cricket match . They had a 140 run victory over Bangalore Royal Challengers (captained by Rahul Dravid and owned by Vijay Mallya) . Ganguly opened the innings with Brendan McCullum and scored 10 runs while McCullum remained unbeaten , scoring 158 runs in 73 balls . On 1 May , in a game between the Knight Riders and the Rajasthan Royals , Ganguly made his second T20 half century , scoring 51 runs off of 39 balls at a strike rate of 130 @.@ 76 . In his innings , Ganguly hit four 4s and two sixes , topping the scorers list for the Knight Riders .

On 7 July 2008 , media reported that Ganguly was being projected as a candidate for the post of President of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) against his former mentor Jagmohan Dalmiya . Reports also suggested that he could run for the post of BCCI President in 2014 as East Zone 's representative . Ganguly himself did not deny the reports and did not rule out any such move . The same year in October , Ganguly announced that the Test series against Australia starting in October 2008 would be his last and stated " [t] o be honest , I didn 't expect to be picked for this series . Before coming here , [at the conference] I spoke to my team @-@ mates and hopefully I will go out with a winning knock . " Ganguly played in every game of the four @-@ Test series and amassed 324 runs at an average of 54 @.@ 00 . While playing the second Test match of the series in Mohali , Ganguly scored his final test century . In the final test match he played at Nagpur against Australia he scored 85 and 0 in his first and second innings respectively . In the Fourth and final Test , with India needing one wicket to secure a victory , the Indian captain , Mahendra Singh Dhoni , invited Ganguly to lead the side in the field for the final time . India regained the Border @-@ Gavaskar Trophy , winning the series 2 ? 0 .

In May 2009 , Ganguly was removed from the captaincy of the KKR for the 2009 season of the IPL , and was replaced by McCullum . The decision was questioned by media and other players of the team , when KKR finished at the bottom of the ranking table with three wins and ten losses . After that , Bengali television channel Zee Bangla roped him as the host of the reality quiz show titled

Dadagiri Unlimited . It presented participants from the 19 districts of West Bengal , who had to answer questions posed by Ganguly . By August , he was appointed the chairman of CAB 's Cricket Development Committee . The job of the committee is to receive a report from the selectors at the end of every cricket season , assess the accountability of the selectors and make necessary recommendations . He played for the Ranji cup in the Bengal team in October 2009 . Ganguly scored 110 in the match against Delhi and was involved in a partnership of 222 runs with Wriddhiman Saha .

In the third season of the IPL , Ganguly was once again given the captaincy of KKR , after the team ended at the bottom in the second season . The coach John Buchanan was replaced by Dav Whatmore . In 40 matches and 38 innings for KKR Ganguly scored 1 @, @ 031 runs and took eight wickets . In the fourth season of the IPL he was signed by the Pune Warriors India , after being unsold in initial bidding process and he made 50 runs of four matches and three innings . In the 2012 season he has been appointed as the Captain cum mentor for Pune Warriors India . On 29 October 2012 , he announced that he has decided not to play in next year 's IPL and to retire from the game .

= = Playing style and influences = =

Ganguly commented that David Gower was the first cricketer to attract him to the game . He loved Gower 's style and used to watch old videos of him playing . Other cricketers who had an influence on him are : David Boon , Mohinder Amarnath , Kapil Dev and Allan Border . Ganguly is a left @-@ handed batsman whose runs came primarily from the off @-@ side . Debashish Dutta , author of Sourav Ganguly , the maharaja of cricket , commented that throughout his career , " Ganguly played off @-@ side shots such as the square cut , square drive and cover drive with complete command . " Rahul Dravid has called Ganguly " ... next to God on the off @-@ side . " He used to hit powerful shots to the off @-@ side on front and back foot with equal ease . However , early in his career he was not comfortable with the hook and pull , often giving his wicket away with mistiming such shots . He was also criticised for having difficulty in handling short bouncers , notoriously exploited by the Australians and South Africans . However , after his comeback in 2007 , he worked upon these weaknesses to a large extent .

