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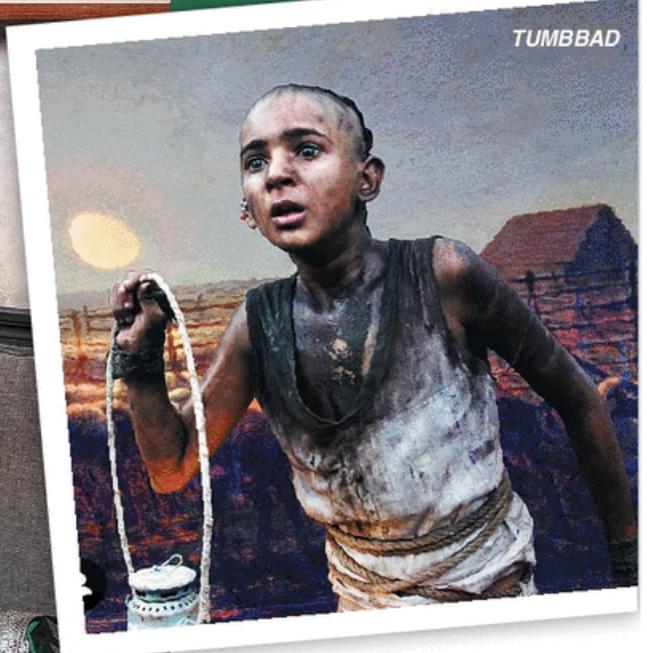
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This year, things are looking up and, because you have learned your karmic lessons, you will be able to move forward. Your finances will improve. Do not feel overwhelmed and mentally overloaded. Avoid jumping into a relationship solely out of fear of being single. It will not work out well for you.

— Nita Chhotalal

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**APPLE OF HER EYES:**

There's no where else I'd rather be Than with you two and with us three Happy Daughters Day to the best daughters in the world Uploaded by @sonirazdan (Soni Razdan)



**AWARD NIGHT LOOK:**

This pretty dikri is going to win an award tonight Uploaded by @bhumpednekar (Bhumi Pednekar)

TODAY'S TIPS by Nita Chhotalal



**ARIES**

**DO** expand your horizons and connect to other areas of your life  
**DON'T** be frivolous with your wealth  
**EXPECT** to be financially secure and find stability in your life



**TAURUS**

**DO** enjoy the pleasures of life and come out of your comfort zone  
**DON'T** keep complaining  
**EXPECT** things to start going your way with happiness and love



**GEMINI**

**DO** stay receptive to new financial opportunities  
**DON'T** be self-centered  
**EXPECT** finances to be more stable and to reap the rewards of your hard work



**CANCER**

**DO** make some time away from others to do some introspection  
**DON'T** be detached  
**EXPECT** to help and support others with the expertise you have



**LEO**

**DO** celebrate your accomplishments after overcoming difficult obstacles  
**DON'T** focus on external validation  
**EXPECT** to remain grounded and humble and to continue to strive towards future goals



**VIRGO**

**DO** celebrate both your strengths and vulnerabilities  
**DON'T** let the emotional bond between loved ones deteriorate  
**EXPECT** to seek opportunities for collaboration and partnership, whether in your personal or professional life



**LIBRA**

**DO** cultivate a deep sense of compassion and love within yourself  
**DON'T** feel emotionally drained  
**EXPECT** a promising relationship to bring love, happiness and fulfilment



**SCORPIO**

**DO** slow down, recharge and find stability within yourself  
**DON'T** push yourself too hard  
**EXPECT** to put your worries aside and allow your mind and body to replenish their vitality



**SAGITTARIUS**

**DO** take care of your physical body, embrace natural remedies and work to reconnect with the natural world  
**DON'T** allow any imbalance to hinder your growth  
**EXPECT** to be blessed with prosperity, happiness and success



**CAPRICORN**

**DO** organise your thoughts and cut away any negative or limiting patterns of thinking  
**DON'T** let muddled thinking lead to misunderstanding  
**EXPECT** to find innovative solutions to any challenges you may be facing



**AQUARIUS**

**DO** nurture your relationships with kindness and empathy  
**DON'T** be overly dramatic  
**EXPECT** to remain connected to your emotions and use them as a source of strength and wisdom



**PISCES**

**DO** exercise discernment and be mindful of the illusions that may cloud your judgement  
**DON'T** fall prey to unrealistic fantasies  
**EXPECT** to differentiate between what is truly important to you and what merely appears enticing at the moment

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**BITERIGHT**

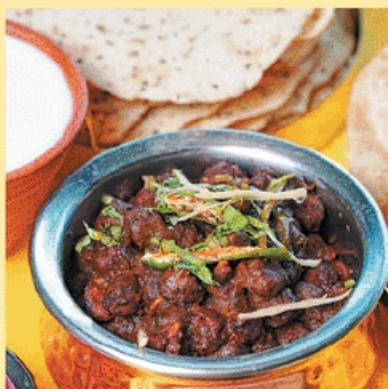
**What:** Tadka Punjab Da  
**Where:** Seasonal Taste, Westin Kolkata Rajarhat  
**On till:** September 29  
**Timings:** Monday-Friday dinner 7pm-11pm, Saturday-Sunday brunch 12.30pm-3.30pm, dinner 7pm-11pm  
**On the menu:** Dig into a host of flavours from the lush state of Punjab with dishes such as Amritsari Fish, Bhutte Ki Tikki, Hara Bhara Kebab, Pindi Chole, Butter Chicken, Kadhai Mutton, Dal Makhani, Tandoori Murgh, Akhrot and Palak ki Kofta Curry, Palak Paneer and more.  
**Pocket pinch:** Rs 2,199 per person for buffet  
**For reservations:** Call on +91 90733 23290



**What:** Okonomiyaki festival  
**Where:** Nori, The Westin Kolkata Rajarhat  
**On till:** September 28  
**Timings:** Dinner, 7pm-11pm  
**On the menu:** Okonomiyaki, often celebrated as Japanese pizza or Japanese pancake mirrors Japan's post-war culinary evolution. The Veg Okonomiyaki features a combination

of finely shredded cabbage, fresh green onions, and assorted vegetables, topped with traditional Okonomiyaki sauce and Japanese mayonnaise. The non-veg Okonomiyaki, includes premium cuts of pork belly, succulent shrimp, or tender chicken, grilled and garnished with classic toppings. Guests will also enjoy the artistry of live Okonomiyaki cooking, where skilled chefs prepare Okonomiyaki with flair and precision on the table.

**Pocket pinch:** ₹ 795-plus for vegetarian and ₹ 995-plus for non-vegetarian



Pindi Chole



**What:** The Odisha Table by chef Rachit Kirteeman  
**Where:** Sonargaon, Taj Bengal  
**When:** September 27-29  
**Timings:** 7pm-11pm  
**On the menu:** The menu is a testimony to chef Rachit's expertise in Odiya cuisine and the coastal platters trace treats from the state's bountiful shoreline and culinary heritage. Available in vegetarian as well as non-vegetarian variants the platters will consist of a range of dishes right from Usna Bhaat (steamed local rice) to Saaga Badi (green Amaranth, coconut, mustard seeds and badi), local delicacies such

as Dalma, Checha (choice of mashed prawns, fish or chicken with mustard oil, green chillies and garlic). Guests have options to choose the mains from a selection of three dishes, followed by a platter full of decadent sweet treats right from the local staple *chhena poda* to *rasa balli* (deep fried *chhena* discs). The promotion is brought about in collaboration with Gorme.

A glimpse of some dishes from the Coastal Platter.

