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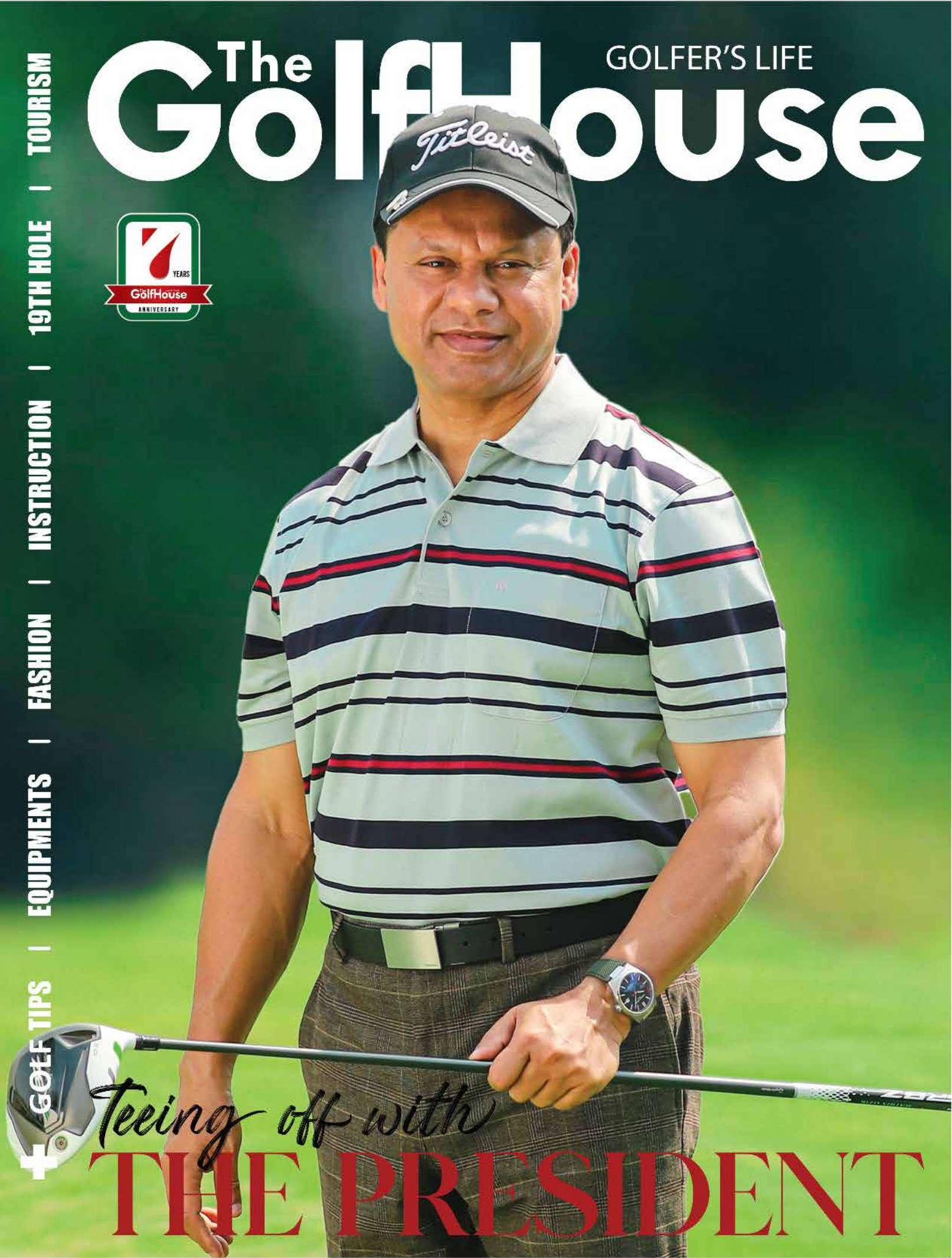

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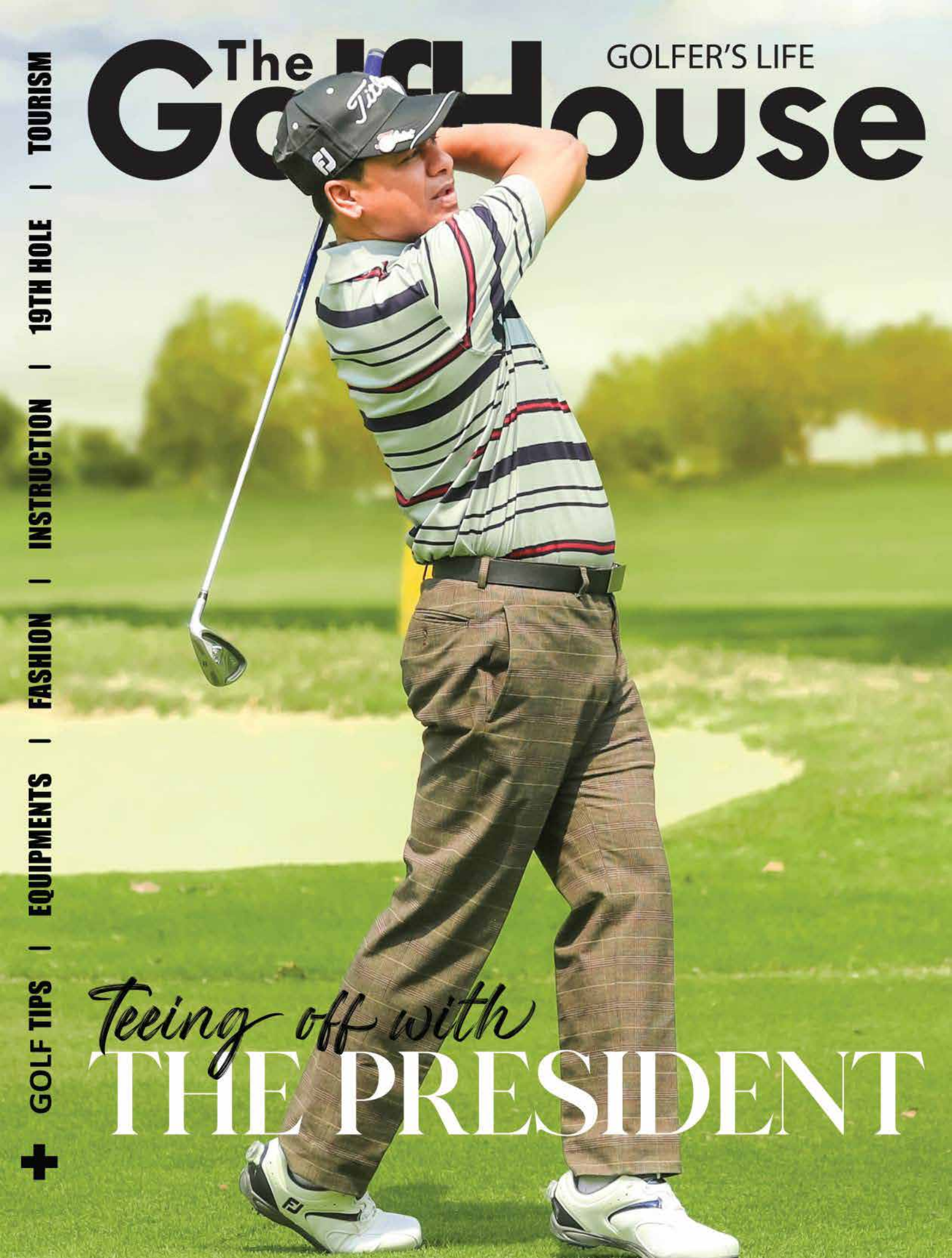

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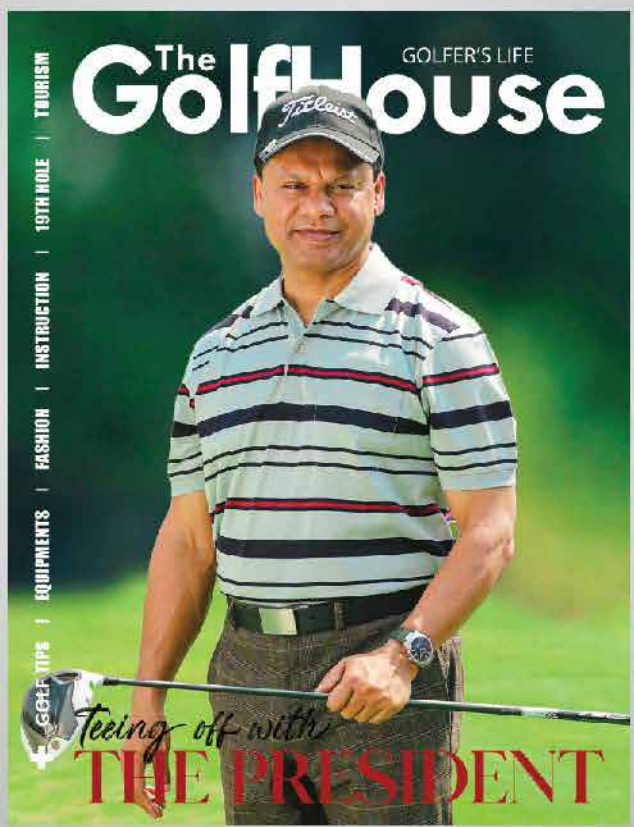















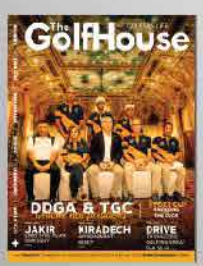





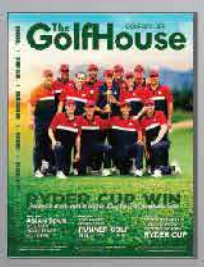

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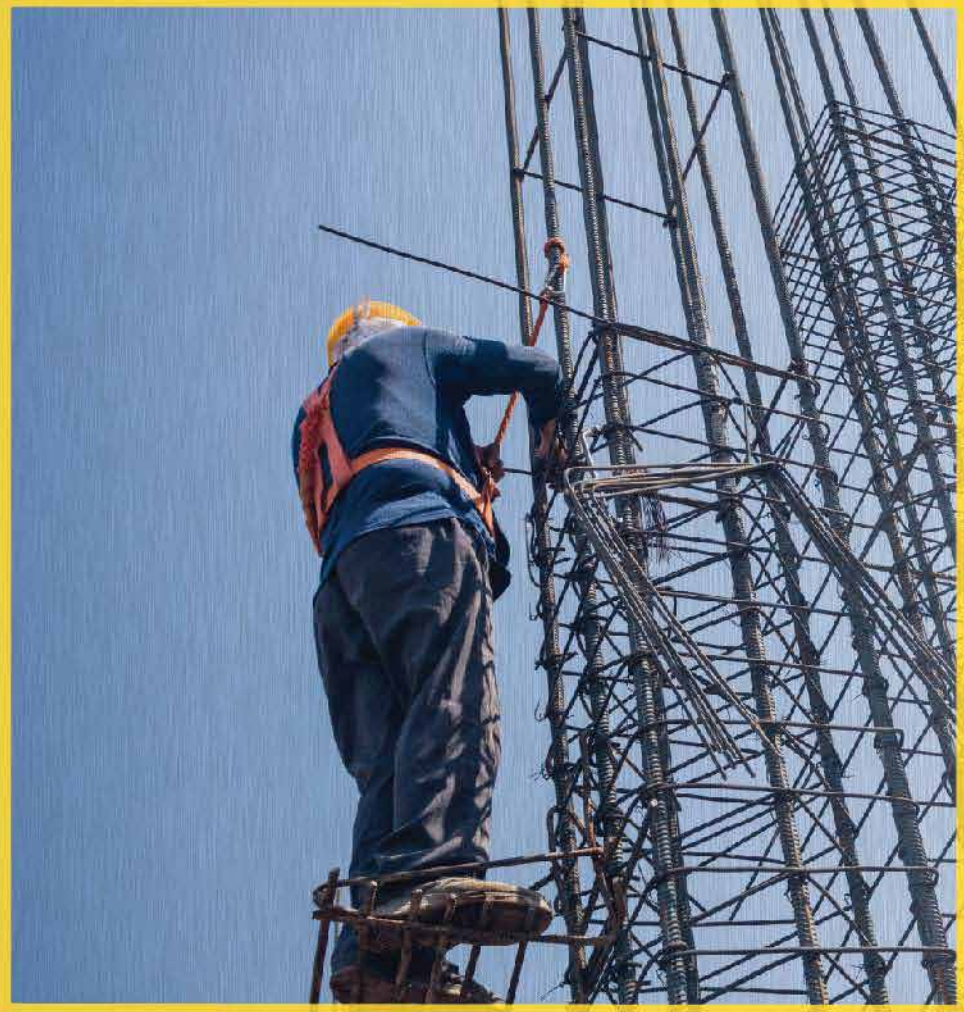

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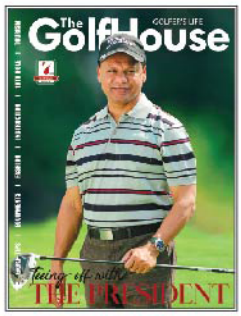

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EDITOR'S CHOICE



The official launching ceremony of ThGolfHouse magazine in 2015 at Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka. From left, Managing Editor (TGH) Atique Anam, Founder & Editor (TGH) Nazrul Hosen Ayon, Sri Lankan Iconic golfer Mithun Perera, Ace Bangladesh golfer Siddikur Rahman, KGC CEO Colonel (Retd) Sardar Hasan Kabir, Maj Khandaker Nurul Afser (Retd) Chairman Afser Group.

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'A DREAM WORK'

For the last seven years, TheGolfHouse magazine has provided Bangladesh's golfers & golf enthusiasts with the latest in-depth news and features, expert opinion, updates on latest equipments, fashion, travel and lifestyle, plus extensive news on golf competitions and events. Each issue has been more complete than the previous one, yet we are far from being satisfied, as our appetite for meeting people's demands only grows bigger.

As we celebrate the 7th anniversary of the first ever golf magazine in Bangladesh with a bumper May issue, we look back with some satisfaction at the strides golf has made in the past years, and we feel proud to have contributed to that growing stature of the game.

The stride that golf has made has been a combination of a few factors including the continuous hard work of the administrators and the growing interest shown by the sponsors. Slowly but surely golf has become more popular and widely recognizable throughout the country than it used to be seven years ago. We are happy that the last seven years of our journey has coincided with this growth and we are happy to have put the collective stride, the individual achievements and the tireless efforts on the pages of our magazine.

However, needless to say that there remains a lot to be done for golf in Bangladesh. The interest that the sponsors are showing could be more widespread and inviting. The golf administrators, who are already doing a commendable job, should continue their selfless endeavour for the love of the game. And last but not the least, the media should play a more robust role in highlighting the game and the people who make it happen.

I, on behalf of TheGolfHouse, thank our all patrons, sponsors, writers and well wishers for their kind support, suggestions and advices.

Play golf and help the game grow.

Nazrul Hosen Ayon
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Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) is a member-club in Dhaka Cantonment area operated by Bangladesh Army, where high-ranked army personnel, government officials and elite class civilians of home and abroad come to furnish their golf skill or for better utilization of their leisure period.

