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# ON A HIGH



The "First Time Winner" award helps Gurki Shergill earn a conditional card which gives the city golfer entry to various Asian Tour events

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Try as much as he did but Gurki Shergill could not conceal his joy while receiving the "First Time Winner" award at the year-ending PGTI award ceremony. The 30-year-old had more than one reason to smile.

Apart from the domestic accolade which came after his success at the Tata Open, the Pune lad has found his way to the Asian Tour, earning a conditional card which gives him an entry to at least 10-15 Asian Tour events. This also saved him the hassle of attending the Q-school, results of which could not have helped him any better.

Gurki who has been on the pro circuit since nine years was just waiting for a chance — read better facilities, prize money, better golf courses et al. The hard-working lad is willing to give his best and strive harder as he faces a sterner test when he takes on Asia's best in the tournaments to come.

Thus Gurki has earned the twin honours of becoming the first golfer from the city to win on the professional tour and also play on the Asian Tour.

The skipping of the Q-school will give enough time for Gurki to not only sharpen his golfing skills but to work out his finances as well, especially after one of the sponsors withdrew owing to a changed strategy. Gur-

ki who finished 23rd on the PGTI Order of Merit (point-wise) will also get to play in the joint-sanctioned events — the Avantha Masters and Nimbus Pro-Am — both to be held in February in India without breaking a sweat.

Although Gurki has experienced the competition in a handful of Asian Tour events played both in India and on the Asian soil, he is confident of putting up a good show. After having ironed out his mistakes while working with his coach Kel Llewellyn, Gurki is raring to step out.

This is just the beginning for Gurki who will be trying to emulate the achievements of his famed family of Randhawas.



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# Pune's Gurki Shergill tied fifth at Brunei golf

**Bandar Seri Begawan:** Three birdies in the last five holes saw **Gurki Shergill** come in with a round of five-under 66 that placed him

tied fifth at the end of the first round in the Brunei Open golf on Thursday.

Pune-based Shergill, who won his first pro title last year in India on the Indian Tour, is the best placed among the 10 Indians in the fray in the tournament, which heralded the start of the second half of the season for the Asian Tour. Shergill played from the tenth tee and went around the front stretch of the course in four-under 31.

Thailand's Thammanoon Srirot produced a superb chip-in birdie on the last hole to equal the course record of nine-under-par 62 in the first round. He had a flawless round with nine birdies to open up a two-stroke lead over

Bangladesh's Siddikur who was one of two players to shoot a hole-in-one at the Empire Hotel and Country Club.

The next best Indian was Gaganjeet Bhullar at two-under 69 in tied 28th place. Anirban Lahiri, looking for his maiden Asian Tour triumph, shot a one-under 70 in 38th place, the same as C Muniyappa, the Hero Honda Indian Open champion.

Digvijay Singh (71) in tied 62nd place, Himmat Rai (73) in 91st place, Gurbaaz Mann and Amandeep Johl (77 each) in tied 131st place and Rahil Gangjee (78) in 134th place were the other Indians in the fray. Korea's Lee Sung and Australia's Adam Groom, who shot two eagles, took a share of third placing on 65s. Thammanoon, a five-time Asian Tour winner, brilliantly made the turn in 29 before adding three birdies on the back nine. He was delighted to end his round on a high note. JANS



## Long time coming

**Jamshedpur:** Nine long years. Plenty of talent, great ball-striker, support from family and sponsors, but a blank in the wins' column. Gurki Shergill, 31, finally overcame his demons, and banished all thoughts of past failures, to triumph in a gritty play off against Shamim Khan and win the Tata Open.

Shergill's 8-iron approach from just over 150 yards on the first hole of sudden death spun to within a foot of the pin tucked left on a hard green. The shot gave him an easy birdie and the win, as Khan faltered to a bogey after finding the greenside bunker. "What an incredible feeling to win my maiden title!" said a beaming Shergill. "I've been playing well for a while now, but I was just too concerned with the results and getting frustrated when they didn't come. I just wanted to enjoy my golf and forget about the results here."

Staying in the present seemed to do the trick for Shergill. He led from day one after firing a bogey-free 64, and stayed alone at the helm till Khan joined him after the third day's play with a total of 201. Khan, in good form after a tied-second in the previous week's outing in Digboi, seemed determined to defend his title. The Delhi golfer made a run on the final day to be two ahead at the turn but Shergill bounced back after drilling two long putts on the back nine to even terms by the 15th hole. The duo ended regulation play on that note to head into the play off tied at 12-under

270. Extra time turned out to be a no-contest.

The Pune-based golfer's confident display was a far cry from his performance at this year's Indian Open, held a few weeks earlier, where he missed the cut. Despondent and searching for answers, a shrug of the shoulders was Shergill's response when asked why he hadn't been able to go the distance. "I made some major changes to my short game last year at the insistence of my coach Kel Llewellyn. I've been hitting almost a thousand chips a day but it's still getting to the point where I can trust these moves and take them to tournament play." Obviously, those long practice sessions have started paying dividends now. Shergill took home Rs. 3,23,300, the biggest cheque of his career.