Chef Rachit Kirteeman ↓



**WATCHIT!**



London Has Fallen; Sony Pix, 5.50pm

**ENGLISH**

**MOVIES OF THE DAY**

**John Wick, Chapter 2:** Sony Pix, 1pm  
**The Emoji Movie:** &flix, 1.35pm  
**Viva Las Nowhere:** &Prime HD, 2.15pm  
**Geostorm:** Sony Pix, 2.45pm  
**The Lodge:** &flix, 2.55pm  
**Lights Out:** Sony Pix, 4.35pm  
**The Savior for Sale:** &Prime HD, 5.35pm  
**London Has Fallen:** Sony Pix, 5.50pm  
**Mechanic, Resurrection:** Sony Pix, 7.25pm  
**Jesse Stone, Death in Paradise:** &Prime HD, 9pm  
**Accident Man, Hitman's Holiday:** &flix, 9pm  
**The Sweetest Thing:** &Prime HD, 10.25pm  
**The Founder:** Sony Pix, 11pm

**SHOWSTOPPERS**

**Necessary Roughness:** Zee Cafe, 6pm  
**The Office:** Comedy Central, 7pm  
**Pinocchio:** Zee Cafe, 7pm  
**Brooklyn Nine-Nine:** Comedy Central, 8pm  
**SharkTank:** Zee Cafe, 8pm  
**Succession:** Colors Infinity, 9pm  
**Parks And Recreation:** Comedy Central, 9pm  
**Deadly Mission Shark:** Sony BBC Earth, 9pm  
**Bloodline:** Zee Cafe, 9pm  
**Takeshi's Castle:** Comedy Central, 10pm  
**Where the Wild Men Are With Ben Fogle:** Sony BBC Earth, 10pm  
**House of Cards:** Zee Cafe, 10pm  
**Doom Patrol:** Colors Infinity, 11pm  
**Extraordinary You:** Zee Cafe, 11pm



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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BULLSEYE 10TH BRC SUMMER DARTS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

**T**he Bengal Rowing Club recently celebrated their 10th BRC Summer Darts Open Championship in association with t2, continuing its tradition of hosting this prestigious annual event since 2013. Known for its vibrant atmosphere and high level of competition, the championship has grown in

scale and reputation over the years. Players from across the globe, including Malaysia, Australia, Iran and the UAE, participated, making it an international event.

Participants of all ages and genders came together for the tournament, creating an inclusive and competitive atmosphere. The event featured thrilling matches,

with players demonstrating remarkable skill and precision needed for the sport. The diverse participation highlighted the growing popularity of darts as a sport at BRC. Additionally, this year, the tournament featured Russ Bray, the famous PDC referee from London, affectionately known as the 'Voice of World Darts'. Highlights of the event.



Tension peaked during the nail-biting rounds at the 10th BRC Darts Open Championship, as players aimed for victory under the sharp eye of legendary referee Russ Bray.



Aryaveer Chokhany took home the Youth Boys' Champion trophy



Mahi Bosmia took home the Youth Girls' Champion trophy.



Led by Arpit Dhandhania, Team Chai Break was the champion of the Indian Darts League. "Our team aimed higher and together we hit every target. Winning the Indian Darts League was a collective effort of passion and precision of our team," said Arpit. Runners up for the event was Team Rockers.



Jacqueline Khanna from West Bengal was the IDC (Indian Darts League) National Womens' Singles winner.



Ace darts player Nitin Kumar also known as The Royal Bengal bagged the trophy for IDC National Mens' Singles.

"I came here first in 2019, and now it's the 10th edition. The standard is unbelievably much better. It has been a fantastic experience for me to come back after five years just to see the massive changes. It's huge and I am very honoured to be here. And it won't be my last time, I can assure you," said Russ Bray, PDC referee from London and the tournament director. "Each year I always look forward to coming to BRC Summer Darts and this has been the eighth time I've been here. And they have improved a lot and more number of players and it is managed very well. What I like to emphasise here is they can run at an international level with the awareness created by social media and through a group of people working towards making it a success," said Nancy Ambrose, president of the Malaysian Darts Association.



"In the last 10 years, BRC has really changed into a sports club. It was known more as a foodie club. From that, we have changed the image of this club to a sports club. In the sports fraternity, BRC is either the winner or runner-up in any championship of the city. The vibrancy of the place, the people coming in from international destinations and even from other states and the locals from Calcutta... It's very prestigious for us and we are very happy to host it," said Manish Rungta, president of the Bengal Rowing Club.

*Rohini Chakraborty*

Pictures: B Halder and The Bengal Rowing Club

## COMING UP



Moments from the inaugural edition of Setu, held in Calcutta in 2023

**What:** Setu — Bridging the Gap, an evening of giving, with t2

**Where:** Taj Bengal

**When:** September 26

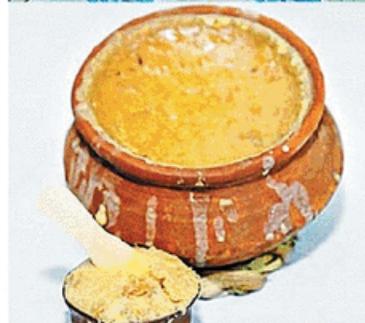
**What to expect:** Philanthropic organisation Social Venture Partners (SVP) presents the second edition of its annual fundraising gala Setu — Bridging the Gap, in association with t2. Setu, meaning 'bridge', aptly captures the essence of the event — connecting donors, corporates and philanthropists with non-profit organisations (NGO) that are driving grassroots change in the region. This edition of Setu promises to be more impactful than its debut in 2023, when it saw the participation of four NGOs who garnered a remarkable commitment of more than ₹6 crores from generous donors.

The fundraising initiative will bring together various stakeholders including philanthropists, corporate social responsibility (CSR) leaders and NGOs. Hari Menon, director - India & Lead, South & Southeast Asia of Bill & Melinda

Gates Foundation, is this year's chief guest and will provide the big-picture view of impactful giving.

This year highlights the work done by four NGOs - Garden Reach Institute for The Rehabilitation and Research, Katakali Swapnopuron Welfare Society, Future Hope and Chhaya. Each NGO will showcase their incredible work in 10-minute pitches, that have been honed through professional training. Setu will give these organisations that have demonstrated significant commitment to social impact, a platform to further their vision and build lasting connections with Calcutta's philanthropic community.

**Organiser speak:** "The event is not just about raising funds. It is about building relationships and fostering a community where both NGOs and donors grow together. Our vision is to make Calcutta a hub for engaged philanthropy, where giving is a deeply personal, yet structured and impactful journey," said Sunil Bhandari, Kolkata Chapter chairperson of SVP India.



**What:** Kolkata Flavours in Haldia — A Food Festival, with t2, partnered by t2ONLINE

**Where:** City Centre Haldia

**When:** September 27-29

**Timings:** 1pm onwards

**Expect:** Experience the culinary magic with dishes curated from iconic Calcutta eateries. Explore a wide range of biryani from Haji Biryani, fresh fish preparations from Raidighi Fish Centre, chicken delights from Poush Parbon and Dimwala, Kebabs and Rolls from China Town Roll Corner, Pav Bhaji from Agarwal's Pav Bhaji and street food delights from Ramdas Maharaj and Chat House. End your day on a sweet note with traditional sweets from Nalin Chandra Das & Sons, Baked Mihidana from Misti Bangla of Bardhaman, Mishti Doi from Mistanna Bhaban of Nabadwip, and more.

**Organiser speak:** Ramesh Pandey, vice-president, marketing and events, Ambuja Neotia Group, said, "Kolkata Flavours in Haldia — A Food Festival is our gift to the city, commemorating City Centre Haldia's 10th anniversary. This culinary celebration unites Calcutta's iconic eateries, offering an unparalleled experience for food enthusiasts. We warmly invite everyone to explore, savour, and create unforgettable memories."

