

Ashwin bowls to Stump Dyslexia Now

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Chennai: Cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin will now speak on behalf of the Madras Dyslexia Association (MDA) to raise awareness on dyslexia, after he was made its goodwill ambassador at an event here on Friday. Speaking during the occasion, the tweaker, who recalled how during his childhood dyslexic children were targeted for teasing by teachers and other students, said that there is an urgent need to raise awareness on the disorder. "These are specially talented kids. However, there is a low level of acceptance of such kids among parents and peer groups," he said.

Ashwin, who also said that he will sponsor a few economically underprivileged among the dyslexic children, said that subjecting the kids to undue pressure forces them to shield themselves, and, in due course of time, also turns them into child delinquents. "These are individuals who possess higher IQ than that of a normal person," said D Chandrasekhar, founder and president of MDA. "By ostracising them, the community is failing to capitalise on their huge potential," he added. When quizzed on what Ashwin can add to the cause of the children, Chandrasekhar said that the Indian spinner's status as a national icon would provide significant mileage to the cause of spreading awareness.



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