The tournament, which was played at the Golmuri (par 70) and Beldih (par 72) courses, had a unique format. Half the field played the Golmuri course on Thursday while the other half played Beldih, and vice-versa on Friday. On the final two days the entire field played nine holes each on both courses. The par for the combined courses was 282 over the four days.

Defending champion Khan was disappointed. "Even though I finished second, I'm quite upset that I could not capitalize on my lead today. I missed too many short putts," he rued. Mohd. Siddikur Rahman fired a 68 on the final day to claim third place.

Gurki Shergill persevered in a play off against Shamim Khan to win his maiden title.



Gurbaaz Mann of Chandigarh secured fourth spot on 275, while Delhi's Vinod Kumar came in fifth at six-under 276. Perennial top-10 finisher Mukesh Kumar ended the tournament in tied seventh place with a score of four-under 278. Equally impressive was the showing by local amateur Karan Taunk, who finished on one-under 281 to earn a share of 14th position, while the other local hope, Navtez Singh, also made it into the top 20.

The entire field applauded an emotional Shergill as he launched into the winner's speech. Shergill thanked his family, friends, Llewellyn, Brig. (Retd.) Randhawa (cousin Jyoti Randhawa's father), and his sponsors—Jotun and HSBC—for believing in him, especially during the

times when even he had not been able to keep the faith. "It was hard because so many people have always been by my side, urging me on, believing in me. And to not be able to vindicate their trust was more disappointing than not being able to meet my personal goals. What I feel right now, more than anything else, is a sense of great relief," he said.

With the burden of unfulfilled expectations finally off his shoulders, and his game in great shape, this just might be the spark that ignites Gurki Shergill's career. It's about time. ■

### TATA OPEN

#### LEADING SCORES

270: GURKI SHERGILL (64, 69, 68, 69), SHAMIM KHAN (65, 70, 66, 69) (SHERGILL WON ON FIRST PLAY OFF HOLE)  
274: MOHD. SIDDIKUR RAHMAN (70, 68, 68, 68); 275: GURBAAZ MANN (73, 66, 67, 69); 276: VINOD KUMAR (70, 68, 70, 68); 277: SUJAN SINGH (66, 69, 69, 73); 278: VIKRANT CHOPRA (71, 66, 70, 71), MUKESH KUMAR (68, 72, 67, 71); 279: SHANKAR DAS (69, 71, 70, 69), VIJAY KUMAR (68, 70, 71, 70)

# Shergill stays on top after round II

## OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Jamshedpur, Oct. 30:** Gurki Shergill kept up the tempo in round II of the 8th Tata Open to come up with a two-stroke lead.

He followed up his first round 64 at the Golmuri golf course with a hard-earned three under 69 at the Beldih course today to take his total to nine under 133.

Defending champions Shamim Khan and Sujjan Singh are tied in second place at seven under 135. The cut was declared at six over 148. Fifty-four professionals and two amateurs made the cut.

On Thursday, half of the golfers played its 18 holes at the par with 72 Beldih course, while the other half had completed their rounds at the par 70 Golmuri facility. Today, both the groups switched venues.

Shergill (64, 69), the joint overnight leader, did not have an ideal start as he bogeyed the second hole. He then rallied with birdies on the sixth and seventh. The third shot on the seventh stopped just two feet short of the pin. A bogey



**Gurki Shergill tees off at Beldih golf course. (Srinivas)**

on the eighth took his score back to even par for the day. However, Shergill put together a solid back nine producing birdies on the 12th, 16th and 18th, to hold on to his lead.

His chip shots from the fringe of the 12th and 16th greens found the flag-stick on both occasions and led to a couple of easy birdie putts.

"I am delighted to lead at this stage. But I don't want to get too ahead of myself at the

moment and will just like to enjoy the next two rounds. I hit it really close on the sixth, seventh and 18th and reaped the rewards for those shots with birdies. I also had an incredible par save on the fifth where I chipped in from the front edge," he said.

He added: "I am glad that I grabbed my opportunities on the par five holes today. I was three under for the par fives in round II"

Chandigarh-based Singh fired a one under 69 at Golmuri to be in joint second place along Delhi's Khan, who came up with a two under 70 at Beldih. Singh and Khan have an identical total of seven under 135.

Vikrant Chopra is placed fourth with a total of five under 137 while city-based amateurs Karan Taunk, Vinod Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Mohd Siddikur Rahman and Pappan are a further stroke behind in tied fifth position. Mukesh Kumar, the Aircel PGTI Order of Merit leader, is tied 13th at two under 140. Navtez Singh of Jamshedpur is placed tied 22nd at one over 143.



After flirting with victories on a couple of occasions, city golfer Gurki Shergill bags his maiden professional title

# JIMX BROKEN

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**H**owever, Gurki Shergill who has made Pune his home has finally come off living in the shadows of his famed relatives — Bamby Randhawa, Jyoti Randhawa and Digvijay Singh after scripping a fine victory in the Tata Open. What makes the win — coming after a play-off with the level-headed Shanmim Khan more special is the jinx the 30-year-old has broken after flirting with victories on a couple of occasions in his nine-year-old professional career.

