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The Governor of Uttarakhand Smt. Margaret Alva today announced a slew of initiatives that have been launched to promote, popularize and encourage the game of Golf in the Raj Bhawan Golf Course at Nainital.

Delivering her address at the prize distribution ceremony of the Ninth 'Governor's Cup Golf Tournament-2011' organised by the Raj Bhawan Golf Club (RBGC) Nainital at the Raj Bhawan Golf Course here, today evening, she said that an insurance cover for golfers, all RBGC members, Golf staff, caddies and third party in the event of any accident or incident has been purchased from New India Insurance Company Ltd., which will cover public liability of up to Rs. 5 lakh and personal accidental claim up to Rs. 1 lakh. "This insurance policy has come into effect from 24 May 2011", she said.

Announcing several initiatives, the Governor who is also the President of the Raj Bhawan Golf Club Nainital, said that these have been launched in view of the ever increasing participation of Golf players in the Governor's Cup Golf Tournament. "The Tournament this year has received an enhanced number of total registrations which touched almost 200 confirmed entries", she said.

She said that Golf training camps for children were being organized in order to enhance the popularity of the game among the future generation. "A Golf training camp for children would be held in October/November 2011. In October last year, a six-day Golf training camp was conducted for children of schools in the adjoining areas. Since there is no separate driving range and the area is restricted, students from two schools - St. Joseph's College and All Saints College - were invited to participate. A total of twenty one children of VI to VIII standard attended these camps. After five days of training, six Children with golfing potential were taken to the Fairways & Green to get a feel of the course", she said.

The RBGC President said that forthcoming tournaments to be conducted at the Raj Bhawan Golf Course include the Army Commander Golf Cup (Central Command) on 02 June 2011 and the Northern Zone Railways Golf Tournament from 07-09 October, 2011.

On the occasion, the Governor said that organizing of the various events in the midst of picturesque natural beauty of Nainital would significantly contribute to growth and development of tourism in Uttarakhand.

Thanking the main sponsors and co-sponsors for their support for organizing the tournament, the Governor said that the Raj Bhawan Golf Club has been presented with two Golf carts by the Lalit Group. "A 'Caddies Tournament' was conducted in the month of October 2010, in which 30 caddies participated. Altogether eight caddies who performed better in the tournament were sent to participate in Caddies Tournament conducted by The Lalit Group at Delhi. It was a unique experience for our caddies since they saw and played on a large Golf course for the first time", she said.

In addition, the Raj Bhawan Golf Club has initiated various infrastructure development works to provide amenities and facilities to the visiting players. "Renovation work on Club house / Van Chetna Kendra has been taken up. A new double-storey Club house building has come up in the same location of the old Club house. The Club house has a cafeteria which will provide hot and cold beverages and other eatables to the Golf players", she said.

Speaking on the fresh initiatives to improve water supply to the Golf Course through a rainwater harvesting programme, the Governor said that the project envisages building a huge water tank with storage capacity of 18 lakh litres to collect rain water from the surrounding catchment area in the tank. "Sprinkler system will be laid all over the course to water the Greens & Fairways. Another tank of 25,000 liters capacity has been constructed next to the Club building. Rain water of this building & near by area will collect in this tank and will be used to water the area around hole No. 18", she said.

The Governor said that the rainwater harvesting project would be inaugurated by the President of India during her visit to Nainital in June 2011.

Earlier the Governor gave away prizes to the winner and the runner-up players in the various categories of the Ninth 'Governor's Cup Golf Tournament-2011' and congratulated them for displaying high standards in the event. In the Gents Category-Gross, the 'Winner Champion' was Shri Suresh Yadav while the joint 'Runners Up' was Shri Vir Shrivastava and Shri Pradeep Tamta. The Winner in the Ladies Category was Ms. Rekha Chauhan while the Runner was Ms. Simran Bajaj. In the Veteran category, the Winner Trophy was bagged by Brig. PS Bora while Dr. Ashok Kumar was the Runner Up. Col. KK Kaushal emerged the winner in the Super-veteran category. In the Gents Category – Nett, Shri Sharad Tripathi was the winner and Col. A.K. Chandel, the Runner Up. In the Putting Competition-Juniors, Ms. Simran Shrivastava was the winner while Ms. Niharika Kar was the runner up. In the Putting competition for ladies, Ms. Shashi Kar emerged the winner and Ms. Sheela Sah was the runner up. In the Junior category, the winner was Krishna Shrivastava while Samarth Jain was the runner up.

Those who were present at the inaugural session of the Golf tournament include Vice President of the Raj Bhawan Golf Club Nainital and Secretary to the Governor Shri Ashok Pai, Club's Treasurer Smt. Poonam Sobti, ADCs to the Governor and Members Golf Club Shri VK Krishna Kumar and Major PPR Chaudhary, Smt. Rekha Pai IFS, Dr. V.K. Nautiyal, Golf Captain Col. (Retd.) S.C. Gupta, P.S. to the Governor, a large number of participating Golf players, special guests and officials, among others.

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