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FROM THE DESK OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

Dear Members and Industry Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to connect with you once again through our bi-monthly newsletter. The continued growth of the Golf Industry Association reflects the strength and commitment of our diverse member community across clubs, developers, superintendents, and allied partners.

GIA remains dedicated to fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the sustainable development of golf in India. Our expanding membership base enables meaningful dialogue and a unified approach to addressing industry opportunities and challenges.

Membership offers significant value—ranging from networking opportunities and educational workshops to participation in flagship events such as the Golf & Turf Summit. Members also benefit from industry recognition, advisory support, and access to the latest insights and best practices. Initiatives like the Greens Section further strengthen professional development within the sector.

Looking ahead, we are excited about a robust calendar of events, including summits, regional engagements, and knowledge sessions designed to bring stakeholders together and drive innovation.

I encourage you to actively participate and make the most of the opportunities GIA provides. Together, we can continue to shape a stronger and more vibrant golf industry in India.

Sincerely,

Dr. Himanshu Talwar
Director General



About Golf Industry Association (GIA)

It's a non-profit Industry Association registered under the Societies & Trust Act of India, formed by Golf Industry Groups.



Core Activities

- Promote Golf in India through researched information dissemination to all levels of government and the general public. The GIA will specifically develop a golf related research document each year to present to all levels of government and to promote this information through media outlets.
- Educate and inform its members by the offering of an annual conference, targeted training opportunities and professional Industry interaction.
- Assist to build and promote the Indian Golf industry by supporting the activities and aims of the Indian Golf Union, the Government of India Tourism Authority and other golf related groups through the running of an annual Golf Expo.

Why you should join GIA

1. Membership is open to all Golf related establishments / organizations including golf clubs as well as to individuals involved in an official capacity in the Indian Golf Industry.
2. This gives you a universal platform to co-ordinate and to interact with serious players in the Golf industry.
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- Corporate Membership is open to all golf-related companies, establishments, and organizations, including golf clubs.
- International Membership is open to companies or representatives based outside India.
- GIA Greens Section Membership is exclusive to active golf course superintendents.

Note: Membership is restricted to those who agree to abide by the GOLF INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION Constitution and Code of Ethics. A full copy is available on the GIA website.

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- Receive a 15% discount on Exhibition space fees to the India Golf Expo – the industry's most important annual event.
- Gain access to presentations, articles and support information on our "Member's Only" area on the website.
- Receive one complimentary delegate pass to the India Golf Expo (For golf clubs who become corporate members) which includes the main conference, lunches, networking coffee breaks and hosted gala dinners.
- Post questions to members and get answers and insights to problems and queries through vast expertise of our members.
- Receive notices about international conferences and events.
- Vote at the annual India Golf Expo Awards.
- List your company on the GIA website & use the GIA Logo in email signatures & stationary

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, Industry Partners and Friends,

As we reflect on the progress of the Golf Industry Association, it is clear that our collective strength lies in the depth of experience, integrity, and commitment that each member brings to this platform.

GIA was envisioned not merely as an association, but as a cohesive voice for an evolving industry; one that must balance growth with responsibility and long-term sustainability.

Our membership today represents the full spectrum of the golf ecosystem. This diversity enables informed dialogue and thoughtful decision-making, both of which are essential as we navigate changing economic, environmental, and regulatory landscapes.

The true value of membership lies not only in access and opportunity, but in the shared responsibility to uphold standards and contribute to the industry's credibility.

In the year ahead, our initiatives, including the Golf & Turf Summit and focused knowledge forums will continue to emphasize substance over scale, with an intent to foster meaningful exchange and practical outcomes.

I urge each of you to engage with purpose and perspective. The future of golf in India will be shaped not by individual success, but by our collective stewardship.

Yours truly,

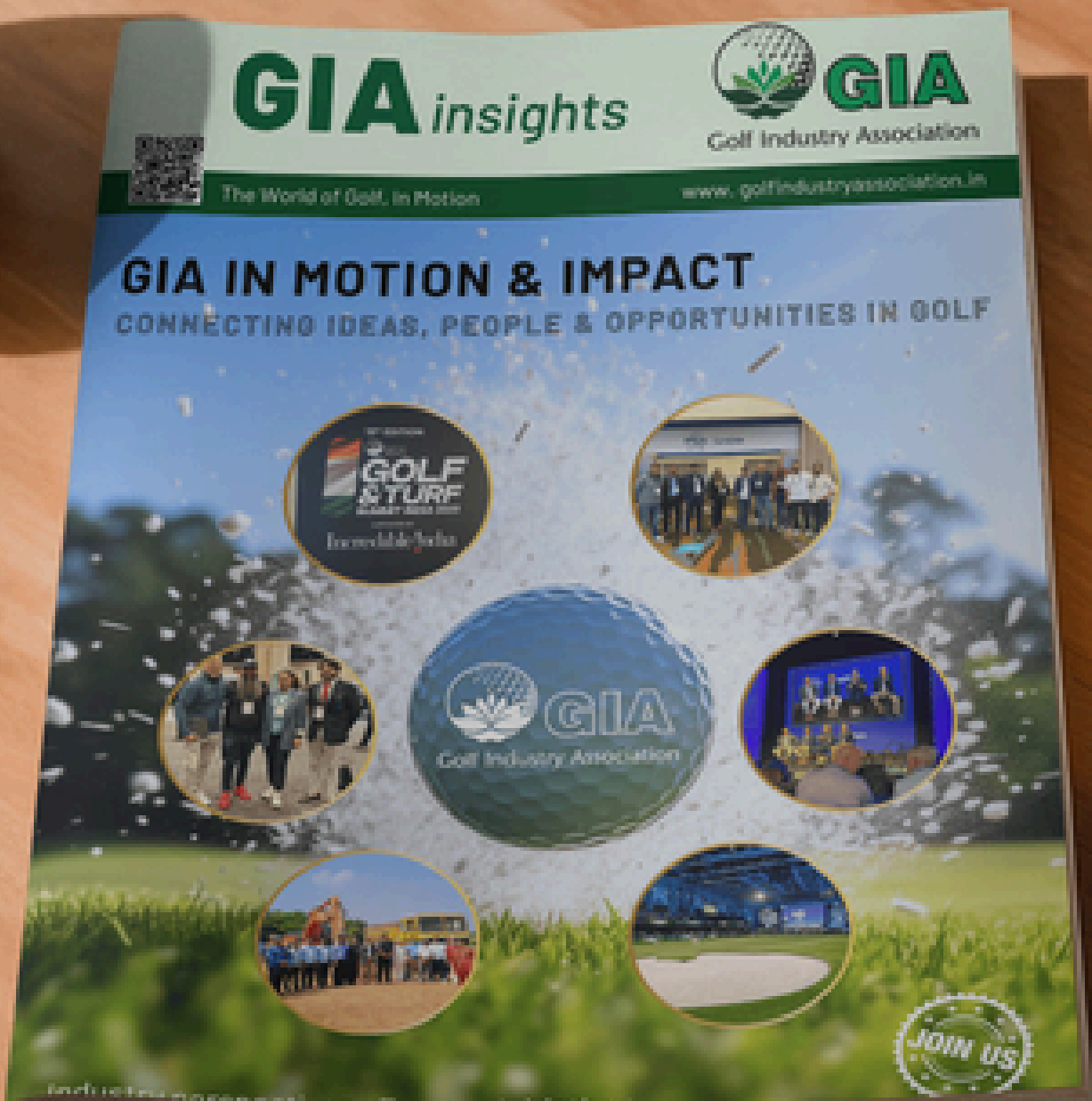
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Building the Future of Golf in India through Community, Innovation and Experience