In fact it was Jyoti's father Brij. Dhuroo Randhawa who initiated Gurki into the game about 16 years ago when he was posted in Ahmednagar and still is his mentor. Destiny had oth-

er things written when Gurki got an invite from Tata Motors for a golf clinic. Impressed with his game, the company got him to play at the Poona Club Golf Course on their corporate account. Given the talent and the facilities available, it made Gurki to settle in the city, a decision which made him earn the dubious distinction of becoming the first professional from the City to win on the National circuit.

The Randhawa family did have an influence in his game as Jyoti apart from being a role model has guided Gurki in the right direction. The city golfer admits that relations do not matter and hard work is the only key to success. Gurki's game had taken a dip when he could not convert his top-ten finishes into victories. Frustra-

tions could have led to an early retirement. However the gritty golfer never gave up. Working with Kel Llewellyn since the past year has borne fruits to this chirpy golfer, especially with his swing and short game.

The city lad believes in the obvious that it would not be impossible to progress unless one gets enough support to hone his skills. He was lucky to bag a sponsorship from HSBC Global who persisted with Gurki despite his indifferent form for four years. His current employers — Jotun also have been supportive. The victory will surely go a long way in building the confidence and should pave the way for bigger tours. Also the victory underlines the fact that age is not the criteria to become a champion!



# Shergill leaps into Asian circuit

## City Golfer Among Lucky Few To Get Country Exemption

Edwin D'Sa | TNN

**Pune:** City golfer Gurki Shergill raised his game a few more notches having been granted the opportunity to play on the Asian Tour which means he gets to rub shoulders with Asia's best players like Thongchai Jaidee (Thailand), Chapchai Nirat (Thailand) or Liang Wen-Ching (China).

This will be another 'first' from Shergill who only recently became the first from the city to win a title on the National professional Tour. Shergill finished 21st as per points system after the conclusion of the 2009 Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) season. Each year the top eight players are then granted 'country exemption' to play on the Asian Tour.

On Sunday Shergill, who attended the PGTI annual awards ceremony in New Delhi to receive his first-time winners' award, was informed that he was one among the lucky to get an Asian Tour card.

Among the top 21 a host of players were already holding on to Asian Tour cards which thereby paved the way for Shergill.

"I had planned to play the Asian Tour qualifying school which comes up soon. But now I need not go there as I have a 'full status' card now," said Shergill.

The following year will see a creditable twenty golfers from India on the Asian Tour. He joins the likes of Shiv Kapur, C. Muniyappa, Jyoti Randhawa, Jeev Milkha Singh, Anirban Lahiri.

Shergill can make the most of this one-year opportunity. If he plays exemplary golf he can



Gurki Shergill

retain his card for a further season. "I plan to play around 15 tournaments on the Asian Tour. Of these three are in India where I get an assured berth to play."

Playing abroad also means escalating expenses for which Shergill is trying to rope in sponsors. He has already worked out a Rs 10-lakh estimate.

"HSBC have just renewed their contract recently. But I need many more sponsors. I hope they come along.

"But come what may I will be playing on the Asian Tour," he said.

"This opportunity will do a lot to boost my confidence and of course I am proud to be the first from my city to get into the Asian circuit."

## Lahiri leads, Shergill tied sixth

**Aamby Valley City:** Anirban Lahiri fired a second consecutive 65 to stamp his authority at the PGTI Players Championship golf tournament at the Aamby Valley Golf Course on Wednesday. The 2009 PGTI Order of Merit champion has now opened up an imposing seven-stroke lead as his total stands at 14 under 130. Shamim Khan and Rafick Ali Mollah are tied second with the next best total of seven-under 137.

The cut was declared at four over 148. Fifty-two professionals and one amateur made the cut.

Shamim Khan (71-66) of Delhi and Rafick Ali Mollah (66-71) of Kolkata share second position at seven under

137. Shamim's bogey-free 66 in round two propelled him from overnight tied 19th to tied second.

Bangladesh's Mohd. Sid-

### INDIA FILE

dikur Rahman and Abhishek Jha of Bangalore lie tied fourth at six under 138. Gurki Shergill of Pune is tied sixth at five under 139 along with Ashok Kumar of Delhi, Australian Kunal Bhasin and Bangalore golfers C. Muniyappa and R. Murthy.

**Mahindra's Rafi, Steven, Ravanan to join Churchill**

**Panaji:** With their management's decision to disband the team from next season, top

Mahindra United players Mohammad Rafi, Steven Dias and Dharmaraj Ravanan have decided to join Churchill Brothers. Churchill, in turn, are likely to lose R Vashum to East Bengal while goalkeeper Arindam Bhattacharya and midfielder Ogba Kalu are in talks with newly-crowned I-League champions Dempo.

