**Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar** born 24 April 1973) is an Indian former international [cricketer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket) who [captained the Indian national team](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_India_national_cricket_captains#Men's_cricket). He is regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the [history of cricket](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_cricket).[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-4) He is the all-time highest run-scorer in both [ODI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_Day_International) and [Test](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Test_cricket) cricket with more than 18000 runs and 15000 runs respectively in total.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-5) He also holds the record for receiving the most [man-of-the-match](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Man-of-the-match) awards in international cricket.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-6) Known for his large fanbase and described by [ESPNcricinfo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ESPNcricinfo" \o "ESPNcricinfo) as 'the most worshipped player in the world',[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-7) Tendulkar is sometimes referred to as "The God of Cricket" in India. A film with that name was released in 2021.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-8)

Tendulkar took up cricket at the age of eleven, made his [Test match](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Test_cricket) debut on 15 November 1989 against [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan_national_cricket_team) in Karachi at the age of sixteen, and went on to represent [Mumbai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai_cricket_team) domestically and [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_cricket_team) internationally for close to twenty-four years. In 2002, halfway through his career, *Wisden* ranked him the second-greatest Test batsman of all time, behind [Don Bradman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don_Bradman), and the second-greatest ODI batsman of all time, behind [Viv Richards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viv_Richards).[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-9) Later in his career, Tendulkar was part of the Indian team that won the [2011 Cricket World Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Cricket_World_Cup), his first win in six [World Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket_World_Cup) appearances for India.[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-10) He had previously been named "Player of the Tournament" at the [2003 edition of the tournament](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003_Cricket_World_Cup).

Tendulkar received the [Arjuna Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arjuna_Award) in 1994 for his outstanding sporting achievements, the [Khel Ratna Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khel_Ratna_Award), India's highest sporting honour, in 1997, and the [Padma Shri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padma_Shri) and [Padma Vibhushan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padma_Vibhushan) awards in 1999 and 2008, respectively, two of India's highest civilian awards.[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-Padma_Awards-11)[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-12) A few hours after the end of his last match in November 2013, the [Prime Minister's Office](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister%27s_Office_(India)) announced the decision to award him the [Bharat Ratna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bharat_Ratna), India's highest civilian award.[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-13)[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-14) As of 2021, he is the youngest recipient to date and was the first sportsperson to receive the award.[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-BharatRatna1-15)[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-BharatRatna2-16) In 2012, Tendulkar was nominated to the [Rajya Sabha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajya_Sabha), the upper house of the [Parliament of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament_of_India).[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-RajyaSabhaNom2-17)

In 2010, [*Time*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_(magazine)) magazine included Tendulkar in its annual [Time 100](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_100) list as one of the most influential people in the world.[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-18) Tendulkar was awarded the [Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_Garfield_Sobers_Trophy) for cricketer of the year at the [2010 ICC Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_ICC_Awards).[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-GarfieldSobersTrophy2010.1-19) Having retired from ODI cricket in 2012,[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-ODIRetirement-20)[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-21) he retired from all forms of cricket in November 2013 after playing his [200th Test match](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Indian_cricket_team_in_India_in_2013%E2%80%9314#Second_Test).[[22]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-FinalTestMatch-22) Tendulkar played 664 international cricket matches in total, scoring 34,357 runs.[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-AllInternationalCombinedRecords-23) In 2013, Tendulkar was included in an [all-time Test World XI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Wisden_All-Time_World_Test_XI) compiled in 2013 to mark the 150th anniversary of [*Wisden Cricketers' Almanack*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisden_Cricketers%27_Almanack), and he was the only specialist batsman of the post–World War II era, along with [Viv Richards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viv_Richards), to get featured in the team.[[24]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-24) In 2019 he was inducted into the [ICC Cricket Hall of Fame](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICC_Cricket_Hall_of_Fame).[[25]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sachin_Tendulkar#cite_note-25)