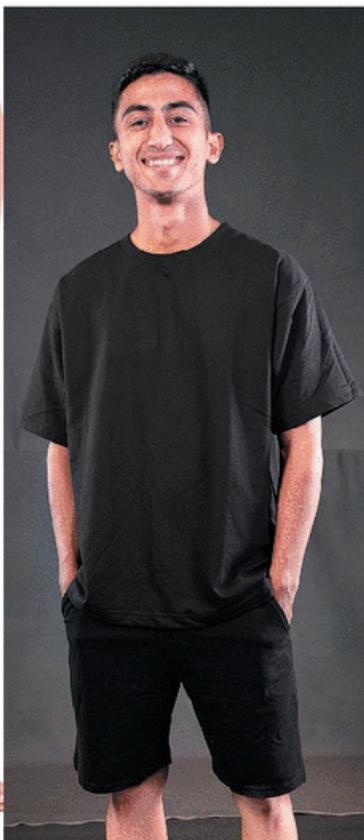
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FASHION

INSIDE MIHIRA SINGH AND KIYAN NASSIRI'S 'MOKIMI' WORLD



Mihira Singh and Kiyan Nassiri in mokimi, available at [www.shopmokimi.com](http://www.shopmokimi.com)



**H**e, a talented footballer. She, a multitasker. Together they make an adorable young millennial couple. Mihira Singh and Kiyan Nassiri. The lovebirds have now realised their long-cherished dream of venturing into their clothing line and have taken the plunge with mokimi, the first edit being made up of smart casuals and wardrobe classics.

A part of the name (ki + mi) is derived from their names. "The 'mo' is for the women who owe everything to, our moms," says Kiyan.

The brand has long been in the making. "Kiyan and I have been together for seven years and for the longest time we have been thinking of starting a brand. We just weren't sure what to do and we honestly did not have the resources to do. We had to really put thought into what we wanted to start and where we wanted to put our money because this is something we have built from scratch, ourselves. Something that always made both of us happy was clothes... shopping dates together but also making Ki search far and wide for pieces I wanted that were not available in India while he would be away for his games. So we wanted to open a brand, where the search stops when you find us. We have been growing mokimi for the last one year and finally feel confident to bring it to you. Mokimi truly is our passion turned creation," says Mihira.

Mokimi has launched with a relaxed collection of T-shirts, cropped shirts, bodycon,



Mokimi's first edit features a bunch of Kiyan and Mihira's friends

bodycon and co-ord sets. "For the first collection we didn't try to do anything revolutionary and ground-breaking but we did want to make what's already available out there, much much better. For example, we have sampled over 70 fabrics on over 20 people, ranging in sizes, to bring these pieces to life," says Kiyan. Mihira is confident of the quality. "For example, a bodysuit I own in multiple colours, I always have to end up wearing some intimate wear with it. When you wear the mokimi bodysuit you can feel comfortable without anything underneath, owing to the quality we are assuring," she says.

Mihira and Kiyan make sure they "wear and test everything". "We infused drop #001 with our favourite basics, colours, and fabrics, ensuring it captures our essence while remaining versatile for the customer," says Kiyan who sees a lot of Neymar's style in himself. "If I'm not in a jersey, I'm in shorts, slippers or easy co-

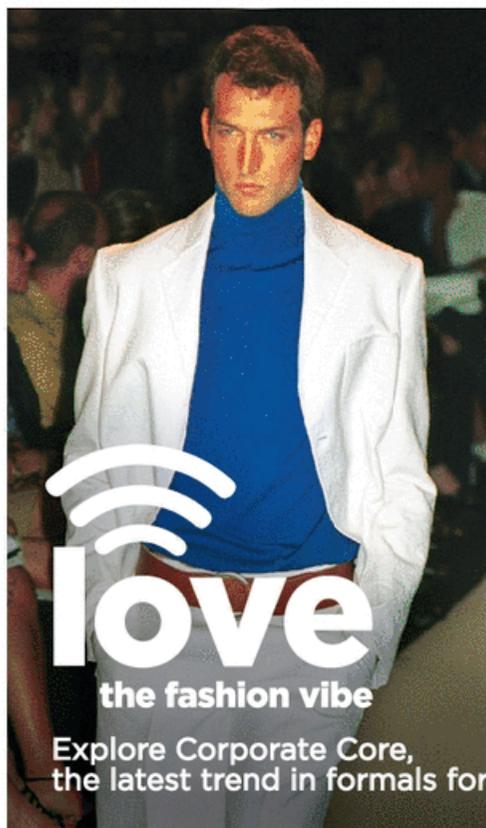
ords with sneakers," he says. For Mihira, it's Hailey Baldwin Bieber's street-style looks that serve as an inspiration, time and again.

The first edit is all the more special because it features their friends as muses. "With their different looks, we wanted to show the garments on different bodies," says Mihira, who swears by baggy pants or jeans paired with seamless bodysuits or tank tops. "But the tank tops have to be regular length now, I'm slowly over the crop-top girl era," she smiles. Kiyan loves his solid T-shirts and drawstring shorts.

The two young entrepreneurs have a vision for their brand. While Kiyan's is "to provide good quality clothes" at an affordable price, Mihira's is "to be as wanted as a SKIMS (co-founded by Kim Kardashian) is".

We wish them the best of luck!

Saionee Chakraborty  
Pictures courtesy: mokimi



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For the quintessential Bengali, rain has held romantic allure since time immemorial. There is a certain charm in the way the city transforms itself under dark monsoon clouds that brings to mind the wistful poetry of Tagore, the evocative strains of Rabindrasangeet, and scenes of lovers walking hand-in-hand along the misty banks of the Hooghly. For us, the rains are not just conditions of the weather but a season that fosters a deep sense of nostalgia; monsoon today has transcended everything else to become a muse that nurtures the Bengali love for creation, art, literature, and, above all, romance.

The trailer of the upcoming Addatimes web series *Dekhechi Tomake Srabone* was launched at Tall Tales, Fort Knox on Camac Street on September 18. Present were director Arijeet Toton Chakraborty, lead pair Soumya Mukherjee and Neha Amandeep, Tulika Basu, Aditya Bakshi, Buddhadeba Bhattacharya, and Bharat Kaul, who all play pivotal roles in the series. The music and script teams were also present to share their thoughts.

The series tells the story of Rudra (Soumya) and Ira (Neha), who each bear their own cross and are united after many a rainy day. Rudra, the son of a big promoter (Bharat), defends Ira after his father sends thugs to her house to force her and her family to surrender the property to him. Meanwhile, Ira, who lives with her parents-in-law after the untimely death of her husband (Aditya), is equally adamant about saving the house and won't be swayed by force or power. Still grieving her husband and not open to romance, she rejects Rudra multiple times before he truly proves his intentions to her, going as far as to reprimand his father for her sake. The leads both go through well-defined character arcs in the story, with Rudra evolving from a conflicted son to a man of principles willing to defy his own father, and Ira transitioning from a grieving widow to a resilient woman ready to usher in a new chapter in her life. Ultimately, the narrative is about seizing opportunities and embracing second chances as the duo overcomes personal barriers and societal pressures to find redemption and hope in each other.

The trailer launch was followed by observations

## GLIMPSES FROM THE TRAILER LAUNCH OF THE ADDATIMES SERIES DEKHECHI TOMAKE SRABONE

from the cast and crew, who praised Arijeet's direction, the story itself, and the music, which has already been raking in views on the YouTube charts.

Speaking at the launch, Arijeet said, "This is, plain and simple, a love story. Addatimes has planned to bring some love stories to audiences because we have seen a recent inclination towards crime thrillers being streamed on OTT. Our team wanted to do something different: to bring out a love story, which as a genre is currently not being made as much. That was our main goal. The story centres around the rains, wherein the monsoon of Calcutta and the innate romance in it play very central roles. We hope we have managed to bring our goals to fruition."

