The Indian women's show gives great hope

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The final round is not only a test of nerves, but one also needs a bit of luck. In the end, it was just not my day at the Hero Women's Indian Open 2026. I was going fine and was in the hunt for at least a good part of the front nine, before momentum deserted me and then on the back nine, the putter went cold.

Hats off and congratulations to Pornanong Phatlum, who made a winning return to India. I was told she won this event for the third time 14 years ago in 2012 and then went to the LPGA. She showed her love for India with sensational 7-under 65 on the final day and overtook our own Vani Kapoor (70), the overnight leader, for her fourth Indian Open win.

A shared fourth place in a LET event is always noteworthy and it was my best this season. I was at the same spot, though alone, last year. I will be back again trying to win the Hero Indian Open next year.

Overall, for the Indian contingent there were three of us in the Top 7 with Tvesa Malik also logging her best result of the season in sole seventh place with a final round 72.

I am so happy for both Vani and Tvesa. Hopefully we will see more of them on the LET in 2027. It was a good week for the home team with both Avani Prashanth and Anvvi Dahiya at T-22 and Ridhima Dilawari at T-30 besides the 13-year-old Ojaswini Saraswat making the cut.

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