

Vani takes 1-shot lead at India Open

Gurugram: Vani Kapoor got off to her best ever start in the Hero Women's Indian Open as she put together a superb 5-under 67, giving her a one-shot lead after the first round here on Thursday. With as many as four Indians in the top-10, it was a happy hunting day for the home contingent.

Showing great familiarity at the DLF Golf and Country Club, her home course, Vani had six birdies against one bogey through her round. Her gains included a hat-trick of birdies on the back nine from the 11th to the 13th as she kept her nerves intact in the closing stages. Vani's best finish at the event has been a tied-sixth back in 2017.

Three players, including the prodigious amateur Zara Anand, who joins college golf in the United States next year, were tied for second with rounds of 4-under 68 each.

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