

Supernova

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 Somaya. “Is that Kunal Kapoor sipping coffee at a table next to me?” freaks out Naimisha Jani.

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, Hearsch 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 (need I spell that?!), mocktails 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 also bump into

many familiar faces from other fields in Bandra!” points out Mithila Somaiya, a mass media student who stays at Nargis Dutt Road in Bandra. From directors like Subhash Ghai at Carter Road, Amol Gupte at Khar, to the King Khans of Bollywood, Bandra has them all. From ad guru Prahlad Kakkar to legendary sportsman Sachin Tendulkar, biggies from virtually every profession seem to have chosen this suburb as their ultimate home.

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WOW, that’s just the start. Various other well-known faces - models, socialites, etc. are sure to catch your eye when working out at the gyms 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, Sabah 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.

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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.

