



OVER 60s WORLD CUP

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PRESS NOTE



ROAD TO CANADA: INDIA ANNOUNCES SQUAD FOR OVER 60S CRICKET WORLD CUP 2026

VETERANS CRICKET INDIA UNVEILS TEAM FOR GLOBAL VETERANS CRICKET SHOWPIECE

The countdown to the **Over 60s Cricket World Cup 2026** has officially begun, with **Veterans Cricket India (VCI)** announcing a strong 16-member squad set to represent the nation in **Mississauga, Canada**, from **9 to 23 August 2026**.

Bringing together some of the finest veteran cricketers from across the globe, the World Cup represents the **pinnacle of international Over 60s cricket** and provides a platform for players to compete at the highest level while celebrating a lifelong **passion** for the game.

For India, the tournament presents an opportunity to build on the growing success of veterans cricket and showcase the **depth of talent** that continues to thrive across the country.



A GLOBAL STAGE AWAITS

The **Over 60s Cricket World Cup** will feature leading veterans cricket nations from around the world, bringing together **experienced cricketers** who continue to compete with **remarkable skill, fitness and commitment**.

India has been drawn in Pool B alongside **England, New Zealand, USA, Zimbabwe, West Indies and Scotland**. The group promises several exciting contests, including encounters against some of the most established names in **international veterans cricket**.



With every team aiming to make its mark on the tournament, the competition is expected to deliver high-quality cricket and memorable performances throughout the two-week event.

THE ROAD TO SELECTION

India's journey to **Canada** began with an extensive **national selection process** that culminated in the National Inter-Zonal Veterans Cricket League held in **Puducherry from 29 January to 3 February 2026**.

The tournament brought together **six competitive teams** and provided selectors with an ideal opportunity to evaluate players under match conditions. Over the course of six days, fifteen matches were played, producing **6,752 runs** and a host of standout **individual performances**.

The standard of cricket on display reflected the **remarkable growth** of veterans cricket in **India** and reinforced the strength of the talent pool available for **national selection**.



PERFORMANCES THAT EARNED WORLD CUP SELECTION

Several players delivered exceptional performances during the selection tournament and played a **significant role** in securing their places in the **World Cup squad**.

Hyder Ali emerged as the tournament's **leading run-scorer with 373 runs** at an **average of 124.33**, while **Verinder Bhoombla** and **U.R. Radhakrishnan** also enjoyed prolific campaigns with the bat. With the ball, **Ashok Vasudevan** claimed **nine wickets** to finish as the competition's **leading wicket-taker**, while **D. Thiagarajan** and **Jaison Manjila** consistently impressed throughout the tournament.

These performances provided selectors with confidence that the squad possesses the experience, **balance and quality** required to compete on the **international stage**.



INDIA OVER 60S WORLD CUP SQUAD - CANADA 2026

Veterans Cricket India is proud to announce the following players selected to represent India at the **Over 60s Cricket World Cup 2026**:

U.R. Radhakrishnan, Verinder Bhoombla Hyder Ali, Sanjay Ranjan Sinha, Jaison Manjila, Kanchi Kishore, Sanjay Rajemahadik, Dinesh Nichrelay, Subramanya Raju, Ebrahim Jelani, Ashok Vasudevan, Mayank Khandwala, Darshan Singh, Viren Patel, D. Thiyagarajan and A. Kumaraswami.

The squad combines **proven run-scorers, experienced campaigners, quality bowling options** and **strong leadership**, creating a balanced unit capable of competing against the **world's best veterans cricket teams**.



EYES ON CANADA

Preparations will now intensify as the team enters the **final phase** of its World Cup campaign.

Training camps, fitness programmes and strategic planning sessions will continue over the coming weeks as players and management focus on ensuring the squad arrives in **Canada** fully prepared for the **challenges** ahead.

For many members of the squad, the World Cup represents the culmination of decades of **dedication** to cricket. For Veterans Cricket India, it represents another **significant milestone** in the continued growth of veterans cricket and India's increasing presence on the **global stage**.

"You have earned the privilege of competing among the best Over-60s cricketers in the world. Trust your preparation, believe in each other, and embrace the opportunity before you. Play with courage, humility, and determination. Bring home memories, friendships, and, if possible, the World Cup itself."

- Verinder Bhoombla, Chairman of VCI

As the countdown to August begins, excitement continues to build across the veterans cricket community. India now turns its attention to Canada with **ambition, confidence and the determination** to compete with distinction on the **world stage**

The squad has been selected. The preparations are underway. Canada awaits.