KGC has its own history, first traced back in 1950 as Dhaka Golf Club at SuhrawardyUdyan, before it was shifted to abandon Kurmitola Airfield in 1955 due to the increase of interest in golf, finally the golf course shifted to its present location with an area of around s 126.20 acres in 1966.

The club has a course facilitated with four kinds of tee boxes for –Professionals, Amateur, Senior [above 60] and Lady Golfers.

The two –Front and Back — lines of the course have — nine putting holes in each line — a par-format of 72 usually, but varied as per tournament requirements where stipulated areas are: 6579 yards for professionals, 6291 yards for amateur, 5494 yards for seniors' and 5090 yards for lady golfers.

The club has also a Driving Zone for the beginners, who want to make their score-line into zero to get the tag of professionals.

The course's fairway with green and sandy surface under sunny day has got a combination of local and diversified green trees between the gaps, what deeply attracts visitors' attention.

KGC is not a very long course in terms of yardage and it is not a very difficult course to play but there are challenges and difficulties embedded in the course design and it might help if the golfer is aware of these design challenges. USGA Course ratings for KGC are as follows:





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GENERAL S M SHAFIUDDIN AHMED IS THE PRESENT CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF OF BANGLADESH ARMY AND THE PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION & BANGLADESH GOLF FEDERATION. HE TOOK OVER AS THE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF IN JUNE 2021. WHILE HE PASSES A VERY BUSY LIFE SERVING THE NATION, HE DEVOTED HIS LEISURE TIME TO GOLF TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE GAME'S NUANCES, ITS INNER SIGNIFICANCE, AND ITS POSITIVE IMPACTS ON LIFE. GENERAL SHAFIUDDIN FINDS GOLF AS THE BEST EXAMPLE OF SELF-DEVELOPMENT. HE THINKS PLAYING GOLF RESONATES WITH MILITARY LIFE. HERE IS AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THEGOLFHOUSE, GENERAL SHAFIUDDIN SPEAKS ABOUT THE STATE OF THE GAME.


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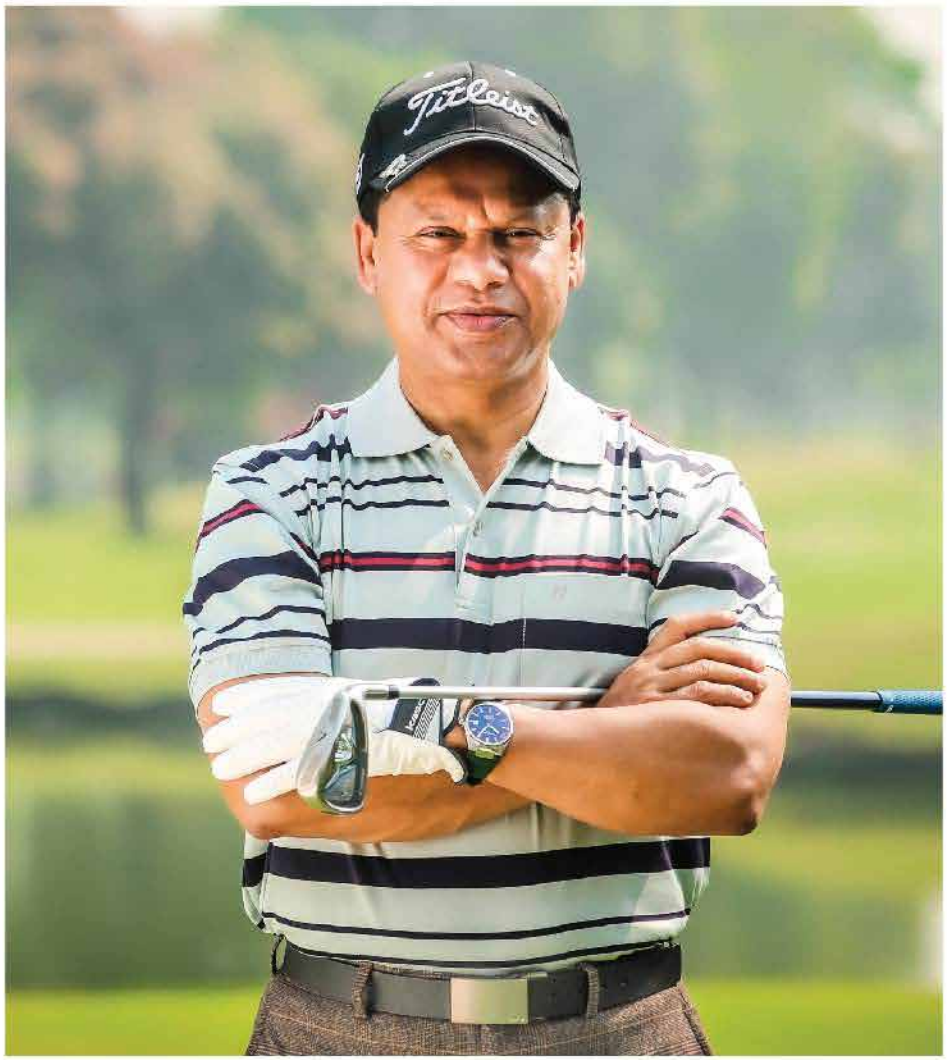

Q&A

As a guardian of Bangladesh golf, what is your vision about this sport?

My vision is to develop golf and continue to raise it to a greater height. We need to enhance our institutional strength and train our amateur and professional golfers so that they can bring more laurels for the country in coming days.

Does the BGF have a plan for the next 5 or 10 years to take golf in the country to the next level?

Yes, BGF is working on it. Owing to COVID-19, golfing was disrupted in 2020 and 2021. Now the pandemic situation is mostly under control and I am hopeful of vibrant golfing in 2022 and beyond. The golfers may expect more tournaments in this season and BGF will organize a series of activities to improve the standard of golf in Bangladesh. Our plan is to develop golf in conformity with other sports in Bangladesh.

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BANGABANDHU, THE FOUNDING FATHER OF BANGLADESH, WAS A SPORTSMAN HIMSELF AND HE REALIZED THAT SPORTS COULD PLAY A BIG ROLE IN UPHOLDING THE IMAGE OF A COUNTRY.

Does BGF have any plan of establishing zonal academies across the country?

We can establish more golf academies across the country, but we understand that it is easy to commute to Dhaka in hours' time from anywhere in the country. For now, the existing golf academy that we have in Army Golf Club is good enough. It has wonderful facilities and we are not utilising it to its full potential. We have a nine-hole course within the academy. We have a dormitory and restaurant facilities — we have everything needed there. We should make this one fully functional before thinking of new academies.

Bangabandhu, the founding Father of Bangladesh, was a sportsman himself and he realized that sports could play a big role in upholding the image of a country. What is your view on the role Bangabandhu played in our sports?

I am proud to proclaim that our Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was a sports lover from his childhood. After the independence of the country, he took several initiatives to develop sports in Bangladesh. We are aware of the 'Shadhin Bangla Football Team', which inspired our people during our War of Liberation. So, Bangabandhu's love for sports is part of his patriotism, and this is our inspiration till today.

We are fortunate to have a Prime Minister, who is not only a keen follower of sports but also a big patron. Say something regarding her role.

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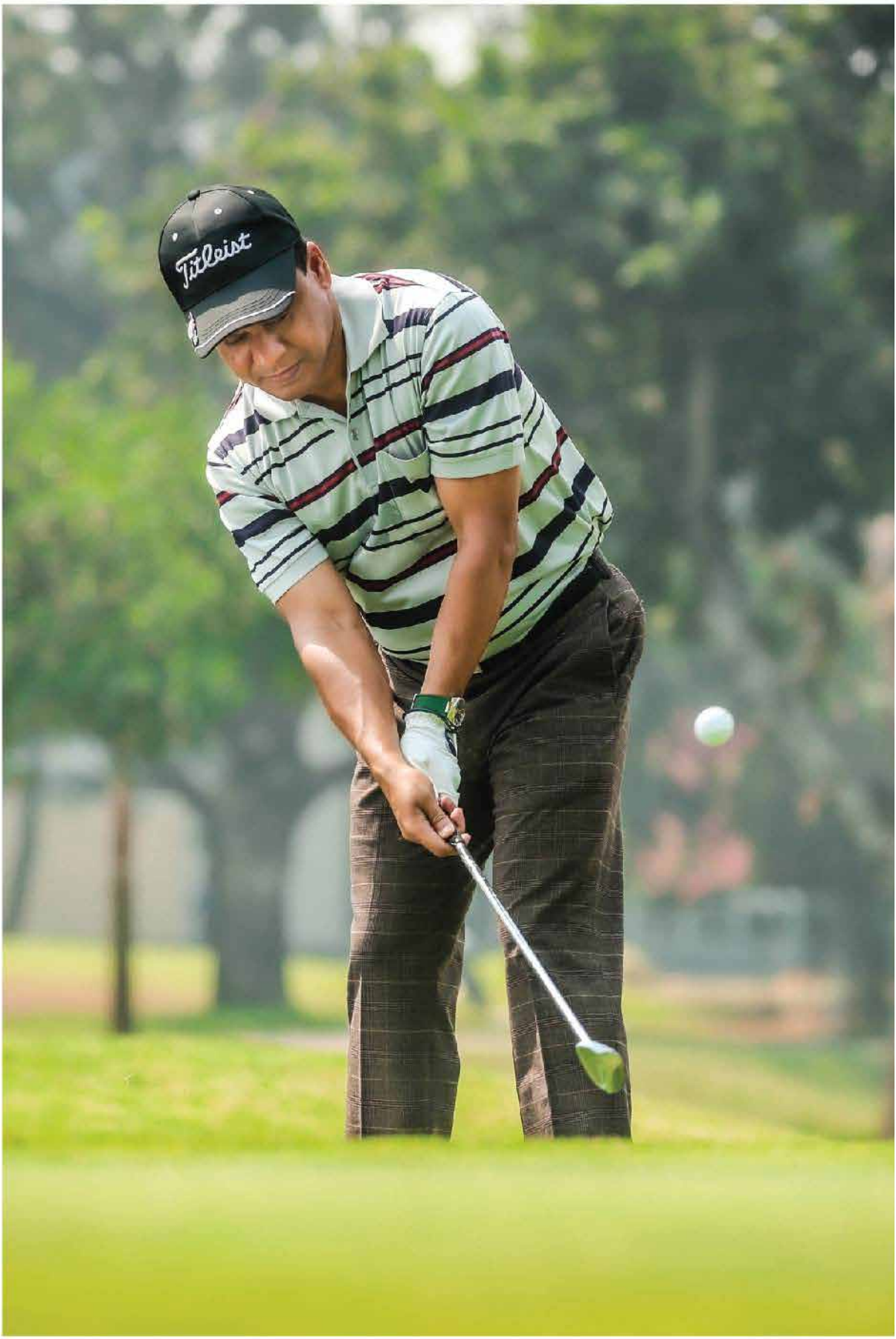

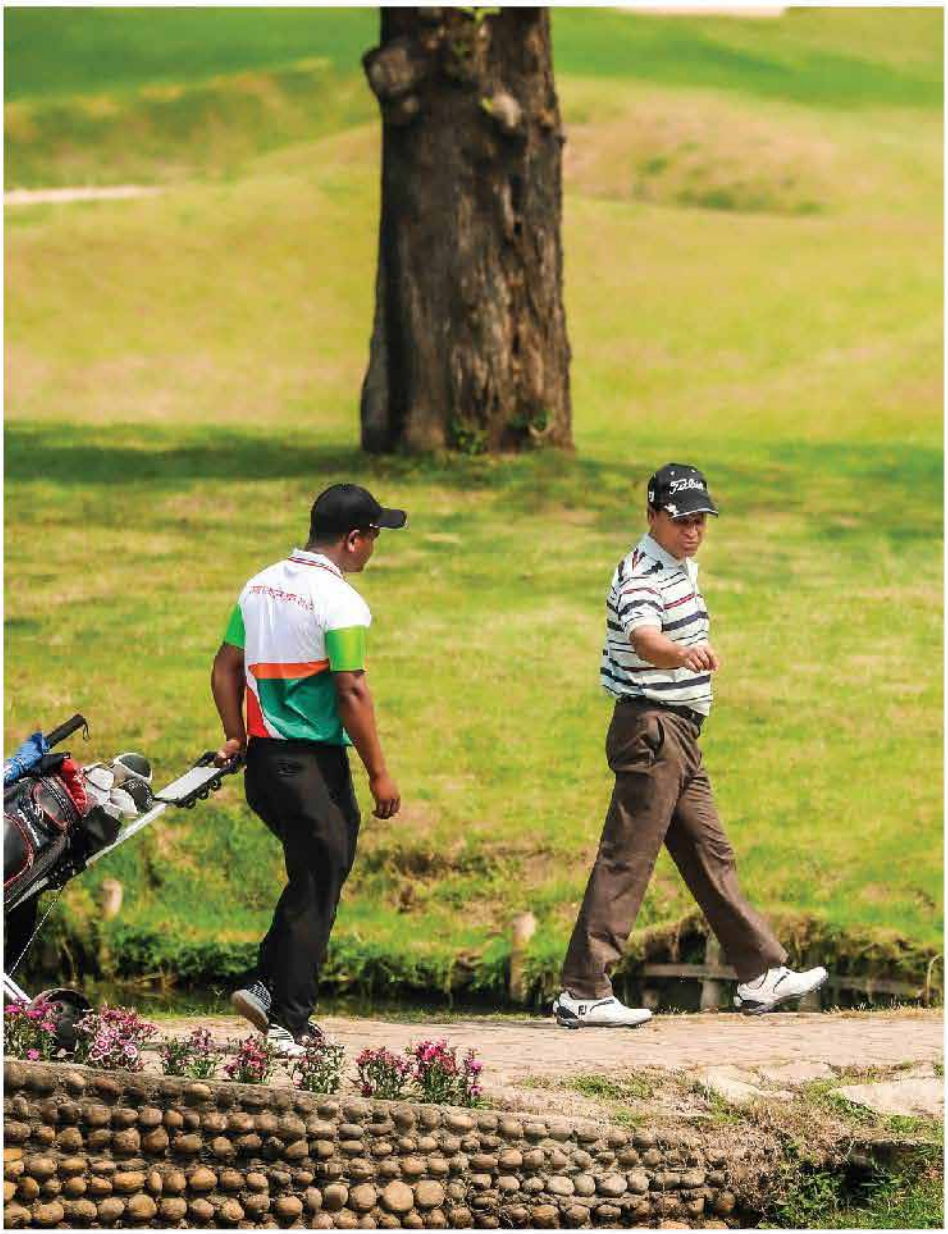

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our Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's supervision, Bangladesh Golf Federation was established. To her credit, Bangladesh has become a significant force in cricket, and under her leadership, the sports sector of Bangladesh is becoming better every day. Our Prime Minister is a prime mover in our achievements in the field of games and sports. More so, female contribution in sports is more pronounced today as we see their achievements in Cricket and Football. This is the direct reflection of the leadership of our Honourable Prime Minister.

