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Exclusive Interview with Virat Kohli - On Cricket, Life, and Leadership

Interviewer (I): Good morning, Virat! It's an absolute pleasure to have you with us today. Thank you for taking the time to chat.

Virat Kohli (VK): Thank you! It's great to be here. I'm excited to talk.

I: You've had such an illustrious career so far, with numerous records and milestones. When did you first realize that cricket could be more than just a passion for you, and something you'd pursue as a career?

VK: Honestly, I've always been passionate about cricket since I was a child. I remember playing in the streets of Delhi, dreaming about making it to the national team. But it wasn't until I started playing for Delhi and the U-19 team that I realized cricket could be my career. Getting selected for the Indian team at such a young age was a turning point, and that's when I truly started believing that I could make a living doing something I love.

I: You're known for your intense work ethic and passion on the field. Can you share what motivates you to keep pushing boundaries even after achieving so much?

VK: The biggest motivation for me is the love for the game. I've always

believed that when you do something with all your heart, you can achieve great things. But I also have a deep respect for the sport, and I want to keep evolving as a player. Cricket is not just about winning matches; it's about constantly improving yourself and contributing to the team's success. And I think the moment you lose that hunger and passion is when you start fading. So, I work hard, stay disciplined, and keep pushing myself to be the best version of myself.

I: Over the years, you've taken on the role of captain for the Indian cricket team. How has leadership shaped you both as a player and as a person?

VK: Captaincy has been an incredible experience. It's a huge responsibility, but it has helped me grow not just as a cricketer but also as a human being. Leadership teaches you the importance of decision-making, keeping your calm under pressure, and understanding your teammates. Each player has their own strengths, and my job as captain is to bring out the best in them. I've learned a lot about patience, communication, and team dynamics. It has made me more aware of my actions, both on and off the field.

I: Off the field, you're an inspiration for millions. How do you use your platform to bring about change, especially in the areas of fitness and charity?

VK: I believe that with fame comes responsibility. I've always wanted to use my platform for good. I started the **Virat Kohli Foundation** to

support underprivileged children, particularly in the areas of education and sports. I'm also very passionate about promoting fitness and healthy living. Through my social media platforms, I try to inspire young people to embrace fitness, work hard, and believe in themselves. My aim is to encourage them to pursue their dreams and live healthier, happier lives. If I can make a positive impact, then I feel like I'm doing something meaningful with my position.

I: Finally, what's next for you? Do you have any goals you're looking to achieve in the coming years, both on and off the field?

VK: I've achieved a lot in my career, but there's always more to strive for. On the field, my goal is to continue contributing to my team's success, break more records, and remain consistent for years to come. Off the field, I'm focused on expanding my foundation and working on projects that can make a real difference in people's lives. I want to continue using my platform to inspire the next generation, not just as a cricketer but as someone who believes in making a positive impact.

I: Thank you so much for your time today, Virat. Your insights have been incredibly inspiring, and we're all looking forward to seeing what's next for you. Best of luck with everything!

VK: Thank you! It was a pleasure talking to you. Appreciate all the support, and I'm excited for the future!