The Indian golf ecosystem is undergoing an encouraging transformation. Traditionally perceived as a niche sport, golf is now emerging as a powerful platform that integrates fitness, business networking, wellbeing, and community engagement. As participation expands across age groups, the opportunity for the industry is not merely to increase numbers, but to enhance the overall experience in ways that strengthen long-term interest, accessibility, and a shared commitment to sustainability, environmental stewardship, and responsible growth.



At Karma Lakelands, Gurugram, this evolution is reflected in our planet-first philosophy, where the game is designed to coexist harmoniously with nature. Golf here is not restricted to players alone; it is an inclusive experience where families, friends, and non-golfing companions can walk alongside the fairways or enjoy a relaxed cart ride, making the destination welcoming for all. Free from rigid traditionalism, the environment encourages comfort and authenticity, allowing players to connect with nature in its purest form.



Our course is nurtured through a truly circular ecosystem. Organic manure produced through natural processes involving farm animals, earthworms, and green waste enriches the soil, while recycled water sustains our fairways. Course care goes beyond maintenance – each divot is restored with a nutrient-rich organic mix, ensuring the land continues to thrive. A strict no single-use policy reinforces our commitment to responsible consumption, with reusable materials used across operations. Smoking is restricted to designated areas, preserving the purity of the natural environment, while our conscientious caddies actively contribute to course restoration, ensuring a clean, green, and serene playing experience.

Adding to its uniqueness, the course proudly features a signature hole designed in the shape of India, complemented by a 108-foot national flag that symbolises both pride and purpose. Every detail reflects our belief in leaving only footprints and taking back meaningful memories.

Our dynamic calendar of events creates new opportunities for engagement, competition, and brand visibility. Alongside flagship initiatives, we are delighted to present the Karma Lakelands Golf League Matches (KLG), the Champion Player Series, and the Karma Summer Carnival. These experiences bring distinct energy to the game – from competitive excellence and emerging talent to festival-style formats that blend golf with entertainment, lifestyle, and social connection. Equally important is our commitment to sustainability across every event. We actively minimise environmental impact through responsible resource management, reduced waste practices, and collaboration with partners who prioritise eco-conscious innovation.

At the heart of this growth lies strong collaboration with forward-thinking companies who share our vision for elevating the sport. Our events create meaningful touchpoints between brands and a highly engaged audience, delivering visibility that extends well beyond the course. As we continue to expand our portfolio of events and partnerships, our focus remains clear: to drive innovation in the golf ecosystem, champion sustainability, create memorable experiences, and contribute to the long-term growth of the game in a responsible and inspiring manner.



Ashwani Khurana
Founder & CEO (Chief Eternal Optimist), Karma Lakelands



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Pilikula Golf Club: A Premier Golf Course & Country Club in India

Pilikula Golf Club, located in Mangaluru, is a distinctive golf destination set within the 370-acre Pilikula Nisargadhama eco-tourism hub. Known for its natural surroundings and well-planned layout, the club has become an important part of the Indian golf ecosystem.

Established in 1998 through a joint initiative between government officials and local citizens, the club was shaped by the efforts of Dr. E.V. Ramana Reddy and Mr. M. S. Goudar. It began as a 9-hole course and later expanded into a full 18-hole facility. On October 11, 2001, Pilikula Golf Club became an independent entity, with the Deputy Commissioner of Dakshina Kannada serving as its President.



The course is an 18-hole, Par 72 layout spread over 6,728 yards. It is known for its natural, undulating terrain, with hills and valleys that add both beauty and challenge to the game. In 2025, the course underwent a ₹20 crore renovation designed by Pacific Coast Design, improving playability while maintaining its natural character. It is also a Category A+ buggy course, offering convenience for players.



One of the club's most unique features is its 100% floodlighting, allowing golfers to enjoy night golf across the entire course. This adds flexibility and makes it stand out among golf courses in India. The name "Pilikula," meaning "Tiger Pond" in Tulu, reflects the region's cultural connection to nature.



Its location within a popular eco-tourism hub, along with its proximity to New Mangalore Port, makes it accessible to both domestic and international visitors. This combination of golf and tourism enhances its appeal as a destination.

Pilikula Golf Club continues to grow as a well-rounded facility that combines natural beauty, thoughtful design, and modern amenities. With its recent upgrades and unique offerings, it remains an important contributor to the development of golf in India.