Siddikur Rahman became the first Bangladeshi ever to qualify for the Olympic Games in 2016. As the President of Bangladesh Olympic Association, what is your vision to achieve gold in Olympics?

Bangladesh's highlight at the Olympics have been through golfer Siddiqur Rahman and archer Ruman Sana, who featured in the 2016 Rio Olympics and 2020 Tokyo Olympics respectively, based on their own merit. The Bangladesh Olympic Association is working to create a sporting environment coupled with a talent pool that will inspire the youth from all over the country to dream and realistically aim for Olympics glory. By properly and sincerely investing in the top-notch training facilities, arranging quality coach to raise the quality of the sports, and development of golf infrastructure to an approximately world-class level, the elusive dream could still turn true at the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympics. BOA is working to do more to achieve success like our golfer Siddikur Rahman and archer Ruman Sana.

Tell us about your first golfing experience.

I started my golfing in Chattogram Bhatiary & the first experience was usual like others but it was exciting.

What is your most memorable experience in golf?

I played 36 par there in Ghatail Golf Club. That was my one of most the memorable achievements I can say.

Golf, as a sport, is all about discipline. And it is promoted by the military personnel. What can golfers learn about leadership, discipline, and professional development from this game?

Golf is a game of discipline. From the youngest of amateurs to the highest-level pros, a lack of discipline will cause players to

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fall apart on any course. These players can apply this discipline to their daily lives too. Besides, a golfer is a habitual leader. Other golfers follow him or her. Golf is the best example of self-development. I think these qualities resonate with our military life.

Golf can be a bridge between civil and military personnel. How can we foster this relationship?

Yes of course; golf can be a bridge between civil and military personnel in the concept of achieving common social goals. We can inspire the CSR activities of civilian world and facilitate them to reach difficult areas in times of natural disaster or other calamities. The relation grown on the golf green can be a binding factor for these two communities to work hand in hand for social and national development.

How has golf impacted you as a person and your career?

For me playing golf is a passion and a way of life. In my personal life, I value the importance of discipline, smart attire and respect for rules and regulations. Therefore, golf is somewhat synonymous to my character, and it had never contradicted my professional aspects. I think both can go side by side.

Country's first-ever and only golf magazine 'TheGolfHouse' is being published since 2015; what is your opinion and advice to the magazine team?

I congratulate 'TheGolfHouse' the first ever golf magazine and a primary promoter of Golf in Bangladesh. You undertook this smart challenge; and by doing so, you have shown that Bangladesh is progressing.











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'TheGolfHouse', our solitary media partner, successfully proves itself as an excellent medium for Bangladesh golf to promote the local players and club activities. I must say, it is an international standard golf publication. I hope 'TheGolfHouse' and its chief pursue the splendid effort with more enthusiasm and inspiration overcoming all shortcomings.

To promote any sport, media plays a vital role. How does media in our country be more effective in promoting golf and other sports?

Media has played a crucial role in bringing golf to the limelight. Local golf is getting more media coverage than it used to be in the past. The expansion of golf has been possible due to the role played by the media.I think, the media may continue to uphold this trend.



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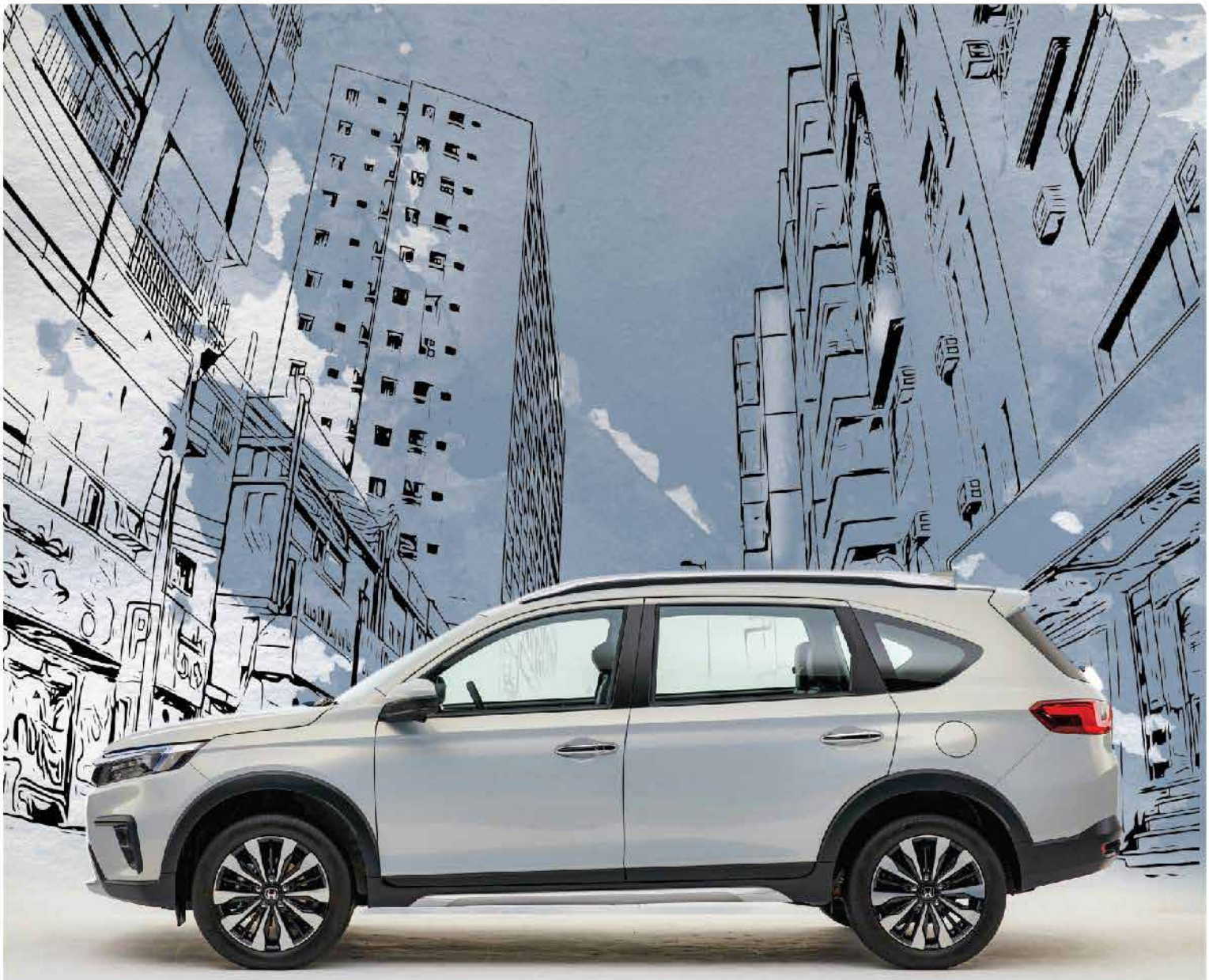

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BLUE	3/7/2017	34.5	127	35.4	132	69.9	130	6291
YELLOW	3/7/2017	32.9	115	33.4	127	66.3	121	5494
RED	3/7/2017	34.2	125	34.9	132	69.1	129	5090

For regular golfers playing from BLUE Tee on a course with USGA course rating of 69.9 a scratch golfer is expected to score 2 under par on average, so it's not a difficult course to play on. However, the BLUE slope rating of 130, which is much higher than a standard course difficulty of 113 indicates that the course design does present challenges and is certainly difficult from a golf course of standard difficulty. From my experience I would suggest the following considerations for any golfer which may help to card-in good scores





Hole # 1
It's a Par 4 hole and on tee off, one needs to carry approximately 100 yards over the water towards a wide open fairway. However, the Tee-box is aligned more towards the right side and golfers generally tend to stand square to the tee box. With that kind of alignment setup even a moderate fade can result in the ball going into the long water hazard on the right. It is preferable to align with the left edge of the fairway and with a gentle fade the ball will land in the center or a little on the right side of the fairway. Keeping the ball in the center or little on the right provides a better approach shot line and takes the green side bunker out-of-play. Green mostly slopes down towards the fairway and putting down slope can be tricky therefore aim to keep below the pin which will allow a more aggressive putt.

Hole # 2
It's a Par 4 hole and the landing area is fairly narrow with the woods and the OB on the left and water hazard all along on the right. Additionally, for golfer's driving around 260yards+ water hazard in the front comes into play. Therefore, one has to layoff short of the water hazard but keeping more to the right of the mango tree or else the tree and the distance to cover thereafter makes the second shot difficult. Approach shot to the green is fairly straight forward however one has to be aware of the water hazard and the OB on the left side. Green has multiple slopes reference to the yardage book will certainly be helpful. Generally speaking aim to stay below the green center or else one would be doing a down slope putt.

Hole # 3
It's a short Par 5 hole and easy for most golfers to score par and leaves the opportunity for better skilled golfers to get a birdie or an eagle. On tee off, one needs to carry approx. 130 yards over the water towards into the fairly narrow fairway with bunkers on either side. More troublesome is the deep wooded area on the left. The hole sharply doglegs towards left with wide open approach to the green. Green has less depth so approach shot is likely to go over the green. Green has multiple slopes but generally speaking aim to stay in the middle and left of the green to avoid severe slope towards the right which causes the ball to roll off the green.





Hole # 4
It's a Par 4 hole but one of the toughest holes on the course because of a number of trees that come into play both during tee off and particularly for an approach shot to the green. One needs to tee off on a line away from the wooded area on the right. The adjoining Hole 3 fairway on the right is OB leaving little margin for ball to fade. Tee-box is aligned more towards the right side towards the wooded area. If the golfer stands square to the tee box rectangle, he is likely to end up among the trees on the right. Much better to align with the left edge of the fairway and with a gentle fade the ball will land in the center of the fairway. For the approach shot the tree right in the middle of the fairway makes it difficult to go for the green unless the ball is clear left or right of this tree. There are two green side bunkers which come into play on approach shot. Green mostly slopes down towards the fairway and putting downslope can be tricky therefore aim to keep to the center of the green.

Hole # 5
It's a short Par 4 hole which doglegs to the left but the green is not visible from tee. It does provide an opportunity for long hitters to go for the green with the risk of going over the trees. The risk is if the ball does not carry to the green and lands on the adjoining Hole 4 fairway it will be OB. However, the hole rewards golfers who make it to green with increased chances for eagle or birdie. The



hole sharply doglegs towards left with wide open approach to the green. There are two green side bunkers which come into play on approach shot. Comparatively it's an easy hole to play.

Hole # 6
It's a short Par 3 hole. Difficulties of the hole are tee-off across water hazard which requires carry distance of approx. 150 yards, a birdcage on the left which is OB and deep green side bunkers with near vertical face towards the green. Keeping to the right side of the green would be safe play for middle to high handicap players. Green has multiple slopes which can make long putts difficult unless the line is read properly. It's an easy hole to play once you escape the stated dangers. This hole has seen most Hole-in-One at KGC.

Hole # 7
It's a short Par 5 hole and easy for most golfers to score par and leaves the opportunity for better skilled golfers to get a birdie or an eagle. On tee off, one needs to carry approx. 130 yards over the water to the fairly wide fairway with long bunker running along on the right side. A large tree located at about 220 yards in the middle of the fairway rarely comes into play. However, for golfers who drive 270+ yards are likely to go into the water hazard in the front unless they can draw to keep the ball more to the left on the fairway. 2nd shot thereafter is a straight forward shot into a wide landing area leaving around 110 – 130 yards to the green which is protected by a bunker on the right. Forward part of the green has multiple slopes while rear part has comparatively less breaks. Generally speaking, aim to stay in the middle and to the right of the green.

Hole # 8
It's a short Par 3 hole frequently played downwind. Depending on the tee position generally requires about 150 – 160 yards carry. Green is generally flat except for a mound like surface on the right side of the right edge which causes a severe break. If the pin is across this mound it would be advisable to aim for the center of the green with a gentle fade to let the ball run towards the pin. Attacking the pin from the tee across this mound like surface will certainly result in the ball running off the green. It's an easy par able hole to play and often with good read of the green birdie is the reward.

Hole # 9
It's a Par 4 hole and fairly challenging hole specially for high handicap players. The landing area is fairly narrow with slope running across the fairway width near the 100 yard marker. If the ball comes to rest on this

down-slope than the 2nd shot to the green becomes a difficult shot. Apart from the water hazard to cross in front green additional difficulties of this hole are the two trees on the right part of the fairway. A good shot would be keeping well to the left of these two trees so that you have an unobstructed line to the green. A ball fading to the right will either go into the water hazard on the right OR will certainly be obstructed by the two trees. If the ball does come to rest behind the trees for the high handicap golfers the safe route would be to save and lay-off to the left and the go for the green with 3rd shot, well the allowable handicap strokes allow you to take that extra stroke. However, for low handicap golfers one can still go for the green keeping the ball low to fly under the tree. If you have one tree to cross it's a playable shot with sand wedge going high over the tree to a distance of 80 yards.

Hole # 10
It's a Par 4 and fairly challenging hole specially for high handicap players. On tee-off one needs to carry approx. 100 yards over the water hazard with OB on the right and another water hazard at a distance on the left. Additional challenges are bunkers and the tree line on both sides of the landing area. That makes the landing area is fairly narrow but flat and easy for the 2nd shot to the green. Long hitters may find themselves in better position if they fade the tee-off ball from the left tree line towards the fairway center. This hole has two layered green the front portion being significantly lower than the rear part of the green.
The rear part of the green gradually slopes away towards water hazard located immediately behind the green. So with pin position on the rear part of the green if pin position is attacked the chances are the ball will catch the slope and roll into the water hazard. It is much safer to hit the front part of the green and let the ball run up the slope towards the pin. On the other hand if the pin position is on the front or lower part of the green, it is much better to stay short and follow it up with chip-in attempt or an aggressive putt. Going past the pin will make ask for downslope put which can be a difficult hole. Further for the 2nd shot to the green one has to be careful about the OB along the driving range net on the right.









Hole # 11
It's a Par 4 played across two water hazards. On tee-off one needs to carry approx. 150 yards over the water hazard with a generous and wide landing area straight ahead. The 2nd shot to the green requires the player to watch for the wind direction and get the correct distance to the pin. Green generally slopes down towards the water hazard and on this hole down slope putting can be treacherous and punishing. Green is further protected by a bunker past the green. Once in the bunker the shot requires good skills at bunker shot distance control or one is likely to end up in water hazard. Advice stay short and below the green to allow upslope chip or putt.

Hole # 12
It's a short Par 3 played across water hazards which requires a carry distance of approx. 150 yards. Presence of large water surface in front and on the right does present wind conditions often so one needs to watch whether it's a head-wind or tail-wind. Shot to green does not provide much error margin with right side being protected by deep bunkers and the left with trees and rough added further is another bunker on the left and forward. Once in the bunker the shot requires





good skills at bunker shot distance control or one is likely to end up in the bunker across the green. Forward part of the green slopes down which does at times cause the ball to roll backwards off the green. Overall it's an easy par able hole if one can keep out of the stated difficulties.

