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Naveen absence fuels rumor Plan to combat forest fire

Bhubaneswar(K-**CN):** With the Governing BJD President and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik not leading BJD Campaign for three-tire panchayat general elections polling for which begins from February 13, the opposition parties have launched a "mis-campaign". As Naveen used to take active part in every elections since he came to politics, this time round, the BJD Supremo may not go on campaign trail as he has already covered all

were announced. However, the opposition parties have started rolling rumor mill into action and several rumors are making rounds.

the 30 districts much

before poll schedules

However Naveen Niwas has so far has not cleared the doubt helping the rumor machine doing overtime.

Even the ruling party leaders are not sure whether Naveen will go for campaigning while the BJP has already announced poll campaign schedCM Raman Singh and his Jharkhand counterpart Raghubar Das.

ule of Chhattishgarh Patnaik is unlikely to Patnaik when Chief campaign in the three-tire panchayat elections.

Sources in the

campaigning

Minister refrain from panchayat polls just by giving a call to the

Popular People's Daily of Odisha |



BJD said the Chief Minister is likely to visit Hinjili, his Assembly constituency, during the campaigning period. But he is unlikely to visit other places. Naveen's father

Biju

Sources, however, said that Naveen legendary

The ruling BJD

leaders consider that

Naveen keeping

away from he cam-

paign may have its

impact on the elec-

toral prospect of the

people of Odisha to chose good candito dates panchayats.

Mr. Patnaik however, did not go by his father's rule, but campaigned in previous panchayat polls and also in urban polls.

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"As Chief Minister has already covered the entire state before the panchayat election was announced, he is not likely to campaign again for the party candidates," a senior BJD leader said.

Meanwhile, Congress has criticised the violence perpetrated allegedly by BJD activists in several parts of the state. In a memorandum submitted today, the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) urged the State Election Commission (SEC) to take immediate steps to ensure a free and fair election. Stating that violence has taken place in several parts of Odisha including Tarbha in Dhenkanal district, Bankual in Khurda district and Chandanpur in Puri district, a Congress delegation alleged with SEC. BJP Star Campaigners Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Jual Oram and others are moving around the State with full vigour and blaming the BJD Government for Mis-

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): With Summer Months approaching the Government of Odisha is updating its Crisis Management Plan (CMP) to combat Forest Fire in the State.

Though several State Governments have not prepared CMP, Odisha is one of the few States, which

In Odisha CMP was prepared way back in 2012, which needs updation keeping in view the changing environment and present day's requirements, officials admit.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has also prepared detailed guidelines for preparaMoEF&CC has asked the State Governments and Union Territories to prepare CMP and come down for discussion with the MoEF.

From today consultations begin in MoEF&CC and several State Governments are presenting their latest CMP, said sources.

Senior officials of



has CMP in place, however it needs updating, said sources.

BJD to protest Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh's poll campaign in Odisha

DHUDAINES WAKIN-**CN**) : As the state BJP is gearing up for the electioneering by Chhattisgarh Chief

spired with the Centre to stop sharing water with Odisha by constructing dams and barrages on the



Minister Raman Singh in two western Odisha districts on Thursday, the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) today announced to stage Jal Satyagraha (protest inside water) to protest against Singh's visit to the state.

BJD workers will take to Jal Satyagrah in Mahanadi river at and Cuttack Sambalpur at 10.30 and perform Jal Alati (lighting of lamps) in the evening as a mark of protest to the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister's stand on the Mahanadi water sharing issue.

"There has been protests at all levels to the proposed visit of Singh who has conupper stream of river Mahanadi. The BJD has decided to launch a peaceful protest to protect the interest of the state," BJD spokesperson Sashi Bhusan Behera told reporters here.

Admitting that Singh has constitutional and democratic rights to campaign for his party, Behera said the former has no moral right to seek vote for the BJP as his action will destroy the economy of the state.

Stating that Mahanadi is the lifeline of Odisha, the Balipatna MLA said the people of the state will not forgive the state BJP leaders who have See page - 7

tion of CMP and accordingly up-dation will be done, said

Several major fire incidents have been occurring in the State, causing huge damage to forest and wildlife resources. Mainly in Similipal and other forest areas face fire regularly during summer Months.

There are several causes of forest fire including fire started by people while collecting mahua flower and honey and the poachers set fire to forest to catch wild animals

During last year in the months of April, May and June incidents of fire occur resulting huge damage to forest cover in several parts of Similipal, Kuldiha, Raibania, Daitary, Kerandimal and Rukhi forests.

