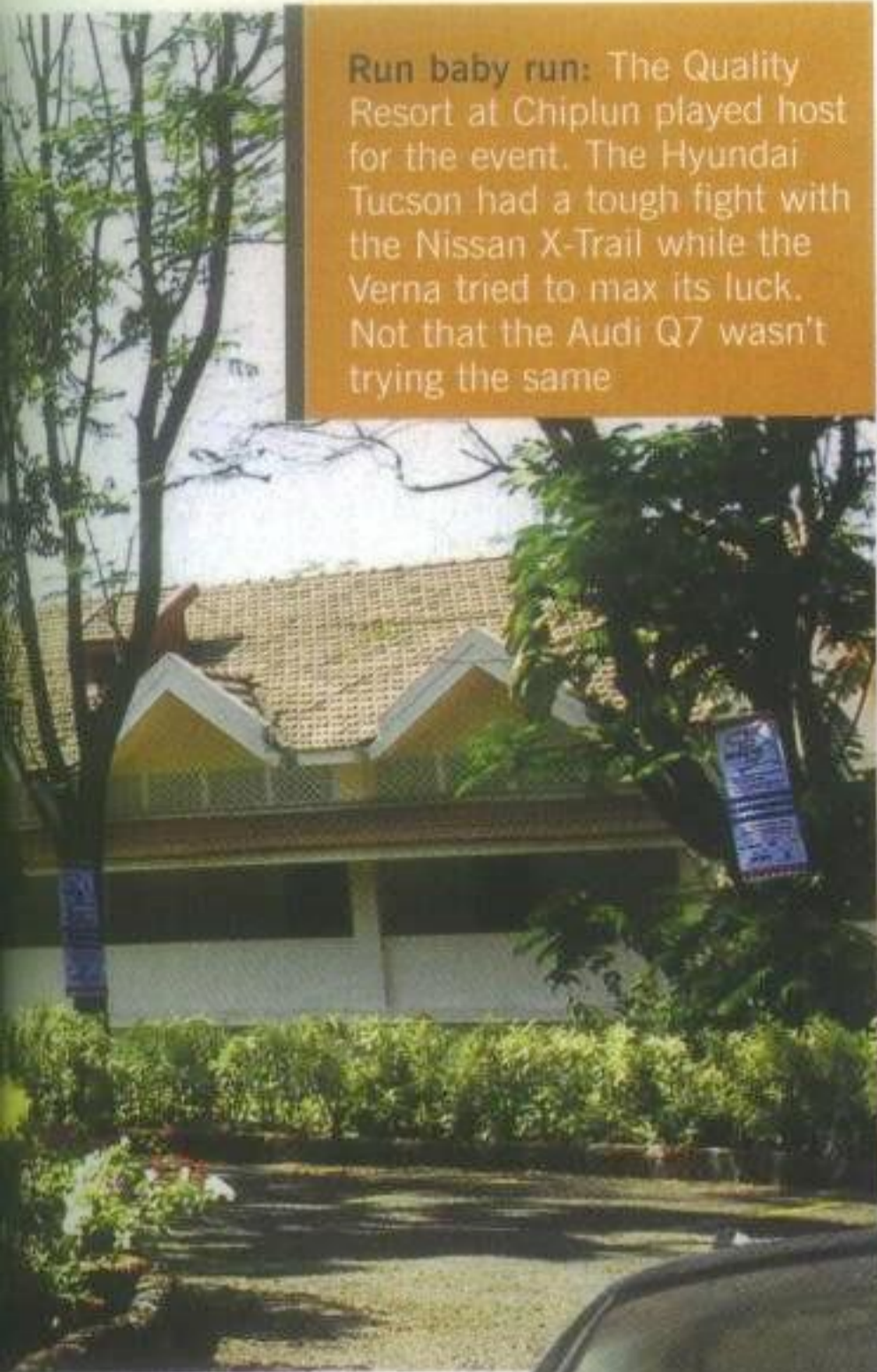


Run baby run: The Quality Resort at Chiplun played host for the event. The Hyundai Tucson had a tough fight with the Nissan X-Trail while the Verna tried to max its luck. Not that the Audi Q7 wasn't trying the same



