

Modi puts it beyond champ

Chief minister plays golf with Gujarat Challenge winner Gaganjeet Bhullar and walks away with the closest to pin prize

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Gaganjeet Bhullar may have won the inaugural Kensville Gujarat Challenge 2011 but the man who held centre stage at the concluding ceremony of the tournament was Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi.

After giving away the prizes, the organisers invited the Gujarat chief minister and the tournament winner, Gaganjeet Bhullar for a putting competition. Modi readily obliged.

The excitement of winning the tournament or the presence of the chief minister seemed to have got to Bhullar. He couldn't find the put and the ball stopped a fairway away

from the hole.

Now it was the chief minister's turn. Being a left-hander and hardly having played golf his life, everyone thought the chief minister would find it hard to get even close to the hole.

But Modi surprised everyone with a shot that almost made the put. His shot stopped inches before the hole. The crowd applauded the chief minister's effort that prompted him to have two more shots at the course. He finally made the put in his third attempt and walked away with the Rs five lakh cheque for being the closest to the pin.

The proceeds will go to Kanya Kelavni, a charitable organisation

working for the welfare of the girl child.

Before leaving the course he made a request to Gaganjeet Bhullar. "Teach me golf Gagan, I will be happy to learn," quipped the chief minister.

Earlier, speaking at the prize distribution ceremony of the tournament, Narendra Modi said that there is plenty of scope for Sports Tourism in the state and urged investors to exploit it.

"Sports is not in Gujarat's DNA. But now sports is creating a lot of business interest. And businessmen in Gujarat will only be happy to invest in sports," the chief minister said.



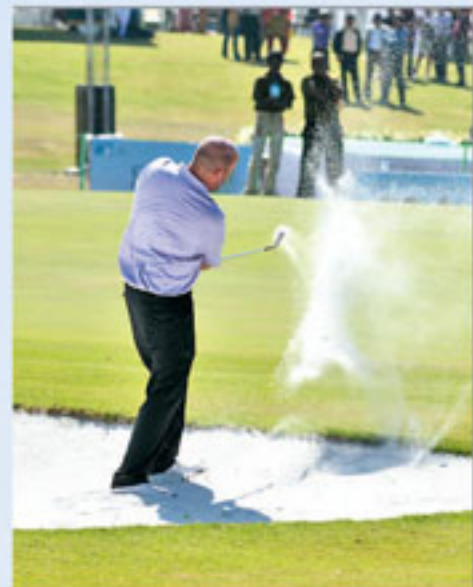
Chief Minister Narendra Modi's prize money of Rs 5 lakh will go into girl children's education that he promotes

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CHASING THE LEADER: Fans following Gaganjeet Bhullar at Kensville

DRESSED TO KILL: Some lovely ladies posing for a photograph



THINKING STRATEGY: Gaganjeet Bhullar, Florian Praegant and Matthew Baldwin having a discussion before their next stroke



I'M OUT OF IT: Gary Lockerbie chips out of the bunker



WELL DONE: Narendra Modi congratulating the winner, Gaganjeet Bhullar

YES I'VE DONE IT: Gaganjeet Bhullar raises his cap after his last stroke at Kensville

