

Virat Kohli – The Run Machine of Indian Cricket

Full Name: Virat Kohli

Date of Birth: November 5, 1988

Nationality: Indian

Role: Top-order Batsman

Batting Style: Right-handed

Current Team (as of 2025): Royal Challengers Bengaluru (IPL), Indian National Team

Jersey Number: 18

Early Life

Virat Kohli was born in Delhi, India. From a young age, he displayed a deep passion for cricket. He joined the West Delhi Cricket Academy at the age of 9 and quickly rose through the junior ranks, showing exceptional skill and commitment.

Domestic and IPL Career

- Represented Delhi in domestic cricket.
- Captained the Indian Under-19 team to victory in the 2008 U-19 World Cup.
- Was signed by Royal Challengers Bangalore (now Bengaluru) in the first season of the IPL in 2008 and has been with the franchise ever since.
- Holds multiple IPL records including most runs and centuries by an Indian player.

International Career

Virat Kohli made his international debut for India in August 2008. Known for his aggression, consistency, and fitness, he quickly became a cornerstone of the Indian batting lineup.

- Served as the captain of India in all three formats (Tests, ODIs, T20Is).
- Led India to the finals of major ICC tournaments.
- Oversaw landmark Test series wins in Australia and other challenging overseas conditions.

Records and Achievements

- Over **25,000 international runs** across all formats.
- Scored **70+ international centuries**.
- Fastest player to 8,000, 9,000, 10,000, 11,000, and 12,000 ODI runs.

- Winner of multiple **ICC Cricketer of the Year** awards.
 - Led India to the **No.1 Test ranking** under his captaincy.
 - Only player to average over 50 in all three formats for a considerable part of his career.
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Legacy

Virat Kohli is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in modern cricket. His aggressive mindset, unmatched work ethic, and hunger for runs have set new benchmarks for excellence. Off the field, he is known for his fitness revolution in Indian cricket and his influential personality. Kohli remains a role model for aspiring cricketers around the world.