GIA Research Desk



The Modern Evolution of Golf Clubhouses: Where Tradition Meets Technology

Golf has long been associated with elegance, discipline, and a deep respect for tradition. The clubhouse, often considered the heart of any golf course, has historically been a place of camaraderie, relaxation, and refinement. However, as the sport evolves and modern lifestyles reshape leisure expectations, golf clubhouses are undergoing a remarkable transformation. They are becoming sophisticated social and technological hubs, blending time-honoured values with innovative design and digital advancements to enhance both performance and experience for a wider community of players and visitors alike.



In the past, a golf clubhouse symbolised exclusivity and comfort, a quiet retreat where players discussed the game over fine dining and classic architecture reflected heritage. Today, while the essence of tradition remains intact,

technology has redefined what a modern clubhouse can offer. Smart systems now manage everything from lighting and climate control to tee-time bookings and member engagement. Club management software enables real-time communication, digital scorecards, and performance tracking through mobile apps, ensuring a seamless and connected experience for members.

In terms of Architecture, the evolution of golf clubhouses mirrors global shifts toward sustainability and multifunctionality. Designers now prioritise energy efficiency, open layouts, and eco-friendly materials that harmonise with the natural landscape. Expansive glass facades, solar panels, and smart irrigation systems have replaced many of the ornate and energy-intensive designs of the past. These innovations not only reduce operational costs but also align golf clubs with the growing movement toward sustainable recreation and environmental stewardship.



Source: <https://www.brettonwoodsvacations.com/blog/discover-the-best-private-golf-courses-in-new-hampshire-for-an-unparalleled-golfing-experience/>

Technology has also transformed the sporting experience within the clubhouse. Virtual golf simulators, data-driven swing analysis tools, and immersive training studios allow players to practice and improve regardless of weather conditions. High-definition screens, augmented reality visuals, and artificial intelligence-based coaching programs are now integral to the modern golfing environment. Beyond the game, digital concierge services, automated check-ins, and touchless payment systems contribute to a more efficient, secure, and personalized experience that many new-age golfers increasingly appreciate.

Equally significant is the reimagining of social spaces. The contemporary clubhouse is no longer just a post-game lounge—it's a vibrant lifestyle destination. Many feature wellness centers, spas, co-working zones, and gourmet restaurants that cater to diverse member interests. This shift reflects how golf communities are adapting to modern social trends where inclusivity, convenience, and digital interaction play a central role, appealing to younger generations as well.

Thus, the modern evolution of golf clubhouses represents a delicate balance between heritage and innovation. They continue to uphold the sport's timeless traditions of etiquette and community while embracing the digital sophistication of the 21st century. In doing so, today's golf clubhouses have become more than architectural landmarks—they are symbols of how tradition and technology can coexist harmoniously, ensuring that golf remains both relevant and inspiring for generations to come.

Rakesh Sharma
Managing Director at AG Horizon Pvt. Ltd.



The Origin and Evolution of the Toro® Lynx® Central Control System

The latest Toro® Lynx® Central Control System updates provide robust, easy-to-use tools, unprecedented precision and a range of intelligent features. These new upgrades are built on the success of previous irrigation management systems, as well as feedback from golf course superintendents to address the unique challenges of golf course irrigation.

How it all began

After several years in development, the first version of Lynx Central Control System was released in 2010 as a replacement for Toro's original irrigation management system, SitePro® Central Control. SitePro was a market-leading product for many years, but ultimately, it was time for something new and improved.

"Although the system was quite powerful and effective at managing irrigation, we at Toro often heard that customers thought it was just too complicated," said David Angier, marketing manager at Toro.

It was then that Toro decided to create a new system. "We started from scratch," continued Angier. "Of course, we incorporated many of the same effective features from SitePro into the new Lynx system, but our main goal was to focus on ease of use and intuitiveness of the product."

Toro product managers asked a customer advisory council of golf course superintendents to field test the new Lynx product throughout development and provide honest feedback on new features and updates. Ultimately, the Toro crew set out to make a product that would continually evolve to meet superintendents' needs and exceed their expectations.

Upgrades with major upsides

To this day, the evolution of Lynx continues to be customer-driven, a fact that's reflected in the latest enhancements:

Lynx Cloud

Included with every Lynx Central Control System, Lynx Cloud is a cloud-based tool that enables system updates and adjustments to be made anywhere from a smartphone or tablet. Adjustments can be made indefinitely or for a specified number of days. Lynx Cloud then automatically updates the settings back on the customer's Lynx computer.

Lynx Fusion™

Lynx Fusion is a new Lynx Central Control capability that allows two types of systems, a Lynx Smart Satellite system and a Lynx Smart Module two-wire system, to be combined and operated from one Lynx Central Control computer. This gives golf courses the flexibility to transition to a new system over time, instead of all at once, allowing for phased system upgrades.

Automated backup

Lynx settings can be backed up to both the customer's computer and the cloud on a biweekly, weekly or monthly basis, depending on preference.



Alarm notifications

Set up and test alarm notifications for several scenarios, such as when the weather station detects rain. Alarms are customizable and can be sent to different people at different times of day or on different days of the week.

Seamless compatibility with Lynx Smart Modules

Lynx can automatically identify smart modules after the initial installation process, which can save customers a substantial amount of time.

Unmatched precision and control

The new system offers runtime controls to the second and measures inputs to one hundredth of an inch. So, customers can set a specific watering amount and the system will stop at a specific second to meet the exact measurement. Other systems can't do that and round up to the next minute.

Enhanced diagnostics

Lynx can retrieve voltage and amperage data, which is crucial to understanding the overall health of the irrigation system.



This also allows for easier troubleshooting, as having course information at the customer's fingertips cuts down on the amount of time they have to be out on the course looking for problems.

Streamlined communications

New express mode delivers lightning-fast communications, so customers can utilize system information to forecast potential system issues and address them earlier.

