

= Salil Ankola =

Salil Ashok Ankola ( born 1 March 1968 , Solapur , Maharashtra ) is a former Indian international cricketer who played one Test match and 20 One Day Internationals ( ODIs ) from 1989 to 1997 for India . A right @-@ arm fast @-@ medium bowler , he played first @-@ class cricket for Maharashtra , regularly opening the bowling . Ankola 's consistent performances for Maharashtra earned him a call for representing India during their tour of Pakistan in 1989 ? 90 . After the first Test match at Karachi , he was dropped for the subsequent matches in the series owing to injuries . After a brief phase of playing first @-@ class cricket , Ankola was called for the Indian ODI team during 1993 , eventually led to being a part of the 1996 Cricket World Cup . At age 28 , Ankola retired due to a sudden development of bone tumor in his left shin bone ( osteoid osteoma ) because of which he could not run for 2 years . Since then he went on to appear in a number of Indian soap operas and a few Hindi films .

= = Early life and first @-@ class career = =

Ankola was born into a konkani @-@ speaking Maharashtrian Brahmin family in 1968 . He made his first @-@ class debut at the age of 20 for Maharashtra in 1988 ? 89 . Playing against Gujarat he scored 43 runs and took a six @-@ wicket haul ( six wickets in an innings ) that included a hat @-@ trick . He followed with another six @-@ wicket haul ; six wickets for 51 runs in an innings against Baroda . Overall , he collected 27 wickets at an average of 20 @.@ 18 including three five wicket hauls during the season . Owing to the consistent performances during the season , Ankola caught the attention of the selectors , as he was selected for the India 's tour of Pakistan in 1989 ? 90 . In a warm up match against BCCP Patron 's XI he took six wickets for 77 runs in the first innings and collecting two more wickets in the second innings , thus taking his tally to eight wickets .

= = Pakistan tour and aftermath = =

Ankola made his Test debut during the first test of the tour at Karachi , alongside Sachin Tendulkar and Waqar Younis , both would go on to become successful cricketers later in their careers . In a match that was drawn , Ankola took two wickets for 128 runs . Injuries sustained thereafter and prevented him from appearing in the remaining Tests of the series .

Soon after the Test series , that was drawn , Ankola was called for the ODI series . He made his ODI debut in the second of the three @-@ match series ; the first ODI was abandoned due to bad lights . Ankola picked up two wickets conceding 26 runs . He arrived at number 10 in the second innings at a stage where India needed 15 runs of one over . Ankola hit a six of the first ball that he faced off Imran Khan but eventually ended on the losing side . In the next match , he bowled just 2 @.@ 3 overs ( 15 balls ) before the match was called off due to crowd disruption . Despite being selected in the Test squads on domestic series and overseas tours , he never got an opportunity to play for the team . Being dropped from the team without getting a game was known in cricket circles as being " Ankolad " . However , Ankola continued to play ODI cricket . In the early 1990s , he along with other bowlers such as Abey Kuruvilla , Paras Mhambrey , Nilesh Kulkarni and Sairaj Bahutule was trained under Frank Tyson . Ankola mainly worked on altering his style rather than pace . During this period , Ankola married Parineeta ; the couple has two children ? a daughter and a son . After a period of three years , Ankola was selected for the Charms Cup against England and Zimbabwe at home . In a match against South Africa during the Hero Cup ( 1993 ) , he captured three wickets for 33 runs , which remained his career @-@ best bowling figures in ODIs .