Hole # 13
This is the signature hole of the course and is built as an island hole. In fact, the island was artificially created to meet the architect's design requirement. It's a Par 4 played over a narrow fairway and across water hazard all around the green. Being an island green it does not offer any margins for error. Further the palm tree on the fairway standing almost in the middle of the landing zone makes it difficult to go for the green if ball lands in line with that tree. Past the palm tree a slope runs across the narrow width of the LZ and if the ball stops on this down slope 2nd shot to the green can be very difficult specially for higher handicap players. So a golfer would be comfortable if the ball stays short of the palm tree and right of it or go well past the palm tree across the down slope to the flat part of the fairway ahead. Besides the difficulty of the green being on the island a green side bunker on the right side has folds where it can be difficult to take the back swing and further if you cannot control the distance for the bunker shot ball will certainly end in the water hazard across. However, the good news is, the grass bunker and the sand bunker across the green on the far side does provide some relief for shots going over. Green in general is flat with moderate slopes and is not difficult to play.

Hole # 14
It's a Par 5 hole and easy for most golfers to score par and yet the hole offers lot of opportunity for better skilled golfers to get a birdie. Tee off can be challenging with wooded area and the OB on the left with the water hazard to carry. Landing area is narrow protected by bunker on two sides supplemented with trees and rough on the right. So just a long drive is not very helpful unless one can draw to land short of the water hazard in the front. For the 2nd shot one has to guard against long bunker straight ahead right up to the green. Also for the 2nd shot fairway sloping towards the bunker comes in play and often to frustration of golfer's, ball does slide down into the bunker unless one keeps well to the left. Approach or 3rd shot to the green is not very difficult though there are a number of green side bunkers. Green in general has moderate slopes and is not very difficult to play. In summary it's an easily parable hole.

Hole # 15
It's is a difficult Par 4 because it presents very narrow landing area for the tee-off shot. LZ id guarded on both sides by thickly wooded area and rough which will take away one shot to come back to fairway. Ambitious shots from inside the wooded area can land you back into more trouble. Long hitter needs to watch the water hazard in front which may come into play for shots close to 280 – 300 yards depending on tee position. The 2nd shot is fairly simple but one has to watch the green side bunker on the right. Green generally flat with moderate breaks.

Hole # 16
It's a long Par 3 without any hazards on way to green and requires a carry distance of approx. 200 yards. Green has protection of a bunker a little short on the right and another two bunkers across the green to catch ball going over the green.
This hole has kind of ridge line or a hump line across in the center and that present a situation of upslope and down slope putts. So if pin position on the rear part of the green it is much safer to hit the front part of the green for the ball to run up the slope towards the pin. If the pin position is on the front part of the green, it is much better to stay short and follow it up with chip-in attempt or an aggressive putt. Going past the pin will ask for downslope put which can be difficult to hole.

Hole # 17
It's a long Par 5 hole and indeed the most difficult hole on the course. Tee off can be challenging with wooded area and the water hazard on the right. A good landing area with maximum width is at a distance of approx. 250 yards. Thereafter the fairway starts narrowing down. Driving for a distance longer distance like 300 yards runs the risk of running into either the fairway bunker or the water hazard on the right. Anyway the reward for such a risky long drive shot is not very encouraging because getting onto the green in two shots can still be difficult. For the 2nd shot one has to keep to the right side of the fairway to keep the greenside bunkers out of play for 3rd shot. Going for 3rd shot with a wedge provides good chance to get close to pin and a birdie. Hole 17th green is extremely tricky with slope on the right side running towards the bunker on the left. Green has an area of small depression on the front left part with lots of break and the putting can be difficult. Additionally, there is OB on the right (deer cage) and the boundary OB beyond the green coupled with deep rough all around the green.

Hole # 18

It's is the easiest Par 4 hole on the course, however one needs to be careful not to fade the ball as practice range fence OB runs all along on the right side. The 2nd shot is fairly simple and straight forward but one has to watch the water hazard on the left. Green has moderate breaks and is not very challenging.


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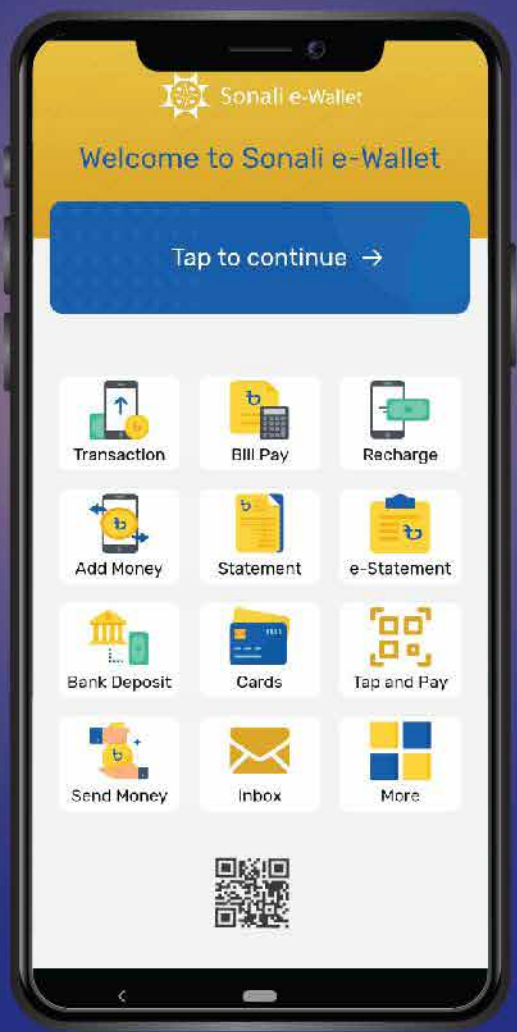

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TOP FIVE GOLF PLAYERS IN BANGLADESH

Bangladeshi does not have any mesmerizing history in golf. But professional golf players in Bangladesh are trying their best to create some history. So far, only one golf player from Bangladesh has shed light on an international event. Siddikur Rahman is the man who created history for Bangladesh. However, there are some other players who are also doing good.
On that note, we have listed top Bangladeshi Golf players who have been giving some hope. Without further ado, let's get into the details. The following golfers have been carrying Bangladesh.



Siddikur Rahman

Bangladeshi Golfer Siddikur Rahman came to the lime light in 2016 when he directly qualified for the Riode Janeiro Olympics. In that year, Rahman was in the top 60 in the professional golf ranking in the Asian region. He was the first-ever Bangladeshi player to qualify Olympics directly before Bangladeshi golfers needed to go through the wild card entry process.

His nick named 'Tiger woods of bangle' was born on 20 November 1984. Siddikur turned into a professional golfer in 2005 and later joined the Professional Golf Tour of India 2006. After that, he gradually improved his playing and joined the Asian Tour in 2009. In 2010, Siddikur Rahman won the Asian Tour event at Brunei Open and became the first-ever Bangladeshi golf player with that. The 39-year-old Bangladeshi golfer has attended 23 events so far and ranked at 893 in Official World Golf Ranking.

Md Zamal Hossain Mollah

Md Zamal Hossain Mollah got his first professional win in 2019 atBengal Open 2019 presented by Department of Tourism, Govt of West Bengal powered by Tolly gunge Club. However, he started professional golf in 2011 but could not get enough pace to show some extra ordinary performance. His second-best outcome came in 2018 at the BTI Open.
The victory at Bengal Open 2019 leveled up his rank at 614. However, his current ranking is 1455, with a total point of 0.89. To date, he played 20 events.

Md Akbar Hossain

Md Akbar Hossain moved upto professional golf from the amateur in 2018 at the City Bank American Express Dhaka Open.However,he does not have any significant winning record but holds the 4th position in ranking among the Bangladeshi golfers.
Akbar Hossain's best world ranking position was1533, though he is ranked at 1784 currently. 2019 was an eventful year for Md Akbar as he participates 9 events that year. However, he missed cuts on seven of those games and finished T15 and T24 in the remaining two games. Considering his performance, Hossian can create some buzz in the coming years.

Badal Hossain

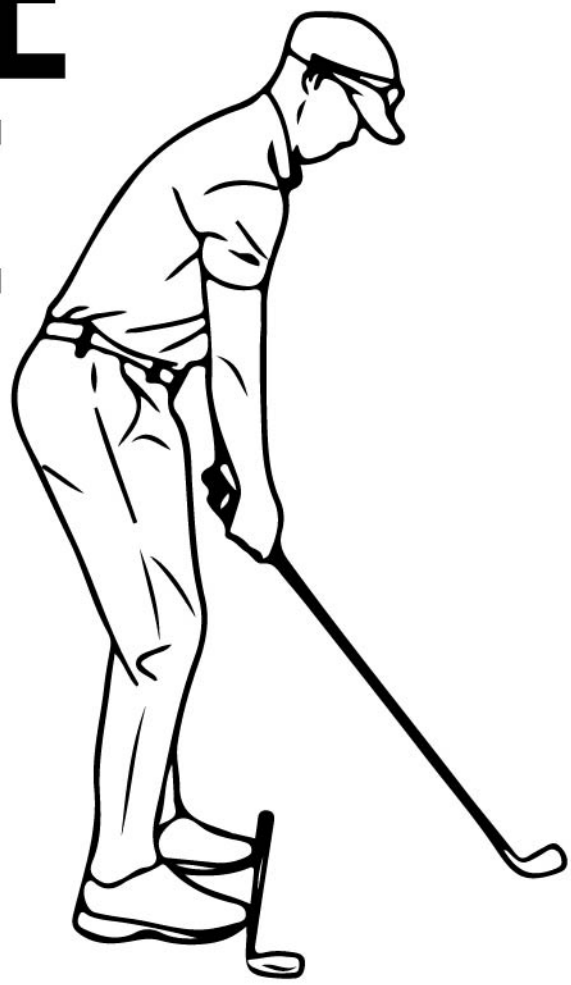
Badal Hossain is another promising Bangladeshi golfer who started his pro career at Bashundhara Bangladesh Openin 2015. Since his debut, BadalHossian played 20 events in total, and he played 13 of them in 2019.Badal has played a very few international events but has been active in local golf events.And,his most recent win came at Paragon Professional Golf in 2019.Asof March 2021,Badal'soverall ranking is 1799,though his career-best was1306.

Md Sayum

Sayum started his pro career in 2011, but he has been super active for the lasttwo years.Sayum participatedin eight games in 2020 and 2021.He already joined Gujarat Open Golf Championship presented by Gujarat Tourism and Glade One Masters this year.However,he missed the cutat Gujrat but finished 56 at the Glade One Masters 2021.Sayum'scurrent ranking is 1821,while the best ranking was 1346.

Bangladesh has seen a newerain golf through Siddikur Rahman.But no other players were as talented as Siddikur. Although few other players seem promising, the Covid-19 pandemic stopped the flow among the players. Bangladesh has a long way to going of sports, and we hope that the country will dominate the Asian region in the near future.

CURVE THE BALL LIKE A PRO!



Curving the ball right to left or left to right intentionally, feels like it is something only professional golfers can do. Believe it or not, you are already doing it.

It might not be something that you intend, but the ball will curve one way or the other.In some situations like dogleg holes or when there is a tree in the way, the only option is to curve the ball one way or the other and straight is not an option.

This time I will let you know by little adjustments, you can curve the ball the way you wish. So now let's get curving!!

DRAW

1. Aim your club and stance right of the target where you would like to start the ball





2. Pull your right foot back about 5 inch's

3. Takeaway goes along the feet line, feeling low and inside with the Clubface square or slightly shut

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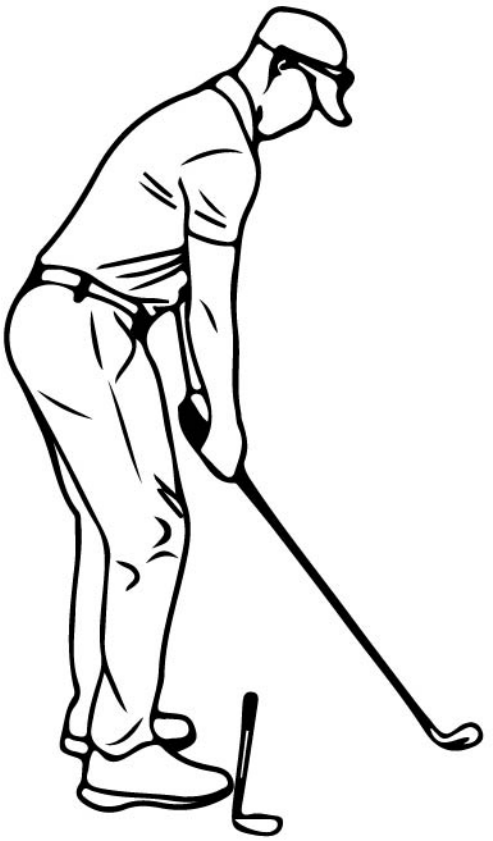

1. Aim your club and stance would like to start the ballleft of the target where you



2. Push your right foot forward about 5 inch's

3. Takeaway goes along the feet line, feeling high and out with the clubface square or slightly opened

Change the aim and alignment first then focus on the feel of the takeaway. Small adjustments in the set up will make you a ball curving magician! Don't just stand there! Go try it out on the range and then to the golf course!



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Whether forged from a single hunk of steel or engineered using a half dozen exotic materials, this year's ClubTest proves that modern irons can do it all. Blades that forgive? Check. Distance irons that feel like butter? Yep. Here are 53 models that will instantly transform your game.



CALLAWAY

A new lineup of Rogue ST irons—complete with groundbreaking face technology—has somethingfor everyone

Callaway fans ate up the Apex line (so well, in fact, you can still buy all iterations). They gushed over the Mavriks too. So what does Callaway do for an encore in 2022? Well, they've taken inspiration from the best parts of both the Apex and Mavrik to create the Rogue STs, that's what. The Pro model stole headlines in our recent proving grounds, but the Rogue ST family includes something for everyone with Max, Max OS and Max Lite versions (Lite not pictured). At the heart of this year's update is an all-new 450 A.I. face cup, a piece of serious performance boostingtechthatblends the company's Flash Face cup with high-strength 450 steel. The new face material provides both improved consistency and increased ball speeds. Add to that Callaway's A.I. Face Optimization. This space-age breakthrough provides a unique, artificial intelligence–generated face shape to improve performance in each iron. The Pro is the smallest head in the lineup. And while it has thinner toplines, a more compact shape and less offset than the others, it still comes with the same performance-enhancing design and materials as the rest of the group. That means while the Pro may look sleek, it's sneaky long and forgiving. What's not to love?

ROGUE ST PRO

● PLAYER DISTANCE

Tester's take: "For how low spin it is, the Rogue ST Pro has a nice controlled launch, and it's extremely fast. I was shocked how much the ball jumped off the face during testing. And it has a blade look! Amazing."

The "fastest" player's iron Callaway has ever produced.



ROGUE ST

● MAX GAME IMPROVEMENT

Our take: It's one of a few new irons we tried that tacks on more ball speed with zero added effort. Distance gluttons rejoice!



ROGUE ST

● MAX OS SUPER GAME IMPROVEMENT

Our take: Bigger, badder and, although we didn't think it was possible, even more forgiving than the stock ST Max. Also harder to miss with.



