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## DIFFERENT GAME

# 'There's no substitute for hard work'

**T**he game-changer of the Indian cricket team, Virat Kohli, was in the City campaigning for a different cause recently. The star cricketer took the opportunity to encourage budding footballers to come up and play for the country.

He described Bangalore as his second home and how he loves spending time in the City. "I spend a lot of time here every year while playing the IPL. I stay here for at least three to four months and it is like my second home. I love going around the City and the hospitality I receive here is amazing," he added.

Virat says his favourite hide-out in the City is UB City and that he likes spending time there. "As far as shopping is concerned, we, cricketers are too busy with cricket and shopping is not on the agenda," he adds.

He, however, doesn't rate himself very well on his soccer skills. He says that he is the worst one in the team and that captain M S Dhoni rates him as the poorest among all the players in the team.

"M S is the best when it comes to football and I have been rated as the worst. Even Manoj Tiwari plays pretty well. We often play soccer to increase our team-building skills," he informed.

The delay in the schedule did not deter the spirits of the crowd and the venue

was jam-packed. As Kohli entered the venue, people greeted him with a loud cheer.

About his style statement, Virat said that he likes to keep it comfortable and simple, but no one can miss the tattoos on his arms. "I have four such tattoos and they are for different reasons, I will not reveal the meaning," he added with a smile.

The cricketer shared his thoughts about football and said that the game demands the player to be very fit and soccer players are far more fit than cricketers. "It is a great game and I enjoy watching the game and playing it. You have to be very dedicated to any game you play whether it is cricket or football. There is no substitute for hard work," he added.

Virat, who is a good friend of Yuvraj Singh, talked

about Yuvraj and his battle with cancer. "We miss him a lot and we all prayed for his speedy recovery. We want him back in the squad and hope to see him soon." Before he left, Virat did not fail to entertain his fans with his football skills.

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Virat Kohli