Continuous collaboration for continuous improvement

Always eager to listen and collaborate, the Toro team has no plans to stop working with customers to enhance the way the Lynx Central Control System serves them.

Ranga Babu

Chief Operation Officer (Projects)
Irrigation Products International Pvt Ltd



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Shubhankar Sharma ends eight-year-long title-drought with convincing eight-shot victory at Boulders Classic 2026

Hyderabad, April 17, 2026: Shubhankar Sharma carded a five-under 67 to claim his seventh DP World PGTI title at the inaugural INR 1 crore Boulders Classic played at the Boulder Hills Golf & Country Club in Hyderabad.

The 29-year-old from Chandigarh dominated the week, finishing at a record 25-under 263 (66-66-64-67), eight shots clear of the field. His winning total set a new benchmark for the lowest aggregate score on the DP World PGTI.

The victory earned Sharma INR 15 lakh and marked his first win on the tour since the McLeod Russel Tour Championship

in Kolkata in December 2017. It was also his first professional title worldwide in over eight years, dating back to his triumph at the Maybank Championship, a co-sanctioned event on the DP World Tour and Asian Tour in February 2018.

Sharma's winning total of 25-under eclipsed the previous record of 24-under 264, held by Anirban Lahiri (2010), Rashid Khan (2019), Akshay Sharma (2020), and Manu Gandas (2022).

Hyderabad's Mohd Azhar (67-70-69-65), Delhi's Rashid Khan (67-70-66-68), and Chandigarh's Angad Cheema (68-69-66-68) shared second place at 17-under 271, finishing eight shots behind the winner.

Chandigarh's Ajeetesh Sandhu (68-68-68-68), a five-time winner on the tour, secured fifth place at 16-under 272.

Manu Gandas (70-68-75-64) produced a late surge to finish tied ninth at 11-under 277 after equalling the course record with a blistering eight-under 64 in the final round. The 2022 DP World PGTI Ranking winner climbed 21 places from his overnight tied 30th position to break into the top 10.

The week saw the course record repeatedly challenged and reset. Vishesh Sharma set the early pace with a seven-under 65 in the opening round, Honey Baisoya raised the bar with an eight-under 64 in round two, Shubhankar matched that effort in round three, and Gandas capped it off by equalling the mark again on the final day.

Shubhankar Sharma started his final round with a seven-shot cushion at 20-under and closed with a five-under 67, featuring six birdies and a lone bogey.

Reflecting on his round, Sharma said, "I stuck to my game plan throughout. Even when I dropped a shot, I bounced back quickly and kept attacking. My process and mindset were solid all week."

He remained focused despite the comfortable lead, adding, "Even with the lead, I didn't think about easing off. Golf can change quickly, so I kept pushing and gave myself a target for the day."

Sharma also highlighted a key early moment that set the tone for his round. "The chip-in on the second was probably my best shot of the day. It was from around 30 yards and just trickled in — that gave me a nice early boost."

Speaking about his return to the tour, he said, "Coming back feels very comforting. The week went by smoothly and I'm happy to be playing the way I believe I can."

He also had praise for the venue Boulder Hills Golf & Country Club, adding, "It's a very good course with a lot of potential. The greens were on the softer side this week, which made it more of a scoring layout, but it can play much tougher with firmer conditions."



Khalin Joshi (73-69-69-67), a winner last week in Visakhapatnam, finished tied 12th at 10-under 278.

Saptak Talwar (68-71-66-73), the current DP World PGTI Order of Merit leader and a winner on the tour last month, joined Joshi at 10-under 278 in tied 12th. Talwar earned INR 1,71,700 to extend his lead atop the rankings as his season earnings moved to INR 77,51,700.

Yuvraj Sandhu (73-68-73-67), one of the pre-tournament favourites, and the 2025 DP World PGTI Order of Merit champion, finished tied 18th at seven-under 281.



The tour now moves to Nuh in Haryana for the INR 1 crore DP World Players Championship at the Classic Golf & Country Club from April 21 – 24.

PGTI thanks its Umbrella Partner DP World, a global logistics leader, as well as its Tour Partners Axis Bank, Amul, Campa, Kalyani, Amrutanjan Enerlyte, Golf Plus Monthly and Golf Design India, for contributing to the growth and promotion of professional golf in India.

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Interpersonal Relations in the Corporate World: Building Stronger Connections for Success

In the corporate world, technical skills can help you secure a job. However, interpersonal relations determine how far you grow within an organisation. Whether it involves teamwork, leadership, client interactions or everyday exchanges with coworkers fostering healthy relationships plays a crucial role in enhancing productivity, shaping workplace culture and ensuring personal fulfilment.

Interpersonal relations extend beyond mere friendliness. They encompass emotional intelligence, active listening, empathy, adaptability and professionalism. Each organisation unites individuals from diverse backgrounds, perspectives and personalities which ultimately leads to varying opinions. However, when approached positively, these differences can spark innovation and creativity. Strong interpersonal skills facilitate smoother workflows, clearer communication and more strong team connections.



To build meaningful relationships in the workplace, certain strategies can be consistently implemented. Below are some effective methods that help employees enhance their interpersonal relations and contribute to a healthier corporate culture:

Practice Active and Respectful Communication

Clear communication is key to avoiding misunderstandings and fostering trust. By listening carefully, asking questions with courtesy and respectfully sharing ideas, interactions can flow more smoothly. When team members feel acknowledged and appreciated, working together becomes more effortless. This creates a supportive atmosphere where everyone can voice their thoughts without fear of criticism or conflict.



Develop Emotional Intelligence to Understand Others Better

Emotional intelligence enables individuals to navigate their own feelings while also grasping the emotions of those around them. It promotes empathy, patience and thoughtful decision-making. In a professional setting, employees who possess emotional intelligence can accept feedback with grace, resolve disputes peacefully and work together more efficiently as they become aware of how their actions and tone affect their coworkers.