Now the National Green Tribunal (NGT) is asking the State Governments to prepare a CMP, so that such a menace would be avoided.

NGT in its recent order has expressed strong concern over poor response from the State Governments, who have not prepared CMP and asked the authorities to immediately prepare the CMP to take care of the fire menace in the forests.

After receiving the orders,

Department of Forest & Environment of the Government Odisha will be meeting MoEF&CC officials on 10 February, sources said.

CMP includes steps for remedy and prevention of fire in forests, which includes drawing fire lines, engagement of vana surakshya samiti volunteers and forest staff to douse fire and installation of fire blower machines, officials say.

Experts also say that using modern technology in the form of satellite imagery and improve communication system to alert the field staff immediately when fire

As the mobility in hilly terrain is a major challenge and we need to find ways to overcome that with provisions of additional vehicles - both four and two-wheelers -should be made available for the fast movement of fire fighting squads, they opine.

More sensitization of the people living in the forest fringes along with the adoption of modern fire fighting technologies shall help bio-diversity to recover from the loss that has occurred, conserve soil and improve discharging of groundwater, pointed out an expert.

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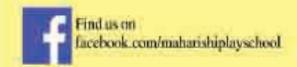
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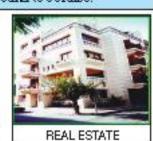
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'Mani Ratnam is prolific... he is a magician'

Mani Ratnam's movies are intense but they have their fair share of light moments too... one of the reasons why we look forward to watching them! Awaiting the release of Kaatru Veliyidai, heroines his Shraddha Srinath and Aditi Rao Hydari can't stop talking about the maverick filmmaker. Excerpts follow: What's the best thing about being a part of Mani Ratnam's film?

Aditi:They say, when you want something bad enough, the universe helps you get it. I have always wanted to act in his directorial since my childhood. I am his die-hard fan. It was a dream come true! He's extremely committed to his craft. He's not a director, but a magician, who gives more than 100%. When you work with him, you tend to love cinema. He gives out positive vibes all the time. All his protagonists are real characters. They sing and act naturally. Everything he shows on screen will be natural. It's difficult to even express in words how the experience has been. I developed a bond with him. I can't wait to do another film with him.

Shraddha: He's prolific. I still remember my first shot with him. I just wanted to impress him. I did everything possible to deliver more than what he had expected. I was really tense and conscious in the beginning. Then I got used to his style of work. How's Mani Ratnam on the sets? Aditi: He's a dis-

ciplinarian and an ideal teacher for any actor. He gives his actors space and time to learn. When I get

films I was doing. He's generally chilled out, but there were moments he lost his temper (smiles). I believe that's human nature, and these

lot of things. What tools of the directors' can you tell us about Kaatru Veliyidai?

Aditi: I can't talk anything about the film. Mani Ratnam is the right person to

vision. Mani Ratnam" stories, in particular, are universal. You don't have to understand Tamil to watch his films. I

Vikram Vedha and Ivan Thanthiran (op-Gautham posite Karthik) in my kitty. Every film has been a different experience.



to work with such a director, what more can I ask for? Shooting for Kaatru Veliyidai is an expe-

rience by itself. We have completed filming, and I miss everybody. I feel like calling Mani Ratnam right now. I want to ask him if I can have another round of schedule. (Winks) Shraddha: When I met him, I was half curious and half anxious. I was looking at him in total awe because I never thought this could happen pretty early in my career.

It took me some time to settle down. On day one, we had formal conversations, and then he asked me about the Kannada

things make Mani Ratnam what he is. Tell us about your costars...

Aditi: I've met Shraddha once or twice. She's great to be with. Also, Karthi is down-to-earth and a friendly person.

Shraddha: Aditi and I don't have many combination scenes. We haven't met each o t h e r on the sets many times. Once I saw her during breakfast. It was our 'free day'. She's a thorough professional. I did not feel like being in the presence of a top Bollywood artiste. She was like one of us. On the other hand, I got to spend more time with Karthi. We were talking about a

ask. We are made to talk about it so much that the spark of the film is lost. I'll let my work do the talking.

Shraddha: I play

a brigadier's daughter. The character is close to my heart as my father is a colonel in the army. What do Tamil films mean to you? Aditi: Films mean everything to me. Language doesn't matter at all. I never categorise films by language. The whole package is beautiful. When you act well, people start liking you and even go to the extent of confusing you with your characters. Cinema is cinema. After all, they're the directors' medium.

