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Smriti, Rhea in tied 22nd spot

India's Smriti Mehra and Rhea Nair were tied 22nd after the first round of the Ladies European Tour Pre-Qualifying School for the 2012 season, reports PTI from La Manga.

Veteran Smriti and Dubai-based Rhea shot a two-over 75 on the par-73 South Course at the La Manga Golf Resort. They were six behind the leaders.

Sharmila Nicollet, the only Indian playing her first round on the par-71 North Course, carded a creditable three-over 74 to be placed tied 29th and was seven shots behind the leader.

The other Indians in Group B at South Course, Neha Tripathi (81) and Nalini Singh Siwach (82) had a tough time at the demanding course.