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Personal life Rahul Ajay Tripathi, born on 2 March 1991 in Ranchi, Jharkhand, is the son of former Army Colonel Ajay Tripathi and Suchitra Tripathi, a housewife. His father, was also a former cricketer who played for the Uttar Pradesh under-22 side in the early 80s.[2] Growing up in a military family, Rahul faced frequent relocations. His cricket training, initiated at age 9, in Lucknow, was temporarily halted when his father was assigned to Srinagar as part of Operation Parakram. The challenging conditions forced Rahul to take a hiatus from cricket at the age of 10.[3] Upon relocating to Pune in 2003, Rahul's cricket journey resumed under his father's guidance. Enrolled in Pune's Deccan Gymkhana on 20 September 2003, he trained under the mentorship of Kedar Joglekar and Hemant Athalye, establishing this as his cricket alma mater. Achieving notable success in junior cricket, he garnered attention with three consecutive centuries at the U-19 level

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