

## POTPOURRI

# A spirited start

**W**ith Christmas a month away, the launch of Portuguese wines in the city by *Gusto* rang in the festive mood early at a party hosted by Calcutta Wine Club. The Lancers white and rose wines were sampled by the consul generals of the US, Portugal, Russia, Germany and France. US consul general Beth A. Payne and commissioner of police Gautam Mohan Chakrabarti (in picture right), Shaun Kenworthy and members of the Calcutta Wine Club lit the lamp at The Palladian Lounge at The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Wednesday. "We started operations three weeks ago and the response has been encouraging because people are excited about Portuguese wine in the city. I'm hoping the dessert wine picks up as well because not everybody likes sweet wine," said Kadambari Kapoor, who imports the wines from the 200-year-old European Jose Maria de Fonseca stable and distributes them in Bengal. The wine launch was complemented by an art exhibition with paintings by Pinky Kenworthy, Beena Pradhan and Keshav Roy. Picture by Pabitra Das

