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DEFENDING champion Shannon Tan is cautiously optimistic about her chances of retaining her title at the Hero Women's India Open Golf Championship, which got underway at DLF Golf and Country Club here on Thursday.

No woman golfer has ever successfully defended her title at the course, highlighting how challenging it is. But Shannon believes she can break that barrier.

"I won here last year, so



I think that gives me some confidence. Just knowing that I've done it before on this course, I think it should suit my game. It's a ball-striker's course. It's quite demanding and challenging. So, yeah, I will go for it," Shannon told PTI.

Shannon knows the field is strong and that replicating last year's performance will be a Herculean task.

"I would say I'm up against quite good competition. But at the same time, I'm just going to focus on myself and my processes and do my best. As long as I follow my game plan and play well, I'll be happy with whatever result I end up with," she said.

She pointed out that performing well at the DLF course is difficult and that she needs to get the basics right. **–PTI**