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MacLaren shares lead with Hillier

Gurugram, Oct. 3: England's Meghan MacLaren and Whitney Hillier of Australia shared the lead at 5-under 67 after the first day of the Hero Women's Indian Open even as India's Mysore-based 16-year-old amateur Pranavi Urs nailed two late birdies to climb to tied-10th on the tournament leaderboard late in the evening on Thursday.

Pranavi Urs, a past winner on the domestic pro tour, even while being an amateur, picked up shots

on her final two holes for a one-under par card of 71 at the DLF Golf and Country Club to be the best-placed Indian on the first day but she was four shots behind the two leaders.

Norwegian Marianne Skarpnord and England's Liz Young were tied third at four-under 68 each while Swede Linda Wessberg (69) was fifth.

Four players, including Europe's Solheim Cup-winning captain, Catriona Matthew, were tied-sixth on 2-under 70. — *Agencies*