



INDIA40s

VETERANS CRICKET TOUR

UK EDITION 2026

PRESS NOTE



ROAD TO GUYANA: INDIA OVER 40S CONCLUDE COMPETITIVE UK TOUR

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The **India Over 40s Veterans Cricket** Team has successfully concluded its **United Kingdom Tour**, held from **27 May to 7 June 2026**, as part of its preparations for the upcoming **Over 40s Cricket World Cup in Guyana**.

Organised by Veterans Cricket India (VCI), the tour provided the national squad with an invaluable opportunity to compete against experienced international opposition in challenging English conditions. **Facing England Over 40s, Wales Over 40s and county representative teams**, the tour served as a crucial step in India's World Cup preparations while providing selectors and team management with important insights into **player performance, combinations and adaptability** in overseas conditions.





FROM NATIONAL TRIALS TO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

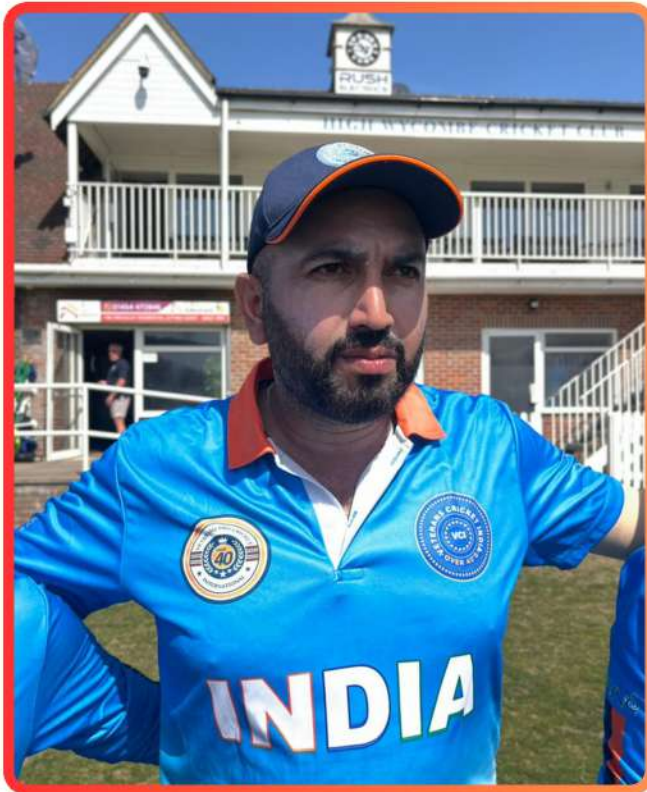
The journey to the UK began with the **VCI National Selection Trials** conducted on 28 January 2026 in **Lonavala, Maharashtra**.



More than **90 veteran cricketers** from across India participated in the highly competitive selection process, reflecting the growing strength and popularity of veterans cricket in the country. Following extensive assessments by the selection panel, a **13-member squad** was chosen to represent **India** on the **international stage**.

INDIA OVER 40S SQUAD - UK TOUR 2026





Captain: Anand Nair

Squad Members:

- ANAND NAIR (CAPTAIN)
- SOMESH NAIR
- PARAS KESHAV
- JIGAR MEHTA
- PANKAJ DHULDHIOYE (WICKET KEEPER)
- KARAN JAIN
- NASIR KHAN
- JATIN SAXENA
- SUNNY BHATNAGAR
- VIJAY MANGHRANI
- VINEET VOHRA
- PAWAN KUMAR
- VIJAY SINGH





VALUABLE LESSONS FROM ENGLISH CONDITIONS

India's campaign began with two competitive fixtures against a strong **England Over 40s side**. In the opening match at **Swindon Cricket Club**, India posted **189/7** before England chased the target successfully. The second encounter at **High Wycombe Cricket Club** saw India fight hard after **England posted 287/9**, eventually falling short despite a determined batting effort.

The team responded impressively in its third fixture against **Wales Over 40s**. **Chasing 242**, India's batting unit produced one of the **standout performances** of the tour, reaching **244/4 in just 35.2 overs** to secure a convincing **six-wicket victory**.

Rain played a significant role during the latter half of the tour. The fixture against **XL Club at Leamington Cricket Club** showed promise before being abandoned due to weather, with India well placed at **95/1 after 12 overs in pursuit of 289**. A subsequent fixture against **England Over 40s** was **washed out** entirely due to heavy rain.

India concluded the tour on a high with a **hard-fought victory** over **Worcestershire XI at Bredon Cricket Club**. Chasing 195, the visitors displayed composure under pressure to reach 197/8 and secure a memorable **two-wicket win**, ending the tour with **positive momentum**.





TOUR AT A GLANCE

Category	Record
Matches Scheduled	6
Matches Completed	4
Wins	2
Losses	2
Abandoned	1
Washed Out	1





Match Summary

vs England Over 40s

Swindon Cricket Club | 27 May 2026

India 189/7 (45 overs)

England 193/1 (27.1 overs)

England won by 9 wickets

vs England Over 40s

High Wycombe Cricket Club | 28 May 2026

England 287/9 (45 overs)

India 242 all out (43.1 overs)

England won by 45 runs

vs Wales Over 40s

Lancot Park | 31 May 2026

Wales 241/3 (45 overs)

India 244/4 (35.2 overs)

India won by 6 wickets

vs XL Club

Leamington Cricket Club | 2 June 2026

XL Club 288/7 (45 overs)

India 95/1 (12 overs)

Match Abandoned

vs England Over 40s

Hammerwich Cricket Club | 4 June 2026

Match Washed Out

vs Worcestershire XI

Bredon Cricket Club | 7 June 2026

Worcestershire XI 194/6 (45 overs)

India 197/8 (43.3 overs)

India won by 2 wickets





Building Towards Guyana



While the results provided encouraging moments, the primary objective of the tour extended far beyond **wins and losses**. The experience of competing in unfamiliar conditions against quality opposition offered the squad invaluable preparation ahead of the **Over 40s Cricket World Cup**.

The tour allowed players to test themselves in demanding situations, provided selectors with a **clear assessment platform**, and **strengthened team combinations** as preparations continue for cricket's premier veterans tournament.

"The tour provided us with exactly the kind of challenge we were looking for. Competing in English conditions against quality opposition tested our adaptability, discipline, and mindset. While results matter, the real value lies in the experience we've gained as a unit. We leave with greater clarity, stronger combinations, and a shared belief as we now shift our focus towards Guyana."

-Anand Nair, Captain, India Over 40s





"This tour was an important step in our long-term preparation for the Over 40s World Cup. It gave players exposure to high-quality international cricket and allowed the management to assess performances in demanding conditions. The growth, professionalism, and commitment shown by the squad reflect the direction in which veterans cricket in India is heading."

-Veterans Cricket India Representative

With the UK Tour successfully completed, attention now turns firmly towards **Guyana**. The lessons **learned, experience gained** and **confidence** built over the past two weeks will serve as an important foundation as India continues its journey towards the **Over 40s Cricket World Cup** and the opportunity to compete against the **very best veteran cricketers** from **around the world**.