Tulika added, "This is my first web series for Addatimes. The name of the series itself is beautiful because in Calcutta, we automatically equate the rain with romance. The story is quite heavy and while shooting I kept wondering why this wasn't being made as a movie! Regardless, I hope everyone watches and enjoys the show. We have worked very hard on it."

"This is my second time working with Toton and I feel blessed and relevant because the directors of this generation are in a league of their own. There's a lot to learn from Toton, especially because timelines today are constantly decreasing. When I first started working,

it would take 50 to 60 days to make a film, now it takes 17 or 18 days to make a film and 11 days to make a series. The real captain of the ship is Arijeet, so I am very thankful to him. When they



Soumya Mukherjee and Neha Amandeep



Bharat Kaul and Tulika Basu



The screening of the trailer was followed by the launch of a Puja special Tall Tales menu. The cast had a great time indulging in Daab Chingri and Mishti



Aditya Bakshi



Director Arijeet Toton Chakraborty

Buddhadeba.

The lead pair of the series also made their gratitude known. "After doing *Pariah*, I started hearing from well-wishers that they didn't want me to get typecast as a villain. I got the call for this series in April, and I was worried too, because actors do tend to get typecast after a certain point. I'd like to thank Arijeet for giving me this opportunity because this was a very interesting character to play. There is a change in this character by the end of the story. He spends his childhood amidst a lot of gun violence but even in the midst of all that, he is basically a very good guy and he single-mindedly loves this girl he meets. Stories like these are the need of the hour. It is a love story, which is very rare on OTT these days, and I am very happy to have been part of it," said Soumya.

cast people like us, then we understand that we are still relevant and we try to keep doing good work and do our best," remarked Bharat.

"I play villains mostly so the fact that Toton gave me this challenge, to play a good guy for a change, is something I am grateful for. This was a fulfilling part to play and an even better experience to shoot. I believe that I have done my best for this series. I have worked with Addatimes twice before and I thought this time we needed a good love story. There is a villain in this story who turns into a hero by the end: these are not characters or stories we get to see very often. Because they are not made very often," said

*Dekhechi Tomake Srabone* also marks its heroine's first foray into the web series genre. "Many thanks are due to Arijeet for this opportunity. This is my first web series, and I'm very grateful for this chance. My favourite season is monsoon, which is the season of love. Ira is a very complex character who goes through a lot in the series but then comes the hero into her life, who sweeps her off her feet and helps her embrace herself again. I hope everyone watches the show and gives it a lot of love," said Neha.

*Dekhechi Tomake Srabone* will be available to watch on Addatimes from September 27.

Subhalakshmi Dey  
Pictures: Rashbehari Das

**FOOD**

**NAAN DOSA PAVS'S NEW DAKSHIN DELIGHTS MENU IS AN ODE TO SOUTH INDIAN FLAVOURS**

**N**aan Dosa Pavs, known for its comfort vegetarian grub in Salt Lake Sector V, has come up with a new menu that is a nod to the culinary wonders of South India, but with a special twist. From a massive dosa meant to be shared by four people to fusion dosa dishes and stuffed idlis, the menu is a fun take on South Indian food and we sure did drop by to grab a bite. Here's bringing you the deets.

**What:** Dakshin Delights menu  
**Where:** Naan Dosa Pavs, Godrej Waterside, Tower 1, Salt Lake Sector V  
**Timings:** 11am to 11pm  
**Meal for two:** ₹1,000-plus



**Bambaiya Idli:** The idli gets a Bombay-style makeover. This dish has soft idlis stuffed with flavourful Bombay vada masala that has potatoes cooked with a blend of spices, steamed and served with their special in-house garlic chutney for a spicy kick.

**Pizza Dosa:** A fusion dish, this has an open dosa topped with sweet corn, crunchy capsicum, and a topping of melted cheese, bringing in a melange of South Indian and Italian flavours. A must-try for sure.



**Pakoda Platter:** From onions to potatoes and even paneer, this platter has it all, and is a great partner for rainy evenings alongside some steaming hot filter coffee.



**Aam Panna:** A refreshing and tangy summer cooler made with green mangoes, blended with spices for a balance of sweet, sour, and salty flavours. Aam Panna is also a useful beverage when it comes to cooling down one's digestive system.



"At Naan Dosa Pavs, we are passionate about bringing together flavours that resonate with our guests. Calcutta's love for South Indian food inspired us to create the Dakshin Delights menu, blending the best of tradition with a touch of global flair. We invite all food enthusiasts to savour this special menu and immerse themselves in the rich culinary culture of South India," said Sweta Bansal and Ankita Bansal, sisters-in-law and co-owners, Naan Dosa Pavs.

*Zeba Akhtar Ali*  
 Pictures: Naan Dosa Pavs



**Bahubali Dosa:** As the name suggests, this is one massive dosa. This crispy dosa that serves four is accompanied by a flavourful assortment of chutneys and sambar.

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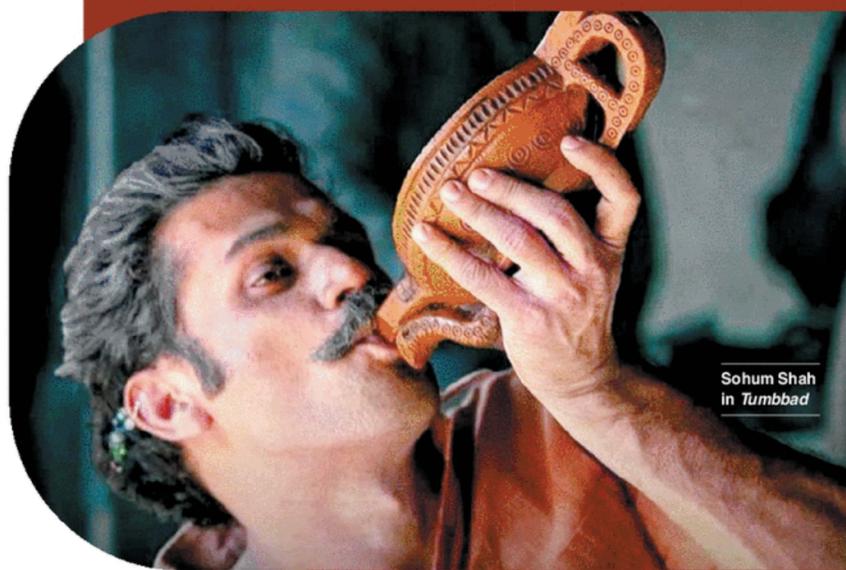
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## TUMBBAD HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST TRUMP CARD — AND THE BIGGEST TRIUMPH — OF THIS YEAR'S RE-RELEASE PHENOMENON



Sohum Shah  
in *Tumbbad*

**On social media, especially over the last few years, so many people had asked me to re-release the film. Anything I posted on social media would be met with two questions: 'When is Tumbbad 2 being made?' and 'Why don't you release Tumbbad again?' — Sohum Shah, actor and producer**

The idea for a film — which, over the years, has traversed the spectrum of genre-bending to genre-defying to finally, and rightfully, genre-defining — stayed in cold storage for almost two decades before its maker found a producer willing to back his script. That didn't materialise after a point. After several trials and tribulations — which included its original male lead dropping out when the shoot stalled — the film, with its new lead actor also co-producing it, saw the light of day in the theatres. This was 2018, exactly 25 years after its director Rahi Anil Barve had first heard a story by celebrated Marathi writer Narayan Dharap, that formed the kernel of his film. It was called *Tumbbad*.