Another Goan club Salgaocar, with their survival in the I-League certain, are on the verge of signing Air India players Khelemba Singh, Syed Farid and Arnab Das Sarma, it is learnt. Mohun Bagan, meanwhile, have netted this year's surprise goal poacher Muritala Ali from Mahindra United. TNN/ AGENCIES

# Shergill hits the front

Prajwal Hegde | TNN

**Bangalore:** Clear blue skies and bright sunshine, it was perfect weather for golf. It also summed up Gurki Shergill's mood. He was three under after 12 holes when bad weather stopped play on the opening day of the Global Green Bangalore Open. On Friday, the 29-year-old completed the round with a six-under 66 score, his best-ever card. Within minutes he was back on the course for the second round, carding a three-under 69.

The tough-talking Pune pro now has a two-day total of nine-under 135, which makes him the clubhouse leader as 18 players are yet to complete the second round. The organisers, who seemed to have a task on hand when rain stopped play with almost half the field still on the course on Thursday, did a commendable job in their race against time. They are now only marginally behind schedule. The cut, which will be applied after the second round is completed on Saturday, is likely to come in at six-over 150. The third round will follow thereafter.

Shergill is four strokes clear off the second-placed local pro C Muniyappa, who shot a two-under 70 in the first round and 69 in the second for a five-under 139 total. One



**IN THE LEAD:** Gurki Shergill

stroke behind Muniyappa is the trio of Shamim Khan (70, 70), Rahul Ganapathy (70, 70) and Feroz Ali Mollah (69, 71). At three-under 141 after two rounds are Uttam Singh Mundy (75, 66), Gaganjeet Bhullar (74, 67), Arjun Singh (73, 68) and Gurbaaz Mann (69, 72).

The day's best scores came from Mundy and Vikrant Chopra, both returning six-under 66 cards, the

same as Shergill's first round score.

The day, however, belonged to the provisional leader, who survived the 24-hole marathon with biscuits and water. His opening round was bogey free, the birdies coming in the third, fifth, sixth, eighth, 11th and 16th holes. His second round was more of a roller-coaster, the birdies coming in the first, third, fifth, 12th, 14th, 16th

and 17th holes and the bogeys coming in the fourth, which he three-putted, sixth, 10th and 11th holes.

"I have been playing well, but not putting things together. I am getting into the 20s or missing cuts," Shergill, who has been sole leader in a tournament only once before in Pune two years ago, said. "I am working harder and try to bring my off-course confidence to the course."

"You cannot complain about rain or sunshine, as a pro you learn to play in all kinds of conditions," he said. "I'm feeling good and I'm relaxed. I don't have any weaknesses, I am spot on. Somebody has to do some real good work to beat me this week."

Muniyappa, who is coming off a surgery (appendicitis) and is still battling pain, had birdies on the first, fifth, 14th, 17th and 18th holes in the second round. The last two birdies were spectacular efforts — he sunk a 15-footer on the 17th and a 30-footer on the 18th. He had bogeys on the sixth hole, in which his tee shot went into the trees, and the par-three eighth hole, which was actually a good bogey as his tee shot went into the water.

"I putted very well even though the greens on the back nine are tough to read," the amiable pro said. "Some of my drives were bad. Otherwise I would have got a better score."

*Prabhat Khabar, 2nd Nov. '09, JSR.*

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## शमीम को पछाड़ शेरगिल टाटा ओपन गोल्फ चैंपियन



ट्राफी चूमते शेरगिल

जमशेदपुर : गुरकी शेरगिल ने सनसनीखेज अंदाज में 20 लाख रुपये इनामी राशि अष्टम टाटा ओपन गोल्फ चैंपियन बनकर पहला पेशेवर खिलाब अपने नाम किया. शमीम खान को दूसरे और बांग्लादेश के मो सिद्धिकुरहमान को तीसरे स्थान पर संतोष करना पड़ा. खिलाब की रक्षा में उतरे शमीम खान के विरुद्ध शेरगिल को आखिरी दिन क्रांटे की टक्कर मिली. संयुक्त बद्ध बनाये हुये पुणे के गुरकी शेरगिल और दिल्ली के शमीम खान में समान स्कोर 1 अंडर 69 के सहारे 12 अंडर 270 के साथ टाई हो गया. पहले प्ले ऑफ होल के कारण शेरगिल विजेता बनने में सफल हो गये. इस जीत के साथ गुरकी 67वीं से

31वीं रैंकिंग की लंबी छलांग लगायी है. इनाम में शेरगिल को तीन लाख 27 हजार 300 रुपये, शमीम खान को दो लाख 27 300 रुपये और मो सिद्धिकुरहमान को एक लाख 29 हजार 300 रुपये मिले. गैर पेशेवर चैंपियन लोकल गोल्फर करन टंक कुल 1 अंडर 281 स्कोर के साथ 14वें स्थान पर छूटे

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7	मुकेश कुमार	51300
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मुकेश कुमार 4 अंडर 278 के साथ सातवें स्थान पर आये. समापन समारोह में टाटा संस के निदेशक बी मुत्थुरमण ने विजेता गोल्फरों को पुरस्कृत किया.



