**Mahendra Singh Dhoni** (born 7 July 1981), commonly known as **MS Dhoni**, is a former [Indian cricketer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) and captain of the [Indian national team](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India_national_cricket_team) in limited-overs formats from 2007 to 2017, and in Test cricket from 2008 to 2014. He is also the current captain of [Chennai Super Kings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chennai_Super_Kings) in the [Indian Premier League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Premier_League). Under his captaincy, India won the [2007 ICC World Twenty20](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_ICC_World_Twenty20), the [2011 Cricket World Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Cricket_World_Cup), and the [2013 ICC Champions Trophy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_ICC_Champions_Trophy), the most by any captain. He also led India to victory in the [2010](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_Asia_Cup) and [2016](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Asia_Cup) [Asia Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asia_Cup). Additionally, under his leadership, India won the 2010 and 2011 ICC Test Mace and 2013 ICC ODI Championship. Dhoni is a right-handed wicket-keeper batsman known for his aggressive captaincy and his ability to finish matches in tight situations. He scored over 10,000 runs in One Day Internationals and is considered one of the best finishers in the game. He is also one of the greatest wicket-keepers and captains in the history of cricket.

In Indian domestic cricket he played for [Bihar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bihar_cricket_team) and [Jharkhand Cricket team.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jharkhand_cricket_team) He is the captain of [Chennai Super Kings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chennai_Super_Kings) (CSK) in the [Indian Premier League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Premier_League). He captained the side to championships in the [2010](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_Indian_Premier_League), [2011](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Indian_Premier_League), [2018](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2018_Indian_Premier_League) and [2021](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2021_Indian_Premier_League) editions of IPL league. Also under his captaincy [Chennai Super Kings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chennai_Super_Kings) (CSK) Won [Champions League T20](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Champions_League_T20) two times, in [2010](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_Champions_League_Twenty20) and [2014](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Champions_League_Twenty20).

Dhoni made his ODI debut on 23 December 2004, against [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh_national_cricket_team) in [Chittagong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chittagong),[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Dhoni#cite_note-2) and played his first Test a year later against [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka_national_cricket_team).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Dhoni#cite_note-3) He played his first T20I also a year later against [South Africa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa_national_cricket_team).[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Dhoni#cite_note-4) In 2007, he took over the ODI captaincy from [Rahul Dravid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rahul_Dravid) and he also selected as T20I captain of India in this year.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Dhoni#cite_note-5) In 2008, he was selected as Test captain.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Dhoni#cite_note-6) His captaincy record in Tests format was mixed, successfully leading India to a series win against New Zealand in 2008 and the [Border-Gavaskar Trophy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Border-Gavaskar_Trophy) (home series in 2010 and 2013) against Australia while losing to Sri Lanka, Australia, England, and South Africa by big margins in away conditions.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Dhoni#cite_note-7)

He announced his retirement from Tests on 30 December 2014,[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Dhoni#cite_note-8) and stepped down as captain of T20Is and ODIs in 2017. On 15 August 2020, Dhoni retired from all formats of international cricket and continues to play in the [IPL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Premier_League).[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Dhoni#cite_note-:1-9)[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_Dhoni#cite_note-10)

Dhoni received India's highest sports honour, the [Major Dhyanchand Khel Ratna Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khel_Ratna_Award) in 2008 for his outstanding achievements and the [Government of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_India) honoured him India's fourth civilian award [Padma Shri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padma_Shri) in 2009 and third civilian award [Padma Bhushan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padma_Bhushan) in 2018. He is the only cricket captain in the world to win all three of the [Cricket World Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_World_Cup), [ICC Men's T20 World Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICC_Men%27s_T20_World_Cup) and [ICC Champions Trophy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICC_Champions_Trophy).