

India T20I Squad and Schedule

5 T20Is • 22 October to 1 November 2026 • 16-player squad led by Shreyas Iyer

THE SQUAD

Role	Players
Batters	Shreyas Iyer (c), Tilak Varma (vc), Abhishek Sharma, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
Wicketkeeper-batters	Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan
All-rounders	Axar Patel, Shivam Dube, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Naman Dhir
Spinners	Varun Chakaravarthi, Kuldeep Yadav
Fast bowlers	Arshdeep Singh, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Prince Yadav, Mayank Yadav

(c) captain, (vc) vice-captain. This squad is for the T20Is only. The ODI and Test squads will be named later.

SELECTION NOTES

Bhuvneshwar Kumar returns: Back in India's T20I squad for the first time since November 2022, after taking 28 wickets in IPL 2026 at an economy rate of 7.95.

Jasprit Bumrah rested: Sits out the T20Is to manage his workload before the ODIs and Tests later in the tour.

Varun Chakaravarthi fit again: The spinner returns from injury to join Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel.

T20I SCHEDULE (LOCAL, IST AND ET)

Match	Date (NZ)	Venue	Local (NZDT)	IST	ET
1st T20I	Thu, 22 Oct	Hagley Oval, Christchurch	8:00 PM	12:30 PM	3:00 AM
2nd T20I	Sat, 24 Oct	Hagley Oval, Christchurch	8:00 PM	12:30 PM	3:00 AM
3rd T20I	Tue, 27 Oct	Sky Stadium, Wellington	8:00 PM	12:30 PM	3:00 AM
4th T20I	Fri, 30 Oct	Eden Park, Auckland	8:00 PM	12:30 PM	3:00 AM
5th T20I	Sun, 1 Nov	Seddon Park, Hamilton	8:00 PM	12:30 PM	2:00 AM

Local time is New Zealand Daylight Time (NZDT, UTC+13). IST is India Standard Time (UTC+5:30). ET is US Eastern Time. Every start falls on the same calendar date in all three zones. US clocks go back one hour on 1 November, so the 5th T20I starts at 2:00 AM ET.

The tour continues with five ODIs from 4 November and two Tests from 19 November.