APEX 21

● PLAYER DISTANCE

Our take: Forged bodies, compact head shapes with minimal offset and packed with game-improving tech, including A.I.-designed face cups and tungsten energy cores.



APEX PRO 21

● PLAYER

Our take: Yes, these irons are suited for low handicappers and even professionals, but their forgiveness makes them a contender for mid-handicappers too.



APEX TCB

● PLAYER

Our take: A blade that offers everything a better player needs in terms of looks, feel, performance and for giveness. Just ask World



X FORGED CB

● PLAYER

Our take: Compared to the similar looking Apex TCBs, the X Forged CB irons are a touch larger with slightly wider soles and more offset. Forged from 1025 carbon steel for a soft feel.



APEX MB

● TOUR

Our take: To separate them from other blades on the market, Callaway designed the Apex MBs with adjustable weight ing to dial in swing weight and perfor mance. They also have new grooves designed to reduce fliers.

TESTERS FAWNED OVER THE LENGTH AND FORGIVE NESS OF THE ROGUE STS, BUT THE PRO VERSION, IN PARTICULAR, WAS A SHOW STOPPER

CLEVELAND

Like the Launcher XL drivers, a pair of Launcher XL irons make distance and accuracy problems a thing of the past

Some golfers simply want irons that help them hit it farther and straighter—no questions asked. We get you, and so does Cleveland Golf with its new Launcher XL irons, designed specifically for the player who wants to have more fun while hitting better and longer shots. Let's be clear, however: Making a game improvement iron that looks clean, is easy to wield and fun to use for a wide range of golfers isn't easy. Cleveland worked hard and used artificial intel to develop the Launcher XL's Main Frame variable face technology found in the oversize hollow body longer irons (4-7) for added distance and forgiveness, whereas the shorter clubs sport a cavity-back design for more control. Each iron also has Action CB tech—an 8-gram weight under the grip for a balanced feel as you swing. Also, the grooves are designed according to the iron number, meaning longer clubs have wider/ flatter grooves for a better launch and the short irons have closer/deeper grooves with additional laser-milled grooves for added spin. Are they really fun to use, though? Indeed. Are they also long and forgiving? Check and check. Better yet, they look incredible in person, and the long irons have a fantastic sound. For golfers who want a little more control, you can get a set with one-inch shorter shafts.



THE HALOS ARE LONG BUT NOT SO LONG THAT SHOTS GET AWAY FROM YOU, AND THE FEEL IS SOLID.



LAUNCHER XL HALO

● SUPER GAME IMPROVEMENT

Our take: These scream "game improvement," but we've had better players say they could easily put them in the bag considering how easy they are to hit.

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● GAME IMPROVEMENT

Our take: We found the Launcher long irons to be extra forgiving and the short irons extra precise. The V-Sole design cuts through the turf with relative ease (a nice bonus to what's already a very forgiving set).

We appreciate Cleve land's efforts to make the game more fun for everyone, and we really like seeing a set of irons that lives up to that promise.



KING LTDX

COBRA

The sleek appearance of its new LTDx belies Cobra's newfound belief that it's what's on the inside that counts

Engineers at Cobra have been working on their cores. Not by doing crunches but by dreaming up advances in club design. Take the company's new LTDx irons (above and following page), which set elevated standards for power, precision and forgiveness with the help of—you guessed it—an innovative core. Buttressed by a steel bar, the core shifts the center of gravity (CG) directly behind the hitting zone, imparting greater energy to the ball. It's also suspended in a soft polymer that frees the sole and face to flex at impact, increasing speed without compromising feel. The face itself represents anotherbreakthrough. It wraps around the sole to promote higher ball flights and features a forged design of varied thickness, with an enlarged thin area that expands the sweet spot by nearly 25 percent. Perimeter weighting in the heel and toe boost stability, while computer-milled grooves help dial in spin. The result is longer, straighter shots, no matter what shape your core is in.

KING LTDX

AME IMPROVEMENT

Our take: Our initial takeaway indicates these sticks are built for maximum distance and forgiveness, but they still manage to look and feel like a more sophis ticated player's iron

Like other LTDx clubs, the irons feature a low CG and engineering that removes weight from the face to ex pand the sweet spot.



GAME IMPROVEMENT

Tester's take: "These lightweight, cavity backed irons were very easy to swing and the ball flew high, jumping off the face without much effort.

"THE LTDX IRONS LOOK MEAN, AND I COULD EASILY SEE MYSELF BUILDING A COMBO SET AROUND THESE AND THE FORGED TECS."



KING TOUR MIM

PLAYER

Our take: In pursuit of a softer feel than a typ ical forging or casting, Cobra turned to Metal Injection Molding. Mission accomplished.



KING RF FORGED MB

TOUR

Our take: Forged five times and shaped by Rickie Fowler, these irons will look incredible in any bag (not that they should be, but we won't stop you better players).



KING FORGED TEC

LAYER DISTANCE

Our take: They may look like blades, but they're anything but. These forged hollow-body irons are supremely forgiving.

MIURA

The Japanese manufacturer expands its worldwide appeal with tour forgings and a new cavity-back for the rest of us

You probably know that Miura is best recognized for its world-class, single-piece forged irons, and the company's legacy is still firmly entrenched in its dedication to delivering irons made to exact specifications. And while its legendary handmade forgings havebeen at the core of whatmakesMiura irons special, it's the latest game-improvement iron cooked up by Shinei Miura that's turning heads. Enter the long-hitting PI-401 irons (below). They're Miura's first multi-material cavity-back designed for any player who wants added launch and distance through the set. The hot-rolled steel face is supported by a cast (yes, really) 8620 steel body that combines to position the CG lower for better stability and, as mentioned, a higher launch off the face. The PI-401s have a wide, four-angle sole for less digging, but, from above, they appear compact—an intentional move by Miura to make the PI-401 irons look more streamlined at address. On a spec sheet, the lofts are strong, but the overall construction, as well as optimized groove spacing, produces a high launch with controllable spin rates. Lastly, in case you were wondering if Shinei Miura could make a multi-piece cast-body iron feel like a forged blade... he can.





MB-101

TOUR

Our take: If you're look ing for that buttery-soft forged iron feel, these are the cream of the crop. There's not much by way of forgiveness, but the look and feel are second to none in the tour category

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FORGINGS ARE WHAT MAKE MIURA IRONS SPECIAL, BUT IT'S THE NEW GAME IMPROVE MENT MODEL THAT'S TURNING HEADS.

PI-401

PLAYER DISTANCE

Our take: : A true game-improvement iron never felt so soft. For higher handicappers who may not know much about Miura, here's your chance to join the "in" crowd



TC-201

PLAYER

Our take: These tour cavity-backs have a pro gressive CG throughout the set to help with trajectory control and forgiveness where it's needed without sacrific ing an ounce of feel.



MC-501

PLAYER

Our take: These may look intimidating, but there's more than meets the eye. The MC-501s blend Miura's renowned feel and pre mium forging process into a forgiving blade..

Miura's mixed cavity irons are made from premium S20C carbon steel, designed to have the playability of a blade with the forgive ness of a cavity-back.



MIZUNO

As if the JPX921 line wasn't good enough, Mizuno trots out an iron that may be the best in its storied history

The do-everything model in the new Mizuno Pro line (the 223) is shaping up to be our most favorite in the trio (rounded out by the 221 and 225). It's a more compact successor to the JPX921 Forged, proving that a smaller design can still produce big distance when it's wanted and control where it's needed. The 223 longer irons (4-7) feature a Chromology Forging and what Mizuno calls a "Flow Micro-Slot" behind the clubface that boosts ball speed for added distance, not to mention creating more forgiveness across more points on the thinned-out 2.4mm face. Trust us, they're longer than you might expect. The muscle-back short irons (8-PW) ditch the Micro-Slot and are essentially the same configuration as the 221s with slightly stronger lofts. They are forged of 1025e Pure Select mild carbon steel. How does the 223 feel both in the long and short irons? Incredible, thanks not only to Mizuno's legendary Grain-Flow Forging but also due to a soft copper underlay beneath the gorgeous nickel chrome finish. Think of these irons as you would a JapaneseWagyu steak: cooked tenderly tomedium rare, with crisp edges and a feel and flavor that's pure umami.

Typically, Mizuno Pro irons cater to better golfers, but the 223 will likely find its way into the bags of not only competitive players but choosy weekend warriors too.

PRO 223

PLAYER

Tester's take: "It hides the tech and feels un believable. This iron has serious player vibes but with an added bit of forgiveness that makes me feel like I can get away with missing the sweet spot from time to time. The trajectory is amazing, and the workability is superb."

One of the best irons Mizuno has ever made



PRO 221

TOUR

Our take: These irons exude what it means to be a gamer's blade but with some subtle touches to make what's otherwise a traditional blade more playable.

THE PRO 223 WILL LIKELY FIND ITS WAY INTO THE BAGS OF NOT ONLY COM-PETITIVE PLAYERS BUT CHOOSY WEEKEND WARRIORS TOO.



PRO 225

PLAYER DISTANCE

Tester's take: "It's like hitting a blade but one with more forgive ness and more juice. Better yet, the ball goes and goes. I can easily put these in my bag right now."



JPX921 HOT METAL

GAME IMPROVEMENT

Our take: These are very forgiving, but they don't look like it. Mizuno tucked a monster truck's worth of tech in a beau tifully compact design.



JPX921 FORGED

PLAYER DISTANCE

Tester's take: "Felt pure from start to finish. To be honest, they made me rethink whether or not I'm going to be a Mizuno guy now."

PING

A new player-distance iron gives PING a stable of designs anyone can play

Set PING's newest iron offering, the i525, behind the ball at address and you can imagine going back in time—its compact blade length, minimal offset and thin topline would have sat comfortably in mid century fairways. Hit the ball, however, and it feels like the future because the thing is actually packed to the gills with 21st-century bells and whistles. It starts with multi-material construction: a 17-4 stainless-steel body married to a forged, maraging-steel face, accented by stabilizing, accuracy-aiding tungsten weights at the toe and shaft tip, all wrapped up in a sleek matte finish. The face is where the rubber hits the road, with a ballistic, variable face thickness (VFT) design to increase ball speed as well as control. Maraging steel's strength permitted a thinner, more dynamic face, with an internal sole undercut to create added flexing, which helps launch shots faster and higher. Rounding things out are an EVA polymer inside the head for pleasing, consistent acoustics throughout the set and a precision-milled groove pattern that permitted extra grooves on each club to reduce fliers in short irons and preserve spin in long irons. Classic look, meet ultramodern performance: The two get along swimmingly.





G425

GAME IMPROVEMENT

Our take: Players looking for higher launch and more yards, take note of the G425s. Testers gave them a thumbs-up on both fronts.



G710

GAME IMPROVEMENT

Tester's take: "When I see more clubface that I can use, it gives me lots of confidence. And I'm a sucker for gunmetal. The G710s look mean."



BLUEPRINT

TOUR

Our take: Blueprints are the choice of some of PING's elite, pin-hunting staffers like Tony Finau and Louis Oosthuizen. A mainstay on Tour.



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PLAYER

Tester's take: "It has a stellar look at address—clean, not too small, but small enough that I can work it, with just the right amount of offset."

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PLAYER DISTANCE

Our take: The i525 replaces the i500 in PING's iron lineup, and testers deemed it a notable upgrade. "It's a strong look, and the feel is unmatched," one tester said. "I can't believe I'm getting the same performance with less offset." Sound is a major component to feel, and that same tester cooed, "The sound has been improved for sure. It's just a terrific replacement."

GET HELP FROM THE CLUBTEST ROBOT

WHY SQUARING THE CLUBFACE IS KEY

WE'VE ALL BEEN TOLD to "square the clubface" to hit the ball straight. The question is how much should we square the clubface and how does face angle— defined as the angle that the face is open or closed at impact—impact ball direction? To test this out we set up the ClubTest robot with a 6-iron at 80 mph. We hit the ball straight down the target line to establish a baseline shot. We measured all head delivery and launch data with a Foresight GC Quad launch monitor. We then opened and closed the face equally 2 degrees and 4 degrees. At the 2-degree open and closed settings, the ball went 10 yards off target to the right on the open shots and to the left on the closed shots. At 4 degrees open and closed, the ball dispersion increased to 20 yards right and left. The average amateur fairway is 40 yards in width, so an average player has to be within 4 degrees of a face angle to target to hit the fairway. This test highlights the importance of knowing your clubhead delivery and launch data. Once you have this information, you can see how much your face was opened or closed and then start to work on drills to hit the ball more consistently with a square face.



PXG

Tech on the outside or the inside: Take your pick with the elite 2022 PXG lineup

The fourth generation of PXG's flagship irons are packed with state-of-the-art technology, but it's the 0311 P model that caught our eye. These "player" irons—hence the "P"—strike the perfect balance between forgiveness and workability, and they do so without making any concessions. The 0311 Ps are fit with proprietary XCOR technology made of a highly compressible polymer material that provides a massive sweet spot. The clubs are also fitted with Precision Weighting technology, featuring a large weight near the back of the clubhead that can be adjusted in 2-gram increments during the fitting process to get the clubs dialed in to your exact specifications. And with a midsize head, topline, sole and offset, these irons give you a clean, blade-like look without sacrificing performance. "It has to be the best club in the world," one of our testers said. "I can't believe how good it is. Whenever you hit a bad shot, you still get something out of it. Looks good, does good." Now that's high praise.

0311 P GEN4

PLAYER DISTANCE

Our take: The 0311 P irons are fit with propri etary XCOR technology made specifically for PXG irons. The polymer material is highly com pressible and makes for a massive sweet spot.

The large weight in the back of the head can be adjusted in 2-gram increments during the fitting process



0311 P GEN4

PLAYER

Tester's take: "These irons feel so good. I wouldn't change a thing about them. Assoon as these are in my bag, I'll be taking money from my buddies."

"I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW GOOD [THE 0311 P] IS. WHENEVER YOU HIT A BAD SHOT, YOU STILL GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT. LOOKS GOOD, DOES GOOD."



0311 XP GEN4

GAME IMPROVEMENT

Tester's take: "These clubs raised my launch but not over-aggres sively. The spin was nicely controlled, and it never felt like a miss was going to hurt me.



0211 DC

GAME IMPROVEMENT

Tester's take: "These irons feel so good. I wouldn't change a thing about them. As soon as these are in my bag, I'll be taking money from my buddies."



0211 ST

TOUR

Our take: The 0211 STs are blades, but PXG's repositioning of the mass throughout the clubhead provides in creased overall MOI for optimal forgiveness.



0311 ST GEN4

TOUR

Our take: The "ST" stands for "Super Tour," and if you don't have that type of game... well, maybe you should try a different set of PXGs. These are the real deal.



0211 Z

SUPER GAME IMPROVEMENT

Tester's take: "The club glides through the turf like a hybrid. I could see how someone who was starting out would like this look. It's easy to hit and does what it intends to do."

SRIXON

You can find the ZX irons in the bags of some of the best players in the world. Can't decide on one? Mix and match.