Encourage Collaboration Over Competition

Successful workplaces flourish through teamwork rather than competition. Collaborative efforts build trust and enhance relationships as employees come to value each other's talents and contributions. Working together allows for shared responsibilities, effective workload distribution and collective celebration of successes which helps to alleviate unnecessary stress and resentment.

Set Clear Expectations and Respect Boundaries

Lack of clarity can often lead to disputes. When roles, responsibilities, and deadlines are clearly outlined, employees know what is required of them. Additionally, respecting personal boundaries such as time, space and workload helps to prevent burnout and sustains mutual respect. Clarity diminishes stress and encourages more effective collaboration.



Celebrate Diversity and Cultural Awareness

Corporate teams are often made up of individuals from various cultures, languages and backgrounds. Acknowledging these differences and being culturally sensitive helps to avoid misunderstandings. When team members value diversity, it fosters inclusivity, minimises bias and enhances teamwork by respectfully appreciating diverse perspectives and ideas.

Engage in Regular Team-Building Activities

Engaging in workshops, games or problem-solving exercises outside of daily tasks helps colleagues connect. These experiences foster camaraderie, break down formal barriers and enable individuals to recognise personality differences. Stronger personal relationships lead to more effective collaboration and enhanced communication in everyday work settings.

Build Appreciation and Recognition Practices

Regularly acknowledging effort creates motivation and goodwill, whether it is through feedback, rewards or simple appreciation. When employees feel valued,



it diminishes negativity in the workplace and encourages greater cooperation. Recognition strengthens relationships by showing respect for contributions and enhancing morale across the organisation.

Together, these solutions establish a framework that improves interpersonal relationships within corporate environments. In a corporate context, interpersonal relationships have a direct impact on employee satisfaction, team performance and overall organisational success. A team that communicates effectively operates efficiently. A team that honours personal boundaries minimises stress and prevents burnout. A workplace that prioritises emotional intelligence tends to have fewer conflicts and experience smoother decision-making.

Furthermore, interpersonal relationships are an important aspect of a thriving corporate culture. By emphasising communication, empathy, collaboration, constructive feedback and clear expectations, organisations can foster environments where individuals can develop both personally and professionally.

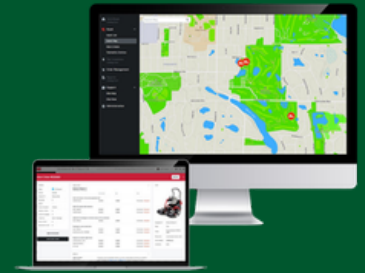
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Think about all the ways you already use smart connected products today. From thermostats and doorbell cameras to fitness trackers and appliances, connected products are part of everyday life. The same technology that allows you to start your car from your mobile phone also has the potential to streamline operations on the golf course.

Smart connected products are digital tools that share information in real time across your operation. For greenkeeping teams, that can mean better visibility into equipment usage, maintenance schedules, work orders and more – resulting in less downtime, better planning and a more productive team.



The Opportunity

Imagine having instant access to track where machines are, what condition they're in and what service they'll need next. You could have a clear picture of your fleet and equipment at any given moment.

In addition, with connected work order systems, tasks can be scheduled and assigned quickly. You can account for upcoming maintenance, allocate time and labour, and even estimate costs before work begins. These features help avoid delays, reduce breakdowns and keep equipment in rotation longer. For those managing budgets, connected systems also make it easier to monitor part usage and plan for future needs.

Putting It into Practice

One example of this technology in action is Toro's Intelli360 – a web-based digital toolbox that integrates several Toro applications into a single, user-friendly experience.

Currently, Intelli360 offers equipment tracking with geolocation, allowing users to see the location, status and maintenance needs of connected equipment on a map view. Teams can manage work orders with the ability to create and assign maintenance tasks, track parts and labour, and review service history.

"Intelli360 is designed with the flexibility to grow and evolve for the long term," said Janel Hinde, Global Product Marketing Manager at Toro. "We're currently working to add features like parts inventory, ordering functions and integration with third-party applications, and more enhancements are in development."

Looking Ahead

Toro has set its sights on building a fully connected ecosystem for course maintenance. Future developments aim to bring irrigation systems, autonomous machine controls and diagnostic tools into the same digital platform. The long-term vision includes an integrated dashboard, bringing together data from across the golf course's entire operation into one cohesive view. "We have a long runway planned for expanded features and integrations with other smart connected products and Toro systems," said Hinde. "We're committed to enhancing the platform in ways that bring value over time."

Whether you manage a small course or a large-scale resort, smart connected tools like Intelli360 can help you make proactive, informed decisions. To learn more about what's currently available and what's on the horizon, visit toro.com/intelli360 or contact your local Toro distributor.

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Rachana Bahadur Appointed as Advisor to the DP World Professional Golf Tour of India

New Delhi, April 18, 2026: The DP World Professional Golf Tour of India (DP World PGTI) today announced the appointment of Ms. Rachana Bahadur, Senior Vice President and Country Head – India at Synchrony Financial, as an Advisor to the organization.



A seasoned global leader, Rachana Bahadur brings over three decades of experience across banking, operations, and risk management. Currently serving as Senior Vice President and Country Head for Synchrony India, she leads a dynamic workforce, driving strategic growth, digital transformation, and operational excellence.

Having held senior leadership roles at Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and Morgan Stanley and with over 18 years of global leadership experience spanning the US, Asia, and Europe, Rachana brings a truly international perspective to the table.

Her people-first philosophy—centered on trust, well-being, and fostering a collaborative culture—perfectly aligns with DP World PGTI’s vision for the future of Indian golf.

Expressing her thoughts on the appointment, Rachana Bahadur said: “I am honored to join the DP World Professional Golf Tour of India as an Advisor. The DP World PGTI has played a pivotal role in developing and promoting professional golf in India, and I deeply admire its commitment to nurturing talent and creating opportunities for players. I look forward to contributing to its mission of elevating Indian golf on the global stage.”

