Serve to win

Grand Slam champion and former World No 1 Andre Agassi on his foundation's work, being brand ambassador for Lavazza and his favourite coffee

During an email interview early this month, Andre Agassi, 46, spoke about his ongoing work with the Agassi Foundation and his latest role as brand ambassador for Lavazza. Excerpts:

On your foundation’s work…

‘Cardiac rehab is a service that is still not available for children in a lot of the developing countries. You cannot measure the impact of what we are doing. It’s the future. The future of our children is what we are trying to build. And it’s building character, it’s building good human beings, and it’s building leaders. It’s about giving these children the opportunity to be the best they can be. And if we can do that, then we’ve done our part. It’s not about winning or losing. It’s about being the best you can be and doing your best.’

Agassi

Memories of peanut farming

The pleasure of harvesting groundnuts and eating them fresh has few equals

‘In my home state of Nevada, peanut farming is a way of life. Since I was a child, I have been surrounded by the sweet aroma of fresh peanuts. It was a source of joy and pride for my family. We would harvest the peanuts by hand, and the whole family would gather around to enjoy the freshly picked peanuts.

I remember the excitement of harvesting peanuts. The sun would be shining and the air would be warm. We would be dressed in comfortable clothes and bare feet, ready for a hard day’s work.

The peanut harvest was a big event in our family. We would start early in the morning and work until late in the afternoon. We would harvest the peanuts by hand, using a simple tool that we had made ourselves. The peanuts would be stored in large sacks, and we would take them to the local market to sell.

When we had the peanuts, we would roast them over a fire, and the aroma would fill the air. We would then break open the shells and enjoy the delicious nuts.

I miss the days when we would go to the field and harvest peanuts. It was a time of joy and happiness, and I will always cherish those memories.

I still have a small farm where I grow peanuts, and I enjoy the process of harvesting them. It’s a way of reconnecting with my past and the hard work that went into growing the peanuts.

I believe that peanuts are a valuable resource and should be protected and valued. They are a source of nutrition and income for many people in the world. I support efforts to promote sustainable peanut farming and preservation.

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