

**FOOD**

**SELFIE BOOTH TO STREET FOOD AT BAISAKHI BLAST IN ECOSPACE, WITH t2**



**What:** Baisakhi Blast, organised in association with t2  
**Where:** Ecospace, New Town  
**When:** April 10 and 11

Friends Pubali Dutta, Apurba Mallik and Tulika Bose had fun clicking selfies at the live selfie kiosk. "I love clicking selfies! This was a totally different way of clicking one, though!" said Pubali, who also won a prize for naming sweets from memory as the emcee called them out. "I guess it's my lucky day!" she grinned.



White-collar workers took time out to relax and binge. One of the most popular counters was Bhel Junction, which served up *paani puri* and *bhel puri*.



Rachna Sethi (left) and Manjari Choudhary were on a break from a hectic day at work and "absolutely loved" the *tikki-chaat* they were clicked digging into. "We've just begun eating — there's so much to choose from!" they chorused.



A group of friends dig into sweets from Nalin Chandra Das & Sons where the pop pick for many was the *Chocolate Rice mishi*.

At the end of Day Two, everyone just ended up dancing on the floor!



On-the-spot contests, which included the participants being asked to repeat tricky tongue-twisters, kept the participants guessing for a shot at the prizes. There was also a bhangra performance and a live DJ set.



**A fashion show on Friday.**  
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**POILA BAISAKH BITES @ SPENCER'S EPICUISINE**

**Machher Paturi Puff** (Rs 60) retains the taste of the actual dish in its new avatar

The **Lau Chingri Pie** (Rs 65), which includes bottle gourd, mustard and coconut milk, "has the potential to challenge most of the famous pies around the world", said chef Samiul Basier

For those who frequent a bakery more for its sweet dishes, there is the **Nolen Gurer Mousse** (Rs 55). "People associate a bakery with its mousse, so we decided to give it a Bengali twist by adding *nolen gur*, one of Calcutta's favourite ingredients, in the equation," explained chef Tanmoy Basu, co-manager, Epicuisine

The **Kosha Mangsho Puff** (Rs 65) has just the right amount of spice

**E**picuisine, the bakery at Spencer's in Quest mall, has added four new items to its existing menu for Poila Baisakh. Available till April 20, it now packs in a power bite of Machher Paturi Puff, Lau Chingri Pie, Kosha Mangsho Puff and Nolen Gurer Mousse. "There are certain dishes that are very typical of any Bengali meal. We decided to incorporate that into our menu by transforming them into a baked goods format, and these were the results," said chef Samiul Basier, the co-manager at Epicuisine, who may add the items to the menu permanently "depending on feedback".

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