

**Virat Kohli** (Hindi pronunciation: [\[ʋɪˈrɑːt̪ ˈkoːhli\]](#) <sup>ⓘ</sup>; born 5 November 1988) is an Indian [international cricketer](#) and the former [captain](#) of the [Indian national cricket team](#). He is a right-handed [batsman](#) and an occasional [medium-fast bowler](#). He currently represents [Royal Challengers Bengaluru](#) in the [IPL](#) and [Delhi](#) in [domestic cricket](#). Kohli is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time.<sup>[4]</sup> He holds the record as the highest run-scorer in [T20I](#) and [IPL](#), ranks third in [ODI](#), and stands as the fourth-highest in international cricket.<sup>[5]</sup> He also holds the record for scoring the most centuries in ODI cricket and stands second in the [list of most international centuries scored](#). Kohli was a key member of the Indian team that won the [2011 Cricket World Cup](#), [2013 ICC Champions Trophy](#), and captained India to win the [ICC Test mace](#) three consecutive times in 2017, 2018, and 2019.<sup>[6]</sup>

In 2013, Kohli was ranked number one in the [ICC rankings](#) for ODI batsmen. In 2015, he achieved the summit of T20I rankings.<sup>[7]</sup> In 2018, he was ranked top Test batsman, making him the only Indian cricketer to hold the number one spot in all three formats of the game. He is the first player to score 20,000 runs in a decade. In 2020, the [International Cricket Council](#) named him the male cricketer of the decade.<sup>[8]</sup>

He has received many accolades for his performances in cricket. He won the [ICC ODI Player of the Year](#) award four times in 2012, 2017, 2018, and 2023. He also won the [Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy](#), given to the ICC Cricketer of the Year, on two occasions, in 2017 and 2018 respectively. In 2018, he became the first player to win both ICC ODI and [Test Player of the Year](#) awards in the same year. Also, he was named the [Wisden Leading Cricketer in the World](#) for three consecutive years, from 2016 to 2018. At the national level, Kohli was honoured with the [Arjuna Award](#) in 2013, the [Padma Shri](#) in 2017, and India's highest sporting honour, the [Khel Ratna award](#), in 2018.