

CERTAINLY NOT IN BAD TASTE!

They braved the dense fog of the evening. After all, a good and interesting party had been promised at Apeejay Media Gallery, way off on the Badarpur border. What made it all the more intriguing was the party's title — *Bad Taste!* Sure then, the party-revelers were all there, with *faux* fur well in place, smiles intact, off-shoulders glistening through and even a fitted coat in thick fleece!

Conceived by the lady who believes in experiments — Sharan Apparao — and perfected to the T by the artistic Preeti Paul, *Bad Taste!* proved to be an interesting interface between design and art.

So, while on one end were fashion designer Puja Nayyar, textile designer Anupam Poddar, metal sculptor Priti Paul, interior designer Rajiv Saini, jewellery designer Nirmala Rudra, on the other end were artists who excel in modern art like Bharti

Kher, Subodh Gupta, Sudarshan Shetty and Bala working together on some interesting concepts.

There was Priti and Bharti's rendition in steel, a fashion installation of costumes reminiscent of the Shakespearean age, a straight-lined chair embellished with sequins, furniture created out of handmade paper that interplayed between lights and spaces....

As techno sounds resounded, those spotted letting their hair down at this party launch were curator Peter Negy, Gerome who replaces Laurent de Gaulle as the cultural attache at the French embassy, Priti, Priya and Shirin Paul who are always such a beautiful trio, Vicky Sawhney, Anupam Poddar,

Kalyani Chawla who came with pals Binita Singh and Gunita Thukral and soon got talking to the celebrity hairdresser Charlie from Jacques Dessange. The entire party left in a convoy to fight the fog....



Shabnam Arora and Priya Paul

Ranbir Kaleka and Anupam Poddar



Guneeta Thukral and Binita Singh

Faredo Khan



Kalyani Chawla with Priti Paul