

## India Open Super Series Starts on March 24

The Badminton World Federation has given the Super Series circuit a break in January and February. So the leading stars have been raring to have a go at each other. The India Open will give them the opportunity to have a go at each other.

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(Lin Dan with President, BAI at the press conference, New Delhi)

**New Delhi:** The Yonex Sunrise India Open Super Series starts on Tuesday with the likes of Lin Dan participating in the Tournament.

**As far as India is concerned, the race for the World No.1 ranking in Women's Singles hots up with Badminton stars set to take to the courts of the Siri Fort Sports Complex. Top seed and India's best hope Saina Nehwal and reigning World Champion Carolina Marin of Spain are both capable of wresting that coveted spot this week. Should this happen, it would be the first time a non-Chinese will top the Women's Singles rankings in more than four years, the last being Denmark's Tine Baun in December 2010.**

**It would also be a historic first for India as no Woman from the country has ever achieved this distinction.** Currently Ranked No.2 behind China's Li Xuerui, Saina has everything in her favour to take the No.1 spot as Olympic Champion Xuerui, who was runner-up last year, is not participating this year.

Defending Champion and World No.3 Shixian Wang of China has not returned to defend her Title in what is the second Super Series of the calendar.

**Meanwhile, in the Men's Singles, the big news is that two-time Olympic Champion and five-time World Champion Lin Dan of China will be making his debut in the tournament. In his quest to gain a qualification spot for the 2016 Rio Olympics, 'Super' Dan will be looking to win the Tournament to gain maximum points to up his ranking.**

**In his way will be Danish top seed Jan O Jorgensen and India's second seed Kidambi Srikanth, both of whom have beaten the legendary Chinese star. World No.4 Srikanth's moment of glory came when he defeated Dan in a classic final at the China Open in November 2014.**

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