Amrita Daityari , author of Sourav Ganguly : the fire within , noted that in ODIs , where Ganguly usually opened the innings , he used to try to take the advantage of fielding restrictions by advancing down the pitch and hitting pace bowlers over extra cover and mid @-@ off . She commented : " Ganguly was notorious for attacking left @-@ arm spin bowlers . Due to excellent eye ? hand coordination , he was noted for picking the length of the ball early , coming down the pitch and hitting the ball aerially over mid @-@ on or midwicket , often for a six . However , he did have a weakness in running between the wickets and judging quick singles . " There were many instances where Ganguly 's batting partner was run out due to Ganguly 's calling for a run , and then sending him back while halfway down the pitch . A situation like this happened in an ODI against Australia where he took a single when on 99 , but he coasted and did not ground his bat . Although the bat was past the crease , it was in the air and he was consequently run out . Ganguly said , " I love to watch myself hit a cover drive , to watch myself hit a hundred . " Ganguly 's relationship with former Indian coach John Wright has been well documented in contemporary media , with them denoting the relationship as a " symbiotic process " . They credited Wright and Ganguly with bringing out international class performers , through academic , coaching and scientific fitness regimens . According to Dubey , Ganguly and Wright , along with other members of the team like Tendulkar and Dravid , were the first to understand the importance of a foreign coach for the Indian cricket team and was convinced that the domestic coach has outlived its utility . Ganguly 's aggressive style and Wright 's importance on fitness ushered in the development of a better cricket team for India .

Ganguly is a right @-@ arm medium pace bowler . He can swing and seam the ball both ways and often chips in with useful wickets to break partnerships . Vinod Tiwari , author of the biography Sourav Ganguly praised him saying " [d] espite not being very athletic as a fielder , Ganguly has

taken 100 catches in one @-@ day Internationals . That 's something to be proud of ! " However he criticised Ganguly 's ground fielding , especially his slowness in intercepting the ball to prevent runs and his tendency to get injured during catching the ball .

= = Legacy = =

Author Pradeep Mandhani commented that in his tenure between 2000 and 2005 , Ganguly became India 's most successful Test captain . He led his team to victory on 21 occasions ? seven times more than Mohammad Azharuddin with the second most wins ? and led them for a record 49 matches ? twice more than both Azharuddin and Sunil Gavaskar . Compared to his batting average of 45 @.@ 47 when not captain , Ganguly 's Test batting average as captain was a lower 37 @.@ 66 .

Statistics about Ganguly show that he was the seventh Indian cricketer to have played 100 Test matches , the 4th highest overall run scorer for India in Tests , and the fourth Indian to have played in more than 300 ODIs . In terms of overall runs scored in ODIs , Ganguly is the second among Indians after Sachin Tendulkar (who has the most ODI runs) and the eighth overall . He has scored 16 centuries in Test matches and 22 in ODIs . He is also one of only ten batsmen to score more than 10 @,@ 000 runs in ODIs . Along with Tendulkar , Ganguly has formed the most successful opening pair in One Day Cricket , having amassed the highest number of century partnerships (26) for the first wicket . Together , they have scored more than 7000 runs at an average of 48 @.@ 98 , and hold the world record for creating most number of 50 @-@ run partnership in the first wicket (44 fifties) . Ganguly became the fourth player to cross 11 @,@ 000 ODI runs , and was the fastest player to do so in ODI cricket , after Tendulkar . As of 2006 , he is the only Indian captain to win a Test series in Pakistan (although two of the three Tests of that series was led by Rahul Dravid) . He is also one of the five players in the world to achieve amazing treble of 10 @,@ 000 runs , 100 wickets and 100 catches in ODI cricket history , the others being Tendulkar , Kallis , Sanath Jayasuriya and Tillakaratne Dilshan .