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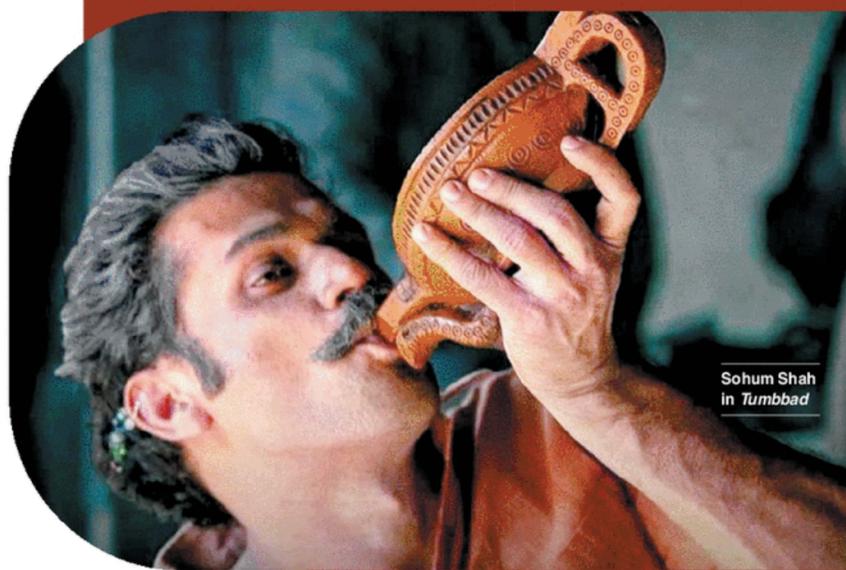
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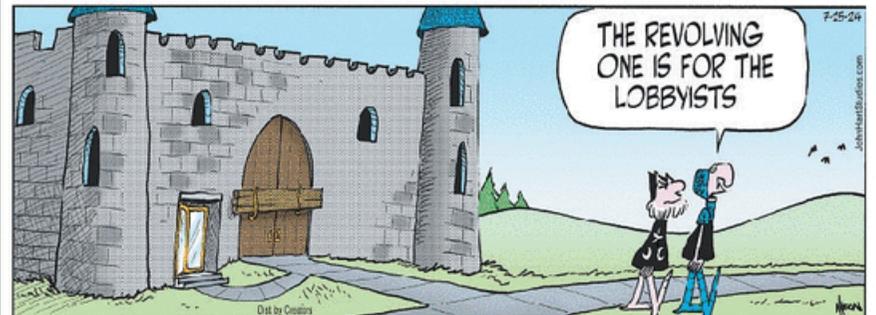
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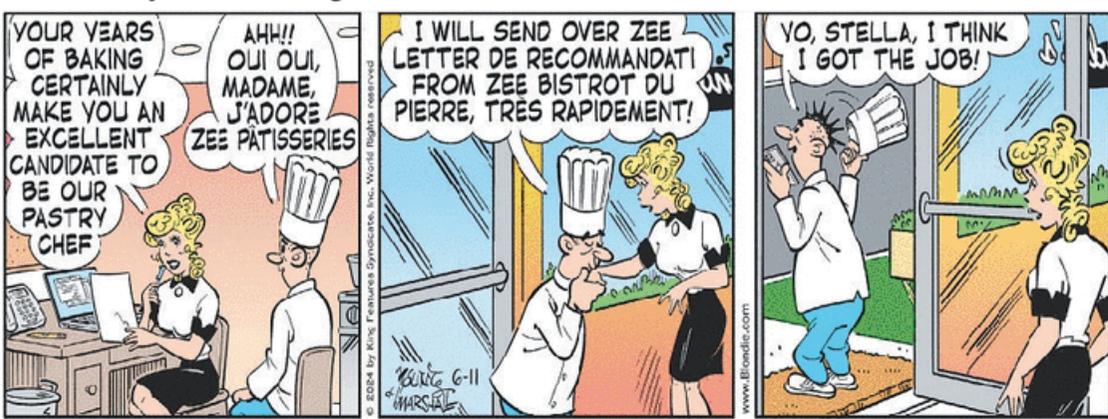
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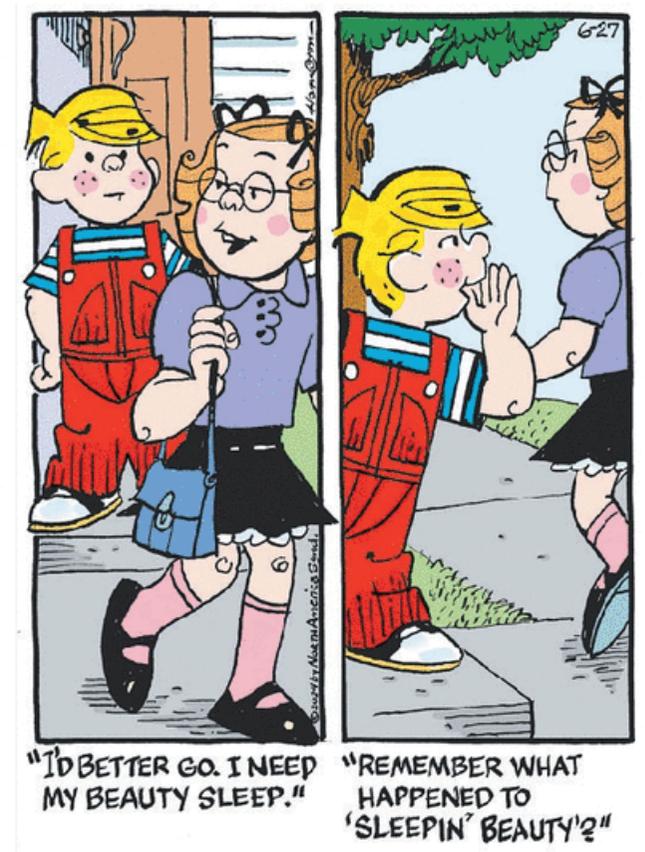
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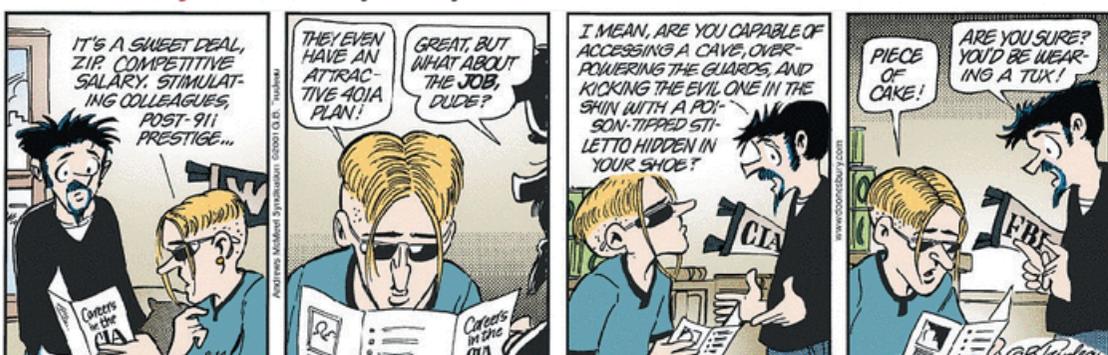
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Creature from Madrid surprisingly encased in concrete (3,7)
  - 6 Female with fantastic features (4)
  - 9 Sort of crossing made in Drake's ship? (7)
  - 10 Meals alcove described at first in letter's content (7)
  - 12 Nut locks at the front - ELe ment with screw loose? (7,6)
  - 14 Religious community needs wood and stuff (6)
  - 15 Chocolate bar enthusiast embracing a balloonist (8)
  - 17 Broadcast range right in A380? (8)
  - 19 Spear seabird we hear (6)
  - 22 Robust beer two sailors must consume? (4,3,6)
  - 24 Inept associate involved in gold rush initially (7)
- DOWN**
- 25 Resolute Armada man towing ships (7)
  - 26 First offender given new uniform (4)
  - 27 Think again about 20 son into the booze (10)
  - 1 Beef with starter ignored? It's ready for eating (4)
  - 2 Temptress greeted turning up outside Lima (7)
  - 3 I'm contented with AA, transformed and clean! (13)
  - 4 Light lifted in fleeting image (6)
  - 5 A berth for channel crossing taken? (8)
  - 7 One feeling for the little creatures? (7)
  - 8 Simple copper perhaps suspicious when wife disappears (10)
  - 11 Broken banks or flood around river in wet region (7,6)
  - 13 Make a translation? Not exactly (10)
  - 16 Nice officer perhaps in garden nobbled me (8)
  - 18 Free CD for example (7)
  - 20 Undisciplined street child protected (7)
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## Jumble

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MOCPH

FINKE

LEYTLA

KUBREE

Are you coming up for dinner?

