

Indian Cricket Team History in the ICC Cricket World Cup (1983 - 2023)

1. 1983 Cricket World Cup – A Historic Victory

- **Venue:** England
 - **Captain:** Kapil Dev
 - **Indian Team:** Kapil Dev (captain), Mohinder Amarnath, Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi Shastri, Dilip Vengsarkar, Sandeep Patil, Madan Lal, Syed Kirmani, K Srikkanth, Balwinder Sandhu, Roger Binny, and others.
 - **Journey to the Final:** India's win in 1983 was a huge upset. India defeated the mighty West Indies in the final to claim their first-ever World Cup victory. The final was played at Lord's Cricket Ground on June 25, 1983.
 - **India's Performance:** India scored 183 runs in the final, and in response, the West Indies were bowled out for just 140 runs. Mohinder Amarnath was named **Man of the Match** for his all-round performance (26 runs and 3 wickets).
 - **Key Moment:** The victory over the West Indies marked the end of their dominance in the World Cup and was India's first-ever World Cup win.
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2. 1987 Cricket World Cup – Semi-Final Exit

- **Venue:** India & Pakistan
 - **Captain:** Kapil Dev
 - **Indian Team:** Kapil Dev (captain), Mohammad Azharuddin, Dilip Vengsarkar, Sunil Gavaskar, Sandeep Patil, Roger Binny, and others.
 - **Journey:** India made it to the semi-finals of the 1987 World Cup but was defeated by England by 35 runs. India's performance was solid, but they couldn't quite cross the finish line.
 - **Key Moment:** India was eliminated by England after they failed to chase down 254 runs.
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3. 1992 Cricket World Cup – Quarter-Final Exit

- **Venue:** Australia & New Zealand
 - **Captain:** Mohammad Azharuddin
 - **Indian Team:** Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, Anil Kumble, and others.
 - **Journey:** India did not make it past the **quarter-finals** in the 1992 World Cup. Despite a promising start, India couldn't get through the group stage in a competitive tournament.
 - **Key Moment:** A strong performance by **Sachin Tendulkar** during the tournament, though the team couldn't go far.
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4. 1996 Cricket World Cup – Semi-Final Exit

- **Venue:** India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka
 - **Captain:** Mohammad Azharuddin
 - **Indian Team:** Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Kumble, Sourav Ganguly, and others.
 - **Journey:** India reached the semi-finals but was defeated by Sri Lanka in a controversial match that was abandoned due to crowd trouble. Sri Lanka was awarded the match after the crowd misbehaved.
 - **Key Moment:** India had an impressive run but couldn't secure a final spot due to unforeseen disruptions in the semi-final.
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5. 2003 Cricket World Cup – Runners-Up

- **Venue:** South Africa, Zimbabwe & Kenya
 - **Captain:** Sourav Ganguly
 - **Indian Team:** Sourav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Dinesh Mongia, Virender Sehwag, Anil Kumble, and others.
 - **Journey:** India reached the **final** of the 2003 World Cup, but were defeated by **Australia** by 125 runs. Australia posted a formidable total of 359/2 in the final, and India fell short while chasing.
 - **Key Moment:** **Sourav Ganguly's** leadership and **Sachin Tendulkar's** brilliant form were the standout features. India was the only team to defeat Australia in the group stage.
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6. 2007 Cricket World Cup – Group Stage Exit

- **Venue:** West Indies
 - **Captain:** Rahul Dravid
 - **Indian Team:** Rahul Dravid (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, Yuvraj Singh, MS Dhoni, and others.
 - **Journey:** India suffered a shocking early exit from the 2007 World Cup. After a defeat to Bangladesh in the opening match, they were knocked out in the group stages despite a win over Bermuda.
 - **Key Moment:** The early exit was a huge disappointment, leading to the end of Rahul Dravid's captaincy.
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7. 2011 Cricket World Cup – Champions

- **Venue:** India, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh
- **Captain:** MS Dhoni
- **Indian Team:** MS Dhoni (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Yuvraj Singh, Suresh Raina, and others.

- **Journey:** India lifted the **World Cup trophy** for the second time in 2011, defeating **Sri Lanka** by 6 wickets in the final at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, on April 2, 2011.
 - **Key Moment:** **MS Dhoni's** calm and composed leadership, along with a brilliant innings by **Gautam Gambhir** and **MS Dhoni** (91*), led India to victory. **Yuvraj Singh** was named the **Player of the Tournament** for his all-round performance.
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8. 2015 Cricket World Cup – Semi-Final Exit

- **Venue:** Australia & New Zealand
 - **Captain:** MS Dhoni
 - **Indian Team:** MS Dhoni (captain), Virat Kohli, Shikhar Dhawan, Suresh Raina, Yuvraj Singh, and others.
 - **Journey:** India made it to the semi-finals but lost to Australia in the semi-final by 95 runs. Australia posted a massive total, and India failed to chase it down.
 - **Key Moment:** Despite a strong run in the tournament, India fell short in the semi-finals against the eventual champions.
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9. 2019 Cricket World Cup – Semi-Final Exit

- **Venue:** England & Wales
- **Captain:** Virat Kohli
- **Indian Team:** Virat Kohli (captain), Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan, MS Dhoni, Yuvraj Singh, and others.
- **Journey:** India reached the **semi-finals** but was defeated by **New Zealand** in a rain-affected match. India's batting line-up faltered under pressure, and they were unable to chase a modest target.
 - **Key Moment:** **Rohit Sharma's** record-breaking 5 centuries in the tournament, but the team fell short in the knockout stage.