Srixon has made significant inroads in practically every ball category in recent years. They aren't new to the game by any means, but, seemingly with every new orbital iteration, it's a step forward in the right direction. The exact same can be said about its irons, especially when it comes to the not new-but-still-sublime ZX5 irons. The longer irons (3i-7i) employ a multi-piece construction made of a forged SUP10 clubface, a 1020 carbon-steel body and a tungsten insert in the toe that blend together to add more stability and forgiveness. Each iron in the line also comes with Srixon's MainFrame tech—a milled pattern on the backside that pushes the COR up for more ball speed. When it comes to the scoring clubs, the grooves are configured differently in the shorter irons— they're narrower and shorter for more spin. As far as turf interaction is concerned, the mid-width V.T. sole doesn't disappoint as it works hard to lessen the likelihood of heavily hit shots. Lastly, the ZX5 irons flow effortlessly into mixed sets should you want one. You could squeeze in the more forgiving ZX4 as a long iron(s) or switch out the short irons for the more streamlined ZX7. Our recommendation? Stick with a full set of ZX5s and get big distance and forgiveness in the longer irons while still being able to shape shots and attack more pins with the shorter ones.



ZX4

● GAME IMPROVEMENT

Our take: They're easy to hit, but they look like player's clubs, which, for us, is exactly the kind of iron most of us should put in play.



ZX7

● PLAYER

Tester's take: "I can see right away why Brooks Koepka chose these. They're forgiving as heck yet still have a premium look and feel."



ZX5

● PLAYER DISTANCE

Tester's take: It's the perfect Srixon iron for the undecided or those who want to hit straight shots most of the time but still need to shape shots when the moment calls for it.

The forged SUP10 face lends a faster ball speed while the forged carbon-steel body absorbs vibration for a super-soft feel.



GET HELP FROM THE CLUBTEST ROBOT

ARE YOU READY FOR BLADE IRONS?

YOU'RE PLAYING some of the best golf of your life. You're finally sniffing a single digit handicap. The question then: "Should I switch to a set of blades?" Golf is a game in which everyone looks up the food chain to see what the better players are gaming. When you get to a single-handicap level, it seems everyone is playing blades. The question, however, is are they right for you? Before you decide, it's important to have some performance information. The ClubTest robot is here to help. We test ed both a blade and a cavity-back iron on shots hit in the center of the clubface, 0.5 inches and 0.75 inches toward the toe and 0.5 inches and 0.75 inches toward the heel. The data shows that on center hits both clubs were equal. On heel hits, the blade had no drop-off when hit 0.5 inches and 0.75 inches. Comparatively, the cavity back showed a 3- and 7-yard drop-off at the same heel positions. The big difference came on toe hits. For the blade, the drop-off was 10 yards at 0.5 and 17 yards at 0.75. The cavity-back? Seven and 10 yards at the same positions. Conclusion: If you're a consistent ball striker who can hit the ball in the center or center heel, blades will give you great performance with exceptional feel. If your miss, however, is more spread out with toe and heel misses, then stick with cavity backs as they give you better overall dis tance loss across the face



TAYLORMADE

A stellar tour and player iron lineup adds a game-improvement model that despite its name, shouldn't be missed

TaylorMade's Stealth iron is categorized as a game-improvement model—a term that's been used for years to describe clubs geared for the mid- to high-handicap golfer who craves, most importantly, forgiveness and ball speed. Irons in this category of the industry have traditionally been bulky and slightly oversize to achieve their stated goals, but, with a big assist fromnew technologies and computer-aided design, it's no longer a requirement to go up in size to gain the forgiveness and speed you seek. To hammer this point home, TaylorMade reduced the number of models in its Stealth lineup to just a single game-improvement model that's designed to do it all, without the additional heft. A multi-material Cap Back design (initially introduced with SIM) continues to allow the face to flex without affecting the overall center of gravity location. The design is focused around a low-density polymer that supports the entire topline (heel to toe) and cavity, adding rigidity to the structure at impact. Along with adding rigidity to the head, an active Thru-Slot Speed Pocket enlarges the unsupported area of the face, creating a larger sweet spot for golfers who struggle with consistent contact. TaylorMade also added a new wrinkle to the Cap Back design, removing 10 grams of mass from the toe and placing it deep in the head for a CG that's 0.8 millimeters lower. The end result is a higher launch that should make it easier to stop the ball on the green.

STEALTH

• GAME IMPROVEMENT

Tester's take: "I don't know if I've ever hit an iron this long. If this iron can give me one or two less clubs into the green, I'm there. I love the fact that you get that much speed from an iron that has a rea sonable blade length."

TM's lone new game improvement iron could be a game changer.



P7TW

• TOUR

Our take: For years, Tiger's been using P7TWs, developed based on his exact pref erences: longer blade lengths, thinner toplines and traditional lofts.



P7MB

• TOUR

Tester's take: I proba bly shouldn't be playing an iron like this, but it calls your name when you see it. You have to hit it. And when you pure one, there's really no better feeling.



P7MC

• PLAYER

Tester's take: "I've been playing blades forever, but I could see myself going the P7MC route. They feel great and were just as work able as my blades



P770

• PLAYER DISTANCE

Our take: Think of the P770 as a slimmed-down P790. The thin topline and reduced offset are paired with hollow bodied construction that bumps up speed.



P770

• PLAYER DISTANCE

Our take: The P790 is truly an iron for every golfer. Better players said that the reduced offset and clean profile matched their eye, while mid-handicappers mar veled at the forgiveness

IRON-BUYING TIPS FROM A TRUSTED CLUBFITTER

MANAGE SPIN

Spin is your friend. It's what gives you that control compo nent to keep the ball in the air—and in play. Too much spin is just as bad as not enough. Finding the right spin for your game is part of the equation when you're trying to find the best ballflight for your game. Many of today's irons are stron ger lofted, but, with a low and deep center of gravity, it's pos sible to get the right spin with a playable flight.



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HAVAL JOLION HEV

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Cover the filling with another layer of remaining sheets, brush each sheet with clarified butter and continue repeating all the remaining sheets as instructed before.

Coat the top and edges with clarified butter again, then with a sharp knife that has been previously dipped into hot water, cut all the way through the layers. You can cut it into a simple little square or cut it into a diamond.



The Haval Jolion HEV is the first hybrid from Haval to enter the Bangladesh market. A variant of the standard Jolion, the mild hybrid from the Great Wall SUV-only marque is based on the company's somewhat ironically named LEMON platform. Some say it is a clever tactic to get the internet to notice. Fast.
What is apparent is that Haval is rapidly becoming a worrying contender for the big names in automotive tech.

How it looks:

From the outside, the HEV remains mostly identical to its petrol brethren, with one exception. The front headlights have been enlarged, and now feature two large LED indicators/DRL in place of the faux intakes. While striking, the design seems to generate different opinions, with some in team Turbine liking it better than the rest.

In the middle of the two headlights is the car's starlight pattern grille, the centre of which is the company nameplate containing one of the cameras for the 360 camera system. On the front bumper, a black panel is located under the number plate bracket, containing the components of the car's cruise control system.

The 18-inch alloy wheels complement the car's clean lines, which lack the odd bulges found on many contemporary crossover designs.

On the rear, the manual cargo hatch sports an automatic wiper, flanked by two LED tail lights. The rear bumper lacks a visible exhaust tip, but it does feature a fully functional red marker light.

Lightness inside:

Moving inside, the cabin focuses extensively on minimalism to create an open, expansive ambience courtesy of the stepped dashboard with very few buttons. The cabin is finished in two-tone leatherette, with items such as door latches built out of solid metal.

Despite the retro look, the cabin is lush with features and technology. The front seats are heated, with the driver enjoying the additional benefit of six-way power adjustability. A fully digital 7-inch gauge cluster and a heads-up display are provided, though the latter is ill-suited for anyone over six feet. The centre console features concealed cupholders, individual slots for pens, phones and cards, as well as an induction charge pad.

Passengers living it up:

Things are quite good for second-row occupants as well, as they get their own AC vent, reading lights and armrest cupholders. Both rows get access to ample USB ports as well as natural lights from the car's panoramic sunroof.

HEC sacrifice:

Being a mild hybrid, the HEV has to give up its spare tire and some cargo space to make room for the 1.6 kWh battery. A tire sealant kit and a small electric air compressor are provided as a substitute,







The design inside and out focuses on simplicity and elegance. The uncluttered and unfussy body lines should age well.



Metal, gold, soft surfaces all make for a cosy yet open ambience.

The second row of the Jolion provides acres of head-, shoulder- and legroom available to occupants.



as well as a fire extinguisher in case things really go south. The 12-volt battery has also been relocated in the rear, making spilling any liquid on the cargo bay a risky affair. Thankfully, Haval has given the HEV two emergency battery disconnects for this kind of situation, one located in the engine compartment and one under the cargo bay. Much like the regular Jolion, the 2nd row can be folded down to make extra cargo space

Fewer buttons for less clutter:

For entertainment, the HEV contains a 12.3-inch infotainment screen supporting wired Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. Connected to the system is a two-tweeter, four-speaker sound system, and the screen comes preloaded with YouTube and YouTube Vanced.

Safety features loaded:

At the bottom of the screen are eight buttons, four for climate controls, one for the camera, one for power and one black. Almost every setting of the Jolion HEV, be it heated seats, temperature controls, drive modes etc, needs to be managed through the infotainment screen. This requires the user to take their eyes off the road to make any adjustments, resulting in somewhat distracted driving.

To somewhat mitigate this issue, Haval has equipped the HEV with an array of active safety features. In addition to the 6 cabin airbags, the car comes standard with front collision warning, automatic emergency braking, lane departure warning, blind spot sensors, cruise control and much much more. This profusion of safety features makes the HEV one of the most sophisticated cars in the local market, particularly at this price segment.

How it drives:

The behind-the-wheel experience of the Haval HEV is surprisingly exciting. Being a mild hybrid, the HEV's 1.5-litre 4G15H petrol engine doesn't kick in before 35 kph. In practice it means the electric motor sends the 375 Nm of torque to the front wheels at an instant, resulting in wheelspin and a sub-ten second zero to triple-digit acceleration.

The leather-clad, rose gold accented steering wheel is very direct and responsive, even when the "Comfort" drive mode is selected. The suspension of the car is well balanced, keeping the body stable even at high speed. That said, it is still a crossover, and trying to make any rapid manoeuvre will result in very unpleasant body rolls.

The verdict:

The Haval HEV is a decent option for anyone looking for a luxurious, technologically advanced crossover on a mid-range budget. The mild hybrid system offers less versatility compared to a plug-in hybrid, but the onboard active safety technology and better fuel economy compared to the petrol variant still make for a compelling package.



SPECIFICATION

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Very thoughtful adding a fire extinguisher as standard equipment. Should be a must for all cars.



AUDI Q8 ABT







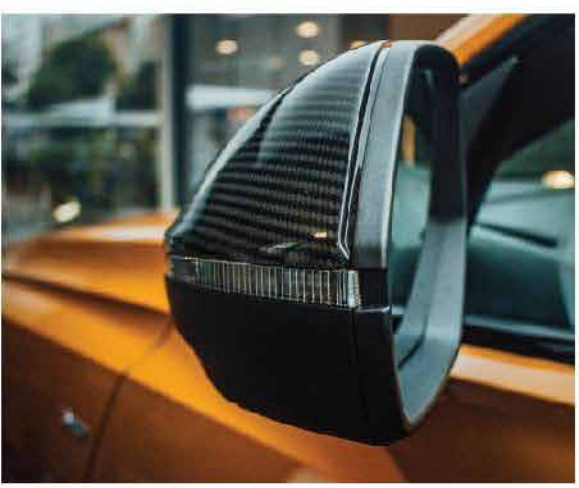




ABT, which stands for ABT Sportsline,is a motor racing and auto tuning company based in Kempten im Allgäu, Germany. ABT mainly deals with Audi and the related primary Volkswagen Group brands—Volkswagen, Škoda, and SEAT—modifying them by using sports-type suspensions, engine power upgrades, lightweight wheels, aerodynamic components and more. This is what happened when ABT got their hands on the Audi Q8.

ABT did a lot of changes to the exterior of the standard Q8, in order to improve the appearance of the car even more and they definitely did a splendid job on doing it.The car is a carbon fiber galore- the front frame is completely blacked out and consists of carbon fiber. The sideskirts,mirror caps,wheel









arch,diffuser, spoiler-ABT,with their excellent craftsmanship,added carbon fiber to all of the parts mentioned above. The interior consists of seats made from the finest leather.The steering wheel is also wrapped with carbon fiber.The 23" inch wheels come with the ABT special ceramic brakes, which aren't standard althoughI would highly recommend that the ceramic brakes are taken in the package for the best experience.

Although the wheels are really high, it does not actually make a significant change when driving,you will experience no hitches whatsoever.It also has an adaptive air suspension system,which can electronically lower or higher the suspension depending on your road conditions - whether you're going offroad or driving on a highway and the like.It also comes with a rear wheel steering,which helps to improve the stability of the car as well as the active roll stabilization which ensures that you get to drive comfortably around the sharp corners.It also comes with a Quattro sport rear differential,which provides the most grip,which is fundamental when turning corners.

Unlike most tuning companies, ABT did not only focus on changing the appearance of the car.Rather, they made significant changes to both the performance of the car and the appearance of the car as well. They did a great job in providing an even sportier look for the car and ensuring that it runs like a beast.

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If you are like most golfers, you are always looking for newer ways to improve any aspect of your golf game. Whether it is purchasing the latest clubs, taking lessons, utilizing a third-party productivity management software, or getting new gadgets and gears - golfers are always ready to find the next best method that enhances game performance.

The Best Postures

Samsung Galaxy Watch5 enables you to take your game to the next level. To make the toughest shots easy, the new Samsung Galaxy Watch5 comes equipped with an in-built app. The app can be conveniently integrated with your Samsung Galaxy smartphone, tracking golf workouts and postures. Third-party apps can also be installed on Galaxy Watch5 for better tips and tricks on how to improve one's game based on current bionics.

Track Your Yardage

Every golfer knows that the key to lowering the scores lies in course management. This involves knowing the distance to the front, back and center of the green, including the yardages for other key locations on the course. These third-party apps can assist with the yardage through pin direction and show how to address the pin like a pro, while the club distance guide can give the accurate shot distance data. Some apps have voice guide feature to walk you through the hole with distance to the pin, pin location and more!





Visualize your drives

Many softwares with GPS also offer full-color display views of the particular hole you are playing, as well as carry distances to intermediate targets, and a look at hole locations. Connecting the apps and software with your Samsung Galaxy smartphone can help you to track your shots, score, see the course, and take your game to the next level!

Stay in great shape

Besides allowing users to check their health around the clock, the new device can help track body composition and uncover more about the body within minutes. Galaxy Watch5 can help count steps, monitor calories, and supports over 90 exercises that users can track directly from the watch, thus, keeping players' overall health in check.

Always on

Galaxy Watch5 is designed to withstand the toughest hazards. Besides, the device is so handy because it is basically impossible to lose. Moreover, with a bigger battery than its predecessors and fast charging, Galaxy Watch5 takes about 30 minutes to go from 0% to 45% charge! So, focus on your game and let the Galaxy Watch5 do all the tasks without worrying about having to carry a charger all day long.