I need to find my "Y" sections first. I could have sworn I had them in these boxes.

HIS MODEL RAILROAD HAD SO MANY PIECES THAT IT WAS HARD TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EAGLE FACET THROAT UNEASY  
 Answer: The mansion on 40 acres with ponds, gardens, a guest house and more was a - REAL ESTATE

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## QUICK CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Actors Jane and Bridget, e.g. (5)
- 4 Panorama (4)
- 7 Forest creature (4)
- 8 Stepped down (8)
- 9 Longshanks, e.g. (6)
- 10 Stadia (6)
- 11 Waxed lyrical; shoddier spa (anag) (11)
- 14 Pre-Christmas period (6)
- 16 Virgil's epic (6)
- 18 Small tropical bird (8)
- 19 Straightforward (4)
- 20 Eyelid swelling (4)
- 21 Make less dirty (5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Pasture (5)
- 2 Transcendent state (7)
- 3 Pungent (5)
- 4 Indistinct (5)
- 5 Mere lad (anag) (7)
- 6 Land mass in water (6)
- 11 Glowing (7)
- 12 Sofa (6)
- 13 Genuine (7)
- 15 Delete (5)
- 16 Caper (5)
- 17 Norwegian dramatist (5)

**Yesterday's solution**

Across: 1 Foe; 3 Tow; 5 Graf; 7 Equip; 8 Margin; 10 Draw; 11 Basement; 13 Obeyed; 14 Tundra; 17 Surround; 19 Sing; 21 Iguana; 22 Get at; 23 Kent; 24 Toy; 25 Run.  
 Down: 1 Fieldmouse; 2 Educate; 3 Type; 4 Wombat; 5 Gorgeous; 6 Agile; 9 Straighten; 12 Resonant; 15 Drifter; 16 Intact; 18 Rogue; 20 Ugly.

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**THE MOVIE JIGRA THREW VEDANG RAINA INTO THE DEEP WATER! HOW?**

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Seventeen years after the first iPhone sent the world spinning at an unprecedented speed, there is always the feeling that it would be difficult to summon any fresh wonder with a new version of the device. Apple has done exactly that with the familiar slab of delight.

Unsurprisingly, the iPhone 16 series is a delight to use, no matter the option you choose. We began with the familiar version before moving to iPhone 16 Pro Max. There's plenty to sink our teeth into.

**THING 1:** There's a faster chip inside iPhone 16: The A18 takes performance almost to the level of A18 Pro that powers the iPhone 16 Pro models. More speed is always welcome even though people are not complaining about the previous iPhone's speed.

**THING 2:** There is a better, faster camera — among the best on a smartphone. Photos are crisp and clear, with beautiful colour while low-light photos are especially impressive for a phone.

**THING 3:** You can't complain about the price because it remains the same as it was for iPhone 15 and iPhone 15 Plus and, at the same time, it comes in new bold colours.

**THING 4:** It supports a transformative technology called Apple Intelligence. Even though there will be a staggered release for it, Apple Intelligence will bring about a meaningful difference in the way we use the iPhone.

**TO REFRESH OR NOT**

iPhone 16 and iPhone 16 Plus are available in five bold colours — black, white, pink, teal and ultramarine. The only difference between the two models is the size of the screen and battery. The former has a 6.1-inch Super Retina XDR display with OLED technology while the other has a 6.7-inch screen. Battery life has received a boost on both phones.

Like last year's iPhone 15, the phones have a colour-infused glass back that gives them

a frosted look. The new colours pop and it makes me not want to cover them with a case. In fact, I am carrying the phone around

Those who rely on their iPhones for recording media will appreciate the iPhone 16's new

Audio Mix feature, which lets you edit a video to isolate a person's voice, provide a studio recording effect or give voices a more cinematic feel. We tried it after visiting 'Radio Kaku' Amit Ranjan Karmakar in Kumartuli

The iPhone 16 has an improved ultra-wide camera with better low-light photography and what Apple claims is a 2x optical quality zoom thanks to the phone's 48MP Fusion camera

**t2 REVIEW: IPHONE 16 CONCEALS SHEER POWER AND PLENTY OF AI MAGIC**



iPhone 16 has a beefier battery and a more powerful processor. Its cameras are more than capable. Pictures: The Telegraph

**AT A GLANCE**

**Device:** iPhone 16  
**Price:** Upwards of ₹79,900  
**Colours:** Black, white, pink, teal, ultramarine  
**Storage:** 128GB, 256GB, 512GB

**HIGH NOTES**

- ▶ Excellent cameras
- ▶ Unparalleled performance
- ▶ Improved battery life
- ▶ Supports Apple Intelligence
- ▶ Good choice of colours
- ▶ Audio Mix is a game-changing technology
- ▶ Camera Control makes it easier to access the camera
- ▶ Action Button helps to load a task easily
- ▶ Versatile photographic styles

**MUFFLED NOTE**

- ▶ 60Hz refresh rate

with 60Hz display for years and she doesn't care about 120Hz. Of course, a high refresh rate display is always welcome.

**PRESSING THE RIGHT BUTTONS**

There are two big hardware changes to the iPhone 16. The phone comes with the Action Button as well as Camera Control.

Action Button was introduced last year with the iPhone 15 Pro and iPhone 15 Pro Max. This year the technology has trickled down to the other models. This button is programmable, meaning you can click it to automatically load a feature, like trigger the flashlight, turn on Do Not Disturb, Shazam music or record a voice memo. I have been using the button to trigger Voice Memo since my profession requires interviewing people. The Action Button is underrated. It brings a level of customisation to the iPhone that you didn't have before.

The second hardware change is Camera Control which is new to iPhones. It's now easier to swap between shooting modes. Can you still use the control on the display? Yes. But is Camera



Control fun to use? Absolutely. You can use Camera

Control to swipe between different settings — zoom, depth, exposure... things like that. If I want to get out of the mode, I have to tap to go back to whatever the last setting that I was using and then I can press down to zoom in a little bit and take a picture. It makes the iPhone feel more like a point-and-shoot camera.

When I started using Camera Control, it took me around 30 minutes to get it right. I kept instinctively reaching for the camera icon on the screen but then things changed. Suddenly my finger doesn't obscure the screen while taking photos. It's also a lot easier to keep a shot consistent since I don't have to

Playing an AAA game like Resident Evil 4 is easy on the iPhone 16. It's a game that is the cream of the crop in graphical fidelity and it runs perfectly

move my hands as much to zoom in.