Commenting on this major development, Kapil Dev, President, Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), said, “We are delighted to welcome Rachana Bahadur to the Advisory Board of the DP World Professional Golf Tour of India. Her extensive global leadership experience and deep expertise in building high-performing organizations will be invaluable as we continue to strengthen the ecosystem of professional golf in India. We look forward to her strategic insights in shaping the next phase of DP World PGTI’s growth.”

About Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI):

The Professional Golf Tour of India serves as the official governing and sanctioning body for men’s professional golf in India and is a recognized member of the ‘International Golf Federation’ and the ‘International Federation of PGA Tours’. PGTI also enjoys a strategic alliance with the DP World Tour (European Tour). PGTI events offer ‘Official World Golf Ranking’ (OWGR) points. Global logistics leader DP World is the Title Partner and Official Umbrella Partner of the PGTI. The PGTI is led by its President, Padma Bhushan Shri. Kapil Dev, an iconic sporting legend who continues to inspire athletes and audiences nationwide.

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Sustainable Water Management in Indian Golf: Rethinking Water Through Rainwater Harvesting

As India grapples with growing water scarcity, industries that depend heavily on natural resources are being pushed to rethink their practices. The golf sector—often perceived as water-intensive—is no exception. With more than 300 golf courses spread across the country and a steadily expanding player base, the Indian golf industry sits at an important intersection of growth and sustainability.

Maintaining a standard 18-hole golf course requires significant water input for turf health, landscaping, and overall course quality. In a country where several regions already face groundwater depletion and erratic rainfall patterns, this dependence can raise valid environmental concerns. However, the narrative is gradually shifting. Golf courses in India are beginning to adopt smarter, more responsible water management practices—placing rainwater harvesting at the center of this transformation.

Rainwater harvesting offers a practical and scalable solution. By capturing monsoon runoff and storing it in on-site reservoirs, courses can significantly reduce their reliance on external water sources. Given India's seasonal rainfall patterns, even a few months of efficient water capture can sustain irrigation needs for extended periods. This not only conserves groundwater but also helps stabilize operational costs in the long run.

In addition to harvesting rainwater, several golf facilities are integrating treated wastewater into their irrigation systems. This dual approach—recycling water and capturing rainfall—demonstrates how the industry can move toward a more circular water economy. Some courses have already shown that it is possible to operate with minimal or no dependence on freshwater sources, setting a benchmark for others to follow.

Technology is further strengthening these efforts. Advanced irrigation systems, supported by soil moisture sensors and weather-based controls, ensure that water is used precisely where and when it is needed. The introduction of drought-tolerant grass varieties also reduces overall consumption without compromising playing conditions.

The shift toward sustainable water management is not just an environmental necessity; it is also becoming a reputational advantage. Golf courses that adopt responsible practices are increasingly seen as forward-thinking and aligned with global sustainability goals. This is particularly important as investors, regulators, and communities place greater emphasis on environmental accountability.

Ultimately, the future of golf in India will depend on how effectively it balances growth with resource conservation. By embracing rainwater harvesting and efficient water use, the industry has an opportunity to redefine itself—not as a burden on natural resources, but as a model for sustainable land and water management.

Akash Sharma,
Founder, Adhunik Facilities



The Ultra-Luxury Golf, Wellness & Culinary Circuit of India

Coorg & Bangalore – A Bespoke 7-Night Journey for the World’s Most Discerning Golf Travellers

For the vacationing golfer, India today presents a compelling proposition with its growing portfolio of upscale and elite golf courses, complemented by world-class wellness retreats and an increasingly refined culinary landscape. Drawing from our experience at My Golf Tours, and the evolving preferences of discerning travellers, I felt it timely to share a few out-of-the-box domestic circuits that go beyond conventional golf holidays—offering Indian golfers a more holistic, immersive, and experience-led way to explore the game within the country.

In the rarefied world of ultra-luxury travel, expectations go far beyond premium accommodation and fine dining. Today’s elite golf traveller seeks privacy, personalization, seamless logistics, and experiences that are as restorative as they are exclusive.

India, long known for its cultural depth, is now quietly emerging as a serious contender in the global luxury golf landscape. At the forefront of this evolution is the Coorg-Bangalore circuit—a journey that blends plantation serenity, championship golf, curated wellness, and haute cuisine into one refined experience.



Designed for 50+ high-net-worth couples, this circuit focuses not on the volume of golf, but on the quality of play, depth of experience, and absolute comfort.

Coorg: Private Plantation Living & Leisure Golf

Set in the mist-laden hills of Coorg, the journey begins in a destination that naturally lends itself to slow, immersive luxury. Accommodation is anchored at Evolve Back Coorg, where expansive private pool villas, dedicated butler service, and Ayurveda-led wellness programs create an environment of complete seclusion. Alternatively, The Tamara Coorg offers a more intimate, eco-luxury experience, surrounded by untouched rainforest.

Golf in Coorg is intentionally unhurried. The Ambatty Greens Golf Course, set amidst rolling coffee estates, provides a scenic 18-hole round that prioritizes experience over intensity. For those seeking something more exclusive, a round at the boutique Mercara Downs Golf Club near Madikeri offers a charming, almost private golfing experience.

Beyond golf, Coorg reveals its true luxury in time and space. Days unfold with:

- Personalized Ayurveda therapies and wellness rituals
- Guided plantation walks with private naturalists
- Coffee tasting sessions curated by estate experts
- Bespoke culinary experiences, including private plantation dinners under the stars

Every detail is designed to slow the pace, allowing guests to disconnect from routine and reconnect with experience.

