

Jeev wants to return to top 50 by March

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Golfer Jeev Milkha Singh is aiming to win a Major championship in the new season and said his focus would be to stay away from injuries and return to the world's top 50 by March end.

The Chandigarh golfer had a good year in 2012 as he clinched his fourth European Tour title at the Scottish Open. He was also part of the winning Asian team in the Royal Trophy.

"My goal is to stay injury-free and get back into the top 50 so that I can play in the Major, which is my favourite tournament. I want to win a Major this season," Jeev told reporters on the sidelines of

the launch of the Gujarat Kensville Golf Challenge.

"I will be playing for four weeks and then take a week off. I am flying to South Africa to play at the Volvo Champions. After that I will play at Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, Commercial Bank Qatar Masters and Omega Dubai Desert Classic.

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"So I have end of March and five tournaments to get into the top 50. There is lot of pressure but I know if I am fit and have the momentum going, I can be in top 50 once again," added the 41-year-old golfer, who achieved his

career-best ranking of 28 in March, 2009. The golfer narrowly missed out on a chance of qualifying for the 2013 British Open, as he finished 32nd in The Race to Dubai and according to the qualifying policy, the top-30 in the European Tour's money list receives invitations to participate in the 2013 edition of the tournament. Jeev, who was honoured with the Asia Pacific Lifetime Achievement award, along with two other legends of the game — Jack Nicklaus and Colin Montgomerie — said he would be playing mainly in the European tour, co-sanctioned events and Japan tour

this season. The two-time Asian Tour number one, Jeev, who is also the son of famous athlete Milkha Singh, wants to emulate his father by qualifying for the Rio Olympics

"I would love to play in the Olympics in 2016. I played in the Asian Games in 1990 and if I play in the Olympics, it will be a dream come true for my family," said Jeev, whose father Milkha Singh represented India in the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. "I should be able to do that after all I will be just 44 then and I am keeping myself fit. I do yoga for flexibility." — PTI