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Biography Report – Ms Dhoni

## **MS DHONI LIFE REPORT**

Mahendra Singh Dhoni, popularly known as MS Dhoni, is a former Indian cricketer and captain of the Indian national team. He was born on July 7, 1981, in Ranchi, Jharkhand, India. Dhoni is widely regarded as one of the greatest cricket captains of all time and is also known for his calm demeanour and his ability to finish games.

Dhoni's father, Pan Singh, worked as a manager in MECON, a public sector engineering company, while his mother, Devki Devi, was a homemaker. Dhoni grew up in Ranchi and was interested in sports from a young age. He played football and badminton before taking up cricket.

Dhoni's love for cricket began at a young age, and he played for various local teams in Ranchi. In his early years, he was a

goalkeeper for his school football team and also played badminton and table tennis. However, his passion for cricket led him to pursue the sport seriously.

Dhoni made his debut for the Bihar U-19 team in 1998 and later joined the Central Coal Fields Limited (CCL) team. He made his Ranji Trophy debut for Bihar in 2000 but gained prominence in 2003 when he played for the India A team against Pakistan. In the same year, he was signed by the Chennai Super Kings for the Indian Premier League (IPL) and became the team's captain in 2008.

Dhoni's real breakthrough came in 2004 when he made his debut for the Indian national cricket team in an ODI against Bangladesh. He quickly established himself as a hard-hitting middle-order batsman and a capable wicket-keeper. His big break came in the 2005/06 ODI series against Sri Lanka, where he scored his maiden century and helped India win the series.

In 2007, Dhoni was named the captain of the Indian cricket team, and he led the team to victory in the inaugural T20 World Cup. His innovative captaincy and calm demeanour on the field earned him the nickname "Captain Cool." Under his leadership, India won the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup and the 2013 ICC

Champions Trophy. Dhoni was also instrumental in India's rise to the top of the ICC Test rankings in 2009.

Dhoni's success on the cricket field also brought him commercial success, and he became one of India's highest-paid sportsmen. He endorsed brands such as Pepsi, Reebok, and Gulf Oil. In 2012, he was named the 16th most marketable athlete in the world by SportsPro.

In 2020, Dhoni announced his retirement from international cricket, bringing an end to his illustrious career. He finished with 10,773 runs in ODIs at an average of 50.58 and 4876 runs in Tests at an average of 38.09. He also holds the record for the most stumpings in international cricket.

Dhoni's contribution to Indian cricket goes beyond just his on-field performances. He is known for his leadership skills, calmness under pressure, and ability to inspire his team. He has been a mentor to many young cricketers and is regarded as a role model by fans all over the world.

In conclusion, MS Dhoni's life is a story of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. He overcame several challenges to become one of the greatest cricket captains of all time. His

success on the cricket field and his contributions to Indian cricket will be remembered for generations to come.