



Aussie Test skipper Steve Waugh shares a word with former sprinter Aswini Nachappa at a charity show organised by AMP-Samar and Parikrma Humanity Foundation in Bangalore on Monday.

Steve Waugh wows corporate glitterati

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Steve Waugh, the Australian Test skipper was at his best, off the field and in Bangalore where he wowed an invited audience of corporate world's glitterati at a charity event here this evening.

He loves being around motivational, inspirational people and believes in team work. When 'interviewer' former sprinter Aswini Nachappa, asked how he stays motivated, Waugh said, "It's easy to stay motivated. You need to have pride in yourself, in playing for your country and need to respect your team members. We (Australian team) want to be remembered as the greatest team in history and we work towards it. One always has to remember that the team is more important. Of course individual performances matter but partnership is important," he stresses.

Waugh loves to be stimulated by challenges. That is how he manages to juggle his time between cricket, charity work, writing and family. He has 10 books on cricket to his credit and wouldn't mind doing "a non-speaking but cricketing role" in a movie. He refuted rumours of having agreed to do "an English film to be shot in India".

Asked about sledging, which is becoming a regular feature of international cricket, he said, "There is a little bit of that going on in cricket. Putting pressure on the opposition is part of the game and there is a certain body language. But there is a difference between that and sledging."

He nurses an ambition to beat India in India and for a man who believes that anything is possible if one gives it a go, this could be a reality unless the Indian team is willing to turn the match around in its own favour.

In his reply to a question by a child on which bowler he fears, Waugh said: "There is no such thing as fear in cricket. I respect a lot of bowlers. Curtly Ambrose is one of them."

The event was organised by AMP Samar Assurance Company Ltd (of which Steve Waugh is the brand ambassador) and Parikrma Humanity Foundation as part of its "Change your world" leadership series. Founder Shukla Bose sought public support in the form of contribution of half a day's salary by those who wish to help support a child's education.

The foundation auctioned a 16 x 12 ft painting by artist Milind Nayak and children of Parikrma, on the theme 'Milking hope work,' for Rs 1.10 lakh and an autographed bat of Steve Waugh for Rs one lakh. Waugh also launched the website www.parikrmafoundation.org.