



Sachin Tendulkar: God of Cricket

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Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar is an Indian former international cricketer. He also served as captain of the Indian national team. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket. He is the highest run scorer of all time in international cricket. Though everyone names Sachin Tendulkar as the “God of Cricket” many don’t know the real reason behind this. The legendary Indian cricketer took up cricket at the age of eleven. On 14 November 1987, the 14-year-old Tendulkar was selected to represent Bombay in the Ranji Trophy, India’s premier domestic first-class cricket tournament, for the 1987–88 season.

In 1992, at the age of 19, Tendulkar became the first overseas-born player to represent Yorkshire, which prior to Tendulkar joining the team, never selected players even from other English countries. In 2011, Tendulkar finally achieved his dream of winning the Cricket World Cup at the Wankhede stadium in Mumbai. Tendulkar is the leading century maker in both Test and ODI and has so far scored 99 international centuries. He also has played highest number of Test and ODI matches. Surprisingly after playing for more two decades, Tendulkar won his first ICC cricketer of the year award in 2010. Tendulkar described ‘2010’ as among the best ever in his cricketing career

Records of Sachin Tendulkar

1. Sachin Tendulkar is the only batsman in the cricket world to score 100 centuries. He has scored 51 centuries in Test cricket and 49 in ODIs. No other batsman of cricket is even close to this record.
2. Sachin also holds the record for most international matches played. He has played a total of 664 international matches, including a T20 International, 200 Tests, and 463 ODIs.
3. Sachin Tendulkar, also known as Master Blaster, has also built a huge number of runs. He has scored a total of 15 thousand 921 runs in 200 Tests and 18 thousand 426 runs in 463 ODIs. Overall, Sachin has scored 34 thousand 347 runs in the cricket world. He is the highest run-scorer in both formats.
4. Sachin Tendulkar is the first player of India and the third player of world cricket to score a century against all the countries playing Test cricket. Before him, Steve Waugh and Gary Kirsten had done this.



5. Sachin has won the Man of the Match title 76 times in 14 Tests, 62 in ODIs. He is the highest man of the match in international cricket.
6. Sachin had also scored a double century in the history of ODI cricket. In 2010, in Gwalior against South Africa, he made history by scoring an unbeaten 200 with the help of 25 fours and 3 sixes.
7. Sachin's name is also the record of scoring the most runs in any one World Cup. He had a total of 673 runs at the 2003 World Cup.

Sachin Tendulkar always remains calm in the field and usually answers with the bat for the sledging actions from the bowlers. This made him popular as in those times players will get into quarrel whenever they got sledged. Apart from his attitude and his commitment Sachin Tendulkar creates multiple records in cricket with both and ball. These unmatched stats created by Sachin Tendulkar make him the God of Cricket.

The “God of cricket” Sachin Tendulkar bags numerous records under his name which still stands a dream for many leading cricketers. We have listed some of the records of him:

At the 1987 World Cup, Tendulkar served as the ball boy. India was playing against England then. Sachin Tendulkar actively involves himself in philanthropic activities. He sponsors underprivileged children through the NGO Apnalaya. He operates this NGO along with his mother-in-law. Tendulkar’s autobiography “Playing It My Way” broke all records to become an instant bestseller. There are several books on his inspiring life. Also, Sachin: A Billion Dreams, his Biopic made it big in Bollywood. In April 2012, Sachin Tendulkar became a Rajya Sabha member after being nominated by the President. He donated the salary and allowances he earned as a Rajya Sabha MP in six years to the Prime Minister’s Relief Fund.

Famous Quotes by cricketers on Sachin Tendulkar

Peter Roebuck

“On a train from Shimla to Delhi, there was a halt at one of the stations. The train stopped by for few minutes as usual. Sachin was nearing a century, batting on 98. The passengers, railway officials, everyone on the train waited for Sachin to complete the century. This genius can stop time in India!”

Time magazine’s quote on Sachin Tendulkar in 2011

“When Sachin Tendulkar travelled to Pakistan to face one of the finest bowling attacks ever assembled in cricket, Michael Schumacher was yet to race a F1 car, Lance Armstrong had never been to the Tour de France, Diego Maradona was still the captain of



a world champion Argentina team, Pete Sampras had never won a Grand Slam. When Tendulkar embarked on a glorious career taming Imran and company, Roger Federer was a name unheard of; Lionel Messi was in his nappies, Usain Bolt was an unknown kid in the Jamaican backwaters.

