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Alexandre Ziegler and Priti Paul



Navin Ansal and Raseel Gujral Ansal

DELHI'S TRULY DESI AFFAIR



On Friday, the halls at the residence of the French Ambassador to India, Alexandre Ziegler, were decked with desi canvas paintings, depicting everyday Indian insignia. It was the launch of businesswoman Priti Paul's debut book, that aims at teaching alphabet in an Indian way.

"When my three boys were learning the alphabet, they were learning it with icons

and images alien to the Indian child. I thought, why not make an alphabet book with things they see in India," she said.

The canvases, hand-painted by Bollywood artists, are part of the book. The launch was followed by a cultural dance performance. Some of the most influential personalities were present, including actor Nafisa Ali, designer Raghavendra Rathore and entrepreneur Sanjay Kapur. Etti Bali



Nafisa Ali



Shirin Paul



Sunita Kohli

Jaouad Kadiri



Sharon Lowen



Priya Paul and Shovana Narayan



Natasha Nanda



Sanjay Kapur, RS Sodhi and Chetan Seth