

## Shah targets Naveen

**Bhubaneswar (K-CN):** BJP National President, Amit Shah has held Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik responsible for Odisha' backwardness and poverty.

Accordingly Mr. Shah today called upon the saffron cadre to bring an "END" to the BJD Government in the state which had "failed to meet the basic needs of the people".

"While many states like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand have developed in a few years, Naveen Patnaik Government has failed to provide drinking water, electricity, health and education to the people", blamed BJP Chief.

Naveen Babu has done nothing in the last 17 years for the development of Odisha," he told the gathering at the BJP's massive rally.

He said the plight of Dana Majhi, who carried his wife's body on his shoulders for 10 kms from the hospital after being

denied a hearse, is a "shame", for the Naveen Government. Mr. Shah said the

ous UPA government had given Rs 23,000 crore to Odisha in 2013, the NDA Gov-

Coastal Highway, which will be Life-line of the State.

While huge

Temple in Puri, he said.

"The BJD Government is not letting



youth from Odisha migrated to other big cities like Surat, Hyderabad, Mumbai in search of work as the State Government had failed to provide them employment.

Rejecting the BJD's allegation of Centre's negligence towards the state, the BJP chief claimed that the Centre had given Rs 1.30 lakh crore to Odisha in the last two-and-a-half years.

While the previ-

ernment has sanctioned Rs 63,000 crore in 2016. From Rs 764 crore in the 2013 Rail Budget, the amount was hiked to Rs 4,682 crore in 2016, BJP Boss informed the cadre.

Mr. Shah said that NDA Government has announced to spend Rs 20,000 crore for the development of the National Highways in Odisha of which, Rs 4,500 crore was meant for the 450 KM long

amount was given to the state for the development of rural roads, waterways, electrification, health, education and other sectors, Chief Minister cry "Central Neglect".

The Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry has planned investments of Rs 33,000 crore in Odisha, while NALCO was engaged in developing the peripheral areas of Sri Jagannath

the benefits of the Central Schemes to percolate the common man," Mr. Shah alleged.

So he urged the people to "uproot" the BJD Government in the next election in 2019.

Union Ministers Jual Oram, Dharmendra Pradhan, Odisha BJP President Basanta Panda and BJPLP Leader KV Singh Deo also addressed the huge gathering.

## Jamir asks for innovation

**Bhubaneswar (K-CN):** "Teaching and Research constitute the centrality of learning and primacy of knowledge in a university. Almost all rankings use both these as benchmarks for assessing the quality of universities. The weightage given to research tends to be more in the rankings of universities recognizing the importance of research," said Governor and Chancellor of Universities S C Jamir while addressing the Vice Chancellors at Raj Bhavan here today.

Our universities ought to become fertile avenues for innovation and generation of ideas through research and publications, Dr. Jamir said.

Presiding over the conference of Vice Chancellors, the Governor said Odisha now has 15 State Universities including four newly formed universities and one Unitary University in IIIT.

Stating rising expectations and pres-

ures that universities are confronting with, he said, "This is a call for action, to think seriously about what we are doing, to value research and quality education and to ensure that our institutional policies and practices are well aligned with our priorities".

Expressing serious concern over campus indiscipline and violence, and echoing with concerns of parents and students, the Governor said university is an open and safe place for learning and intellectual growth; and not a battle ground or safety hazard.

Citing the challenge faced by universities in preparing students to face challenges in a real world, the Governor urged upon establishing collaboration with the industry and business sectors to bring in new ideas and thinking, developing skill and allowing students to learn about the practical side of things to en-

hance their employability prospects.

He further said leadership is central for providing an institutional vision and galvanizing academic consciousness among faculty and students. He expected dynamic leadership from vice-chancellors and taking responsibility and being accountable for one's decisions.

Jamir urged upon the academic community to think globally and gain strength from the power of collective endeavour.

Finance Minister Pradeep Kumar Amat and Higher Education Minister Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy were among others who addressed the conference. Principal Secretary to Governor, C J Venugopal, Principal Secretary Higher Education, G V V Sarma, Secretary Skill Development and Technical Education, Sanjay Kumar Singh and other senior officials were present in the meeting.

