

# Indian Cricket on Top of the World

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**Series:** Bangladesh tour of India, 2019

India vs Bangladesh, 1st Test

**Venue:** Holkar Cricket Stadium, Indore

Nov 14-Nov 18; but lasted till Nov 16th.

**Toss :** BAN, chose to bat

## Scores

BAN 150,

IND 493/6 decl, and

BAN 213

India won by an innings and 130 runs. India could get 20 wickets, while Bangladesh got just 6.

**PLAYER OF THE MATCH:** Mayank Agarwal

Bangladesh have been defeated by India comprehensively in less than three days of play.

Team India collected another sixty points in the Test Championship and are securely placed at the top spot. The second-placed team is far too distant.

This characterises the dominance of Team India in World Cricket. Truly a world Super Power in Cricket.

Such losses can demoralise any losing team and leave its confidence in tatters. And the kind of wins that this ruthless Team India gets would go a long way in motivating India and its billion fans to let the show go on, and play another match. Hereinafter, every team will have to combat this Indian team and go through that agony.

Today, Team India is on top of world cricket. At home, it is invincible.

There have been several factors which have attributed to the rise and rise of [Indian Cricket](#). There is no dearth of top quality players, coaches, mentors, and administrators. At any given point of time, India can now produce a team comprising a second or third string of players which can take on any International team. The strength of the bench is the true indicator of the health of the team.

In this Test, India lost their superstars, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, cheaply but Mayank Agarwal saw that as an occasion to perform. He grabbed this opportunity and added to the misery of Bangladesh with a stellar double-century. And with three full days still left, Bangladesh were never in contention to even save this match.



The Indian fast bowlers continue to bring smiles on the faces of 1970-90 generation of Indian players. That was an era when the fast bowlers of West Indies, Australia, and Pakistan used to rule. India invariably used to be at the receiving end. Today, the fortunes have reversed.

Historically, the origin of the change in the Indian team fortunes is traced to the 1979 winter India – Pakistan Test series. For the first time in the history of [Indian Cricket](#), one opponent batsman (Sadiq Mohammed) while facing India's bowling, signalled towards its dressing room asking for a helmet. That signal marked the arrival of the 19-year old Kapil Dev. That signal, as per Sunil Gavaskar, has precisely been the turning point for Indian Cricket.

40 years later Kapil Dev has come up with a statement: *“Aisa pace attack humne dekha nahi tha, socha bhi nahi tha.”* (we have not seen such a pace attack, nor did we think about it).

The former captain and fast bowler Kapil Dev has showered praise on the present Indian pace attack. “Without any doubt, the fast bowlers have changed the face of Indian cricket in the last four-five years,” he said.

“I am proud of the quality of Indian fast bowlers. They have come in numbers, it is the best ever Indian pace attack,” he added.

Fast bowlers of India are at the top of their game. Even the pitch looks different when they bowl. India has a dream bowling combination today. Team India can even afford to miss its top bowler, Jasprit Bumrah. India continues to stride ahead from strength to strength due mainly to the passion with which the game is followed, played, and administered.

A similar analogy can not be applied to other cricketing Nations. As a result, the gap between the first and the second is widening, the numbers and the records are there for everyone to see.

Today the team is focussed to take the [Indian cricket](#) higher and higher. The motivation and the intent have been right as seen by its clinical performances all around in recent history.