■ Himmat Singh Rai, Anirban Lahiri and Gurki Shergill unveil the BILT Open Trophy on Tuesday. MOHD ZAKIR/HT PHOTO

## GenX set for India's richest golf event

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**NEW DELHI:** The top names may have given the BILT Open a miss, but instead of looking uneasy, the organisers were broad smiles as they discussed the reason.

Four Indians will feature in the prestigious WGC-HSBC Champions at Shanghai (co-sanctioned by the European and Asian Tours), which is being held at the same time as the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) meet. "It's heartening because of the 11 Asian Tour members who've qualified for Rs 33.11-crore (\$ 7 million) event, four are Indians," said a PGTI official.

"As the dates clashed, Jeev (Milkha Singh), Jyoti (Randhawa), Gaganjeet (Bhullar) and C. Muniyappa had to opt out," he said about the tournament that will tee off at Greater Noida's Jaypee Greens on Thursday.

The withdrawals may have shorn the event, the domestic circuit's richest with a purse of Rs 1 crore, of some of its star value, but that seemed to have little effect on the demeanour. "It is a matter of pride for Indian golf. In their absence, we have players like Anirban Lahiri, Himmat Singh Rai and Gurki Shergill, all first-time winners on the PGTI," he said.

Now it's a matter of the  
next generation coming  
through.

ANIRBAN LAHIRI, golfer

Flushed with their recent good run on the Asian Tour, both Lahiri and Rai, the latter came close to winning the Iskandar Johor Open, seemed eager to keep up the good times. "Shiv (Kapur) did it five years ago and earlier it was Jeev. Now it's a matter of the next generation coming through," said a buoyed Lahiri, especially after the T3 finish at the Indian Open and joint ninth in the Iskandar Johor Open.

### RANA, TAUNK SHARE LEAD

**NEW DELHI:** A nice mix presented itself on top of the leaderboard after the first round of the LG ITC Classic Open Amateur with young Karan Taunk sharing the lead alongside the experienced Vikram Rana. Both of them

returned identical rounds of two-under 70 at the Classic Golf Resort. Just one behind the duo is Pune's Aditya Bhandarkar at one-under after he carded a round of 71. Arshdeep Tiwana, Pawan Kumar and brothers Simarjeet Singh and Jasjeet Singh share the fourth spot at even-par for the tournament.

## टाटा ओपेन गोल्फ में शमीम-शेरगिल को संयुक्त बढ़त

जमशेदपुर, खेल संवाददाता : गत चैंपियन दिल्ली के शमीम खान ने शनिवार को टाटा ओपेन खिताब की रक्षा करने की आशाओं को जीवित रखा और तीसरे राउंड की समाप्ति के उपरांत गुरकी शेरगिल के साथ फोर अंडर 66 का कार्ड खेलकर संयुक्त बढ़त बना ली। गुरकी लगातार तीसरे दिन बढ़त बनाने में सफल रहे। वे शमीम के साथ 11 अंडर 201 का स्कोर के साथ पहले स्थान पर हैं।

दूसरे राउंड की समाप्ति के उपरांत दूसरे स्थान पर रहने वाले शमीम खान (65, 70, 66) के दिन की शुरुआत अच्छी रही।

उन्होंने पहले दो होल व सातवें होल में तीन बर्डीज हासिल कर स्कोर को आगे बढ़ाया। हालांकि दसवें होल में मिले बागीज ने उन्हें हतप्रभ जरूर किया, लेकिन उन्होंने हिम्मत नहीं हारी और अगले दो होल में एक बार फिर बर्डीज हासिल कर वापसी की। बाद में शमीम ने कहा कि शुरुआत में ही मिले बर्डीज से मैं काफी खुश हूँ। मैंने आज अपने खेल का भरपूर आनंद उठाया। फाइनल राउंड में और अच्छे प्रदर्शन



शमीम खान

गुरकी शेरगिल

की उम्मीद है। गुरकी शेरगिल (64, 69, 68) ने भी शमीम की तरह अच्छी शुरुआत की और पहले नाइन में थ्री अंडर स्कोर हासिल कर लिया। उन्हें पहले, चौथे व नवें होल में बर्डीज हासिल हुआ। लेकिन 10वें होल में मिले बागीज ने शेरगिल को बड़ा झटका दिया। लेकिन 12वें व 16वें होल में मिले बर्डीज ने उन्हें जरूर राहत दी।

बाद में उन्होंने कहा कि पहले नाइन होल में मेरा प्रदर्शन बेहतर रहा। लेकिन दसवें होल में मिले डबल बागीज ने मुझे निराश जरूर किया।

30 वर्षीय शेरगिल ने कहा कि कल फाइनल राउंड में मैं सिर्फ अपने खेल का आनंद लूंगा। उधर चंडीगढ़ के सुजान सिंह राउंड तीन में वन अंडर 69 के साथ दूसरे स्थान पर हैं। गुरबाज मान, अली मील्लाह, मो. एस रहमान सिक्स अंडर 206 का स्कोर के साथ चौथे स्थान पर हैं, जबकि मुकेश कुमार व विक्रान्त चोपड़ा संयुक्त रूप से सातवें स्थान पर हैं। जमशेदपुर के करण टांक सातवें व नवतेज सिंह 17वें स्थान पर हैं।

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# Gurki defeats Shamim, bags Tata Open title

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**JAMSHEDPUR:** Gurki Shergill withstood a stiff challenge from defending champion Shamim Khan on the final day of the 8th Tata Open to eventually come up trumps in the playoff and thus bag his maiden professional title.