We actors are just

Paruthiveeran (2007), and I liked it. I have watched many Tamil films without completely. Cinema from everybody is amazing. It adds to Tamil film I signed was Richie opposite play a journalist in it.

watched Karthi's

subtitles, and I have understood them. To me, the high is to work with good directors. I value their vision and trust them is about narrating stories in a visually-appealing fashion. Shraddha: Officially, I haven't had any release in Tamil, but the kind of love I get the amount of responsibility. The first Nivin Pauly, which is yet to be released. I Already, I have In Vikram Vedha, I\play Madhavan's wife and in Ivan Thanthiran, I play an engineering student. I am not trying to be choosy, but I choose films that are different. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Aditi: I have learnt to be non-judgmental. To succeed in any field, you need to be open about choices and what you're doing. Until you pursue them, you'd never know if it's your calling or not. I want to be like a kid on the sets brimming with energy. I'd never allow myself to be typecast. I want to do different characters. Be it any project, I put my heart and soul into it.

Kriti picks up a cigarette for the first time looking towards the for her role

NEW DELHI(K-CN): We have seen actors go to lengths for their roles,

pushing the envelope, going out of their comfort zone and doing what is required. This time Kriti

Sanon has done it for her character in 'Bareilly ki Barfi.' The actress, who has always been a nonsmoker, had to pick up a cigarette for her role, as the script demanded so.

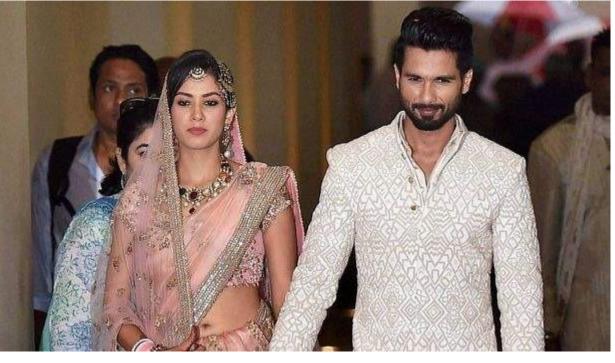
Committed to her character, 'Heropanti' actress did not hesitate to go ahead and do this, even though it was not in her comfort zone. Confirming the news, Kriti shares, "I was always a non-smoker and I continue to be. I only picked up the cigarette because my character demanded me to."

'Hello world', Shahid introduces daughter on social media

MUMBAI: (KCN): Bollywood actor

month-old daughter Misha Kapoor on soblack-and-white photograph of his daugh-

Shahid Kapoor In the image, Mira is



Shahid Kapoor has finally shared a photograph of his five-

cial media. Shahid on Wednesday shared a

ter along with his wife Mira Rajput, on Instagram.

seen hugging the baby and kissing her cheek, while Misha is

Sanjay Bhansali's upcoming film "Padmavati", which also stars Ranveer Singh and

camera.

"Hello

world,'

Shahid captioned the

image. Shahid and Mira welcomed their

first child with utmost

joy in August last

year. The name of the

duo's daughter is an

amalgam of her par-

Shahid and Mira, who have a 12-year age gap, tied the knot

in New Delhi in

2015. They report-

edly met due to their

connect with the reli-

gious group Radha

Soami Satsang Beas. On the work

front, Shahid will be

seen in filmmaker

Leela

ents' name.

Deepika Padukone. TAGSShahid Mira Misha

Tesla to enter Indian market NSE appoints IDFC's Vikram Limaye as new CEO in summer 2017: Elon Musk

NEW DELHI(K-CN): US-based electric car major Tesla plans to enter the Indian market during this summer, accord-

ing to company's

Chief Executive Elon

mer this year," Musk

tweeted in a reply to

a query on by when

Tesla could launch its

Last year in models

vehicles in India.

"Hoping for sum-

Musk.

April, the company had stated that it planned to enter India with its Model 3 in 2017 while it began global rollout of the

vehicle in late 2016.

Model 3 is Tesla's

most affordable car

yet and achieves 215

miles of range per

charge while starting

at USD 35,000 before

company's others

The

include

incentives.

Model S and Model X. In a visit to the company's plant last year, Union Minister of Road, Transport and Highways Nitin

Gadkari had offered

Tesla land near major

Indian ports to facili-

tate exports to South

and South East Asian

countries while ask-

ing the company to

make India its Asia

In September

manufacturing hub.

