**Rahul Dravid's Legacy:**

**Exploring His Influence on Young Cricketers**

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**Abstract**:

Rahul Dravid, a legendary cricketer, has left an indelible mark on the sport. This study explores his influence on young cricketers, examining his legacy as a player and coach.

**Keynote**:

Rahul Dravid's selfless dedication to cricket has inspired generations, cementing his status as a role model.

**Introduction:**

Rahul Dravid, one of the greatest batsmen in cricket history, has transcended his playing career to shape the next generation of cricketers. His influence extends beyond his impressive statistics, inspiring young cricketers with his dedication, work ethic, and leadership qualities.

**Objectives**

* - Examine Rahul Dravid's legacy as a player and coach.
* - Investigate his influence on young cricketers' technical, tactical, and mental development.
* - Identify key factors contributing to his enduring impact.

**History of Player: Rahul Dravid:**

Rahul Dravid was born on January 11, 1973, in Indore, India. He debuted in 1996 against Sri Lanka and went on to score 13,288 runs, including 36 centuries and 63 half-centuries. Dravid retired in 2012, leaving behind a legacy of technical brilliance and mental toughness.

**History of Coach: Rahul Dravid:**

Dravid began his coaching career in 2015 as the coach of India's U-19 and A teams. Under his guidance, the U-19 team won two World Cups (2018, 2020). He also mentored Delhi Daredevils (IPL) and Rajasthan Royals (IPL).

**Dravid's influence on young cricketers can be seen in three key areas:**

- Technical Development\*: Emphasis on sound technique, footwork, and shot selection.

- Tactical Acumen\*: Strategic approach to the game, adaptability, and situational awareness.

- Mental Toughness\*: Resilience, handling pressure, and self-belief.

**Rahul Dravid's Role in NCA:**

1. Head of Cricket Operations (2019-present)

2. Director of NCA (2019-2021)

3. Coach of India U-19 and A teams (2015-2019)

**Notable Players Coached/Mentored by Rahul Dravid in NCA:**

1. Prithvi Shaw

2. Shubman Gill

3. Rishabh Pant

4. Ishan Kishan

5. Washington Sundar

6. Kamlesh Nagarkoti

7. Shivam Mavi

8. Abhishek Sharma

9. Riyan Parag

10. Yashasvi Jaiswal

**Conclusion**:

Rahul Dravid's legacy extends beyond his playing career, inspiring and shaping the next generation of cricketers. His influence serves as a model for role models in sports.

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