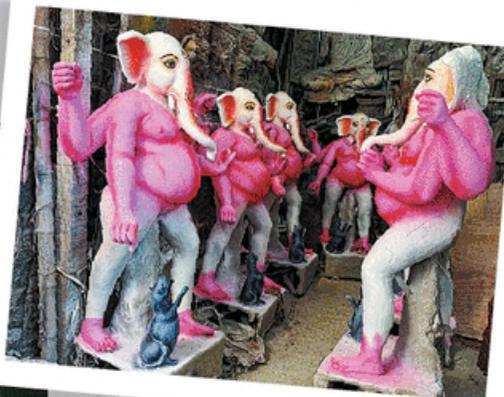
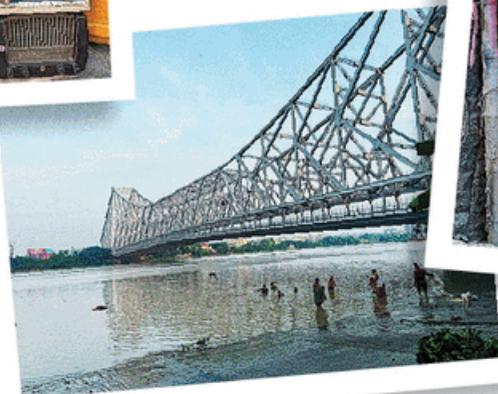
Unfortunately, the most interesting thing about Camera Control won't be coming for a few weeks — Visual Intelligence. That feature will let you launch the camera and point your phone at objects in your surroundings to learn more about them, like the business hours of a nearby restaurant.

Apple is not the first to introduce a "camera button"; Sony's Xperia 1 came with it but the implementation on the iPhone is far superior. The camera is one of the most important aspects of the iPhone and to see Apple experiment with the interface only proves that more refinements are coming in the future.

You could be wondering how Camera Control works. In simple words, there is an integration of



Then there is the real-world scenario: Users earmark a certain amount of money to buy a phone every few years. Most people who will use the iPhone 16 could be upgrading from iPhone 12 or iPhone 13 and to them 60Hz works well. My wife, for example, has been using an iPhone



The iPhone 16's photo is dramatically brighter than the iPhone 15's

The iPhone 16 and iPhone 16 Plus hold their own in the camera department →



# TECH

hardware and software. There is a tactile switch that powers the click experience, a high-precision force sensor that enables the light press gesture, and a capacitive sensor that allows for touch interactions.

Apple says that third-party apps that use the camera will also be able to take advantage of Camera Control, so Snapchat, Instagram and Halide will be able to use the slider. It's technically impressive.

You may also wonder if the addition makes sense when using the phone in vertical mode. On the iPhone 16, it's easier to use it in the vertical mode than on the larger iPhone 16 Pro Max because of the difference in weight.

## STYLE AND SUBSTANCE

One of the features that impressed me a lot is Photographic Styles. These are *not* filters.

You can use Photographic Styles to customise photos by locally adjusting colour, highlights, and shadows in real time. It has a deeper understanding of skin undertones, so users can personalise how they appear in photos. Unlike filters, which often use a one-size-fits-all approach by adding a colour to an entire scene, adjustments are applied to specific colours of a selected style.

This feature combined with the rest of the improvements can make the iPhone 15 feel old. One of the best "styles" that you can deploy is black-and-white.

## ZOOM AWAY

Apple has made a few clever updates to the iPhone 16's camera. The camera system now features a dazzling 48MP Fusion camera (f/1.6 aperture, sensor-shift optical image stabilisation) with a 2x telephoto option (52mm, f/1.6 aperture), giving users two cameras in one while a new ultra-wide camera (12MP, 13mm f/2.2 aperture and 120-degree field of view) enables macro photography. Autofocus is new in the 12MP ultra-wide, so you can take macro photos. Here I come Tickles, take care of your nose!

## AUDIO SORcery

Audio Mix is quickly becoming my favourite feature on the iPhone. New to the iPhone 16, it is meant to help those who record a lot of audio on the phone. It lets you adjust audio after shooting to enhance the voice of the person on camera. Based on my experience so far, it makes a huge difference. I was at Kumartuli where it's loud and the crowd continues to swell through the day. There's a lot of echo and it's not a great place to record audio.

Once you use Audio Mix, chances are — and I mean in most cases — you will stop using an external microphone. In fact, I am surprised that Apple is offering Audio Mix in its cheaper iPhones. This feature lets you change the audio quality of your videos — Studio mode, for example, cuts out all background noise and makes you sound like you're in a studio; Cinematic mode focuses on the people in the centre of the frame and adds in some background chatter as ambient noise. It's effective on the iPhone 16 but I feel the feature works better on the iPhone 16 Pro because it has better microphones. Disclaimer: The gap isn't very wide.

## HELLO APPLE INTELLIGENCE

The one big thing we haven't talked about yet is Apple intelligence. The iPhone 16 lineup (and last year's iPhone 15 Pro and Pro Max) is capable of running it but it won't be available at launch.

This requires some explanation. Out of the box, the phones in the new series come with iOS 18 but that doesn't include Apple Intelligence. At the moment, iOS 18.1 public beta is already out, which has some Apple Intelligence features while the final version of 18.1 software update is nearing launch. Usually, beta status gives way to a final release in two-odd weeks, so we should be looking for the software upgrade very soon.

What about the bigger features of Apple Intelligence? The company is racing to complete a major iOS 18.2 upgrade, which may include features like Genmoji, ChatGPT integration and the Image Playground app. Apple wants to get iOS 18.3 completed soon after that. The next big update after that will be iOS 18.4.

I have been playing around with some of the Apple Intelligence features as part of the developer beta programme and there is plenty of goodness. So far I've played with writing tools which can summarise and rewrite text and the new version of Siri is better at understanding you even when you stutter. What stands out is the way Apple Intelligence can summarise.

## GAMING BEAST

Since the device is powered by A18, there is a sizeable leap in performance. Built on second-generation 3-nanometer technology, an upgraded 16-core neural engine is optimised for large generative models and runs ML models up to 2x faster than the A16 Bionic chip. The 6-core CPU is 30 per cent faster than the A16 Bionic chip and faster than all the competition. It is also more power efficient and can run the same workload with 30 per cent less power than A16 Bionic. The 5-core GPU is up to 40 per cent faster and 35 per cent more efficient than A16 Bionic to power graphics performance for Apple Intelligence, and puts a powerful gaming device in users' pockets.

There is hardware-accelerated ray tracing to ensure graphics are accurately represented. The iPhone 16 supports AAA games that were previously only available on iPhone 15 Pro, as well as new titles like Honor of Kings: World with an ultra graphics mode optimised for the iPhone 16 lineup, coming next year. On our phone is Resident Evil 4 and we are looking forward to playing Infinity Nikki.

## WHICH IPHONE TO BUY

For most people, the 6.1-inch iPhone 16 works well. The non-Pro phone makes perfect sense for anyone who doesn't want to record a 30-minute film on the phone or doesn't dream to become Vishal Bhardwaj around an iPhone.

Look at what Apple has already brought to the phone — Dynamic Island, Action Button, 48MP primary camera, macro camera, Camera Control. Jumping to the Pros amounts to a higher refresh rate on the screens, faster USB speeds, a higher zoom camera, a more powerful chipset and other differences. But you may not want them. The new A18 processor is



Photographic Styles are applied during capture. On the iPhone 16 series, there is a whole new range of custom settings to help you dial in the photographic style you like



You will have to get the latest case because of the new Action Button and Camera Control



The camera alignment has been changed to help with recording spatial video

## AUDIO GA-GA

When you capture a video on iPhone 16, iPhone 16 Plus, iPhone 16 Pro, or iPhone 16 Pro Max, it records multiple formats like Spatial Audio and stereo to allow more audio customisation. Audio Mix is a feature that will redefine how we record videos. Open a video, tap Audio Mix, then choose one of the following:

- ▶ **Standard:** Play the original audio you recorded.
- ▶ **In-Frame:** Reduce sounds and voices from sources not visible in the video frame.
- ▶ **Studio:** Reduce background sounds and reverb, to make it sound more like you're recording in a professional studio.
- ▶ **Cinematic:** Put all the voices onto a front-facing track and leave environmental noises in surround, like the audio in movies.

extremely fast and appears like a binned version of the A18 Pro, which is on the iPhone 16 Pro and iPhone 16 Pro Max.

