

CHAPTER 6. MOTIVATIONAL STORIES

1. Take an interview of any one of the following personalities living near you.

Player / Coach / Gym Trainer / Sports Physiotherapist / Sports Manager

What Do You Miss the Most in This Lockdown?

Answer: - Something I miss the most is meeting my friends, meeting them for meals or coffee. I haven't met any of them since 15th March. I also miss playing sport - badminton, golf, cricket, table tennis.

Q. Who Is The First Person To Wish You Every Year? Is There A Ritual You Have For This Special Day?

ANS: - Invariably Anjali who wishes me, followed by Arjun or Sara. The ritual for that day is that I start with meeting my mother if I'm in Mumbai and then everything else.

Q. Recently It Was The Anniversary Of The 'Desert Storm' Innings And Two Days Later You Scored Another Hundred In The Final. How Did You Celebrate Your Birthday On That Day?

ANS: - India won the final in Sharjah. Mark Mascarenhas, My manager back then, had organized a big party for me, my team and a few Australian commentators were there too. We celebrated until the early hours of the next morning. The tournament was done, we'd won. It was reason enough to have a big party.

Q. What Has Been The Most Memorable Or Embarrassing Birthday Celebration?

ANS: - During a Mumbai Indians game at Wankhede, Matthew Hayden was interviewing me and he brought out a cake. He then asked me to cut it out of the blue between overs and the entire stadium sang for me. I've never done that and I felt quite shy at that moment to even look up.

Q. A Few Months Ago You Made Baingan Bharta For Your Family. Have You Tried Any New Recipes In This Lockdown?

ANS: - During this lockdown, I haven't tried anything new. I made Baingan Bharta again and an omelette. Sara and Arjun are also trying their hand at it. There was a phase where I would normally cook a lot but haven't really done that.

Q. The IPL Season Today Would Have Been In Full Flow. So Many Days Away From Cricket Practice For A Lot Of Players, Does It Affect Their Game?

ANS: - I don't think it would affect their game much because the players were playing and if you look at it that way, it's been a month & a half that they haven't played. Sometimes, it's good to move away from the game to recharge your batteries. I am sure the players would have recharged their batteries. I keep seeing their fitness regimes on social media platforms, and something which I was very sure that most of the guys would follow. But when it comes to getting back to action, I don't think they'll take too long. It's just about finding their rhythm and that won't take long I feel.

Q 2. Complete the following diagram

Name and Photo of My favourite Player

Sachin Tendulkar



Date of Birth

24-04-1973

Place of Birth Mumbai

Name of Mother and Father ramesh and rajni Name of Sports cricket

Participation at Competitive Level

Tendulkar's record as captain

Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn	Tied	No result	Win %
Test[105]	4	9	12	0	-	16%
ODI[106]	25	43	-	2	6	31.5

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Awards Received

- [1] 1994: Arjuna Award recipient for achievements in cricket

- [2] 1997: Tendulkar was one of the five cricketers selected as Wisden Cricketer of the Year.
- [3] 1997/98: India's highest sporting honour – Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna
- [4] 1999: Padma Shri – India's fourth highest civilian award.
- [5] 2001: Maharashtra Bhushan Award – Maharashtra's highest civilian award 2008: Padma Vibhushan – India's second-highest civilian award
- [6] 2010: ICC Cricketer of the year – Highest award in the ICC listings 2010: LG People's Choice Award
- ICC World Test XI: 2009, 2010, 2011
- ICC World ODI XI: 2004, 2007, 2010
- Wisden Leading Cricketer in the World 1998, 2010
- 2014: Bharat Ratna – India's highest civilian award
- Most Effective Swachhata Ambassador award at Safaigiri – 2019
- 2020: Laureus World Sports Awards – Sporting Moment of the Year (2000-2020)