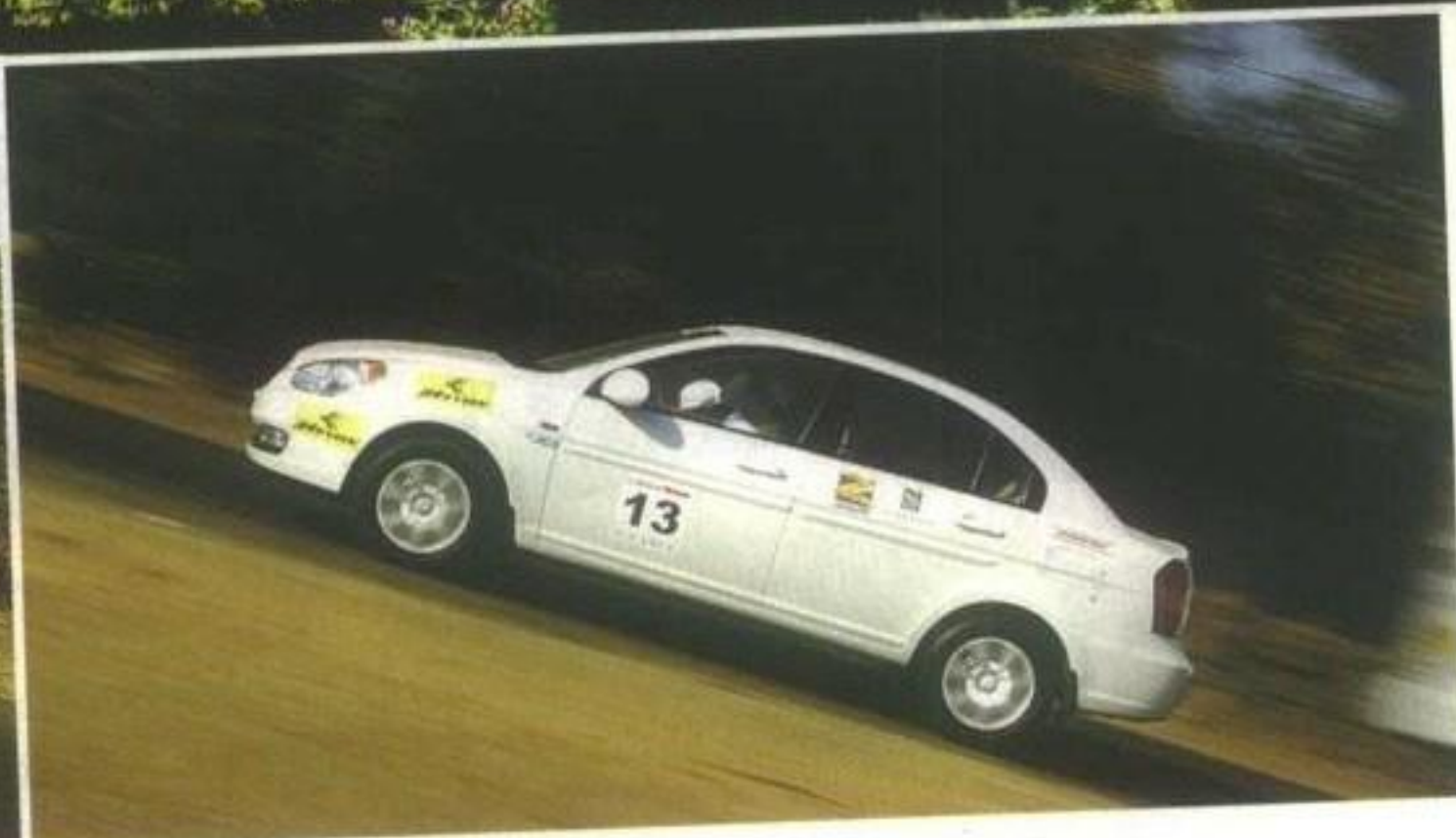
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right, as mentioned in the tulip chart by hiring a cab at an unearthly hour, spending an astronomical four figure sum in the process. Such was the commitment towards the event.

## tsd? what's that?

A drivers' briefing at the end of the first day ensured that the drivers understood the way the event was to be run. To ensure that the cars ran at normal road speeds, a TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) format based

on a clear GPS-based tulip chart was to be implemented. This meant cars had to reach pre-disclosed time controls at specific times. Those who decided to crawl and drive as slow as possible would get penalty points in kilometres (0.5 km for every minute). In short, participants would be driving the car normally. Of course, they were advised to stick to the laws of the land and the TSD format ensured that cars would never be pushed to dangerous speeds. Each car was to carry an observer who would ensure that

the engine was running all the time and participants did not resort to old tricks such as coasting downhill. The observer would also ensure that the car was stopped the moment the engine stalled out of fuel starvation.

## the route

The 450-km route was chosen in such a way that the cars went through metro traffic, suburban traffic, a clean national highway stretch (NH-17) and even

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