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## Women's Indian Open from Dec 9

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**New Delhi:** The Hero Women's Indian Open golf is back in town for its fifth edition. The event, tri-sanctioned by the Ladies European Tour, the Ladies Asian Golf Tour and Women's Golf Association of India (WGAI), will be played between December 9 and 11 and over 54 holes at the DLF Golf and Country Club in Gurgaon.

The organizers confirmed participation from the defending champion Laura Davies. Also in the running for \$300,000 event will be big names like four-time European Money List champion and winner of 29 international titles Sophie Gustafson, South African Lee-Ann Pace, Christina Kim of the United States and emerging golfer Carolina Hedwall of Sweden.

Meanwhile, Simi Mehra and Sharmila Nicollet will spearhead the Indian challenge. 108 golfers from 28 countries will make up what is being considered the strongest-ever line-up for the tournament. "The field has been reduced to 108 instead of 123 due to late scheduling of the Open," WGAI secretary general Champika Sayal said.