## Padhi fires maha missive

**Bhubaneswar (K-CN):** Odisha Government has asked the

ernment of Odisha filed a complaint with the Ministry of Water

due to unilateral action taken by the Chhattisgarh Government.

Mr. Padhi in his letter has pointed out that the Government of Chhattisgarh has planned for utilization of 27.48 Million Acre Feet (MAF) water from the Inter State River Mahanadi.

This is far in excess from the equitable share of Chhattisgarh in the waters of River Mahanadi, which is only 8.3 MAF, said Mr. Padhi.

Chief Secretary reminded his counterpart in Chhattisgarh that its share in the waters of River Mahanadi is not more than 8.3 MAF in the minimum flow of 20.61 MAF as assessed way back in 1945 and 2.5 MAF in the surplus flow as total surplus flow annually is 6.17 MAF.

So the excess utilization of 16.65 MAF of water under existing, ongoing and future expansion of the projects has af-

ected Odisha. And in future it is likely to affect the equitable share of Odisha in the Waters of River Mahanadi, pointed out Mr. Padhi.

Equitable share of State of Odisha in Mahanadi Waters is 15.95 MAF and break up is 12.28 MAF in minimum flow and 3.67 MAF in the surplus flow.

As the Government of Chhattisgarh planned six barrages unilaterally for utilization of 0.84 MAF of water and which are under construction cannot be sustained in Law or in Equity, said Mr. Padhi.

So the State Government has asked the Government of Chhattisgarh to stop construction and operation of the six barrages.

Mr. Padhi has also asked Mr. Dhand to immediately stop construction and operation of seven ongoing projects like Kalo, Arpa, Sondhar,

Sukhanalla, Ghumariya, Mongra II, and Samodanisda II.

Chief Secretary Mr. Padhi asked Mr. Dhand to restrain from taking forward the construction of any of the projects mentioned by the Government of Odisha.

Notably, Government of Odisha has tried to settle the matter through negotiations but as the Chhattisgarh Government was adamant and not cooperating with the Riparian State in a bonafide manner, so it approached MoWR to constitute a Water Dispute Tribunal and refer the matter to the Tribunal under Section 5 (1) of the Inter State River Water Disputes Act, 1956.

The complaint was filed on 19 November by the Principal Secretary Water Resources Pradeep Jena with Union Secretary MoWR Sashi Sekhar, said sources.

## Salt price on rise

**Bhubaneswar (K-CN):** In view of the increasing price of salt across the State, demand is being raised for controlling its prices like other items -- potato and onion.

While other consumer goods' prices are minimal across the State, the salt imported from other states is being sold at Rs 17 or 18 a KG in the market.

Annually around 3.50 lakh tonne salt is required for domestic and commercial purpose in the State, while the production has been confined only in 40,000 tonne.

Most of the farmers have quit salt making in the coastal belt districts. The salt that is used for cooking is mostly imported from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.

The plan to produce 70,000 tonne in the State by 2020 seems in files of the State Government.

The farmers in Ganjam, the highest salt producing district in the state, are turn-

ing away from the salt industry. The situation is similar in other districts including Balasore and Puri.

As the salt production is quite inad-

through the Government run kiosks after people suffered from thyroid disorder for using non-iodized salt in the state. However, the proposed scheme



equated in the State, the Government is not able to put a cap on the price of the processed salt, which is sold at Rs 17-18 per KG in the state.

Similarly, the salt that is used in factories and electricity work is being imported from Andhra Pradesh.

The State Government had prepared a blue print to provide iodized salt at the rate of Rs 3 per KG

faced red tape. The traders of other states are reaping huge benefits from salt trade in the state by fleecing the people. The State Government, which is providing Re 1 rice and controlling the prices of potato and onion, the similar step needs to be taken in case of salt in the state, said former Minister Food supplies and Consumer Welfare.



Government of Chhattisgarh to immediately stop construction and operation of ongoing barrages, so also future projects planned on River Mahanadi.

Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi today has dashed a letter to the Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh; Vivek Dhand after the Gov-

Resources (MoWR) in this regard.

