

'I've lost 50 kilos'

Cricket

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Relieved after notching his 100th international century that took over a year to come, Sachin Tendulkar on Friday said it was "mentally tough" to deal with the hype around the milestone and joked that he has lost 50kg after getting it.

"It hasn't sunk in but I have definitely lost about 50kg," the iconic batsman joked when asked whether the feeling has sunk after getting to a milestone that may never be emulated.

"Obviously I can't think anything at this stage. It has been a tough phase for me. Especially tough as I was doing reasonably well in Australia but felt that at times was a little luckless," he added.

Even in his personal moment of glory, the

diminutive batsman stressed on how significant it was for him that his effort contributes to the team's cause.

"It doesn't matter how many 100s you score, you still put your head down, grind it out and do the job for the team."

"I was not thinking about the milestone, the media started all this, wherever I went, the restaurant, room service, everyone was talking about the 100th hundred. It became mentally tough for me because nobody talked about my 99 hundreds," he said.

Talking about his innings on Friday, perhaps one of the slowest ODI innings by him, Tendulkar said it was tough to score.

"It was difficult because the ball was not coming on to the bat," he explained.

Asked what he would tell his young followers at this moment, Tendulkar said, "Enjoy the game and chase your dream. I had to wait for one for 22 years, the World Cup. So dreams do come true."

BD-IND SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Gambhir b Shafiqul	11
Tendulkar c Mushfiqur b Mortaza	114
Kohli b Razzak	66
Raina c Tamim b Mortaza	51
Dhoni not out	21
Sharma run out	4
Jadeja not out	4
Extras: (lb-6, nb-2, w-10)	18
Total: (For five wkt in 50 overs)	289
Did not bat: Pathan, Ashwin, Kumar, Dinda.	
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-173, 3-259, 4-259, 5-267.	

Bowler 0 M R W

Mortaza	10	1	44	2
Shafiqul	5	0	24	1
Shahadat	10	0	81	0
Shakib	10	0	63	0
Razzak	10	0	41	1
Mahmudullah	4	0	24	0
Nasir	1	0	6	0

BANGLADESH

Tamim c Jadeja b P Kumar	70
Nazimuddin c Sharma b P Kumar	5
Jahurul Sharma b Jadeja	53
Nasir Raina b P Kumar	54
Shakib st Dhoni b Ashwin	49
Mushfiqur not out	46
Mahmudullah not out	4
Extras: (lb-7, w-3, nb-2)	12
Total: (For 5 wkt in 49.2 overs)	293

Did not bat: Mashrafe, Razzak, Shafiqul, Shahadat.

Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-128, 3-156, 4-224, 5-288.

Bowler 0 M R W

P Kumar	10	0	56	3
Pathan	9	0	61	0
Dinda	5.2	1	38	0
Raina	7	1	30	0
R Sharma	2	0	13	0
Ashwin	10	0	56	1
Jadeja	6	0	32	1

Result: Bangladesh won by 5 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Shakib Al Hasan.

