

# India vs New Zealand 1st ODI: India Beat New Zealand by 4 Wickets as Kohli Reaches 28,000 Runs



India began their ODI series against New Zealand in style, securing a **4-wicket victory** in the **1st ODI** and marking a historic milestone for **Virat Kohli**, who crossed **28,000 international runs** during the chase. The match delivered high-quality cricket, standout performances, and a memorable moment for Indian fans.

## New Zealand's Innings: Solid Start, Missed Finish

Batting first after winning the toss, New Zealand posted a competitive total of **265 runs**. Their top order provided a steady platform, with the openers negotiating the new ball well. However, the Indian bowlers tightened the screws in the middle overs.

Key contributions came from New Zealand's middle order, who ensured the scoreboard kept ticking. Despite a few late boundaries, India's disciplined bowling attack prevented a bigger total.

### Indian Bowling Highlights:

- Accurate spells in the middle overs
- Key breakthroughs to halt momentum
- Effective death-over bowling

The total of 265 was competitive but chaseable on a batting-friendly surface.

## India's Chase: Kohli Leads the Way

India's response began confidently, with the openers laying a solid foundation. However, New Zealand struck back with timely wickets, creating brief pressure on the hosts. That's when **Virat Kohli** stepped in and delivered a composed, match-winning knock.

Kohli anchored the innings with trademark elegance, rotating the strike and punishing loose deliveries. During his innings, he became the [first batter to reach 28,000 international runs](#), adding another milestone to his legendary career.

### Kohli's Impact:

- Calm under pressure
- Smart shot selection
- Historic 28,000-run achievement

India crossed the finish line with **4 wickets in hand**, showcasing depth and composure in the batting lineup.

## Key Performers of the Match

### Virat Kohli (India)

Kohli's innings was the backbone of India's chase. His experience and consistency proved decisive in tricky phases of the match.

## Indian Bowling Unit

The bowlers worked as a cohesive unit, picking up wickets at crucial moments and restricting New Zealand to a manageable total.

## New Zealand's Middle Order

Despite losing the match, New Zealand's middle-order batters showed resilience and kept the contest competitive.

## What This Win Means for India

This victory gives India a **1-0 lead** in the ODI series and sets the tone for the remaining matches. The team looked balanced, with both batters and bowlers contributing effectively.

Key positives for India:

- Strong middle-order performance
- Clinical bowling effort
- Kohli's return to peak form

For New Zealand, the focus will be on improving their death bowling and converting good starts into bigger totals.

## Final Thoughts

The [India vs New Zealand 1st ODI](#) was a thrilling contest that ended with a historic moment for Virat Kohli. India's 4-wicket win not only gave them an early series advantage but also highlighted their depth and experience in pressure situations.

With Kohli reaching **28,000 international runs** and India showing strong all-round performance, fans can expect an exciting series ahead. The next ODI promises even more action, drama, and unforgettable cricket moments.