Government of Odisha in the Department of Water Resources (DoWR) on 19 November has filed a complaint under Section 3 of the Inter State River Water disputes Act, 1956 seeking constitution of a Tribunal for adjudication of the water disputes emerging

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It's already known that eliminated contestant Priyanka Jagga is making a comeback on Bigg Boss 10 as a wildcard entry and joining her will be three celebrities — actor Sahil Anand, German-Russian actor Elena Kazan and international model Jason Shah. The three names might not be popular but going by their profiles, it is certain that they will bring a lot of drama to the controversial reality show. Sahil is best known as actor Varun Dhawan's

friend in Student of the Year but before entering films, he had a taste of reality TV as he participated in MTV Roadies and Splistvilla. In fact, Sahil appeared on season four of Roadies, which also had current Bigg Boss contestant Bani J. Sahil and Bani's shared history will surely bring a new angle to the game and while Bani is going strong in the house, it will be interesting to see how Sahil's entry affects her stay.

**Deepika stuns in latest trailer of 'xXx'**



Deepika Padukone's fierce Serena avatar in her Hollywood debut 'xXx: The Return of Xander Cage' is a treat to our eyes.

Paramount Pictures recently released the latest trailer of the action-adventure film starring Vin Diesel in the lead. The 30-year

old actress is seen in a bold look and her action sequences give us the chance to see a different side of the 'Piku' star in this new trailer of the film. For the Indian audience, Paramount Pictures India also released the trailer in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.



Sunny Leone stuns in a bikini as she flaunts her toned body. She made her Bollywood debut with a cameo appearance in The Girl Next Door. Former porn actress has also worked in Hollywood movies Pirate's Blood and The Virginity Hit.

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**BHUBANESWAR**

(KCN): A day before the visit of national BJP president Amit Shah to the Capital City, the BJD-ruled Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) removed BJP posters and hoardings triggering road blockade and the consequent traffic chaos on the road leading to Raj Bhawan here on Thursday.

Outraged by the action of BMC, BJP workers resorted to road blockade at Power House square for nearly six hours and damaged vehicles of the Corporation.

The prolonged road blockade at Power House square,

partments and CRP



routes of the City connecting Raj Bhavan, State Secre-

**BT Exclusive! Nadira Zaheer Babbar**

**Bombay Nadira** (KCN): hasn't done till date in her life. In an exclu-



Babbar will soon be seen enacting both her mother and herself in a play to be featured at the Prithvi Theatre Festival.

The soon-to-be 70 actress wishes to do everything she

sive chat with Bombay Times, she opens up on finally being able to write a play on her mother and work with Makarand Deshpande at the same time.

**BJP takes poster war with BMC to streets**

out of gear.

Tension ran high at Power House Square following clash between police and BJP activists when the cops asked the party workers staging demonstration to vacate the place. The irate BJP workers resorted to violence by vandalising BMC vehicles which led to the clash.

However, normalcy was restored after assurance from Commissioner of Police YB Khurania to reinstall the posters, banners and hoardings highlighting the visit of Shah.

The BJP lodged a complaint against BMC Mayor Ananta

**No break for the 'Breakup Song' singer**

**Bombay (KCN):**

'Mental Manadhil' from OK Kanmani, 'Mei Nigara' from 24, and now, 'The Breakup Song' from Ae Dil Hai Mushkil... Jonita Gandhi is on the crest of a wave. Over telephone from Mumbai, the 27-year-old says with a laugh, "My phone has been buzzing with messages ever since the ('Breakup') song released. Many were quite surprised when they came to know that I had sung it. I am not sure why." As for Jonita, it was one of the most fun projects that she had done. "We were partying and recording... it was dramatic," she says.

Jonita has a lot on her plate, from recording for movies to performing live gigs. But she also talks about a dream that she has been holding on to for

sometime now. "Writing music... I want to sing something that I have written from scratch. How cool would that be," she says, a little lost in thought. "I have written in the past, but I am just very picky. So I am not sure whether many of those will see the light of day," she adds after a pause.

Meanwhile, she is consciously making sure that her YouTube channel (Jonita Music has over half a lakh followers) thrives – given that's where she began her journey as a musician. "I used to record my song videos, all covers, on my phone and post them," she recalls. Later, as her channel continued to gain visitors, she started making professional videos, self-produced videos and collaborating with different artists. "This

was way back in 2011, and that's how far I could reach Bollywood from Toronto. But it helped me get a foot in the door, as several music composers recognised me, and next thing I know, I was doing a tour with Sonu Nigam in North America," she says. Following the tour, Jonita debuted in Bollywood with Chennai Express.