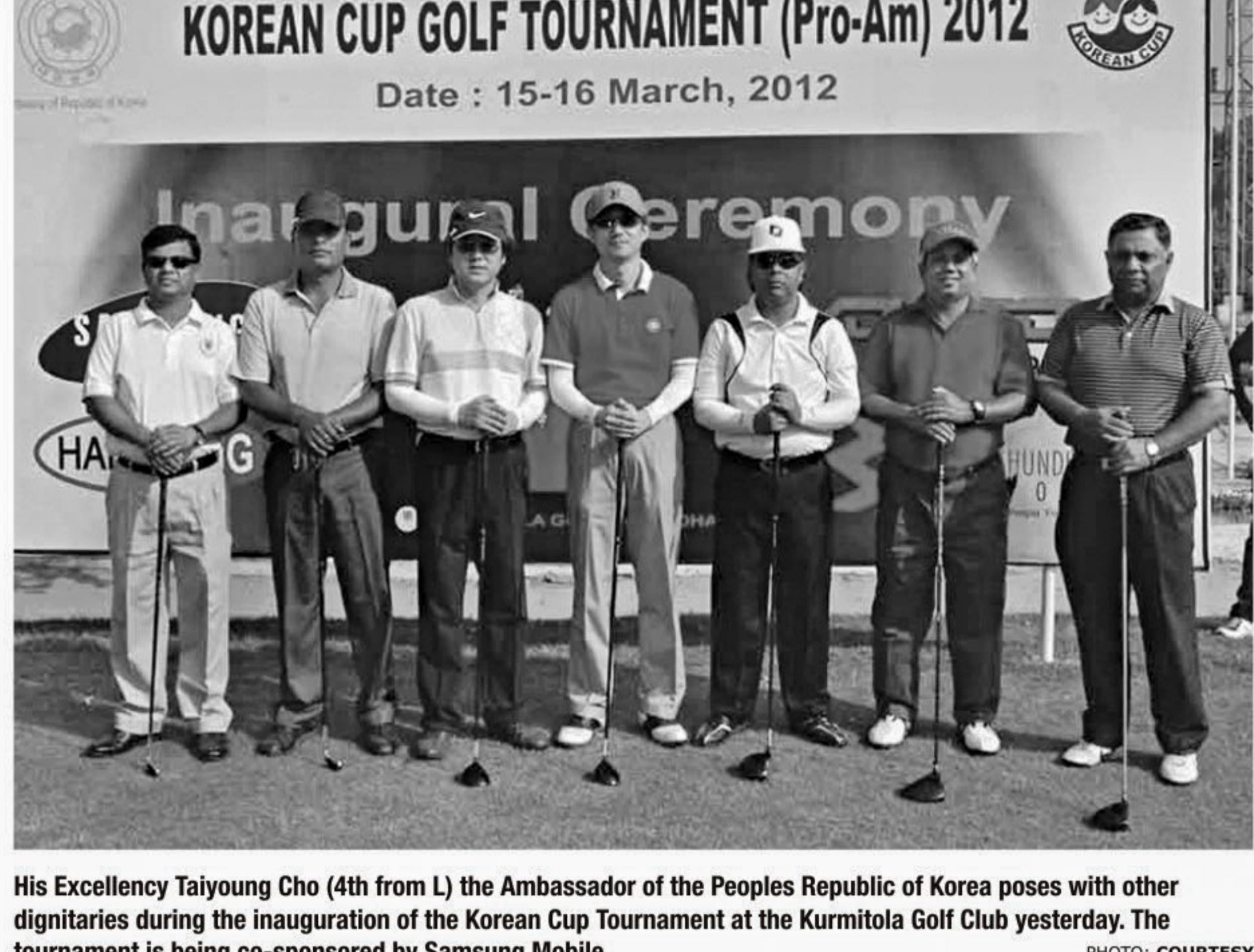
A century for centuries

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ton. He slowed down significantly afterwards, letting Virat Kohli control the partnership. There were phases of attrition, like a man stuck on 99 for 34 minutes or balls, but he fought through them one single at a time.

Once he had reached the ton, incidentally his 49th in ODI cricket, he pulled Shahadat

Hossain first before timing the ball past backward point, his twelfth and final hit to the fence apart from the one six he hit off Shakib over mid-wicket. Five more singles followed before he edged a Mashrafe delivery to Mushfiqur to end his hundredth hundred, an occasion that will finally put Tendulkar on a pedestal that has only his name etched on it.



His Excellency Taiyoung Cho (4th from L) the Ambassador of the Peoples Republic of Korea poses with other dignitaries during the inauguration of the Korean Cup Tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. The tournament is being co-sponsored by Samsung Mobile.

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A JOURNEY BY TONS

Runs	Format	Opposition	Ground	Date	Runs	Format	Opposition	Ground	Date
119*	Test	England	Manchester	Aug 9, 1990	146	ODI	Zimbabwe	Jodhpur	Dec 8, 2000
148*	Test	Australia	Sydney	Jan 2, 1992	126	Test	Australia	Chennai	Mar 18, 2001
114	Test	Australia	Perth	Feb 1, 1992	139	ODI	Australia	Indore	Mar 31, 2001
111	Test	South Africa	Johannesburg	Nov 26, 1992	122*	ODI	West Indies	Harare	Jul 4, 2001
165	Test	England	Chennai	Feb 11, 1993	101	ODI	South Africa	Johannesburg	Oct 5, 2001
104*	Test	Sri Lanka	Colombo	Jul 27, 1993	146	ODI	Kenya	Paarl	Oct 24, 2001
142	Test	Sri Lanka	Lucknow	Jan 18, 1994	155	Test	South Africa	Bloemfontein	Nov 3, 2001
110	ODI	Australia	Colombo	Sep 9, 1994	103	Test	England	Ahmedabad	Dec 11, 2001
115	ODI	New Zealand	Vadodara	Oct 28, 1994	176	Test	Zimbabwe	Nagpur	Feb 21, 2002
105	ODI	West Indies	Jaipur	Nov 11, 1994	117	Test	West Indies	Port of Spain	Apr 19, 2002
179	Test	West Indies	Naipur	Dec 1, 1994	105*	ODI	England	Chester-le-Street	Jul 4, 2002
112*	ODI	Sri Lanka	Sharjah	Apr 9, 1995	113	ODI	Sri Lanka	Bristol	Jul 11, 2002
127*	ODI	Kenya	Cuttack	Feb 18, 1996	193	Test	England	Leeds	Aug 22, 2002
137	ODI	Sri Lanka	Delhi	Mar 2, 1996	176	Test	West Indies	Kolkata	Oct 30, 2002
100	ODI	Pakistan	Singapore	Apr 5, 1996	152	ODI	Namibia	Pietermaritzburg	Feb 23, 2003
118	ODI	Pakistan	Sharjah	Apr 15, 1996	100	ODI	Australia	Gwalior	Oct 26, 2003
122	Test	England	Birmingham	Jun 6, 1996	102	ODI	New Zealand	Hyderabad	Nov 15, 2003
177	Test	England	Nottingham	Jul 4, 1996	241*	Test	Australia	Sydney	Jan 2, 2004
110	ODI	Sri Lanka	Colombo	Aug 28, 1996	141	ODI	Pakistan	Rawalpindi	Mar 16, 2004
114	ODI	South Africa	Mumbai	Dec 14, 1996	194*	Test	West Indies	Multan	Mar 28, 2004
169	Test	South Africa	Cape Town	Jan 2, 1997	248*	Test	Bangladesh	Dhaka	Dec 10, 2004
104	ODI	Zimbabwe	Benoni	Feb 9, 1997	123	ODI	Pakistan	Ahmedabad	Apr 12, 2005
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155*	Test	Australia	Chennai	Mar 6, 1998	101	Test	Bangladesh	Chittagong	May 18, 2007
177	Test	Australia	Bangalore	Mar 25, 1998	122*	Test	Bangladesh	Dhaka	May 25, 2007
141	ODI	Australia	Dhaka	Oct 28, 1998	160	Test	Australia	Sydney	Jan 2, 2008
143	ODI	Australia	Sharjah	Apr 7, 1998	154*	Test	Australia	Adelaide	Jan 24, 2008
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127*	ODI	Zimbabwe	Bulawayo	Sep 26, 1998	163*	ODI	New Zealand	Hamilton	Mar 18, 2009
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