

## **BRIEF HISTORY**

1. This is the first public Golf Course in India. Designed and developed by the Delhi Development authority, the Qutab Golf Course started with 9 holes in January 2000. In May 2002, a further 9 holes were commissioned making this a genuine 18 hole Golf Course. On 15<sup>th</sup> June 1996, the sleepy village of Lado Sarai woke up to the crack of the first ball hit on the driving range. Who knew that this piece of land, lying barren for so long would become the first and the only Public Golf Course of the country. January 2000, DDA gifted the first 9 holes to the golfing population of Delhi. Two years later, 9 more holes, were added, to make this into a full fledged 18 hole course, aptly called *the Qutab Golf Course*. The tall monument is easily seen while waking on the course. There is a 250 yards double decker, state of art driving range in the golf course combined with the training a facility which makes the Qutab golf course a haven for beginners. It also includes an artificial turf putting green, fitting room, pro shop, simulator room, and a cafeteria.

2. A major tree planting exercise has helped the course become tougher. Situated about 5 Km off the Ring Road, it is on way to Qutab Minar. It is bounded by Aurobindo Marg on the West, Lado Sarai village on the South, DDA SFS flats of Saket on the East, and the Press Enclave Road on the North. Approach to the Golf Course is from the Press Enclave Road.

3. With the commissioning of the 18 holes and with its Pay & Play facility, the DDA has brought the game of Golf at the door steps of the general public, who so far, could not afford playing on the few and exclusive golf clubs in and around Delhi. With the construction of proper underground drainage system, water will be channelised through catch-basins to the newly created water bodies which would act as water harvesting points. The complete course has been redeveloped which has been designed by Australian Architect, Mr. Ross Perrett.

4. As a part of the latest redevelopment, a state of art Club House has been constructed. It includes a Coffee Shop, Restraunt, Bar, Party Room, Conference Room, Pro Shop, Fitness Centre and Change Rooms.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF GOLF.**

5. Golf gained popularity when Delhi hosted the Asiad 1982, which, included golf, as one of the disciplines, for the first time. India playing on the home ground at Delhi Golf Club bagged the gold in golf, this was the turning point of the game. The Asian Games not only created awareness about golf but motivated young golfers to consider this game seriously.

6. But more than anything else it is the course's affordability that draws golfers, both regulars and would be ones, to the fairway. *"It's a people's course"*. Given the image of golf as a rich man's game the green fees at Qutab Golf Course are astoundingly cheap.

### **AWARENESS AND COACHING PROGRAMME**

7. DDA has major plans of conducting coaching programmes at its Driving Range. Having already nurtured sports stars like Virat Kohli, Ankita Bhambri a silver medalist in tennis, Sumit Rawat in sub junior football to name a few, it will not be long that DDA's Golf Jr. Foundation programme will soon produce world ranking golfer.

8. Qutab Golf Course was the first to introduce online booking in Delhi. Players can now book their tee Time on the Internet for their game on weekends/weekdays except Wednesday. Special care is taken of casual players who can also do advance tee time booking. Alternate slots are available for *Walk – in – Golfers*.

### **CONVENIENT VENUE FOR GOLF EVENTS.**

9. Over the years, QGC has become home to a number of Corporate Tournaments. Besides the Lieutenant-Governor's Cup, its fairways have hosted competitions sponsored by the officer of Comptroller Auditor General of India,

Indian Navy, Diplomatic Corps, Indian Travel Association among others. DDA has conducted three Pro tournaments at the Qutab Golf Course.

10. It was in fitness of things that the Qutab Golf Course was adjudged as the best maintained Public Golf Course, by the Asian Golf Industry Show, held at Delhi in 2010.



11. During the last GIA summit, Qutab Golf Course has been given an award for the “Best New Club House” in 2019.

