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India Likely To Field Balaji For Opening Test, Beginning Tomorrow



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Hamilton: So, finally, its time to resume the quest for the holy grail of cricket.

The Indian team is, of course, not in full battle mode yet; the opening Test is in fact still quite a few hours away; but you are reading this preview sooner as the match begins very, very early on Wednesday morning.

In fact, by the time you wake up on the morrow, the adventure would already have begun; indeed, you would probably even know if India are on the right trail or not, if they can actually crack the clues and overcome all the hurdles on this perplexing journey or not.

The signs so far have been promising: after a scary T20 start, they got hold of their own nerves and disposed them

on the Kiwis by simply employing the great Indian hon trick:



ON THE EDGE: (From left) Harbhajan Singh, VVS Laxman, Yuvraj Singh, Sachin Tendulkar and Zaheer Khan perform a skywalk atop the 192m Auckland Sky Tower, the tallest man-made structure in Southern Hemisphere, in Auckland on Saturday. The photograph was released by Tourism New Zealand on Monday