

IT'S TEE TIME, FOLKS!



If teeing and putting excite you, pack your golf accessories and make a trip to the AKDR Golf Village. The game no longer remains confined to the upper echelons of society. Thanks to global exposure and the likes of Tiger Woods, hordes of people are now curious about golf.

AKDR Golf Village (Mettukuppam, OMR) boasts of one of the best world class golf courses in the city. The entire area is floodlit which makes it easy to play even after sunset. The 220 yards driving range consists of 16 sheltered bays complete with target greens. Prithviraj, the golf coach is a national-level player himself.

A 9-hole pitch-and-putt course is currently under construction. "This course is as good as any international golf course with water bodies and coconut trees to make the game more interesting," says Mr. Rengasamy Raja, the Director. Until it gets ready, you could try Tom Thumb, the 9-hole mini golf course.

Another special attraction is the fact that you don't have to shell out a hefty membership fee. For Rs.150 per hour, you can just walk in, play,

pay and drive away. The timings (from 6 AM to 9 PM) are flexible too! Everything- from the golf clubs to the balls, is available for hire at the venue. First-timers can also enrol for golfing lessons.

Full-fledged promotional activities will begin once the Pitch and Putt course is ready. "We have plans to conduct tournaments here to popularize both the game and the venue," says Raja. "Moreover, we are looking to have tie ups with corporates so that their employees have a chance to learn the sport," Prithviraj adds.

The Golf Academy is the proverbial crown on the AKDR Golf Village. Courses offered by the institute are aimed at not just initiating beginners into the game but also at inculcating a love for golf. "The response has been overwhelming", says Raja.

Clients belong to all nationalities and age groups. Corporate bigwigs, learners and professional golfers have now become regulars at the venue. Guests staying at the nearby hotels too form a major part of the client base.

The multi-purpose air-conditioned hall at AKDR offers conference facilities and is perfect for corporate seminars, retreats and other such events. The sprawling lawn near the multi-purpose hall, which comfortably accommodates up to 400 guests, is perfect for a glittering evening complete with buffet facilities.

The cafeteria is ideal for lazing around after a game. Inspired by conventional coffee pubs, the cafeteria presently offers only short eats and drinks. "We are planning to add South Indian breakfast items to the menu very soon," Raja adds.

The Pro Shop offers an amazing collection of gloves, golf clubs, balls, trolley bags, shoes and other golfing equipment.

So gear up to pick up the club and swing away! Move over cricket, it's Tee Time now!

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