

Rohit Sharma Sacked as Captain; Shubman Gill Appointed New Skipper for India's Upcoming Series Against Australia

In a stunning decision that has sent ripples across Indian cricket, Rohit Sharma has been removed as India's ODI captain. The baton has now passed to Shubman Gill, who will lead the side in the looming series against Australia.



For years, Rohit Sharma has carried the weight of leadership across formats. His record as captain is among India's finest — under his stewardship, India clinched the 2024 T20 World Cup and the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy. Despite these achievements, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the selection panel have opted for a fresh direction.

According to Chief Selector Ajit Agarkar, the change aims to simplify leadership and streamline decision-making. Maintaining three captains across formats “practically impossible,” he argued, and picking a unified leader seemed increasingly important as India gears up for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

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Shubman Gill, at just 26, steps into what many see as both an opportunity and a test. Already Test captain, Gill now takes responsibility in the 50-over format too. He expressed gratitude for being entrusted with such responsibility, calling it the “biggest honour.”

Gill inherits a squad loaded with experience: Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, though no longer captains in other formats, remain in the ODI setup. Shreyas Iyer has been named vice-captain.

Reactions have been mixed. Veteran cricketer Mohammad Kaif publicly criticized the decision, lamenting that Rohit’s long service deserved more time as captain.

That said, cricketing transition is often revolutionary by nature. India now enters a new leadership chapter – one where Gill must prove that he is up to the task. The upcoming Australia series will not only test him as a batsman, but as a captain forging his own identity.

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