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Simi, Sharmila to lead India

NEW DELHI, Nov 8 (PTI): Ace Indian golfers Simi Mehra and Sharmila Nicollet will spearhead India's challenge in this year's Hero Women's Indian Open golf tournament to be played at the DLF Golf and Country Club in Gurgaon from December 9-11.

A total of 108 golfers from 26 countries will participate in the USD 300,000 in the fifth edition of event, which is being tri-sanctioned by Ladies European Tour (LET), the Ladies Asian Golf Tour (LAGT) and Women's Golf Association of India (WGAI).

The 108-golfer field will also have defending champion Laura Davies of England and two-time former winners Phatlum Pornanong of Thailand.

Besides Davies and Pornanong, the field will also have 37-year-old Sophie Gustafson, a four-time Money List champion and winner of 29 international titles; South African Lee-Ann Pace; Christina Kim of the United States and emerging golfer Caroline Hedwall of Sweden.