Improving the golf game can be a very lengthy and difficult task. Galaxy Watch5 is a great option and your ultimate companion and coach, ensuring that it's all in the wrist!



ISPI for Optimal Round of Golf

A round of golf in the summer means you have to take extra care about hydrating, which makes refreshing drinks during your golfing a must! ISPI Powder Drink is a delicious instant powder drink from the house of Ispahani that is available in two flavours – mango and orange. These can be perfect liquid consumption companions throughout this season.

Only high-quality ingredients go into the preparation of ISPI Powder Drink that are imported from various countries. ISPI Powder Drink is also enriched with essential vitamins that not only quench thirst, but also energizesduring a round of golf, carrying it an essential pantry for a golfer. And If it's good enough to lubricate your golf swing, it's probably good enough for your family members, too.

Although ISPI is delightful in taste as it is, there are a variety of refreshers you can prepare using the powder drink. Here are some delicious ways in which you can use ISPI Powder Drink.

ORANGE MOJITO

Ingredients
1 lime
A handful of mint leaves
½ tsp salt
1½ cup water
1 tbsp ISPI Orange Powder Drink
100 ml lime soda
Orange wheels
Ice cubes
Method

Cut the lime into thin wheels and muddle them with mint leaves and salt. In a pitcher, along with these, drop a few orange wheels and ice cubes. Mix ISPI Orange Powder Drink with water and add it to the mixture. Finally, pour in lime soda and enjoy chilled.

FRUIT ICICLES

Ingredients
1 kiwi
½ cup blueberries
6 – 8 strawberries
2 cups water
1 tbsp ISPI Orange Powder Drink
1 tbsp ISPI Mango Powder Drink
Method

Dissolve ISPI Orange Powder Drink with one cup of water and ISPI Mango Powder Drink with another cup of water. Dice the kiwi and slice the strawberries into little pieces. Fill your popsicle moulds with the triad of fruits till the top. Pour the juice mixtures alternatively to cover the mould entirely. Freeze them overnight or until they are completely frozen.


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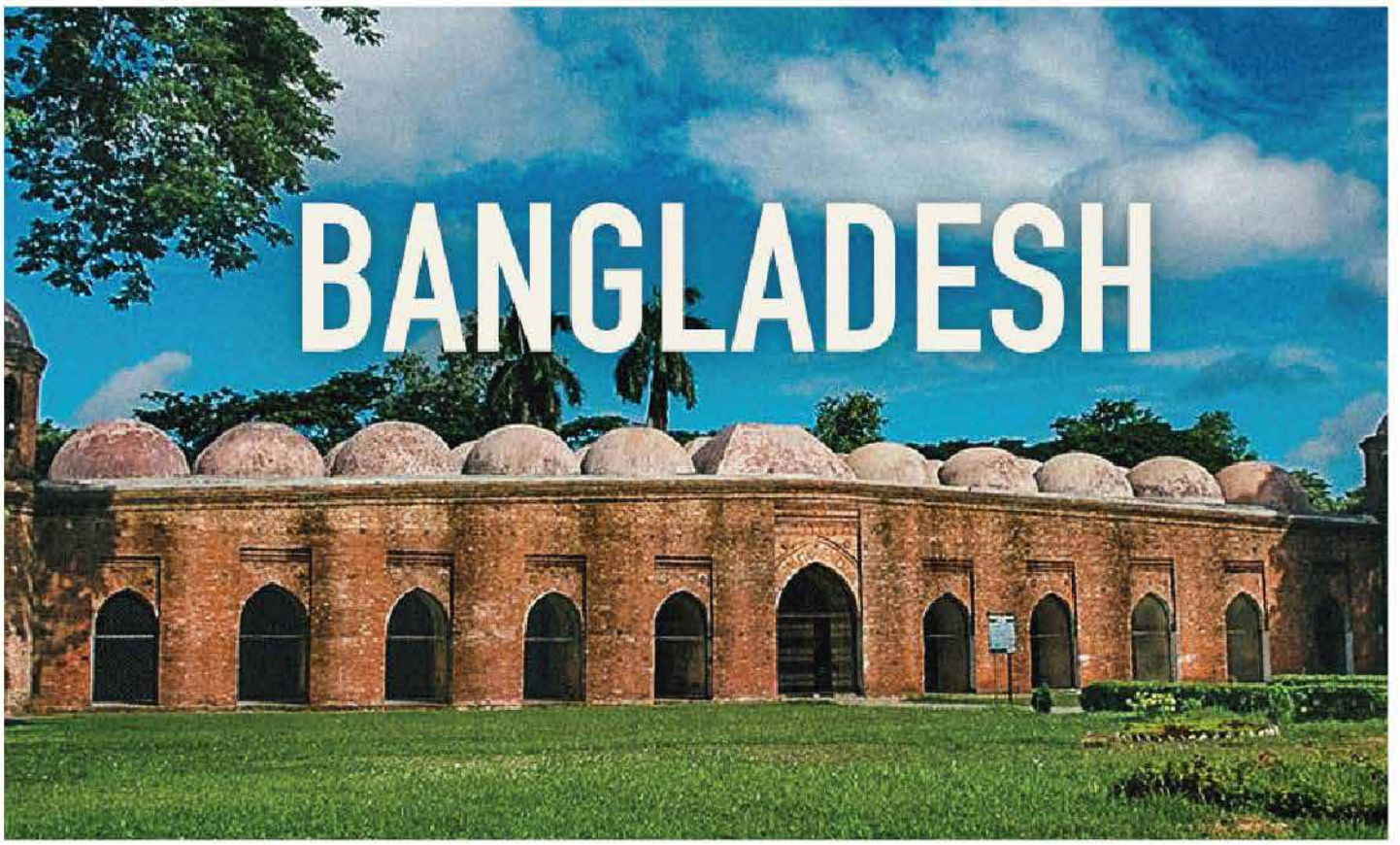

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We were walking in silence in a shadowy road which is reportedly the oldest road discovered in Bangladesh. This 670 year old road is older than the famous Grand Trunk Road made by Sher Shah during the Mughal Era.

This road started in present day Bagerhat (which was known as Khalifatabad at that time) and went all the way to Chattogram through Jashore and Chandpur. This priceless wonder was discovered just two years back and already one kilometre has been excavated.

Now the road is called the Old Khan Jahan Ali road, named after the founder of this old city and the world heritage mosque. The real name will remain unknown until we find any antique inscription.

I have been to Bagerhat several times. The city of shrines and beautiful mosques always attracted me, but walking on this ancient road was new for me and it gave me goosebumps just by imagining who else travelled through this road in the past centuries!

The old road is easy to find; you just need to follow the road just by the famous Shat Gombuj mosque for a while and will see the name plate. Locals are also very cordial if you ask information about their heritages.

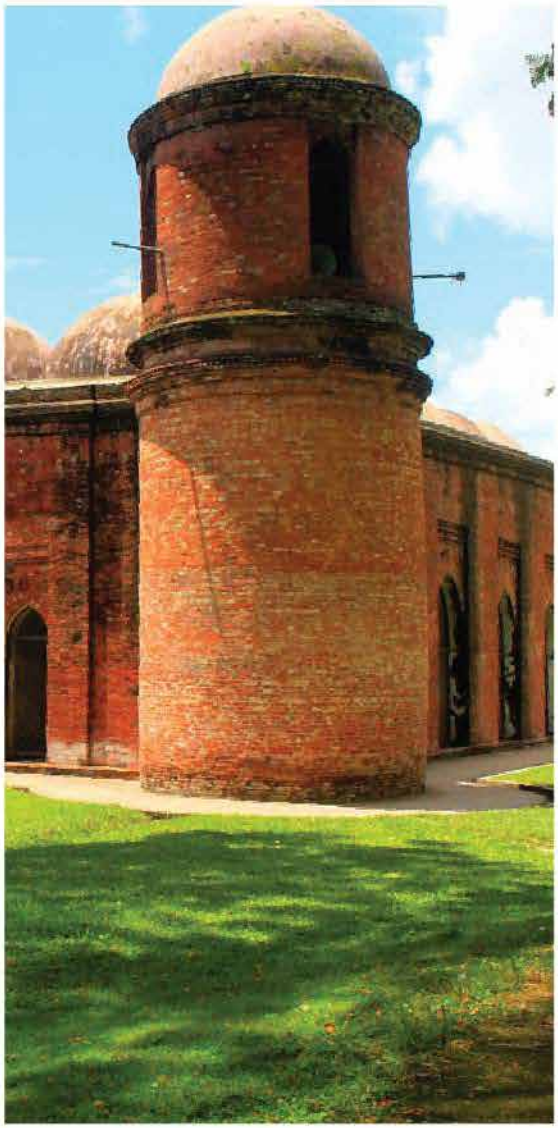
From the old road, a wide main road is back to the intersection known as MajarMor, as it leads to the shrine of Khan Jahan Ali. The shrine is 600 years old, though you cannot see much history as it is always surrounded by the religious people and local khadims.

But next to the shrine is the famous Khanjali Lake, which was globally known thanks to the three marsh crocodiles living there, which were brought by Khan Jahan Ali. Known as Kala Pahar (male) and DholaPahar (female) and their offspring, the crocodiles were considered holy by the locals, and lived here until they died of old age.

This species is extinct in the wild in Bangladesh but the Crocodile Bank in Chennai, India, sent some marsh crocodiles as gifts to Bangladesh, and few of them are here in this large pond.
There is a historical mosque with nine domes just at one corner of the pond, which was also built by Khan Jahan Ali. After visiting there we went to see the World Heritage Site, Shat Gombuj Mosque.
This one has 81 domes and 60 columns. People come here all over the year and they seldom visit the rich museum in the mosque area. The museum has many valuable historical artefacts including a mud crocodile statue.

Behind the mosque is a very large pond named GhoraDighi, which was once a habitat of crocodiles too but now only have fish and lotus, which is a pleasant sight.

Once you are out of the famous mosque area, just on the other side of the road you will find a





small old mosque with a huge dome, called Singair Mosque. This style was pretty common in that era, so few mosques in Bagerhat with one large dome may look the same, but they all have unique architecture.

After the Singair Mosque we took the highway to Khulna for a few kilometres toward Barakpur. From there a narrow road led us to the Bibi Begni Mosque: the same one large dome mosque, and among a very few mosques named after a lady in Bangla-



desh.

The identity of Bibi Begni is still uncertain, some say she was a warrior of Khan Jahan Ali, some say she was his second wife. The locals helped us to open the gate.

From there we followed the nameplate directing to Chunakhola Mosque. It is beautifully decorated by terracotta bricks.

From Chunakhola Mosque, we drove to the village of Ronobijaypur. The single-dome mosque of Ronobijaypur has the largest dome in Bangladesh.

It was amazing to see so many similar looking, yet architecturally different structures in one place. Maximum tourists will leave without knowing them after just visiting the grand Shat Gombuj Mosque, which is a pity.

After that we visited a unique monument named as Sabekdanga monument named after the locality which was built by Khan



Jahan Ali. It is neither a mosque, nor a temple, though locals believe that it was a prayer room used by the ruler.

It was nothing like the others we visited in Bagerhat. Beautifully decorated by terracot

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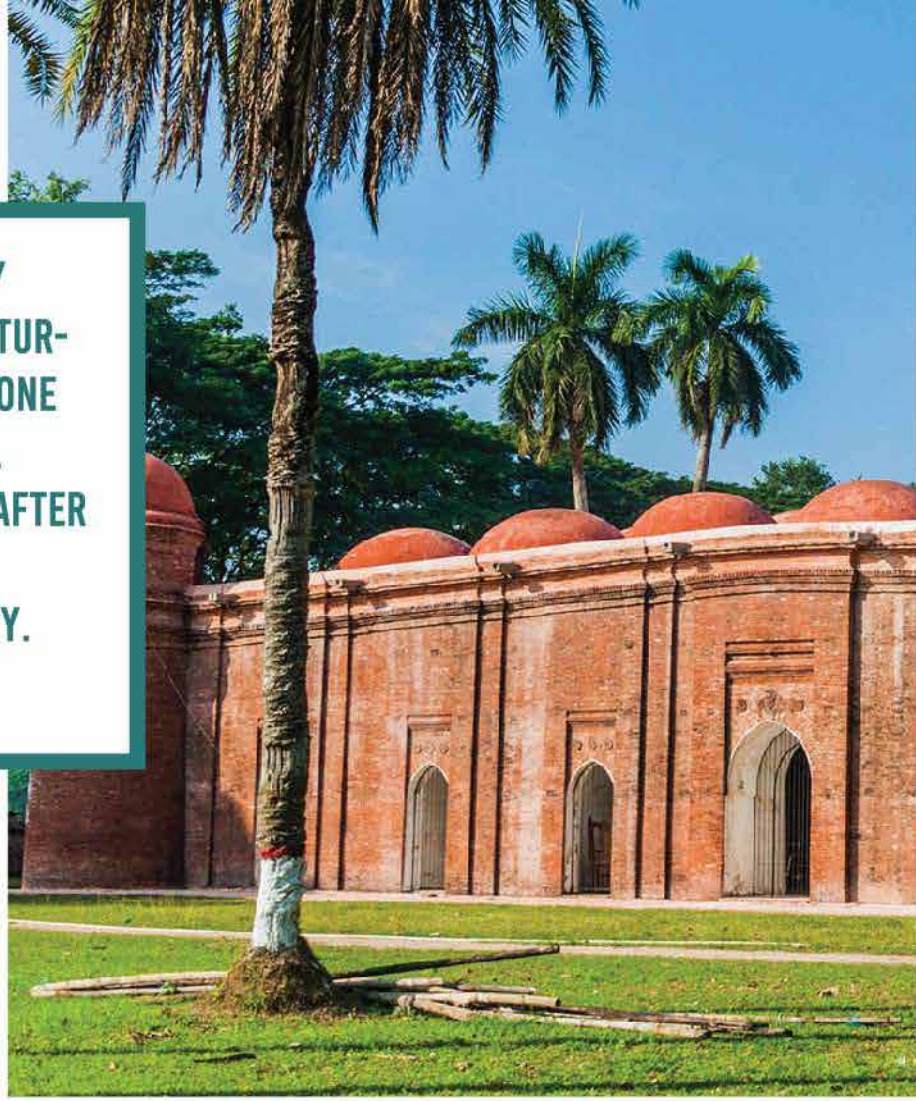

