Sometimes things are all about getting used to. This is also the case with Bandra which just cannot do without celebrities.

Richa Desai shares a detailed account of the starry presence in Bandra.

“Oh my god, did John Abraham pass me by?” gasps Sana Nizami, “Ranbir Kapoor and I share the same walk time!” grins Mithila Somaiya.

Expressions abound! It’s a rare occasion that when in Bandra you haven’t seen a celebrity. Enough has already been said and written about the quirks and quintessential characteristics that make Bandra the official ‘hotbed’ of latest happenings in the city.

For those of you who haven’t yet bumped into one, Hearsh Bakery and Candies is a perfect place to watch it happen. While you go on to have your favourite chocolate cake, don’t be surprised if the cherry on it turns out to be your favourite celebrity sitting next to you!

Sipping hot cappuccino at Barista or hogging the salads at JATC, don’t be surprised if the eyes of the customers at Zenzi or pasta at Olive - there is no missing of a quiet entry by one of your favourite celebrity. It is not just about the restaurants and the coffee shops any more. It’s about the starry phenomenon that strikes these places time and again. “It’s not only about Bollywood, we bump into many familiar faces from other fields in Bandra!” says Mithila Somaiya.

WOW, that’s just the start. Various other well-known places - models, socialites, etc. are sure to catch your eye when working out at the gym or slogging out at Jogger’s Park. “I always end up seeing Niketan Madhok (from ‘Bheegi Bheegi’ fame) at either Basilico or at JATC, says Bandra resident, Saleh Khan, with a smile. “Poison is one place where I get to see my favourite celebrities. You just can’t miss them” agrees Suhani Duttani, a 22 year old Bandra resident.

This suburb has its calling for everything - shopping, business, and real estate - superb blend of hangouts and not to mention the ever increasing dance classes conducted by famous choreographers. A combination of modern lifestyle and age old charm of Bandra will always have simple subjective brand ambassadors - Linking Road, bakeries, and churches to traditionally designed houses. But the role of celebrities in adding the charm to these attractions and culture has become invincible.

PLACES & FACES:

- Olive, Zenzi, JATC, Poison, Out of the Blues, CCD (carter road), Gloria Jean (turner road) are few of the places which hardly miss celebrity presence.
- Bandstand, Carter Road, Almeida Park, Pali Hill are few of the residential areas which is the home of one of the famous celebrities.
- MMRDA - BKC Grounds (Bandra (east)) is the ultimate place in the city for concerts. It has witnessed national and international acts over the years entertaining the city. Bryan Adams, Roger Waters are amongst the few famous and legendary musicians who have performed here.