"Till then, I had only performed in live shows. I hadn't recorded a Bollywood song from scratch. Understanding and learning a composition on the spot was new to me. So I was extremely nervous," she recalls. The first song she recorded was the title song of Chennai Express for Vishal-Shekhar. "The song was already done, and the male voice was by SPB sir.

There was a small part in the song that fea-

tures Deepika Padukone in the visu-



als and they wanted a female voice. I just happened to be around then, so they told me to try it out, and it all came out well," she says.

She was then spotted by A.R. Rahman, with whom she worked on the album Raunaq and Tamil film OK Kanmani, among others. "I was in Chennai once, so he asked me to come to his studio and record in Tamil. Thankfully, I had people around me who really supported me. I had no idea how well I was singing the words. I had to rely completely on whoever was directing the videos to visually set everything right," she says with a laugh. "On my first trip to Chennai, while working with Rahman sir, I had no idea who we were recording for.

# Rupee plunges to 68.86 against US dollar despite RBI intervention

**MUMBAI(KCN):** The rupee fell to a record low of 68.86 on Thursday, pressured by a rallying U.S. dollar, capital outflows from emerging markets, and worries about the country's demonetisation drive.

Despite repeated interventions by the central bank to slow the slide, the rupee breached its previous low of 68.85 to the dollar set in August 2013, when the country was mired in its worst currency crisis in more than two decades.

The Reserve Bank of India intervened again in the afternoon, after spending around \$500 million in the morning, but the rupee was able to claw back only a fraction of its losses.

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It was trading at 68.82 as of 0826 GMT, down about 0.4 percent on the day.

The rupee has fallen around three percent so far this month, its biggest fall against the dollar since August 2015, though it has fared better than many other emerging market currencies since Donald Trump's shock win in the U.S. presidential election. Analyst said they

expected the rupee to remain under pressure, with the RBI continuing to inter-

vene to smoothen volatility but without defending a specific level.

"It is frankly difficult to say where the rupee will be in the near-term," said Pramod Patil, Vice President, Global Markets at United Overseas Bank.

"We will have to wait and watch Trump's actions once he is in the White House, only then will we have some cer-

ainty." In 2013, pressure on the current account triggered heavy

the dollar. Since the U.S. election on Nov. 8, foreign investors have sold a net \$1.59 billion from equity markets and \$2.02 billion in debt. Although foreign investors are pulling money away from India's capital markets, analysts say its strong economic growth should lend some support to the currency. Foreign exchange reserves also are at a near record high and inflation remains low.

**MODI'S GAMBLE** There are worries, however, that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's shock move this month to ditch higher-denominated banknotes could dent growth.

The move, announced on the eve of U.S. elections, has sparked widespread frustration among Indians struggling to get new notes, and is expected to dent the consumer demand that powers the economy.

# Centre to compensate States every quarter for GST revenue loss

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** States will receive provisional compensation from the Centre for loss of revenue from implementation of GST every quarter, but the final annual number would be decided after an audit carried out by CAG.

The compensation would be met through levy of a cess called 'GST Compensation Cess' on luxury

amount would go to the Consolidated Fund of India and would form part of the overall tax kitty, which as per statute, is divided in a fixed proportion between the Centre and the States.

The remaining 50 per cent would be disbursed among the States in the ratio of their total revenues from SGST in the last year of the transition period.

to a state under Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime and the tax revenue it would have got under the old indirect tax regime after considering a 14 per cent increase over the base year of 2015-16. The draft law would be taken up for consideration by the GST Council headed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and comprising all state representatives at the next



items and sin goods like tobacco, for the first five years.

Any excess amount after the end of five year tenure in the 'GST Compensation Fund' so created, would be divided between Centre and the States, said the draft GST compensation law made public by the Centre today.

Half of the excess

Any compensation paid to a State found to be in excess of the amount actually due to them after the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) audit would be adjusted against next year's compensation, the draft law said.

The loss of revenue to a state will be the difference between the actual realisation

meeting on December 2-3. The Council, at its earlier meetings, decided on a 4-tier GST tax structure of 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent.

