

Mahendra Singh Dhoni ([/məˈheɪndrə ˈsɪŋ dhæˈni/](#) [ⓘ]; born 7 July 1981) is an Indian professional [cricketer](#) who plays as a right handed [batter](#) and a [wicket-keeper](#). Widely regarded as one of the most prolific wicket-keeper-batsmen and [captains](#), he represented the [Indian cricket team](#) and was the captain of the side in [limited-overs](#) formats from 2007 to 2017 and in [test cricket](#) from 2008 to 2014. Dhoni has captained the most international matches and is the most successful Indian captain. He has led India to victory in the [2011 Cricket World Cup](#), the [2007 ICC World Twenty20](#) and the [2013 ICC Champions Trophy](#), the only captain to win three different [limited overs](#) tournaments. He also led the teams that won the [Asia Cup](#) in [2010](#), [2016](#) and was a member of the title winning squad in [2018](#).

Born in [Ranchi](#), Dhoni made his [first class](#) debut for [Bihar](#) in 1999. He made his debut for the Indian cricket team on 23 December 2004 in an [ODI](#) against [Bangladesh](#) and played his first test a year later against [Sri Lanka](#). In 2007, he became the captain of the ODI side before taking over in all formats by 2008. Dhoni retired from test cricket in 2014, but continued playing in limited overs cricket till 2019. He has scored 17,266 runs in [international cricket](#) including 10,000 plus runs at an [average](#) of more than 50 in ODIs.

In the [Indian Premier League](#) (IPL), Dhoni plays for [Chennai Super Kings](#) (CSK), leading them to the final on ten occasions and winning it five times ([2010](#), [2011](#), [2018](#), [2021](#) and [2023](#)). He has also led CSK to two [Champions League T20](#) titles in [2010](#) and [2014](#). Dhoni is amongst the few batsmen to have scored more than five thousand runs in the IPL, as well as being the first [wicket-keeper](#) to do so.