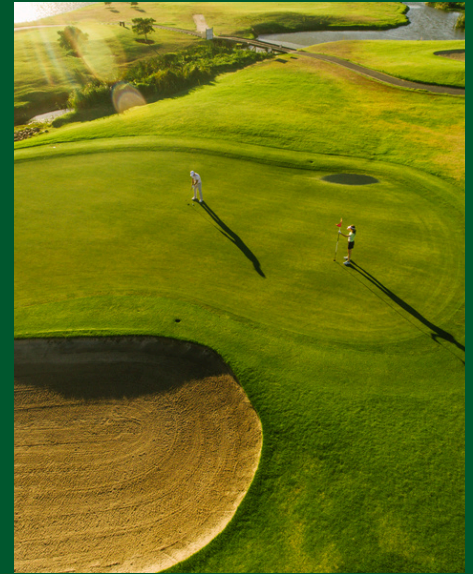
Bangalore: Championship Golf with Metropolitan Sophistication

The journey transitions seamlessly into Bangalore, where the tone shifts to urban refinement and world-class golf. Here, guests are hosted at iconic properties such as The Leela Palace Bengaluru, The Oberoi Bengaluru, JW Marriott or ITC Gardenia Bengaluru, each offering a distinct interpretation of luxury—be it palatial grandeur, tranquil elegance, or wellness-led hospitality.

Golfing in Bangalore is where the circuit reaches its competitive edge. Access is curated to include:



- Prestige Golfshire Club – a world-class championship course offering international standards and exclusivity
 - Karnataka Golf Association (KGA) – a refined, tree-lined course ideal for strategic play
 - Bangalore Golf Club – a heritage course delivering colonial charm and character
- Each round is arranged with priority tee times, concierge-level coordination, and optional professional coaching, ensuring a seamless experience.



Culinary & Lifestyle Experiences

What elevates this circuit into the ultra-luxury segment is its culinary curation.

In Bangalore, guests are introduced to:

- Chef-led tasting menus at the city’s finest restaurants
- Private dining experiences tailored to dietary and regional preferences
- Curated visits to UB City for luxury retail and gourmet indulgence

Optional experiences include vineyard excursions near Nandi Hills, private art gallery viewings, and bespoke city explorations led by expert hosts.



Seamless Luxury: The Defining Element

At this level, luxury is defined by effortlessness. Every aspect of the journey is meticulously managed:

- Private luxury SUV with dedicated chauffeur throughout
- Helicopter transfer from Bangalore to Coorg.
- Option for helicopter transfers between Bangalore and Coorg, reducing travel time significantly
- Personalized itineraries adapted daily to guest preferences
- Dedicated concierge support from arrival to departure

The result is a journey where guests never feel the logistics—only the experience.

A Circuit Designed for the Global Elite

The Coorg-Bangalore ultra-luxury circuit is uniquely positioned to appeal to:

- High-net-worth individuals and couples
- NRI and international golf travellers
- Private groups and invitation-only golf societies

With pricing comfortably positioned in the ₹6L-₹10L+ per couple range, the offering competes with established global golf destinations while delivering something distinct—authenticity with sophistication. In a world where luxury travel is increasingly defined by personalization and depth, the Coorg-Bangalore circuit offers a compelling proposition.

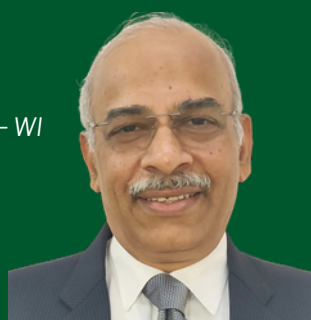


It is not simply about playing great golf—it is about experiencing India through its landscapes, flavours, and traditions, all while maintaining the highest standards of comfort and exclusivity.

From the quiet fairways of plantation estates to the precision of championship greens, this journey represents a new benchmark in Indian golf tourism—one where every detail is curated, every moment is elevated, and every experience lingers long after the final round is played.

“The Best of Golf Travel in India Awaits.”

By Arun Iyer- Mg. Director My Golf Tours,
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Elite Golf Cars – Versatile Mobility from 2-Seater to 14-Seater Bus

As organizations increasingly move toward sustainable and efficient transportation, Elite Golf Cars are setting new benchmarks in eco-friendly mobility. Designed to cater to diverse operational needs, these vehicles range from compact 2-seaters to high-capacity 14-seater buses—offering seamless transportation across multiple segments.

Driving Toward a Greener Tomorrow

Elite Golf Cars are more than just transportation—they represent a commitment to sustainability, innovation, and operational excellence. With a wide product range and continuous technological advancements, they are well-positioned to meet the growing demand for clean and efficient mobility solutions.



As industries evolve, the shift toward electric mobility is not just a trend—it is the future. And Elite Golf Cars are proudly driving this transformation forward.

The Future of Electric Vehicle Innovation

The evolution of electric vehicles is rapidly transforming the mobility landscape, and Elite Golf Cars are aligned with these advancements. The future holds exciting innovations that will further enhance efficiency, performance, and user experience:



Advanced Battery Technology

- Transition toward Lithium-ion batteries with faster charging and longer life
- Improved range and reduced downtime

Smart Charging Solutions

- Opportunity charging and fast-charging infrastructure

Connected & Intelligent Vehicles

- Real-time performance analytics

Key Advantages

- Eco-Friendly Operation – Zero emissions with battery-powered technology
- Low Running Cost – Reduced fuel and maintenance expenses
- Customizable Options – Flexible configurations based on application
- Enhanced Safety – Advanced braking and stable design
- Premium Build Quality – Long-lasting and reliable performance

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Elite Golf Cars have become indispensable across industries:

- Hospitality & Resorts: Enhancing guest experience with quiet, smooth transport
- Industrial Facilities: Efficient workforce mobility within large premises
- Educational Institutions: Safe and convenient campus transportation
- Real Estate & Townships: Premium internal commuting solutions
- Spiritual & Heritage Sites: Comfortable visitor movement across expansive areas

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Rewriting India's Golf Story Innovative Sports & Leisure – Golf Tourism & Industry

There is a version of Indian golf that still looks the way it did thirty years ago – exclusive, insular, and invisible on the world map. Innovative Sports & Leisure (ISL) is not that version. ISL is what comes next.

