

Sania Mirza dazzles at engagement

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It was a match point with a difference, but tennis star Sania Mirza handled it with her usual aplomb. The 22-year-old was formally engaged to Hyderabad businessman Mohammed Sohrab Mirza on Friday.

In an exclusive, by-invitation only function at a Hyderabad luxury hotel, the evening's celebrations were kicked off with a ceremonial exchange of rings. Sania hadn't seen her ring, a glittering solitaire, until the moment Mohammed placed it on her ring finger. Moments later, her eyes reflected its shine and sparkle.

Sania was dressed in a dazzling Shantanu & Nikhil, Swarovski-studded ghagra, snugly fit at the hips and gaining in flare around the ankles. Sania had picked the colours for the occasion — emerald green and gold — much in advance. "We've had this choker in our family for 75 years, emerald set in dull gold. It is my mother's. Before her, it was my dadi's and I wanted to wear it," Sania said.

The assignment went to Delhi-based Shantanu, who had on a previous occasion attired Sania for an award ceremony, and he responded with an intricately embroidered three-piece ensemble.

The blouse, a mix of the East and West, done in a corset design, was complemented by a netted dupatta, which Sania fetchingly draped over her head.