

Fri, 1 Apr 2011 Glitterati [Prev Article](#) | [Next Article](#)**TIPS `N' QUIPS Enroute to wedding bliss**

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THERE'S a new ladies circle in town. Eight month-old `Essence', started by aerobics instructor Suraiya Hanif and her daughter Minna, is on a mission to bring the Chennai's P3 circle more than just kitty parties and chit chat. Previously , they've had biggies like Chetan Bhagat speaking on the `educational system in India' and Prasad Bidappa, discussing the myths and truths of `size zero'. Not too thought provoking, but hey, don't we all want it at some point? Sumyog's Vidya Singh and Rekha Rangaraj got some ooh's and ah's with their presentation yesterday at The Courtyard Marriot on a step-by step guide to wedding planning. According to Vidya, there have been some crazy requests for the big day . She says, "Once we were asked for a horse and carriage and we hunted all over Marina beach, until we found what we were looking for near Ripon building." Apparently the duo takes care of the entire process, right from designing the invitations and decor, to planning honeymoon packages and even decorating the couple's bedroom (on request) for their nuptials! Apparently, Sumyog goes so far as to colour co-ordinate the colour and fabrics of the venue's backdrop with the bride's dress. Thus leaving an unsuspecting groom left to bask in the glory of....well standing next to her. Among their repertoire of weddings, there has been a long list of high profile guests, as expected. But nothing to beat the Goa wedding last year that was for a young NRI couple, both employees of a certain social networking site. And who should show up, but Mark Zuckerberg on his private jet! --Sonali Shenoy

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