

## STREET FOOD FESTIVAL @ JHAAL FAREZI

**P**huchka, bhelpuri, jhaal muri, kotkoti, ghugni, peyaji — all the mouth-watering snacks synonymous with the streets of Calcutta found a place of pride at Jhaal Farezi last weekend where the restaurant held a street food festival.

Not only food, guests got the feel of a typical Calcutta street complete with street singers, jugglers, performers, balloon-wallah, books and junk jewellery on sale.

“The Jhaal Farezi menu already has a section on street food. We thought winter is the best time to have the best of Calcutta vendors doing some fabulous chaats along with some of the street food we are making. We added the street music, dance and shopping experience to make it a perfect leisurely Calcutta walk experience,” said Madhu Neotia.

Hence, a band playing old and new pop numbers, a bookshop selling cookbooks, a junk jewellery kiosk and even a parrot picking a card to predict your future added to the street ambience.

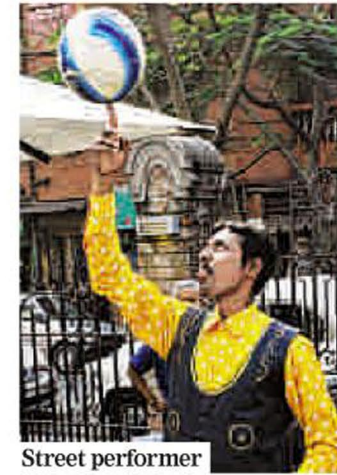
On the menu were *ganne ka juice*, *daab*, *badam sherbet*, *bhelpuri* and *jhaal muri*, *chanachur*, *kotkoti*, *gathiya*, *phuchka*, *papri chaat*, Chinese *bhel*, *ghugni pao*, *parathas*, *peyaji*, cutting chai and paan.

**Sibendu Das**

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“The *phuchkas* are very good. I also enjoyed the *parathas* and *kulchas*. And who said street food is always unhealthy? Look at this *daab*. This is the healthiest street food I guess!” said Madhu Neotia.



Street performer



For Sundeep Bhutoria, *phuchka* is the “king of street food”. How was it? “*Jhaal* at Jhaal Farezi,” pat came his reply!



Ghugni



Chana Chapta



Parrot the fortune-teller



Ganne Ka Juice

## VOICES



“She is my friend,” said Zahra Javed, KG I student of Loreto Day School, introducing us to her balloon friend!



“This is a nice concept. You can enjoy a typical street scene of Calcutta without worrying about the traffic!” said Aritra Chakrabarty (left), who came with her advocate colleague from Calcutta High Court.