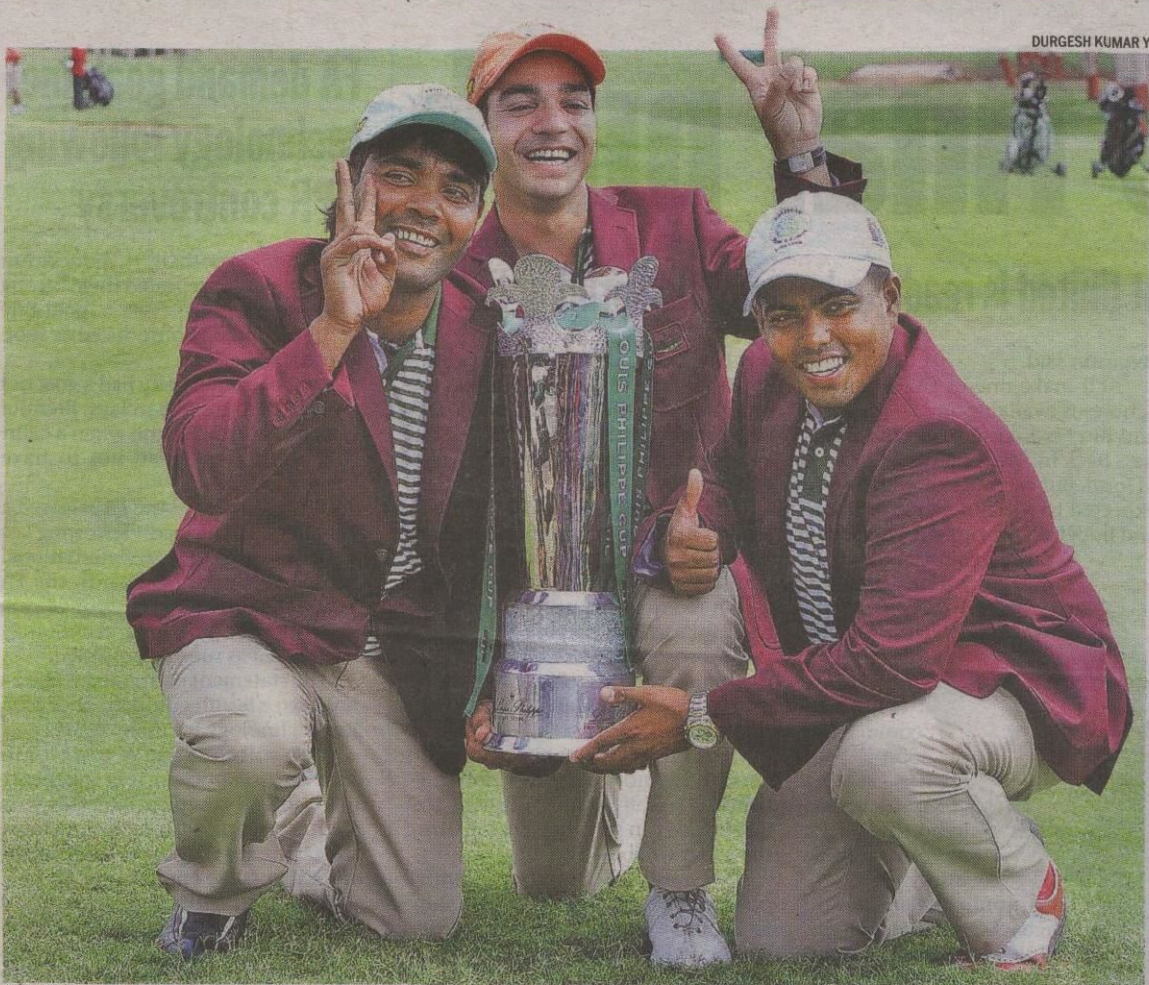


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● Vinod Kumar, Vikrant Chopra and Mithun Perera won the Pro Team Golf Cup Championship at Karnataka Golf Association

Ahmedabad claim LP Cup

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Navratna Ahmedabad out-classed Puravankara Bangalore to pocket the inaugural \$250,000 Louis Philippe Cup inter-city golf tournament, romping to a 3-0 win in the final played on Saturday.

The winning team, comprising Vikrant Chopra, Vinod Kumar and Mithun Perera pocketed the winners cheque of Rs 36 lakh and the huge Cup while runner up Bangalore, Anirban Lahiri, Manav Jaini and Abhishek Jha had to be content with a cheque for Rs 24 lakhs.

Vinod Kumar set the ball rolling when he shot a three under over 14 holes, his best performance through

four days against reigning all India match-play champion, Manav Jaini to win with a score of 5 & 4.

"I really played well. I knew I had to putt well if I had to get the better of Manav. My game came good for the day and I am happy to be able to win", said Vinod after the contest.

Mithun Perera's 3 & 2 triumph against Abhishek Jha gave Ahmedabad an unassailable 2-0 and also saw the home team's top golfer Anirban Lahiri throwing in the towel after conceding a point to Vikrant Chopra on the 14 hole.

An elated Vikrant said, Chopra "I played solid, regulation golf today and won with a par score. I hit it really close through the week. I wasn't putting well on the first few holes but my caddie advised me to hang in

there and not lose focus. There is a different kind of pressure in team events since one does not want to let his team down at any stage. However, I was confident of our team's chances going into the final day. I knew I could take on Anirban as both of us are long-hitters."

Mithun Perera who played the most consistent golf through the tournament in the 30 Pros lot said, "It feels good to win. The team wins when all play well and our team had all good match-play players. I had a great week. Every round, I played under par and am happy that I played my game and did not let any pressure get to me".

In the face-off for third and fourth place, Take Solutions Chennai recorded a 3-0 verdict against Dev-Ellora Chandigarh to finish third.