Narendra Modi had visited Tesla's facility in San Jose and showed keen interest in some of their path breaking inventions, particularly in the renewable energy sector which can have multiple applications in remote rural areas. In 2014, Tesla

2015, Prime Minister

had said it was keen to enter the Indian market and even identified the country as one of the possible locations to set up a manufacturing plant in Asia. It, however, said high duty on imported vehicles and lack of a separate category for electric cars prevented it from selling vehicles here despite having a huge potential.

NEW DELHI(K-**CN**): Leading stock exchange NSE has selected IDFC chief Vikram Limaye as its new Managing Director and CEO, two months after the sudden exit of Chitra Ramkrishna from the top post.

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The appointment comes at a time when the exchange is preparing to launch its IPO estimated to be worth over Rs 10.000 crore.

Besides, the bourse is facing regulatory issues over alleged preferential access to a few for colocation and algo trade facilities.

"The board of directors of NSE has approved the appointment of Limaye, Managing Director and CEO of IDFC, as the Managing Director and CEO of NSE," IDFC said in a regulatory filing to-

However, the appointment is subject to the approval of market regulator Sebi and shareholders of NSE.

The approval of the board, chaired by Ashok Chawla, comes after a fourmember search panel suggested Limaye's name from among the short-listed candidates. Incidentally, he was recently named in a four-member panel appointed by the Supreme Court to administer cricket body BCCI.

Limaye started his professional career with Arthur Andersen in Mumbai in 1987 and has also worked with Ernst & Young and Citibank. He has worked at Wall Street for eight years with Credit

frastructure, economic policy, markets and trade. A commerce graduate, Limaye has an MBA in Finance and Multinational Manage-



Suisse First Boston before returning to Mumbai in 2004.

Limaye has contributed to various committees of government and industry associations on a range of topics on in-From Page - 1

joined hands with Singh to ruin the future generations of the state.

The state committee of the CMP today announced to protest the visit of the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister. Senior party leader and former secretary state Janardan Pati said that his party will hold demonstrations wherever Singh will visit.

Taking the assistance of Singh for poll campaigning by the state BJP leader is nothing but suicidal, Pati remarked.

The Congress and Samajwadi Party have also decided to oppose Singh's visit.

The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister is coming on a day's visit to state on Thursday and he is scheduled to address three public meetings, the first one at Burda in Losing block of Bolangir district at 11 am followed by Kandailela near Lakhanpur in Jharsuguda district at 12.30 pm and the last one at Subdega in Sundergarh district at 2.30 pm.

President of Samajwadi Party's state unit Rabi Behera said his party workers will stage black flag demonstrations at the respective district headquarters during the visit of Singh.

ment from Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Incidentally, the rival BSE made a stellar listing last week on the NSE platform as self-listing is not allowed.

Former CEO Ramkrishna had risen through the ranks to head the exchange and was part of the team that set up NSE in 1992. She was also one of the few women executives at the helm of a leading exchange globally. Her tenure was originally scheduled to end in March 2018. She took charge as managing director and CEO in April 2013 when she succeeded Ravi Narain, who was also part of the first leadership team of the exchange.

Bharat Forge Q3 profit drops 21 percent to Rs **129** crore

NEW DELHI(KCN): Auto components major Bharat Forge today reported 21.48 per cent decline in its net profit at Rs 128.62 crore for the quarter ended on December 31, 2016.

The company had posted a net profit of Rs 163.81 crore for the same period of previous fiscal. Total income from operations declined to Rs 990.01 crore for the third quarter of FY2016-17, compared to Rs 1,108.52 crore during the same period of previous fiscal, Bharat Forge said in a regulatory filing.

The company's board, which met today, has declared an interim dividend Rs 2.50 per equity share of Rs 2 each. Shares of the company were trading down 0.08 per cent at Rs 980 on the BSE.

RBI cuts current financial growth forecast to 6.9%, pegs it at 7.4% for 2017-'18

NEW DELHI(KC-N): RBI Governor Urjit Patel today cut value added) growth the economic growth

for 2016-17 is pro-

etary policy on December 7, the central bank had cut growth

tion as well as in the unorganised sector is expected to be rapidly

and investment demand." it added.

forecast to 7.1 per restored, the RBI said the emphasis in

The Central Sta-The apex bank tistics Office (CSO), in its advance esti-

forecast to 6.9 per cent for the current fiscal from 7.1 per cent estimated earlier, even as he said the economy will bounce back to 7.4 per cent rate next fiscal.

