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## Navratna takes crown

A final round surge from Mithun Perera (five-under 67) and Anura Rohana (one-under 71) helped Navratna Ahmedabad snatch the Louis Philippe Cup from overnight leader TAKE Chennai at the KGA course here on Saturday.

Both Navratna and TAKE recorded an overall score of 13-under 419, but the former was declared the champion on the basis of a better final-round card. While Perera and Rohana registered a combined six-under third round, Joshi and Chikkarangappa could only manage one-under.

The Sri Lankan pair of Perera and Rohana effectively sealed the title on the back nine with eight birdies between them, giving the Ahmedabad side its third triumph in the four editions so far.

The winning trio – Rohana, Perera and Shankar Das – received Rs. 36 lakh, while TAKE, represented by Joshi, Chikkarangappa and S.S.P. Chowrasia, took home Rs. 24 lakh.

Local lad Joshi, whose overall 12-under card over three rounds was the best individual performance, received Rs. 7 lakh. Dev-Ellora Pune's Om Prakash Chouhan, who was second with a seven-under, took home Rs. 4 lakh.

### The scores (final round, prize-money in brackets):

Navratna Ahmedabad and TAKE Chennai 419 (Ahmedabad declared winner on better final-round card) (Ahmedabad: Rs. 36 lakh; Chennai: Rs. 24 lakh); Dev-Ellora Pune 421 (Rs. 18 lakh); Zion Hills Bengaluru 422 (Rs. 12 lakh); Jaypee Greens Greater Noida and Laqshya Mumbai 425 (Noida finished ahead on better last-round card) (Noida: Rs. 9 lakh; Mumbai: Rs. 6 lakh); DLF The Crest Gurgaon 431 (Rs. 4 lakh). — Sports Reporter