Pune-based Shergill and Delhi golfer Shamim, the joint overnight leaders, carded identical scores of one under 69 in the final round to be once again tied at the top of the leader board with scores of 12 under 270 after the regulation 72 holes. Shergill finally came through on the first playoff hole. Gurki's fabulous win has now catapulted him from 67th to 31st place on the PGTI Order of Merit. Mohd Siddikur Rahman of Bangladesh finished third at eight under 274.

The final round on Sunday had the same format as the third round. The entire field played nine holes each on both the courses, Beldih as well as Golmuri. While one half of the field teed off from Beldih, the other half began its round from Golmuri.

Twenty-nine golfers with the best scores at the end of round three teed off from Golmuri and



Tata Sons' vice-chairman presents the trophy to the winner of 8th Tata Open Golf Championship Gurki Shergill in Jamshedpur on Sunday.

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finished at Beldih. The par for the combined courses was 70.

The title seemed to be slipping away from Gurki's (64, 69, 68, 69) grasp when he dropped a bogey on the third, while Shamim picked up birdies on the fifth and sixth as a result of sinking some really long putts. Shamim was ahead by two strokes at the turn since Shergill made birdie-bogey on the seventh and eighth even as Shamim himself dropped a bogey on the eighth.

Gurki bounced back by converting two 20-footers for birdies on the 11th and 13th and erased the two-stroke difference by the 15th hole. It was all square after 15 as Shamim on his part birdied

the 12th and bogeyed the 15th. The two finally headed for a playoff after both of them made pars on the last three holes.

Gurki sealed the win on the first playoff hole (18th hole) with a birdie that came as a result of a magnificent second shot (eight iron) from 146 yards that hit the flag-stick and landed one foot from the hole. Shamim found the greenside bunker during the playoff and as a consequence made bogey.

"It's an incredible feeling to win my first ever professional title. I would like to dedicate this to my family, my wife, my friends, coach Kel Llewellyn and Brigadier Randhawa (Jyoti Randhawa's father)," Gurki said.

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# टाटा ओपेन गोल्फ पर शेरगिल का कब्जा

जमशेदपुर, जाका : अंततः पुणे के गुरुकी शेरगिल ने टाटा ओपेन गोल्फ 2009 चैंपियनशिप पर अपना कब्जा जमाया। यह मुकाबला उन्होंने दिल्ली के गत चैंपियन शमीम खान को काटिदार मुकाबले में हराकर जीता। शनिवार को जिस तरह से इन दोनों के बीच तीसरे राउंड तक मैच खेला गया। ठीक उसी तरह का मुकाबला रविवार को भी देखने को मिला। फाइनल राउंड में भी 12 अंडर 270 का स्कोर रहा। इस दिलचस्प मुकाबले को देखने वाले बेल्डीह क्लब में दर्शकों की सांसे

विजेता को 3 लाख 23 हजार 300 व उपविजेता को मिला 2 लाख 23 हजार 300

थम रही थीं। लेकिन शेरगिल ने हिम्मत नहीं हारी और अंततः प्लेऑफ हाल में यह मुकाबला जीत प्रतियोगिता को अपने नाम कर लिया। इस जीत के साथ ही गुरुकी ने एयरसेल पीजीटीआई शैकिंग में अपना प्रदर्शन भी सुधार लिया। अब वे

सीधे 67वें स्थान से 31वें स्थान पर पहुँच गये हैं। खिताब को जीतने के बाद गुरुकी को टाफी के अलावा 3लाख 23हजार 300 तथा उपविजेता दिल्ली के शमीम खान को 2 लाख 23हजार 3 सौ रुपये का चेक प्रदान किया गया। इसे टूर्नामेंट में तीसरे स्थान पर बांग्लादेश के मो. सिधिकुर रहमान रहे। उनका स्कोर 8 अंडर 274 रहा। इन्हें 2लाख 1हजार 3सौ रुपये का चेक प्रदान किया गया। इस टूर्नामेंट में कब्जा जमाने के बाद गुरुकी शेरगिल ने कहा कि वे जीत से काफी खुश हैं।

