



PERFECT SWING:
Gaganjeet Bhullar

State enters world golfing map today

Big B to inaugurate the Kensville Gujarat Open

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It is a red letter day for golf in Gujarat. The Kensville golf course will place itself on the world golfing map when legendary Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan inaugurates the Kensville Gujarat Open 2011 today.

It is for the first time the European Challenge Tour is coming to India and the 7,250-yard course at Kensville has the privilege to host it. Though the main event, the European Challenge Tour begins only on Thursday, a star-studded pro-am will be held today as a curtain raiser.

It will be a landmark tournament for India's premier golfer, Jeev Milkha Singh, as he will become the first active Indian golfer to host an event. The pro-am will also be an emotional one for Jeev as his father, the legendary athlete Milkha Singh will tee off with his son.

"This is heaven. The Kensville golf course is beautiful. It will be an honour to take part in the pro-am," said Milkha Singh, the former Asian Games and CWG gold medalist.

Apart from Jeev, Gaganjeet Bhullar, Ashok Kumar and Mukesh Kumar will also take part in the pro-am event. The top ranked golfer in European Challenge tour Alessandro Tadini from Italy and 2007 European Challenge winner Michale Lorenzo Vera are also expected to take part in the pro-am.

The pro-am will also give an opportunity to 72 local golfers, including Sidharth Naik, Alpesh Parekh and Sanjay Desai to rub shoulders with the best in

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Milkha Singh (centre) interacting with Kensville MD Sameer Sinha



A visting golfer in action at Kensville

Europe and India.

Meanwhile, the professionals had a feel of the Kensville greens on Tuesday. "This golf course looks as good as any in the world. The course could be a bit tricky for the golfers. The greens are firm and roughs could also pose a challenge," said Charlie Ford from England.