The Reserve Bank today kept key interest rates unchanged saying it wants to assess how the transitory effects of demonetisation on inflation and the outjected at 6.9 per cent with risks evenly balanced around it. Growth is expected to recover sharply in 2017-18 on account of several factors. GVA growth for 2017-18 is projected at 7.4 per cent, with risks evenly balanced," the RBI said in its 6th bi-monthly

statement. In its last mon-

policy

monetary

cent, from its earlier projection of 7.6 per cent for this fiscal.

The apex bank said that discretionary consumer demand held back by demonetisation is expected to bounce back in the closing months of 2016-17.

Economic activity in cash-intensive sectors such as retail trade, hotels and restaurants, transportasaid. "Demonetisationinduced ease in bank funding conditions has led to a sharp improvement in transmission of past policy rate reductions into marginal cost-based lending rates (MCLRs), and in turn, to lending rates for healthy borrowers, which should spur a pick-up

in both consumption

the 2017-18 Budget was on stepping up capital expenditure and boosting the rural economy and affordable housing, which will contribute to the economic growth. The RBI projection of 6.9 per cent GVA growth for current fiscal comes on the back of the Economic Survey last week forecasting economic growth of 6.5 mates for 2016-17 on January 6, placed India's real GVA growth at 7 per cent for the year, but it did not take into account the impact demonetisation on economic activity. The growth forecast of 7.4 per cent in 2017-18 is on the upper end of the 6.75 to 7.5 per cent band estimated in the Eco-

nomic Survey.

Change in Olympic events will hit shooting's ecosystem: Gagan Narang

Olympic bronze-medallist Gagan Narang says shooting's "ecosys-

tem" will take a "hit"

if the ISSF Athletes

Committee's recom-

mendation for mixed-

gender team events

for future Olympics,

starting with the 2020

edition in Tokyo, is

ratified by the world

body. In a decision

that evoked mixed re-

sponse, the ISSF Ath-

letes Committee,

headed by India's

Olympic gold-medal-

list Abhinav Bindra,

recommended

mixed-gender team

events for the Olym-

pic Games. The panel

has sought to replace

the double-trap men's

event with a mixed-

individual

lone

NEW DELHI(K- convert the 50m his statement that prone men's event into a mixed-gender air rifle event and the 50m pistol men's

event into a mixed-

gender air pistol

Narang, one of India's

most versatile shoot-

ers, said, "The eco-

system of shooting

sport will take a hit

with these three

events going out of

the Olympic pro-

gram." The ace

shooter, though,

promptly added, "But

like many others, I

will also cross the

bridge when we get to

it." Unlike some of

India's top pistol

shooters, Narang is

not "deeply sad-

dened" but ready to

embrace it. When

Speaking to PTI,

event.

ecosystem of shooting will take a hit, Narang said, "Prone is very popular across

the world and sup-

pose it is dropped, so

many shooters who

are shooting prone

equipment manufac-

turing units will also

be affected. "Weapon

manufactures will

stop producing weap-

ons, equipment re-

quired for 50m prone

and 50m pistol

events." Citing an-

other example, he

said a 50m range that

caters to three events

now will cater to two

only, if 50m prone

and pistol are

follows the Interna-

Olympic

tional

He felt the

only will be out."

tive of international sport federations working towards a 50 per cent female representation at the Games.

Currently, shooting has nine men's

and six women's events at the Olympics. The 33-year-old Narang is currently not part of his pet event -- 10m air rifle -- in which he won the bronze medal at 2012 London Olympics, but he is determined to regain peak form. "It has been my bread and butter event ever since I started shooting. Several injuries had set me back. I have had an issue with my heel during the Rio Olympic Games. That came in the way of shooting my best scores. But I have recovered changed my equipment, found out the flaws and been able to plug the loopholes. Hopefully, I shall be back to my best in the next few months," Narang said. From only prone at the moment, he plans to gradually get back to shooting in other events. Narang will look to get his act right when the year's first ISSF World Cup begins in the capital dropped. The move on February 22, where there will be no dearth of crowd support.

India thrash Thailand by nine wickets for second straight win at ICC women's WC qualifier

COLOMBO(KCN): India shot out Thailand for a paltry 55 before cantering to a nine wicket-win in

ing line in 12.4 overs with Thirush Kamini and Veda Krishnamurty staying unbeaten on 24 and

Rajeshwari Gayakwad sharing two wickets apiece. The leading wicket-taker

Poonam Yadav and Cricket Club Ground. It was a second straight win for India after they thrashed Sri Lanka by 114 runs



their second match of the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier here today.

