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1. Mahendra Singh Dhoni, fondly known as MS Dhoni, is one of India's most celebrated cricketers.
  2. He was born on July 7, 1981, in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
  3. Dhoni grew up in a middle-class family and developed a love for sports early in life.
  4. Before cricket, he was an excellent football goalkeeper during his school days.
  5. His goalkeeping skills caught the eye of his coach, who encouraged him to try cricket.
  6. Dhoni soon began wicketkeeping for his school's cricket team.
  7. His natural talent behind the stumps and his hard-hitting batting impressed everyone.
  8. He started playing for local clubs and district teams in Jharkhand.
  9. Dhoni worked as a ticket collector for the Indian Railways in Kharagpur.
  10. Despite his job, he continued to pursue cricket passionately.
  11. His domestic performances for Bihar and later Jharkhand drew national attention.
  12. In 2004, Dhoni made his international debut for India in an ODI against Bangladesh.
  13. His debut match wasn't memorable, as he was run out for a duck.
  14. However, his talent was undeniable, and he soon made a strong comeback.
  15. In 2005, he scored a blistering 148 against Pakistan in Visakhapatnam.
  16. That innings announced Dhoni as a future star of Indian cricket.
  17. Later the same year, he smashed 183\* against Sri Lanka in Jaipur.
  18. That knock remains one of the greatest ODI innings ever played.
  19. His fearless batting style made him a fan favorite.
  20. Dhoni became known for his signature "helicopter shot."
  21. The shot was inspired by his friend Santosh Lal from Jharkhand.
  22. His long hair and calm demeanor became iconic early in his career.
  23. Dhoni's leadership qualities soon caught the attention of selectors.
  24. In 2007, he was named captain of the Indian T20 team.
  25. That same year, India won the inaugural ICC T20 World Cup under his captaincy.
  26. The victory in South Africa made Dhoni a national hero overnight.
  27. His calm leadership style earned him the nickname "Captain Cool."
  28. Dhoni's success in T20s led to his appointment as ODI captain.
  29. Under his captaincy, India became the top-ranked ODI team.
  30. In 2008, he was made the Test captain as well.
  31. Dhoni became the first Indian captain to win all three ICC trophies.
  32. Those trophies were the T20 World Cup (2007), ODI World Cup (2011), and Champions Trophy (2013).
  33. His 2011 World Cup-winning six remains one of cricket's most iconic moments.
  34. "Dhoni finishes off in style" became a line etched in every Indian's memory.
  35. The 2011 World Cup final win came on home soil in Mumbai.
  36. Dhoni was named Man of the Match for his unbeaten 91\*.
  37. He led India with calmness even in the most tense moments.
  38. Dhoni's decision-making ability under pressure became legendary.
  39. He was known for taking unconventional yet effective tactical decisions.
  40. One example was giving Joginder Sharma the final over in the 2007 T20 final.
  41. His trust in his players was a hallmark of his captaincy.
  42. Dhoni's wicketkeeping skills were second to none.

43. He revolutionized wicketkeeping with lightning-fast stumpings.
44. His reflexes behind the stumps were unmatched.
45. He often completed stumpings faster than the blink of an eye.
46. Dhoni's glove work became a benchmark for wicketkeepers worldwide.
47. He also became one of India's best finishers in limited-overs cricket.
48. His ability to calculate chases and control run rates was exceptional.
49. He often stayed calm and finished matches with last-over boundaries.
50. Dhoni believed in leading by example rather than with words.
51. His humility and composure inspired teammates.
52. He was rarely seen losing