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Five-time Major winner Rory McIlroy is set to play in India for the first time. McIlroy confirmed that he will be participating in the inaugural DP World India Championship in New Delhi later this year. The USD 4 million event is set to take place from October 16 to 19 at the Delhi Golf Club.

"I'm excited to not only tee it up in India for the first time but also visit a country that I've always wanted to explore," said McIlroy. "I'm proud to play in the inaugural DP World India Championship. I've always enjoyed playing a global schedule and as I have previously said, there is tremendous potential to grow golf further in the country. This is a great opportunity, and I can't wait to play in front of Indian golf fans."

Currently ranked No.2 in the world, McIlroy has spent 100 weeks at the top of the Official World Golf rankings and is one of just six men to have achieved a modern career grand slam. The Northern Irishman was also the first European to do so. McIlroy won his first major championship at the 2011 U.S. Open. He went on to win the 2012 and 2014 PGA Championship, and 2014 Open Championship. Then came a decade-long drought of major titles which he ended this year by winning the Masters.

"We are delighted to welcome Rory McIlroy to the DP World India Championship. Having a player of his calibre underscores the commitment both we and the DP World Tour have to the success of this tournament," said Yuvraj Narayan, Group Deputy CEO and Chief Financial Officer, DP World. "Rory will capture global attention, increase participation, and position India as a premier destination for golf." Co-sanctioned by the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the tournament features the largest prize fund ever offered for a DP World Tour event in India.