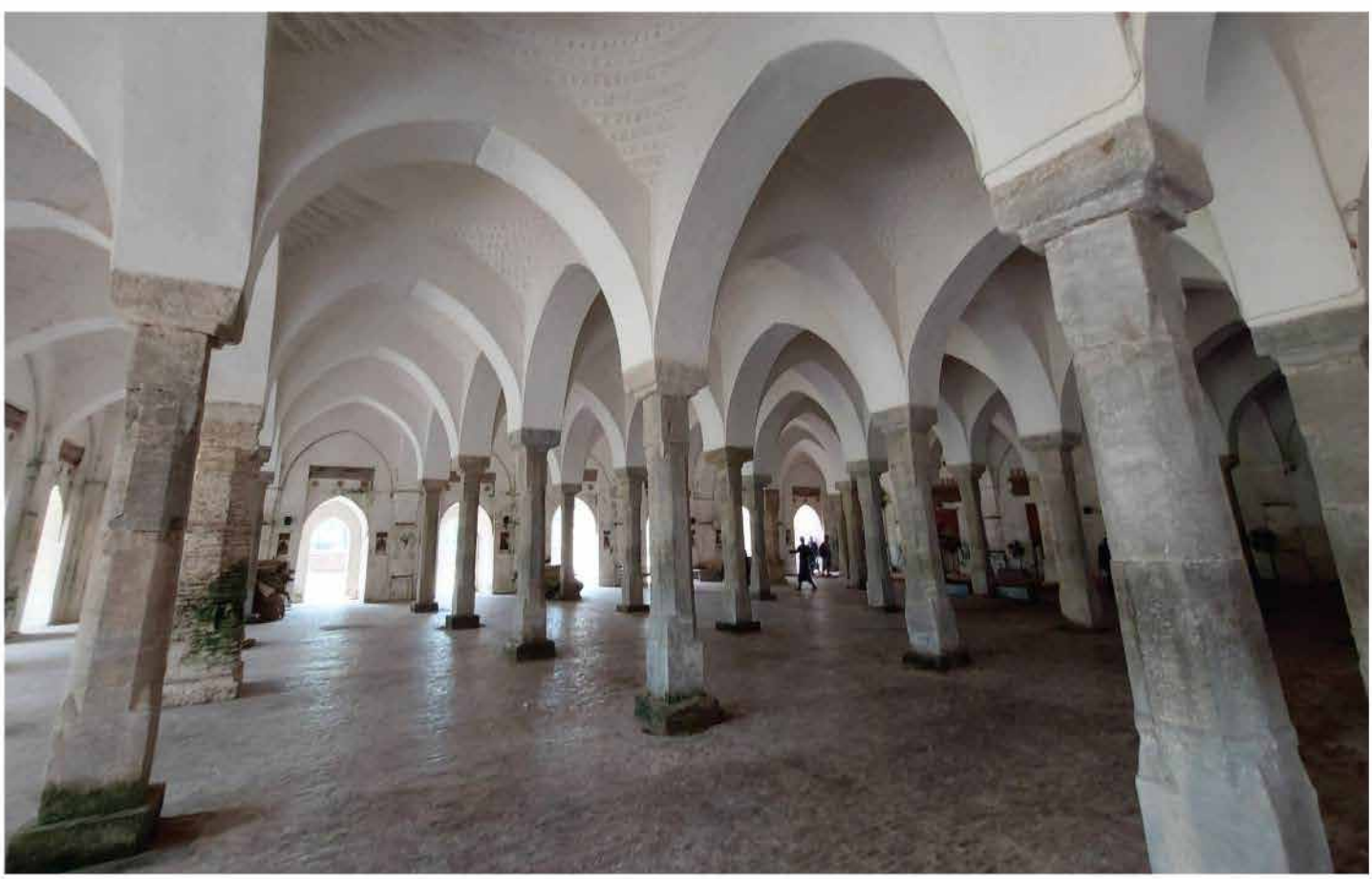

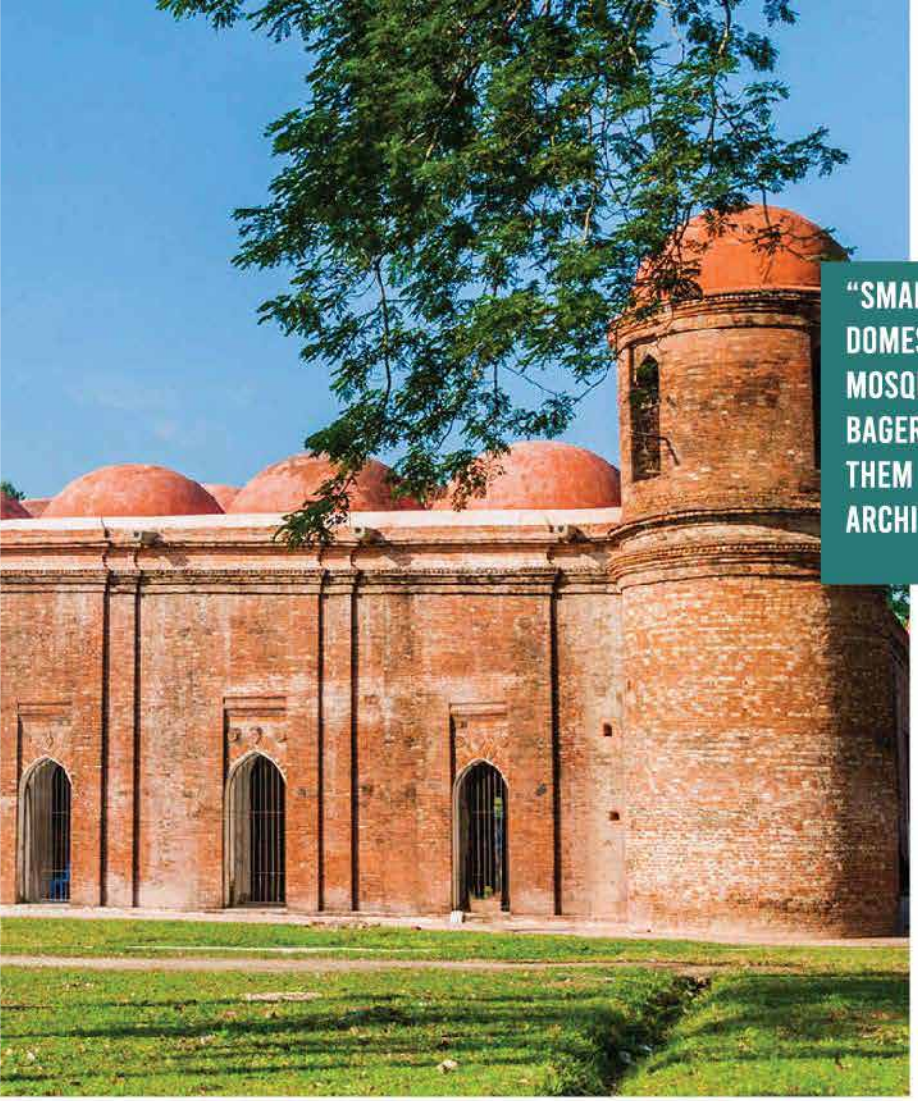

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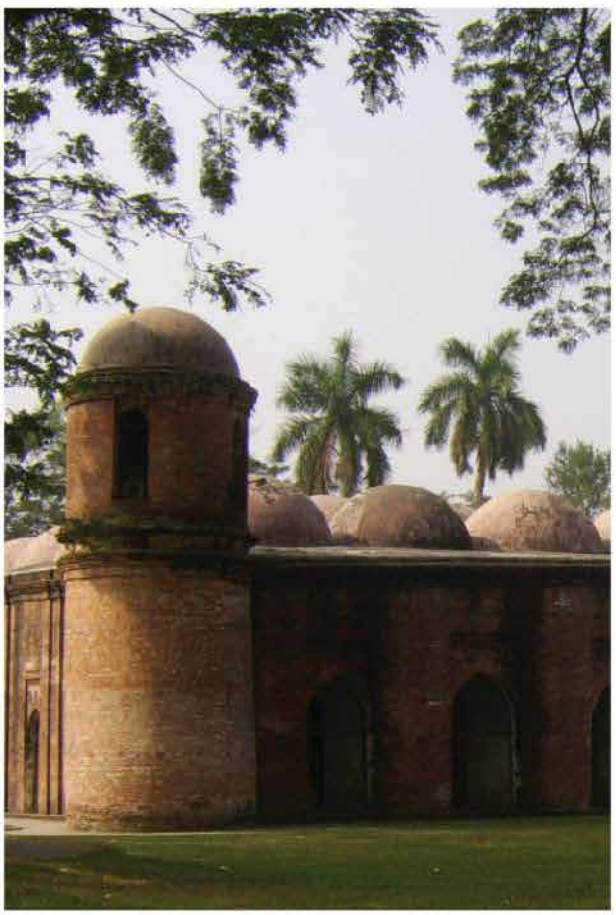

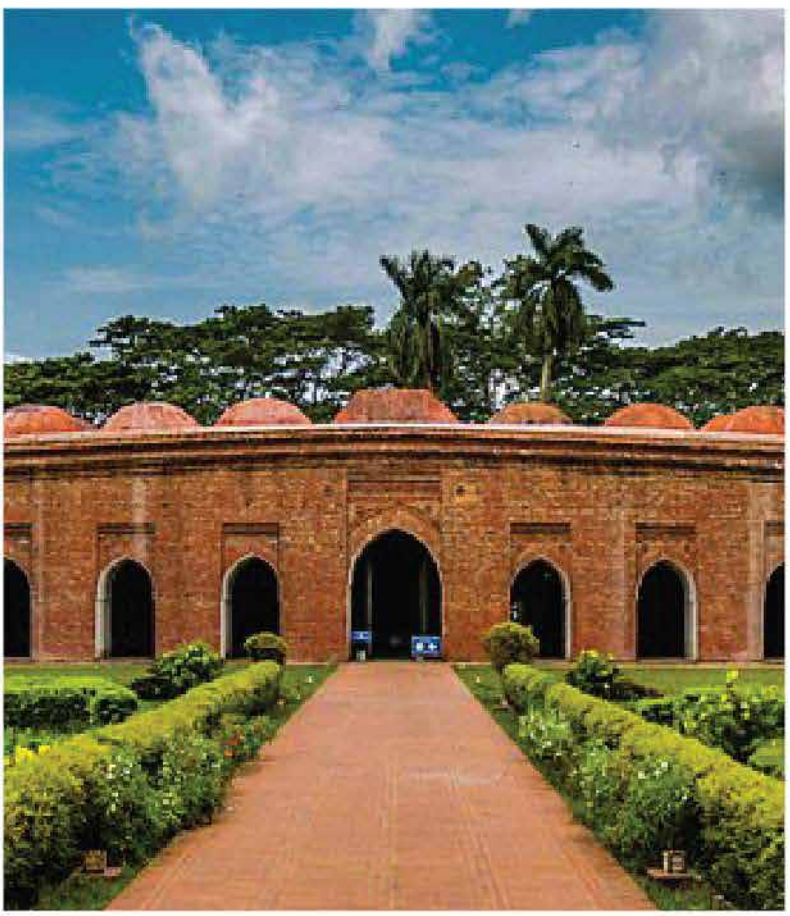

ta walls, the inside is ornamented by lovely flowers, leaves etc.

"Small mosques with big domes like the Singair Mosque are common in Bagerhat, but each of them have different architecture.

"There are several bus services from Dhaka to Bagerhat. From Khulna, it is a one-hour journey. To travel locally, you can always hire auto-rickshaws. If anybody wants to stay and feel the ancient night, there are several good hotels in the city centre. It is possible to visit all the ancient places of Bagerhat in a single day, and it can be done economically if you plan well.

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A total of 600 golfers from different clubs of the country including foreign golf members and members of Nagad Limited participated in this grand tournament. Brig Gen Md Amirul Islam Sikder emerged the winner and Brig Gen Md Moazzem Hossain became the runner-up. Fatema Matiur emerged as the ladies' winner.









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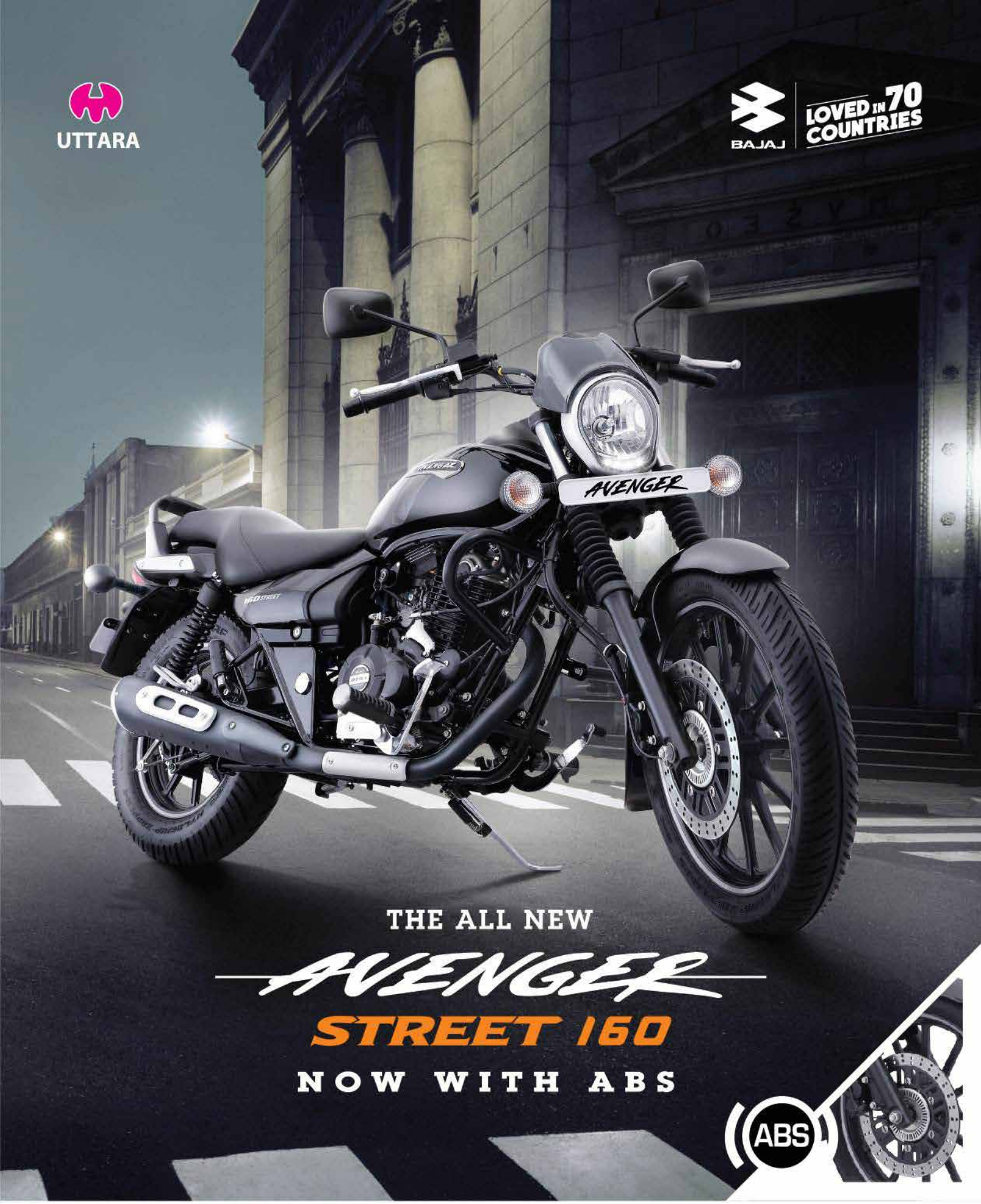

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