Founded just four years ago, ISL has grown from a nimble startup into a ₹50 million revenue business a trajectory that reflects not just commercial success, but the depth of an untapped market finally finding its moment. The company now serves a cross-section of clients that few in the sport have attempted: smart cities, corporates, luxury hospitality groups, and destination tourism boards, all discovering golf as a natural, high-return vehicle for B2B networking, leadership experiences, and place-making.

A Seat at the Global Table

Last month, ISL represented India at the IAGTO Golf Tourism Conference in Pattaya, Thailand – the forum where the world's leading operators and destination marketers decide where golf travel investment flows next. India has long been a footnote at this table. ISL arrived to change that.

The delegation returned with a pipeline of inbound partnership commitments that signal something significant:

India is no longer merely a source market for golf tourism. It is becoming a destination. With over 250 golf courses spread across heritage cities, hill stations, and coastlines and a growing cohort of outbound-capable, golf-literate travellers. India's moment in the global golf tourism conversation is overdue. ISL is accelerating it.

Two Platforms. Two Movements.

The most telling measure of ISL's ambition is the intellectual property it owns, outright events conceived, built, and driven entirely from within India. India Golf Carnival (IGC), with its upcoming edition set against the extraordinary landscape of Kashmir, brings together tourism boards, course operators, and golf professionals to shape the sport's future in India. It is not merely a gathering. It is a statement that Indian golf belongs on the global stage. GolfHER is India's first premium platform dedicated entirely to women in golf. As female participation grows faster than any other segment in the sport, GolfHER fills a gap that has been ignored for too long, creating a space for competition, community, and curated experiences built around women golfers.

Both are ISL originals. Both are intentional.

The Bigger Picture

India's golf industry sits at an inflection point. Corporate India is waking up to the sport's unmatched power as a B2B networking and relationship-building tool, a format that combines leisure, focus, and extended face time in ways that boardrooms simply cannot replicate. Smart city planners are beginning to see championship-standard golf infrastructure as an anchor for premium residential and hospitality ecosystems. And the luxury travel segment is finally asking a question that should have been asked years ago: why are we sending our guests to Scotland and Southeast Asia when India has the courses, the culture, and the climate to compete?

ISL's answer to all of these questions is the same: build the ecosystem first, and the industry will follow. That means connecting golf courses to corporate partners, linking luxury hospitality to curated golf itineraries, and creating proprietary events that give India's golf calendar genuine global credibility. Four years in, with ₹50 million in revenue and an expanding international presence, ISL is no longer building toward that future. It is already living in it, and inviting the rest of Indian golf to catch up.



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When Opinions Overrides Agronomy: The Truth About Course Conditions

A frequently heard remark among club members is that “the course is not good.” Such statements, however, are often generalized and fail to reflect a technically informed assessment of golf course conditions. From both a greenkeeping and golfing standpoint, the evaluation of a golf course extends far beyond superficial visual appeal—particularly the colour of the turf. A uniformly green surface may be aesthetically pleasing, but it is by no means a definitive indicator of quality.

From a professional greenkeeping perspective, the primary benchmark is turf performance and functional integrity rather than appearance alone. A quality golf course is characterized by uniform turf density, strong rootzone development, and the resilience to sustain play and environmental stress. Soil profile conditions—including drainage efficiency, compaction levels, and aeration status—are fundamental. Waterlogged areas, excessive compaction, or inconsistent surfaces are clear indicators of compromised agronomic standards, irrespective of surface colour.



Greens, being the most critical playing surfaces, must be assessed on parameters such as trueness, smoothness, firmness, and consistency of ball roll. A high-quality green is not defined by its colour intensity, but by its ability to deliver predictable and uniform playing conditions. Practices aimed solely at enhancing visual appearance—such as excessive irrigation—often lead to softer surfaces, increased thatch accumulation, and higher disease susceptibility, all of which directly impair playability.



In the Indian context, acceptable green speeds must be aligned with prevailing climatic conditions, turf species, and maintenance capabilities. For pure Tifdwarf Bermuda greens, a sustainable and professionally acceptable green speed typically ranges between 9 to 10.5 feet on the Stimpmeter under regular playing conditions. Persistently pushing speeds beyond this range, particularly under high temperature and humidity stress, is agronomically unsound and can lead to rapid turf deterioration.

For greens comprising mixed or unidentified Bermuda cultivars, maintaining higher speeds consistently is both impractical and detrimental. In such situations, a realistic and responsible green speed range would be between 8 to 9.5 feet. Attempts to artificially enhance speed through excessive rolling, aggressive mowing, or moisture stress often result in thinning turf, pronounced grain, and inconsistent ball behaviour—ultimately degrading both surface quality and longevity.

It is equally critical to recognize that green speeds cannot, and should not, remain constant throughout the year. Seasonal variability is an inherent and unavoidable aspect of turfgrass management. Factors such as temperature fluctuations, humidity, monsoon rainfall, cloud cover, and solar radiation significantly influence turf growth patterns and surface firmness. During peak summer and monsoon periods, increased growth rates and moisture retention naturally reduce green speeds, whereas cooler and drier conditions tend to enhance firmness and pace.

Furthermore, essential agronomic interventions—including aeration, verticutting, topdressing, and nutrient applications—are indispensable for sustaining long-term turf health, yet they temporarily impact green speed and smoothness. Play intensity, tournament schedules, and foot traffic also contribute to variability. Additionally, grass characteristics such as grain orientation and thatch levels further influence ball roll consistency.



From a golfing perspective, the true measure of a good course lies in its playability and fairness. This encompasses consistent lies on fairways, clearly defined roughs, and strategically maintained hazards that collectively ensure that skill is appropriately rewarded. Inconsistent surfaces, patchy turf, or erratic maintenance practices disrupt the integrity of the game and diminish the overall playing experience.

In conclusion, the quality of a golf course must be evaluated through a balanced understanding of agronomic soundness and playing performance. Visual greenness alone is an inadequate and often misleading metric. A professionally maintained course prioritizes surface consistency, turf health, and sustainable practices over cosmetic appeal. An informed perspective is therefore essential to distinguish between perceived and actual course quality.

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