

RAMP WALK



GLAMOUROUS Rochella, Shamata and Nisha. DHPHOTO BY SHIVA KUMAR B H

# Making a style statement

It seemed like the entire crowd of the City had gathered at the Mantri Square Mall recently as the top ten contestants, including the three winners of Pantaloons Femina Miss India South 2012, were all set to walk the ramp. The crowd obviously consisted mainly of men, and they caused a traffic being jam outside on Sampige Road, all the more than it is normally.

Hosted and choreographed by Prasad Bidapa, the first round was that of ethnic wear. It had the pretty ladies walk the ramp showcasing the shimmering *sharara kurta*. Post that, there was a short break as the models changed into

cocktail wear for the second round. However, the audience was not left waiting as Kannada singer Avinash Chebbi took the stage and entertained them. Dancers from Shadows: One Dance Company, a Bangalore-based dance studio, performed as Avinash sang his popular song *Nuvvudena* from the film *Murali Meets Meera*. Later, he performed the hit song *Why This Kishoree De!* and *Yin A Divo Dancer*.

Said Neil Antonis, the head of mall management, Mantri Mall, "We have the privilege of hosting this show here. We strive to provide Bangalore's best fashion deals and who

better to showcase our fashion than these stunning beauties."

Post Avinash Chebbi's performance, which warmed the crowd up, the contestants showcased cocktail wear designed by Rina Pandey, a Bangalore-based designer. Created exclusively for the Miss India participants, this round had the ladies don a totally different look. Unlike the ethnic look of the last with their hair tied up in pony tails, the girls had poker straight long hair with short dresses in various cuts and colours. Be it pink, white or black, the girls were at their best as they looked ready to party.

Finally, the three winners of

'Miss South India 2012' came on stage in their stunning flowy dresses and star-studded crowns.

Shamata Anchan, the winner of Miss India South 2012, looked gorgeous in her black dress while Rochella Maria Rao and Nisha Barahmand, the first and the second runners-up respectively, struck a style statement in their signature pink dresses. "Bangalore is such an amazing City. Most of all, the people over here are amazing. I completely feel at home here," exclaimed Shamata as she thanked everyone for their love and support.

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