Luxury items and demerit goods would be taxed at the highest rate and would also attract a cess to create a Rs 50,000 crore corpus for compensating states for loss of revenue.

# Currency change hits Oppo

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** BJP National President Amit Shah today said Opposition Leaders in the Country are hard hit by the strategic move of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi against black money.

Mr. Shah said "Modiji's move on black money has made leaders like Manmohan Singh, Mamata Banerjee, Arvind Kejriwal, Mulayam Singh, Mayawati and others uncomfortable. The glow on their faces has disappeared," he told the huge gathering at the BJP's 'Jan Jagaran Mahasamabesh'.

Referring to former prime minister Manmohan Singh's criticism of the Currency Reforms decision in Rajya Sabha, Shah said, "Demonetization has pained Manmohan Singhji."

Mr. Shah also wondered why would the opposition leaders be unhappy over the "measure against black money".

"Till November

7, they (opposition) were asking Prime Minister Narendra Modi what steps had



you so worried over Modiji's move against black money," he said, adding that parties with different ideologies had joined hands on the issue. "When there is a flood, snakes and mongooses, rats and cats stay together on a

tree. Now, Narendra Modi's demonetization flood has forced the leaders of the SP,

to recede," Mr. Shah ridiculed. Hailing demonetization as Modi's "Master Stroke" to put an end to black money in the country, the BJP National President said there should be no reason for the opposition to be afraid. Mr. Shah also slammed Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi's concern over cross-border terrorism. "Gone are the days of Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi when terrorists sneaked into India and wreaked havoc. Now, the Modi Government has been giving a befitting reply to all such misadventures," he said. He said Modi's determined political willpower and the Indian soldiers' valor could ensure a secret operation on the terrorist camps on the other side of the border. Lauding the prime minister's effort to boost the country's image across the world, Mr. Shah said different countries now welcomed our country.

Congress, Mamata, Mulayam, Mayawati and Kejriwal to take shelter under one umbrella. They are waiting for Modi's flood water (step against black money)

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# Saqlain Mushtaq desirous of becoming England's full-time spin coach

**MOHALI (KCN):** Former Pakistan Test cricketer Saqlain

they are spinners. And it is not just in the subcontinent, but

bowling coaches, the team is usually accompanied by only

wards its spinners and that has invariably led to their batsmen not

the Dawn reported.

During his short stint with England, he



Mushtaq has called on the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to appoint a full-time spin bowling coach before expressing his desire to fill in the position.

The Pakistan off-spinner is currently assisting the England team on a brief consultancy basis, having joined the squad after the two Tests in Bangladesh.

"It is very important to have a full-time spin coach. If you look at the highest wicket-taker in Test cricket and the highest wicket-taker in one-day cricket,

when you go abroad on the fourth and fifth day of the Test match the spinners are the main bowlers," ESPNcricinfo quoted Mushtaq as saying.

"The whole team relies on them so spin is a main thing and you have to have a full-time coach for the spin ... not just for the main team but on the county circuit as well. I believe that," Saqlain, who will leave the team following the ongoing third Test of the three-match series in Mohali, said.

Although England employ various

fast-bowling coach when on tour.

Saqlain also argued that the importance of spin bowling is undervalued in English cricket compared to other disciplines of the game.

Referring to former England spinner Graeme Swann's recent comments, Saqlain said, "It's not just me saying this. But I think a few weeks ago Swanny mentioned it. Lots of experts mention it."

Swann had slammed the English set up on how it has double standards to-

being able to cope with good quality spin in the sub-continent.

However, team director Andrew Strauss had recently suggested that the ECB is open to the idea of appointing a spin-bowling coach on a more permanent basis - though perhaps not on full-time.

Saqlain, the inventor of 'doosra', was previously roped in by England following their 75-run defeat at the hands of Pakistan in the opening match of the three-match Test series in July this year,

guided the hosts how to counter Yasir Shah's bowling attack besides helping off-spinner Moeen Ali and leg-break spinner Adil Rashid tactically.

Rated as one of the best off-spinners of modern cricket, Saqlain had also helped Saeed Ajmal in re-modelling his bowling action after the off-spinner was suspended from bowling in international cricket. However, he is yet to work with the Pakistan cricket team in a major role.