पहले प्रोफेशनल खिताब को गुरुकी ने अपने परिवार, पत्नी व दोस्तों को समर्पित किया। हार के बाद शमीम खान ने कहा कि वे आज ध्यान केंद्रीत कर नहीं खेल पाये। इस कारण उन्हें हार का सामना करना पड़ा। स्थानीय करण ने 14वें व नवतेज सिंह ने 19वां स्थान प्राप्त किया। पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह में टाटा स्टील के वाइस चेरमैन बी मुरुधुरामण, टाटा स्टील के प्रबंध निदेशक एचएम, नेररकर व बुरको के चेयरमैन भूपणलोल रैना मुख्य रूप से उपस्थित थे। कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए मुरुधुरामण ने कहा कि टाटा स्टील ने हमेशा खेल को प्रोत्साहित किया है।

## मीडिया पुटिंग में सहारा समय के नानक सिंह बने विजेता

जमशेदपुर : बेल्डीह क्लब में खेले गये मीडिया पुटिंग मुकाबले में सहारा समय के नानक सिंह को विजेता घोषित किया गया। इसके अलावा प्रभात खबर के आदित्य झा व हिंदुस्तान टाइम्स के विजय पूर्ति को संयुक्त रूप से उपविजेता घोषित किया गया।



पुणे के गुरुकी शेरगिल को टाटा ओपेन गोल्फ 2009 की टाफी सौंपते टाटा स्टील के वाइस चेरमैन बी मुरुधुरामण तथा गोल्फ का आनंद उबते टाटा स्टील के प्रबंध निदेशक एचएम नेररकर व बुरको के एमडी संजीव पाल।



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चैंपियन पूणे के गुरकी शेरगिल को पहला पेशेवर खिताब

● गत विजेता दिल्ली के शमीम खान उपविजेता

खेल संवाददाता

जमशेदपुर : पूणे के गुरकी शेरगिल ने आठवीं टाटा ओपन गोल्फ टूर्नामेंट-2009 में चैंपियन बन पहला प्रोफेशनल खिताब अर्जित करने का गौरव हासिल किया। गत विजेता दिल्ली के शमीम खान को उपविजेता चुनकर ही संतोष करना पड़ा।

टाटा स्टील के तत्वावधान में आयोजित 20 लाख रुपये इनामी राशि वाली इस आठवीं टाटा ओपन गोल्फ टूर्नामेंट-2009 में 12 अंडर-270 समाप्त अंक अर्जित करने के बाद पूरे ऑफिस में हुए फैसले में शमीम खान को पराजित कर चैंपियन बने गुरकी शेरगिल को 3, 23, 300 रुपये पुरस्कार राशि मिली, 1 अंडर-281 स्कोर के साथ 14 वें स्थान पर चूटे राहर के उशीयमान खिलाड़ी करण टोंक को सर्वश्रेष्ठ गैर पेशेवर गोल्फर का खिताब मिला।

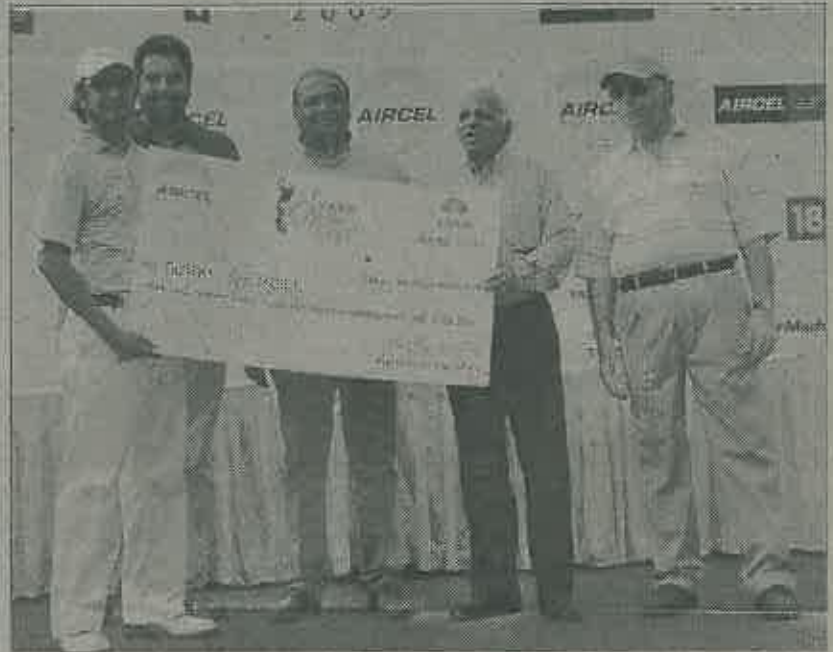
बल्लूवट्ट-गोलमुटी गोल्फ कोर्स में जारी 8 से ही बढ़त जगमग में संकल (पहले से चौथे व अंतिम राउंड तक शीर्ष पर) पीजीटीआइ आइर ऑफ मेरिट-2009 रेकिंग में 67 स्थान पर चल रहे गुरकी शेरगिल ने पहले राउंड में 6 अंडर-64, दूसरे राउंड में 3 अंडर-69, तीसरे राउंड में 2 अंडर-68 और चौथे व अंतिम राउंड में 1 अंडर-69 अंक अर्जित किया। कुल 12 अंडर 270 के साथ उपविजेता रहे शमीम खान (पीजीटीआइ आइर ऑफ मेरिट रेकिंग-6) ने पहले राउंड में 5 अंडर-65, दूसरे राउंड में 5 अंडर-70, तीसरे राउंड में 1 अंडर-66 और चौथे राउंड में 1 अंडर-69 का स्कोर किया। पीजीटीआइ आइर ऑफ मेरिट में नवमी वीरियता प्राप्त बंगलादेश के मो. सिद्दिकुर रहमान (70, 68, 68, 68) 8 अंडर-274 के स्कोर के साथ तीसरा सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन किया।

