

## Jeev slips to 26th spot; McIlroy, Bjorn in lead

**Dubai:** Jeev Milkha Singh found the going tough as he dropped five bogeys, two in his last three holes, to end up with a card of 73 and slip from overnight 11th to tied 26th at the midway stage of the Dubai Desert Classic on Friday.

Another Indian, SSP Chowrasia, however, missed the cut with a 79.

On a day when the scores and

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scoring conditions were once again good, Rory McIlroy held the spotlight adding a stunning 65 to his first day 66. But a hole-in-one from Martin Kaymer made things even more exciting as the German was at 11-under to McIlroy's 13-under.

But before the day was over, the seasoned Thomas Bjorn had joined McIlroy at the top with a bogey free 65, a score that was achieved no less than four times in the day. Lee Westwood too scored 65 and moved to 10-under and tied seventh.

### Gangjee best Indian in Manila

**Manila:** It was tough day out there for the Indians as only four of the eight who started survived the midway cut at the ICTSI Philippine

Open on Friday.

Rahil Gangjee, who was close to missing the cut after a first day 75, shot a two-under 70, one of the few under-par rounds to leap up to tied 17th at the halfway stage. On a tough day also making the cut among Indians were Digvijay Singh (71-75), Anirban Lahiri (73-76) and Sujjan Singh, who squeezed inside the line with a birdie on the 18th for a card of 76 after a first round 74.

### Get ready for collegiate golf

**Gurgaon:** After conducting 39 junior golf tournaments across India, Albatross will be introducing collegiate golf for the first time in the country. With over 1,600 juniors having teed it up in Albatross Junior Tour events, there's no doubting its popularity and reach. Now, Albatross is looking to take the game to colleges in a big way.

Alongside tournament no.39 of the Albatross Junior Tour, the parents-led outfit launched the Albatross Collegiate Tour. Open to boys and girls between the ages of 18 and 24, the tour is the ideal competitive stage for golfers who are eligible to be enrolled in college or university. TNN/AGENCIES