

ANIRUDH BALACHANDER

Batting All-Rounder (Spin)



Name	Balachander Anirudh
DOB	02-09-1994
Nationality	Indian
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	None but interested

Balachander Anirudh is a seasoned batting all-rounder who marked an impressive return to Indian domestic cricket in the 2024/25 season following a six-year hiatus. Representing Meghalaya, the Tamil Nadu-born right-hander reminded selectors of his class, registering 342 runs in the Ranji Trophy, including a superb top score of 142.

Now into his 30s, Anirudh is determined to recapture the form that once made him one of the most promising young batters in Indian cricket. Early in his career, he notched up 1,122 runs at 44.88 in 20 first-class matches for Hyderabad – his home state, performances that led to him being named the BCCI Under-19 Cricketer of the Year in 2013/14 after amassing a remarkable 908 runs in just seven matches during the Cooch Behar Trophy.

Though his family roots lie in Chennai, it was in Hyderabad that Anirudh's cricketing journey took shape. His parents moved between cities to support his ambitions, and their sacrifices bore fruit as he became a mainstay in the Hyderabad side. One of his most notable campaigns came during the 2016/17 Ranji Trophy, where he helped Hyderabad reach the quarter-finals for the first time in five years. He finished as the team's second-highest run-scorer, tallying 549 runs at 49.91, including a best of 120* and a courageous unbeaten 84 in the quarter-final against Mumbai.

In 2018/19, Anirudh made the move to Tamil Nadu but featured in just four matches before falling out of favour. Undeterred, he kept working on his game and eventually made his comeback six seasons later, showing once again that class is permanent.

A technically sound and composed batter who can also offer useful overs of off-spin, Anirudh is now focused on making the most of his second chapter in domestic cricket. Following the 2025/26 season, he is keen to explore UK opportunities, bringing with him not just talent and experience, but the resilience and hunger of a player with unfinished business.

With his proven pedigree, leadership qualities, and all-round ability, Balchander Anirudh represents a fantastic overseas prospect for any club seeking a high-quality professional both on and off the field.

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