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Chennai indoor centre ties up with Tarun Sardesai Golf Academy

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A young enthusiast in action at the Golfer's Edge centre in Chennai.

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In the fast-evolving world of non-formal or off-course golf, driving ranges and indoor centres are setting the pace in several cities and suburban centres around India.

The Delhi-National Capital Region has several driving ranges in Delhi including at Siri Fort, which makes for an all-in experience, the Qutab course, several ranges open till late into the night in and around Gurgaon and a high-end virtual centre in Greater Noida, just to name a few.

In Chennai, an indoor centre, Golfer's Edge is now looking to take it to the next level.

GEC has tied up with noted Bangalore-based coach Tarun Sardesai and his TSG Golf Academy to provide coaching at its indoor golf centre in the Tamil Nadu capital.

In a statement, GEC said, "The Golfer's Edge Chennai academy and all other future Golfer's Edge locations in the country will be powered by TSG and will provide a holistic approach to golf coaching and a pathway for junior golf development.

"The partnership aims to build highly competitive young golfers from the ground up and get them competition-ready for tournaments at local, zonal and national levels."

Contemporary facilities

GEC, base in the central locality of Alwarpet opened in March 2023, and features “a world-class golf simulator and practice facility enabling beginners and golfers of all skill levels to learn and enhance their game,” the statement said.

The Tarun Sardesai Golf Academy is based just outside of Bangalore at the Zion Hills Golf County in the Kolar area is India’s first and only fully residential high performance golf academy with education.

The academy has produced a number of top amateurs and professionals through its system of player development. A true testament to the academy is the fact that three out of the past four national amateur champions have come through its ranks.

“With this partnership and with its ultra-realistic golf simulator, the academy at Golfer’s Edge Chennai will not only provide a good platform for beginners to learn the game, but also for junior golfers, top amateurs and professionals to take their game to the next level,” GEC said.

Informed inputs

“The partnership ensures that students at the academy get swing analysis and inputs from coaches at the TSG Academy as well as from TSG certified and trained coaches at GEC.

“A pathway for junior golf development as a result of this will see top juniors from the program having the opportunity to periodically visit the residential academy in Kolar and further enhance their training with the best coaches and equipment in the country,” it added.

The Chennai centre is open to adults as well for whom a game improvement plan will ensure that coaches from the TSG academy will review their swing and provide feedback and analysis to further strengthen their game, the statement said.

“Our dream and vision when setting up Golfer’s Edge was to introduce more people to golf and provide existing golfers with the best tools to improve their game,” said co-founders Bharath Arvind and Hari Natarajan.

“If we can produce champion golfers from our academy and facility who will one day play as top amateurs or professionals, we would consider our endeavour a success. This partnership is a natural step and strategic initiative to complement this.”

Added Sardesai, “Golfer’s Edge is a great concept to take golf to the masses and help people in cities get quality instruction without worrying about access to a golf club.

“I look forward to working with their passionate team to deliver great coaching programs to interested individuals”

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