In 1996 , Ankola was selected in the Indian team for the World Cup . In the tournament he played just one match against Sri Lanka . In a match that India lost , he conceded 28 runs off five overs without claiming any wicket . Shortly after the World Cup , the selectors with immediate effect dropped Ankola along with Vinod Kambli and all @-@ rounder Manoj Prabhakar ? all were a part of the squad earlier ? for the Singer cup and Pepsi Sharjah Cup . Ankola was replaced by medium @-@ fast bowler Prashant Vaidya . However , Ankola was subsequently selected for the Indian

team that toured South Africa in 1996 ? 97 . Despite being a part of the squad , he was never given a chance to represent the playing XI in any of the Test matches . Following the Test series , he was picked up for the Standard Bank International ODI tournament ; he played five games in the tournament against South Africa and Zimbabwe . In the finals against South Africa that India lost , Ankola conceded 50 runs in seven overs in what became his last match ; the spell included a catch being taken off a no ball and a dropped chance . The tour remained his last in international cricket as he was never selected for the team again . Following that , Ankola declared his retirement from international cricket the same year .

= = Later years = =

After retiring from cricket , Ankola shifted his focus towards entering films . He made his cinematic debut through the 2000 Hindi film Kurukshetra , where he played the role of a cop accompanying his senior officer played by Sanjay Dutt . He followed that with Pitaah ( 2002 ) , and his last major release Chura Liya Hai Tumne ( 2003 ) featured him alongside Esha Deol and Zayed Khan . The following year he acted in Silence Please ... The Dressing Room , where he played the character of a cricket captain . The film did not fare well at the box @-@ office , nonetheless Ankola 's performance was highly appreciated . He also participated in the first season of Bigg Boss , Indian version of the reality show Big Brother in 2006 . Prior to that , he acted in the Indian soap opera titled Karam Apna Apna , where he signed a contract with Balaji Telefilms that " [ Ankola ] would not act in any television show on any channel apart from those produced by Balaji Films " . Since he appeared in Bigg Boss before the contract would expire ? one year from June 2006 ? the Bombay High Court ordered him not to act in any TV shows on other channels that are considered rivals for Sony Television . Sssshhhh ... Koi Hai and Kora Kagaz are some of the other soap operas that he has acted . In 2008 , it was reported that Ankola has been suffering from depression and was enrolled in a rehabilitation centre in Pune . The reason behind the illness was believed to be his severe addiction to alcohol . As a result of this his wife decided to settle with her parent in Pune with their children , leaving Ankola isolated .

After his recovery in January 2010 , Ankola sent a legal notice to his wife demanding mutual consent for separation . His wife responded that , " there was [ no ] problem or a marital breakdown ... wanted to work on a reconciliation , not divorce . " Ankola , when asked about reconciliation , said he was not willing to do so . The couple finally got divorced in 2011 . On 22 December 2013 , Parineeta 's body was found hanging from the ceiling fan of her room at her residence in Geeta Society , Salisbury Park , in Pune .

In March 2010 , his former team @-@ mates in order to support Ankola , organised a Twenty20 benefit match between Sachin Tendulkar XI and Sourav Ganguly XI at the Andheri Sports Complex , Mumbai . The squad included Ankola himself along with Mahendra Singh Dhoni , captain of the Indian national cricket team then . A writer noted that , " Salil Ankola is indeed fortunate . Not many players get to witness an unexpected visitor in the form of the current India captain turning up for his benefit match " .

In February 2013 , Salil was seen as Savitri 's father in the daily show Savitri but was replaced by Shahbaz Khan in August , 2013 after a revamp of the show . Rumors are that he will be seen in an episode of the popular Zee TV show , Fear Files .

= = Filmography = =

= = Films = = =

Kurukshetra ( 2000 )

Pitaah ( 2002 )

Chura Liya Hai Tumne ( 2003 )

Silence Please ... The Dressing Room ( 2004 )

Riwayat ( 2012 )

= = = Television = = =

Karam Apna Apna

C.I.D. : Special Bureau

Ssshhhh ... Koi Hai

Vikraal Aur Gabraal

Zindagi Teri Meri Kahani

Bigg Boss 1

Kehta Hai Dil

Ak ... tion Unlimited Josh

Kora Kagaz

Noorjahan ( TV Series )

Pyar Ka Bandhan

Savitri ( TV series )

Chahat Aur Nafrat ( TV series )

" Power Couples ( Contestant ) ( with second wife Ria ) "

Box Cricket League