

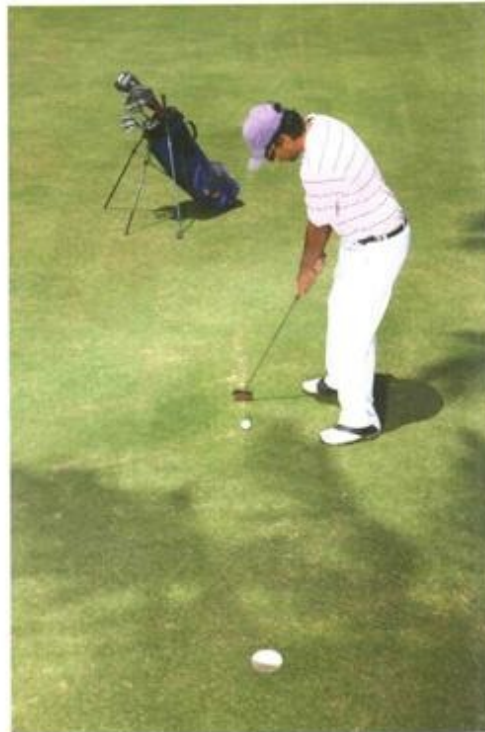
Swing it like a pro at AKDR Golf Village

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Apart from various MNCs and farm houses cropping up, OMR has another reason to smile. The AKDR Golf Village on the ever bustling road is the latest entrant to the list of things to watch out for in the city. The lush landscaping and 200 yards of driving range complete with sheltered driving bays is indeed a treat to the eyes. "Fifteen years ago this place was just a coconut farm. Eventually we thought of converting it into a golf village. We thought of this facility because it's a very niche, and pay and use facility. It's not a typical golf club where you have to be a member. You just have to pay a minimal amount for the entrance and then go to the driving range and purchase the first set of balls to play. It's very flexible," explains Rengasamy Raja, director, AKDR Golf Village.

Golf is a very popular game, particularly among the youth. Several Indians now represent India in the international levels. AKDR Golf Village provides you the facility to explore and sharpen your skills in this unique sport. The place is a comprehensive and dedicated golf village. This can be proven with their 9 Hole Pitch and Putt course which is perfect for tournaments and poses a challenge with sand bunkers, water body and trees. They also have a putting and chipping range along with sand bunker practice. The place also boasts of a huge car parking area. Looking at the place one can be sure that a lot of emphasis has been paid to detailing.

"Considering how golf goes well with business our customers range from business executives, expats, international pilots to youngsters who are eager learners of this classy sport. It's been two and half years now since the inception and we've received a lot of positive feedback. There is no facility matching our facility," explains Rengasamy.



Talking about its distance from the main city, Rengasamy says, "Distance is just a matter of perception. People do think it is far but when they come here, they simply love the place and certainly want to come back next."

Here are some of the other facilities provided by the golf village:

Tom Thumb or Mini golf

The Tom Thumb or the mini golf is highly interesting and addictive. This version is played by four people and doesn't require a high level of skill. It has its own rules and is mostly enjoyed by families.

Golf Coaching

They have coaching classes for those who are willing to learn golf professionally. They provide golfing classes at beginners and advanced level by two certified in-house golf coaches. In the beginning there are a total of 10 classes where they prepare you to play golf well and allow you to come and practice. Once the coach feels you are ready, you are allowed to move on to the professional golf course. Children above 10 years of age are allowed to play and have a separate coaching programme.

They follow professionally aid and advanced methodology in their coaching. The coaches' videograph a player's performances thereby helping him understand his flaws.

Changing room and shower

The shower room is an added convenience, which by far is immaculately clean. The changing rooms are separate for men and women. They have locker facilities too.

Multipurpose Hall

The Golf village also has a well equipped hall with multimedia facility, catering services and a sprawling lawn for evening functions. This hall can be used for various other purposes. It's ideal for corporate retreats and seminars.

Coffee shop

The Cafeteria provides some of the best coffees along with some short eats. "On weekends the place is full with people visiting in groups of families and friends. Hence we serve breakfast on weekends for those who prefer to catch up with some supper," informs Rengasamy.

The Proshop

It is a retail shop for golf enthusiasts. It is a shop full golf accessories, apparels and shoes. So if you want to possess or hire golf equipments, the Proshop caters to your needs.

So if you are having weekend blues, head to AKDR Golf village, a place where you can sit back, relax, have a Cafe Mocha Frappe under the sun or just go beat that stress with some golf. "Why just weekends, you can even come here during weekdays before or after work because we are open from 6 am to 9pm on all days," concludes Rengasamy.

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