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sh Arora. Tanya
on the other, hand

the nuptial knot very
soon," disclosed a coy
Lefebvre.

Elite Model Man-
agement's Asia Pacific
head, **Calvin Cheng** en-
joyed the company of the
modelling agency's top
boss from Paris **Stephane
Pescimoro**. "We treat modelling
as a full-fledged career and not a
part time hobby and we feel peo-
ple in India need to take it seri-
ously too. With Indian models
doing exceedingly well in inter-
national beauty pageants we
thought of extending our net-
work to this country of very
beautiful people," said Cheng.

Also seen was the Director
& CEO of Elite Model Manage-

Model **Bhawna Sharma**
(right) in her new hairdo
cosies up to choreographer
Aparna Bahl (wearing a
Manish Arora outfit)



the Capital's hottest looking
choreographer **Tanya Lefebvre** might
break a zillion hearts with this news! But
yes, she is engaged. To none other than
her boyfriend for (believe it or faint!) 14
years. The name is **Norby, Ugel Norby** - a
businessman from **Bhutan** who deals in
television and telecommunication.



ment India **Sushma Puri** with
hubby **Ajay**. "Delhi is the fash-
ion Capital of India in essence
even though Mumbai might get
the models more money and
commercial work. That's why
we decided to launch the agency
here, but we will be shortly open-
ing an office in Mumbai too,"
said Sushma Puri.

Also spotted on the occasion:
fashion photographer **Tarun
Khiwal** (who is excited about
his next assignment - a beach-
wear shoot for a German brand);
designer **Puja Nayyar** (looking
as cute and chic as ever) with
model friend **Dipin** and bus-

iness partner **Abhijeet Singh**;
designer duo **Rohit Gandhi** and
Rahul Khanna; **Manish Arora**
with **Sapna Kumar**; model-
turned designer **Simar Dugal**
(wearing a bright summery
georgette top from her collection
to be unveiled at Ogaan on April
4); **Malini Ramani** sporting a
haute-hot denim corsetted top
with a faded butt-hugging jeans;
and the model brigade - **Joey
Matthew** (in a sexy backless
number), **Bhawna Sharma**
(flaunting her recent hairdo),
Anjhula Singh, **Udita
Goswami**, **Laxmi Rana** and
Michelle Innes.

When Rainbow Hues Bedazzled Who's Who

Vinita Faridi

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SEVEN IS a magical number
- there are seven colours in
the rainbow, seven notes of
music, seven deadly sins, a
seven-year itch and seven
stars form the Great Bear.
And now we have a group
show of seven artists simply
called, what else, SEVEN, on
at the Visual Arts Gallery, In-
dia Habitat Centre, till March
31. If that was not enough,
this show will be held at seven
places - Mumbai, Chennai,
New Delhi, London, Paris,
New York and Tokyo.

Presented by Paris-based
publisher **Ravi Kumar** and
Apparao Galleries, the exhibi-
tion showcases the works of
S.H. Raza, **Velu Vishwanad-
han**, **Rajendra Dhawan**, **Akhi-
lesh**, **Sujata Bajaj**, **Seema Ghu-
rayya** and **Manish Pushkale**,
and what is unique is that dif-
ferent works will be displayed
at each place. The Delhi show,
inaugurated on Wednesday,
coincided with the release of
a coffee table book on the par-
ticipant artists. "It is for the
first time, that a pure abstract
art show has been put togeth-
er," says **Ravi Kumar**, who
has published the book, "and
the body of work is at par with
the best anywhere in the
world. Also, though four of
the artists - **Raza**, **Bajaj**, **Dha-
wan** and **Vishwanadhan** - live
in Paris, the works of all the
artists are rooted in the Indi-
an tradition. They play the
same notes in different styles,

Idris M. Tayeb, Cultural & Press
Counsellor, Libyan Embassy
catches up with **Ashok Vajpayee**



From Left: **Ashok Vajpayee**, **Ravi Kumar**, **Seema Ghurayya**, **Akhilesh** and
Manish Pushkale pose for the album



Foreign Secretary **Kanwal Sibal**
(left) chats with MEA
spokesperson **Navtej Sarna**



Rajeev Sethi (left) with khadi designer **Rita Kumari**

and are indicative of the chan-
ging trends in Indian con-
temporary art."

While the Paris-based arti-
sts could not make it, the other
three, who are incidentally
all from Bhopal as also awar-
dees of the Raza Foundation,

were there. Also present was
Ashok Vajpayee, who has
written the foreword of the
book, released by Foreign Sec-
retary **Kanwal Sibal**. Having
exhibited in Mumbai and
Chennai, after Delhi the show
will move on to Paris.



Celebrated author
Nirmal Verma
quietly nurses
a drink