जबकि पीजीटीआइ आइर ऑफ मेरिट-

मुकेश कुमार के साथ संयुक्त रूप से सातवें स्थान प्राप्त किया।

पीजीटीआइ आइर ऑफ मेरिट-2009 में दूसरे स्थान पर चल रहे

प्रोफेशनल और एमिच्योर गोल्फरों को प्रो-एम स्पॉट में अमरदीप सिंह मलिक की टीम ने खिताबी जीत हासिल किया था, ऐसा प्रोफेशनल गोल्फ टूर ऑफ इंडिया (पीजीटीआइ) सदस्य



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2006 और 2008 में टाटा ओपन गोल्फ चैंपियन उत्तरप्रदेश के मऊ के मुकेश कुमार (68, 72, 67, 71) 4 अंडर 278 का स्कोर बनाकर सालवें स्थान हासिल किया। जमशेदपुर के गैर पेशेवर खिलाड़ी करण टोंक (67, 71, 70, 73) 1 अंडर-281 का स्कोर बनाकर मो. इमलाम

अमरदीप सिंह मलिक की टीम में शामिल गैर पेशेवर गोल्फरों डॉ.पीपी चावला, के किमुरा और संजीव पॉल के असाधारण प्रदर्शन के जमने से कुल 119 अंक अर्जित करने में सफल हुआ। तीन अंकों से पिछड़ कर दूसरे स्थान पर आये पीजीटीआइ सदस्य मुसुरमण अली के सहयोगी के

टाटा ओपन गोल्फ के विजेता

वर्ष	शहर	विजेता
2002	मऊ	मुकेश कुमार
2003	कोलकाता	एसएसपी चौरसिया
2004	दिल्ली	अशाक कुमार
2005	कोलकाता	एसएसपी चौरसिया
2006	कोलकाता	एसएसपी चौरसिया
2007	मऊ	मुकेश कुमार
2008	दिल्ली	शमीम खान
2009	पूणे	गुरकी शेरगिल

2009 रेकिंग में 63 वें स्थान पर चल रहे चंडीगढ़ के सुजान सिंह (6 अंडर-66, 1 अंडर-69, 1 अंडर-69, 3 ओवर-73) 5 अंडर 277 के स्कोर के साथ छठा सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन किया। पीजीटीआइ आइर ऑफ मेरिट-2009 में रेकिंग में 19 वें स्थान पर मियाबनान दिल्ली के विक्रम चौपड़ा (71, 66, 70, 71) स्कोर 4 अंडर 278 के साथ

आठवीं टाटा ओपन गोल्फ के टॉप-5 गोल्फर

रैंकिंग	नाम	शहर	पीजीटीआइ रैंकिंग	स्कोर	पुरस्कार राशि
1.	गुरकी शेरगिल	पूणे	67	12 अंडर-270	3,23,300
2.	शमीम खान	दिल्ली	6	12 अंडर-270	2,23,300
3.	मो. सिद्दिकुर रहमान	बंगलादेश	9	8 अंडर-274	1,25,300
4.	गुरवाज गीएस मान	चंडीगढ़	35	7 अंडर-275	1,01,300
5.	विनायक कुमार	दिल्ली	15	6 अंडर-276	81,300

(72, 70, 68, 70) और जी राम (72, 67, 73, 69) के साथ संयुक्त रूप से 14 वें स्थान हासिल किया।

पीजीटीआइ आइर ऑफ मेरिट-2009 रेकिंग में 68 वें स्थान पर चल रहे जमशेदपुर के पेशेवर खिलाड़ी मन्तेज सिंह (72, 71, 69, 71) 1 ओवर 283 के स्कोर के साथ 19 वें स्थान हासिल किया।

प्रतियोगिता के पहले दिन आयोजित

जगमग, राजेश बहादुर और जीतू गर्ग ने भी अच्छे प्रयास किये, समापन समारोह में मुख्य अतिथि टाटा स्टील के पूर्व प्रबंध निदेशक बी मुसुरमण ने विजेताओं को पुरस्कृत किया। इस मौके पर टाटा स्टील के सीओओ हेमंत नेकरवार, गुरकी के प्रबंध निदेशक संजीव पॉल, भूषण लाल नेना, सीएसएस के चीफ सपोर्टिव मित्र, टाटा स्टील के पूर्व अंतरराष्ट्रीय गोल्फ खिलाड़ी एलान सिंह मौजूद थे।