BBC

“Beneath the helmet, under that unruly curly hair, inside the cranium, there is something we don’t know, something beyond scientific measure. Something that allows him to soar, to roam a territory of sport that, forget us, even those who are gifted enough to play alongside him cannot even fathom. When he goes out to bat, people switch on their television sets and switch off their lives- BBC Sports, on Sachin Tendulkar.”

Sir Donald Bradman

“I saw him (Sachin) playing on television and was struck by his technique, so I asked my wife to come look at him. Now I never saw myself play, but I feel that this player is playing much the same as I used to play, and she looked at him on television and said yes, there is a similarity between the two...his compactness, technique, stroke production... it all seemed to gel”

Matthew Hayden

“I have seen God, he bats at no. 4 for India”

Hashim Amla:

“Nothing bad can happen to us if we’re on a plane in India with Sachin Tendulkar on it”

Andy Flower

“There are two kinds of batsmen in the world. One, Sachin Tendulkar. Two, all the others”

Brian Lara

“The only batsman I would love to see by paying for the tickets and sitting in the stand just to watch him is none other than Sachin Tendulkar” and “Sachin is a genius. I’m a mere mortal”

Mark Taylor

“We did not lose to a team called India, we lost to a man called Sachin (after the two famous innings in Sharjah in 1998)”

A placard at the Sydney Cricket Ground

“Commit all your crimes when Sachin is batting. They will go unnoticed because even the Lord is watching”



Dennis Lillee

“If I’ve to bowl to Sachin, I’ll bowl with my helmet on. He hits the ball so hard”

Andrew Flintoff

“When you bowl at him you are not just trying to get him out, you are trying to impress him. ‘I want him to walk off thinking ‘that Flintoff, he’s all right isn’t he? I feel privileged to have played against him”

Abdul Qadir

Qadir recalled how a teenaged Tendulkar took on the challenge of the Pakistan bowlers and even hit him for four sixes in a 30-over exhibition match in Peshawar.

“I had a sense of affection for Sachin because he was a kid and he played very well,” Qadir said in the second session called ‘Spin is King’ at the Salaam Cricket 2018 held at the Hotel Address Boulevard in Dubai on Monday.

“Actually what happened was it was a one-day game and at the end of the day because of the rain, there was a huge crowd which had gathered, so the organisers decided to make it a 30-overs per side game,” Qadir recalled.

National honours

- 1994 – Arjuna Award, by the Government of India in recognition of his outstanding achievement in sports.
- 1997–98 – Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, India's highest honour given for achievement in sports.
- 1999 – Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award.
- 2001 – Maharashtra Bhushan Award, Maharashtra State's highest Civilian Award.
- 2008 – Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award.
- 2014 – Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award.
- 1997 – Wisden Cricketer of the Year.
- 1998, 2010 – Wisden Leading Cricketer in the World.
- 2002 – In commemorating Tendulkar's feat of equalling Don Bradman's 29 centuries in Test Cricket, automotive company Ferrari invited him to its paddock in Silverstone on the eve of the British Grand Prix on 23 July, to receive a Ferrari 360 Modena from the F1 world champion Michael Schumacher.
- 2003 – Player of the tournament in 2003 Cricket World Cup.
- 2004, 2007, 2010 – ICC World ODI XI.
- 2006-07, 2009-10 - Polly Umrigar Award for International cricketer of the year



- 2009, 2010, 2011 – ICC World Test XI.
- 2010 – Outstanding Achievement in Sport and the Peoples Choice Award at The Asian Awards in London.
- 2010 – Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for cricketer of the year.
- 2010 – LG People's Choice Award.
- 2010 – Made an Honorary group captain by the Indian Air Force.
- 2011 – Castrol Indian Cricketer of the Year award.
- 2012 – Wisden India Outstanding Achievement award.
- 2012 – Honorary Member of the Order of Australia, given by the Australian government.
- 2013 – Indian Postal Service released a stamp of Tendulkar and he became the second Indian after Mother Teresa to have such stamp released in their lifetime.
- 2014 – ESPNCricinfo Cricketer of the Generation
- 2017 – The Asian Awards Fellowship Award at the 7th Asian Awards.
- 2019 – Inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame
- 2020 – Laureus World Sports Award for Best Sporting Moment (2000–2020)

Autobiography

Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography, *Playing It My Way*, was released on 6 November 2014. It was listed in the 2016 Limca Book of Records for breaking the record for adult hardback pre-publication orders, with 1,50,289 copies confirmed.

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