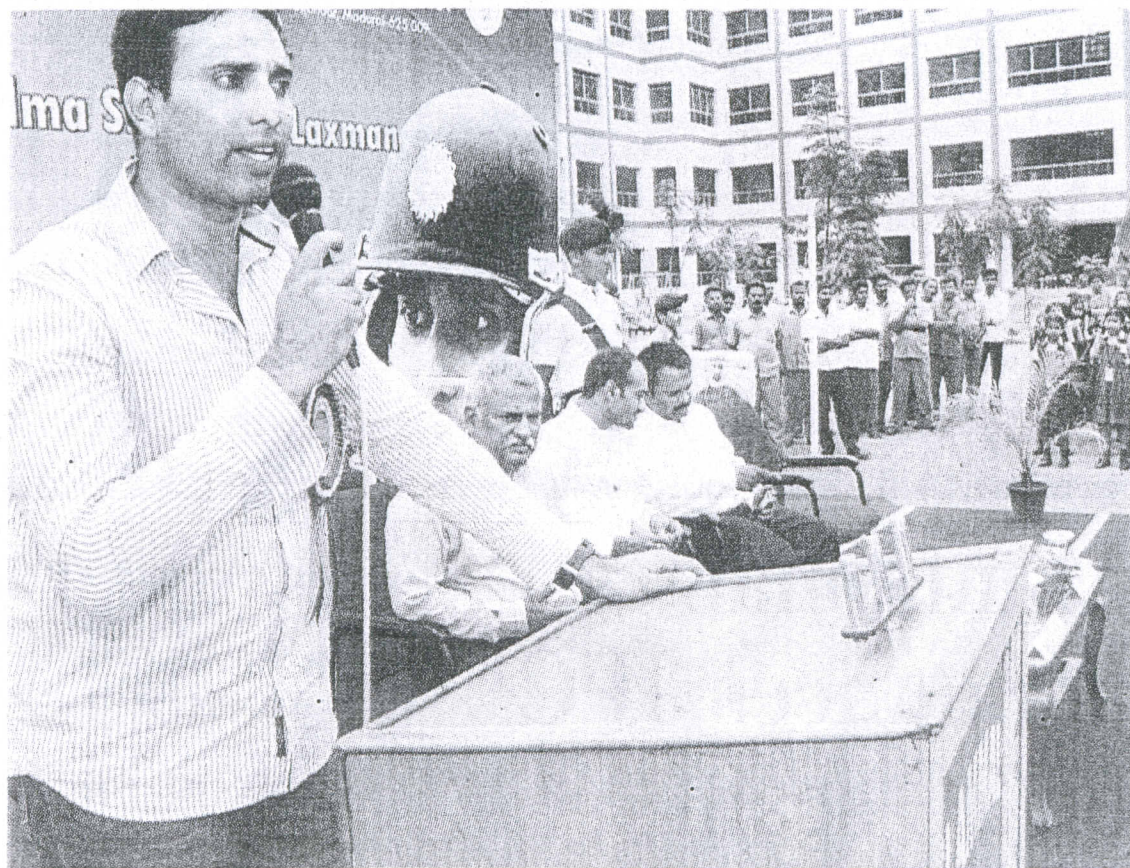


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Spend more time with children, V.V.S Laxman urges parents



GRATEFUL: Cricketer V.V.S.Laxman addressing students during a felicitation function held at a school near Madurai on Tuesday. — PHOTO: G. MOORTHY

He hails teaching profession

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MADURAI: "Teaching profession is a selfless job, and teachers who form the backbone of the society are nurturing the students to become better citizens and contribute to the society.

My teachers played a greater role than my parents in shaping my personality, said stylish middle order batsman V.V.S.Laxman.

Mr.Laxman, who was felicitated by the Sports Council of Velammal Matriculation Higher Secondary School here on Tuesday, said that he was overwhelmed by the hospitality of the school. It was for the first time that he travelled in a chariot around the school ground where he was greeted by a large number of students.

"I believe that the infrastructure and the facilities

available in the school would make the students better citizens and their emphasis on co-curricular activities also exemplifies that it not only ensures academic but an all-round development," he said.

The tall, wiry and elegant batter requested the parents to spend more time with their children and hone their skills so that they grow up and contribute to the development of the society.

Prizes distributed

Later in the day, he distributed awards and prizes to the students who excelled in sports and brought laurels to the school. The Sports Council was inaugurated in 2007 by cricketing legend Kapil Dev. "Every year, the school brings top sports personalities from across India," said B.Chandrasekaran, school Principal.