Phatlum pips Vani for India Open title

Gurugram: Thailand golfer Pornanong Phatlum lifted the Hero Women's Indian Open trophy for the fourth time after overcoming a spirited fight from India's Vani Kapoor here on Sunday. The seasoned LPGA player's wins at the DLF Golf and Country Club in 2008, 2009 and 2012 had come at the adjoining Arnold Palmer Course, and Pornanong completed the sequence by conquering the Gary Player Course with a four-day score of 11-under 277. After posting rounds of 72, 71, 69, Pornanong left the best for the last by carding a flawless bogey-free 7-under 65 under pressure.

Barring the start to the final day, it was mainly a two-player contest between Pornanong and Vani, who finished at 7-under 281 (73, 69, 69, 70). Vani registered her best result on the Ladies European Tour (LET) with her sole second finish. Going into the final day with a slender one-shot lead.