The match turned out be to a lopsided affair with India bowling out Thailand in 29.1 overs before jogging to the finishStar player

17 respectively.

Harmanpreet Kaur was the only player to be dismissed in the Indian innings.

It was a collective effort from the Indians bowlers with Deepti Sharma,

was Mansi Joshi, who ended with figures of three wickets of four runs in five overs. There was no way back for the Thai squad which was in dire straits at six for 20 after opting to bat first at the Colombo

yesterday. India play their next game against Ireland on Friday. Brief scores: Thaliand 55 all out in 29.1 overs. India 59/ 1 in 12.4 overs (Thirush Kamini 24, Veda Krishnamurthy 17 not out).

team have a plush hotel but no money for dinner India Under-19

A FORTNIGHT into their 30-day home series against England, India's Under-19 cricketers and their support staff, including coach Rahul Dravid, are yet to receive their daily allowances.

Reason? The absence of an official signatory to release

funds after the Supreme Court removed BCCI secretary Ajay Shirke, and the cash withdrawal limit of Rs 24,000 per week following demonetisation policy.

This bizarre combination has resulted in the junior cricketers going for half-amonth without their

entitled allowance of Rs 6,800 per day. So much so, the players have had to fend for themselves for dinner after play, and rely on their parents to help them with money.

Sources confirmed that the players were told the BCCI does not have an official signatory to sign

ond-highest wicket-

taker. His ability with

cheques — all payments need to have the approval of the secretary. After Shirke was shown the door, along with BCCI president Anurag Thakur, the board is left with jointsecretary Amitabh Choudhary and treasurer Anirudh Chaudhary.

on daily allowance

gender trap event, asked to elaborate on Committee's objec-India vs enter one-off Test as firm favourites **Preview: Hosts** Bangladesh

The long Test season in India is now onto its solitary chapter. Starting from Thursday, Team India will locks horns Bangladesh in a oneoff Test in Hyderabad and this is scheduled to be the ninth Test played between the two teams. The first Test between the two nations was held way back in 2000 and since then, India has won six of their eight Test matches against Bangladesh. Noticeably, all of these matches were held in Bangladesh. It is now, after 16 years, that they have been finally been invited to play a Test on Indian soil. The reason behind this remains a mystery with financial implications being cited as one of the reasons. But all this could change if the visitors manage to spring a surprise and

captain Mushfiqur

Rahim and co. will have to be at their supreme best if they are harbouring any hope of leaving a mark on their first visit (in Tests) to India.

However, the Indian team will be tough to beat given their current run of form (18 games unbeaten) in the longer version of the game. With Virat looks stronger than ever. The only area which remains a matter of conjecture is whether Kohli will go in with Hardik Pandya or a sixth batsman.

down the order and playing the role of the third spinner to perfection brings in further depth to the squad.

Meanwhile, despite their woeful per-

tent spin attack can prove deadly on the Hyderabad pitch and added to that is the skill of all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan.



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With Amit Mishra injured, Jayant Yadav spot seems secure in the side. His ability with the bat lower

formance against New Zealand, the visitors cannot be taken lightly or be treated as minnows either. Their po-

the experience of IPL will add more mettle to the squad. In the series against England, Shakib was the secthe bat reached newer heights as he slammed a double-century recently. But if there is one player whose absence the visitors will is pacer Mustafizur Rahman. In the previous IPL, Mustafizur displayed his class and propelled Sun Risers Hyderabad to their maiden IPL crown. The 21-yearold pacer's knowledge of Indian pitches will surely be missed.

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If Bangaldesh are looking to pull of an upset then it will be an uphill task. Statistics do not speak well for the visitors if we take a look at their away form. Their last overseas victory was against Zimbabwe and that too was four years

ago. India will thereby continue to remain strong favourites to win at home, although the Tigers are not ones to be taken lightly as they are capable of springing a surprise attack from nowhere. Squads:

India: Virat Kohli (C), KL Rahul, M Vijay, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Karun Nair, Hardik Pandya, Wrddhiman Saha (wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Amit Mishra, Ishant Sharma, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Umesh Yadav, Abhinav Mukund.

Bangladesh: Mushfiqur Rahim (c), Tamim İqbal, Soumya Sarkar, Mahmudullah Riyad, Imrul Kayes, Shakib Al Hasan, Mehedi Hasan Miraz, Mominul Haque, Sabbir Rahman, Liton Das, Taskin Ahmed, Subashis Roy, Taijul Islam, Kamrul Islam Rabbi and Shafiul Islam.