# Chennaiyin desperate to turn clock back

**CHENNAI(KCN):** Chennaiyin FC might be feeling a sense of deja vu. Last season they were poor in the opening games before going on to lift the trophy with a string of dominant performances towards the end. This year, the task may not be that easy as they have lost the players who made the difference last time — Elano Blumer and John Steven Mendoza.

Though Chennaiyin finally broke their NorthEast United FC jinx with a 1-0 victory in October, there is a sense of confusion in Marco Materazzi's camp as they gear up for the second leg at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai on Saturday. The hosts and their opponents are on 14 points, with

NorthEast placed sixth, a spot above on



goal-difference.

If the lack of spark in attack is one area of concern, the fading backline is something that needs addressing as well. Apart from the 18-year-old Jerry Lalrinzuala, the defence has not been up to the mark. Bernard Mendy has shown signs of slowing down. Marquee player John Arne Riise has not impressed either.

"More than Elano, it's Bruno

Pelissari that we have missed. Last season, when Elano was not playing, Pelissari made all the difference. Also Mendoza. We have conceded too many goals and wasted opportunities since the start. The league this year has not gone according to plans. We did not play like the way we thought we could. We are aiming to get

maximum points from the last two games and

hoping that other results go our way," said Materazzi on the eve of the encounter.

NorthEast United are more relaxed as they have a game in hand. Victory against Pune four days back has lifted their spirits. But just one away win this season — a 1-0 verdict in Pune — does not make for good reading. Suspension of Rowlin

Borges means the

tweaking. "This will be a crucial game for both. Only Mumbai are safe. All others have a chance. I feel our performance this season has not been that bad but the scoreline suggests the opposite. The stability is better than what it was a few weeks ago. Our target is to win, just like Chennai did in Guwhati," said coach Nelo Vingada.

# Rahul out again with forearm injury, Dhawan back in contention

**MOHALI(KCN):** Indian cricket team's poor fitness record in the ongoing home season continued as opener KL Rahul was today ruled out of the third Test due to a forearm injury sustained during the second match.

Rahul had earlier missed out two Tests and five ODIs against New Zealand after suffering a hamstring injury during the Kanpur Test match.

"KL Rahul sustained a blow to his left forearm while fielding in Vizag. Injury got exaggerated in the nets. He feels uncomfortable while batting. BCCI medical team advised him rest to fully recover," the official statement from the team stated.

Paceman Ishant Sharma was out of New Zealand series with Chikungunya, Rahul with a hamstring injury, Shikhar Dhawan with the thumb injury, Bhuvneshwar Kumar with a back strain and now Wriddhiman Saha has also encountered tendonitis issue.

Rahul was drafted in the side after scoring a half-century and a century on his comeback into the Karnataka team for

Ranji Trophy.

Dhawan who has recovered from thumb fracture and has already played a Ranji Trophy match against Rajasthan at Wayanad may be named in the squad for the next Test match in Mumbai in case Rahul doesn't get fit in time.

In case he gets fit, chances of including a third opener increases, after this latest injury.

Rahul's second injury blow comes after Wriddhiman Saha suffered a thigh strain in Vizag.

In both cases team management waited a bit more than usual to reveal the news as both Rahul and Saha are first-choice players in their respective positions in this

Indian Test team. Skipper Virat Kohli has time and again vouched for both players' abilities.

Rahul in his nascent international career spanning 10 Tests, 3 ODIs and 5 T20 Internationals has suffered from health issues as well as injuries.

He missed out on the one-off Test against Bangladesh in 2015 summer due to

dengue after being named in the squad. This year, he suffered a hamstring strain during the Kanpur Test where he looked in fluent touch during both innings.

The injury cost him four Tests (two each against NZ and England) before he came back at Vizag.

However, the team management's desperation to make Rahul play saw them keep the news of him having a forearm bruise completely under wraps.

Rahul was seen batting at the nets on both days when India trained at the PCA Stadium. That he has exaggerated was revealed during the toss.

Similarly, Wriddhiman Saha has had tendonitis and he travelled with the team to Mohali from Vizag and was only ruled out after scans revealed the injury.

Both Kohli and coach Anil Kumble made it clear that Wriddhiman firmly remains the first choice keeper in Test matches for India.

The list of injury and illness for India has been pretty big since the start of the home season.

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