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## Huda goes plant shopping

The cash registers have been ringing loudly at various nurseries in town as well as other cities cashing in on the green fever.

With the Afro-Asian games scheduled to be kicked off in two days from now, The Hyderabad Urban Development Authority is on a mad shopping spree buying up all kinds of plants including flowering shrubs to give our city a facelift. The cash registers have been ringing loudly at various nurseries in town as well as other cities cashing in on the green fever. Huda is reportedly spending Rs 3.7 lakh on plants alone. The total cost for enhancing Hyderabad's appearance is estimated at a little over Rs 3 crore. Not to be left behind the MCH is spending another Rs 6 crore to beautify the city for the upcoming

## Gladrags here we come



EYING THE CROWN: Komal and Padmaja

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Komal Ramechandani and Padmaja Rani Edupuganti are the only contestants this year from Hyderabad who have made it to the semi-finals of the Gladrags Mrs India contest.

It is the second time round for Komal a professional photographer. Having learnt from past experience in 2001 she is determined to win the crown.

The reason she is so adamant is to show that marriage is not a constraint for women and, be a source of inspiration to her two children. So that they too never shy away from participating.

Padmaja is equally confident about making a mark at the contest. An astrologer and numerologist by profession she is currently doing her FHD in astrology and vedic maths. One thing that will definitely come in handy is her ability to read faces at the pageant.

What the two women have in common is the support of their husbands who want to see them win.

Let us join in with the husbands and wish them the very best.

GAYATRI REDDY

## Eccelestone is not coming

The suspense is over. Bernie Ecclestone, the F1 boss isn't coming to the city for the Afro-Asian Games. Though government circles refuse to comment, sources in two star hotels — where rooms were tentatively booked by Sundar Mulchandani for three days for Ecclestone — now con-

firm "he isn't coming." Their logic is that by now, if Ecclestone was really coming, they would have been told about his tastes, what he likes, what should be done to make his stay comfortable... "Big guns like Ecclestone arrive with a lot of fanfare. They don't sneak out of somewhere quietly. If there's

been no news about him till now, surely he isn't coming," they say. One explanation doing the rounds is that the government itself told him not to come now, saying the time wasn't ripe for discussing prospects of F1 racing coming to Hyderabad.

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