Author Mihir Bose , in his book , The magic of Indian cricket : cricket and society in India. commented that " The cricket world had gotten too used to the stereotype of the meek Indian cricketer . All that has changed under Ganguly , perhaps for the better . " He credits Ganguly for not being shy of taking on responsibility . " He showed that he can be a leader of a team , which has greats like Sachin and Dravid in the side , without any problems . Under Ganguly 's leadership , India started winning matches and tournaments , previously lacking from the team considerably . " Within a few years of his captaincy , Ganguly rewrote the rules of being a captain of a cricket team . Unlike some of his predecessors , Ganguly was considered impartial , non @-@ parochial , and forever pushed his players to perform better . Off the field , his interactions with the media , his fans , and detractors were uncompromisingly honest and earned him the respect of cricket followers everywhere . However , along with this respect came the criticisms . Ganguly was condemned as a hot @-@ tempered man who refused to listen to other 's opinions and abided by his own rules and regulations . Matthew Engel , ICC sport critic , noted that this " turning deaf " to other 's opinions would one day harm Ganguly and that it was sheer luck that he existed on the sporting world .

Ganguly believed that his legacy as a captain was that he was able to build a proper Indian team . He added ,

" [We] were able to change the face of Indian cricket . That 's what I 'm proud of , because I think we made a huge difference . People used to think that we would simply roll over when playing out of India , but we changed the image . [...] [The team wouldn 't take any crap from any opposition] Absolutely , and that came from self @-@ belief that , that we had the ability to do well outside India . "

Bose commented that Ganguly 's greatest legacy lay in his influence on the younger and budding generation of cricketers . Ganguly felt that every young player should play two years of domestic cricket before being selected for international assignments . He also said that every newcomer should be given at least five games to prove himself . Later he explained that being at the receiving end of an unfair decision against him , that threatened to ruin his international cricket career , it

enabled him to understand the insecurities of other newcomers in the team better than his predecessors . Ganguly had always backed the influence and contribution of younger players of the team .

Despite his contributions , his captaincy and coaching methods came under immense scrutiny from the press as well as other scholars . Engel commented that " He seems like aloof to the problems that his mal @-@ decisions are creating . I don 't particularly believe that Ganguly has an ' effing knowledge how to lead his team and tries to counter @-@ pose it with instigating limitless , confrontational behaviours within the younger members of it . [One day] the time will come when such shock tactics will cease to work . " An article on Cricinfo Magazine pointed out his reckless behaviour . The reporter Rahul Bhattacharya said , " Generally Ganguly fostered angry or reckless young men . To him ' good behaviour ' , a broad term espoused by the present team management , belonged in school and probably not even there . He himself had been summoned to the match referee no less than 12 times in the last decade . His approach was bound to precipitate what could possibly be termed a cultural conflict in the world of modern sport . For Ganguly , like for Arjuna Ranatunga , competitiveness involved brinksmanship rather than training . As far as they were concerned Australia were not to be aspired to . They were simply to be toppled . England were not to be appeased . Victory lay precisely in their disapproval . In other words , Ganguly and Ranatunga wanted to do things their way . "

= = Overall career performance = =

= = Records and achievements = =

The only cricketer to win four consecutive man of the match awards in One Day Internationals .

The eighth highest run @-@ scorer in ODI history and second among the Indians , with 11 @,@ 363 runs .

The fastest batsman to reach 9 @,@ 000 ODI runs .

One of the only five cricketers to have achieved the unique treble of 10 @,@ 000 runs , 100 wickets & 100 catches in ODI cricket .

His Test batting average never went below 40 .

Has the highest individual score by an Indian batsman (183) in the Cricket World Cup .

One of the 14 cricketers in the world to have played 100 or more Tests and 300 or more ODIs .

India 's most successful Test captain overseas , winning 11 out of 28 matches that he led .

= = Captaincy record = =