Perhaps a more important question to ask yourself is what's the storage option you should buy. If you are already an iPhone user, head to Settings->General->iPhone storage. It will show how much you are currently using. If you are bumping up against your limit, you will need to get more storage. If you have some room to spare you could drop

Camera Control on iPhone 16 and iPhone 16 Pro Max



down and save some money or stay the same but this will give you a good indicator to plan your purchase.

## PROTECTIVE COVER

Personally, I have stopped using a cover with the iPhone for the last year or so. The phone is incredibly durable — both the iPhone 16 and the 16 plus have a Ceramic Shield which is 50 per cent stronger than the last model and two times stronger than any other smartphone glass. This means way fewer shattered screens and much better protection against everyday drops and impacts. They are also water and dust-resistant with an IP68 rating so you don't have to worry about even some small spills or splashes or even a brief submersion in the water.

But you may still want a case for the phone. For the new phone you have to purchase a new cover because of the additions to the hardware, namely Action Button and Camera Control. The Camera Control cutout is important because it's a touch-sensitive control. When you put pressure on the case at that point, the Camera Control will work. Also, the flashlight now has a specific hole instead of being inside the camera square. Of course, the alignment of the cameras has changed... not because the designers had nothing else to do! The alignment will help to record spatial videos.

## MAKE THE CALL

It would have helped had Apple Intelligence come out of the box and if 120Hz refresh rate were supported.

Everything you do on an iPhone is improved by a better chipset: Games and applications run faster and Apple Intelligence is waiting to take advantage of A18. Battery life has also improved. The iPhone 16 offers up to 22 hours of video playback while the 16 Plus stretches that to 27 hours.

With the iPhone 16, it's not just a change in the series number; it's what's in a phone — plenty of amazing technology and some of it indeed feels like wizardry.

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**IT'S FOODTASTIC AT BOMBASTIC! t2 CHECKED OUT SOME NEW ADDITIONS TO THE MENU**

**J**ust eight months old but Bombastic on Park Street has carved a niche in the culinary scene for its menu, vibe and music. If you drop by on a weekday, you would notice the place is busy in the evening and guests are simply tucking into yum food. Keeping that in mind, the Euro-Asian outlet has added many new dishes in both the drinks and food segments. Gin and tequila cocktails dominate the new addition list with around 16 new sips on the menu, whereas the food menu has many shareable plates and other gourmet dishes to please your palate.

"Our menu is a culinary tribute which blends tradition with modern. Our laboratory is our kitchen where we are doing everyday research and create new dishes. Each dish has a story to tell. It's a vibrant celebration symbolising unity and love," said Subhadeep Roy, executive chef (*inset*).

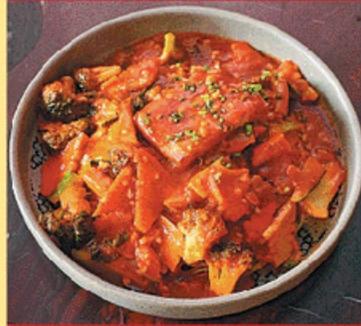


t2 dropped by for lunch and came back satiated!

**What:** New menu at Bombastic  
**Where:** Celica Park, 6th Floor, 24 Park Street  
**Timings:** Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday (noon to midnight), Friday-Saturday (noon-2am). The restaurant remains shut on Monday  
**Meal for two:** ₹2,500-plus (with cocktails) ₹1,500-plus (without cocktails)



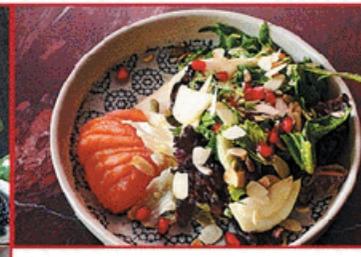
**Non-Veg Dimsum Basket** comes with three baskets filled with three kinds of piping hot momos — Prawns and Chives Har Gau, Coriander Chicken Gyoza and Pak Choy Wrapped Chicken. Available in vegetarian options as well.



**Aji Panca Noodles** has pan-fried udon cooked in Peruvian style with cottage cheese, pepper and other crunchy veggies. This spicy-sweet noodle dish is a meal in itself and can be shared.



**Love Brussels sprouts?** Then you will love Veg Kung Pao Brussels that has crunchy Brussels Sprouts tossed in kung pao sauce along with nuts, mint and red chillies.



**Vegetarian Citrus Salad** is a colourful salad with oranges and pomelo tossed in a yummy honey, lemon, mustard and orange juice reduction along with pears, green apples and a mix of crunchy lettuce. It's garnished with toasted almonds for the nutty touch.



Adding to their list of existing delish pizzas is this Mediterranean Pizza, a Neapolitan pizza with spinach, black olives, artichokes, red onion, and crumbled feta topping! Exquisite.



**Pandan Leaf Wrapped Cottage Cheese** is a delectable dish comprising super soft cottage cheese grilled with in-house tonkatsu sauce, wrapped in pandan leaves and garnished with sesame seeds on top. The taste borders around sweet, spicy and mildly tangy.



This pretty cocktail, **Apricot and Bitters** should be bookmarked by a vodka lover. Campari with a hint of spices and bitters blends perfectly with vodka.



**Banana Old Fashion** will make you fall in love with its simple notes and simpler ingredients like whisky old-fashioned flavoured with banana and coconut ice. This has no added sugar and tastes too good!

**Pramita Ghosh**  
 Pictures: Pabitra Das

**FASHION**

**t2 GETS YOU THE FIRST LOOK OF ANVI COUTURE, A NEW DESIGN DEN IN SOUTH CALCUTTA**

**A**nvi Couture, the three-year-old fashion brand, started in California by Calcuttan Pranati Sur, had debuted in the city with a collection of Benarasi saris, earlier this year. Taking her design dreams forward, Pranati launched a store on Rashbehari Avenue, earlier this month. Spread across 330sqft, the dainty design den is themed in white-and-gold,

embodying minimalist aesthetic in its interior, complementing her vibrant collection.

The LED display units, ceiling-to-floor mirrors and a trial room on the mezzanine floor make it well-equipped to give a satisfying shopping experience. The store's vibrant display includes Benarasi, embroidered saris, ruffle saris, designer blouses, lehngas and fusion dresses. A special facility available at

the store is to opt for customised tailoring according to one's needs.

"My goal was to create a space where customers can find exceptional designer outfits and receive personalised service. I wanted to build a brand where people feel valued and connected. One can find exquisite and trending contemporary ethnic wear from an eclectic range displayed in the store," said Pranati.

**What:** Anvi Couture  
**Where:** 61, Rashbehari Avenue (opposite Lake Mall)  
**Timing:** 11.30am to 8.30pm (Monday to Saturday. Open on all days till Diwali)



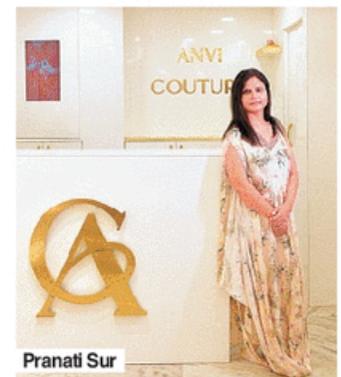
The 330sqft store, done up in subdued tones, embodies minimalism in its interior decor to highlight the glam outfits



The suit and sari section stands out in vibrant hues



A section for blouses to team up with the saris



Pranati Sur

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