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It's time for a tea party with a BANGLADESHI STORY

A deshi party is all about nostalgia, connection, and celebrating the simple joys of togetherness. It is more than a ritual and even in the city's rush, a cup shared with friends can feel like home. It is an occasion where laughter brews stronger than the tea, and stories pour freely.



It would be wrong to think that the season for a deshi tea party is well past its Baishaki prime. Traditionally, teas have always been more about bonding, where the setting and the food took a backseat. That, however, has long since changed. As the season shifts to a chilly setting, one can never say no to dressing up in their smartest casuals and attending high tea that serves as a diversion to the drudgery of daily life.

A millennial might recall gatherings of the nineties under the cosy shade of a tree on a well-manicured, green lawn. Such spaces have long since disappeared and few are left with the luxury of arranging such nature-inspired gatherings. However, if you have a veranda decked out with plants and ferns, place two garden chairs and you will have an ideal setting.

Food does not need to be grand for a tea to work. It can simply be a menu featuring salty lemonades, coconut water, puris/parathas, and tiny shingaras. In this busy, metro-life of ours, friends often do not have time to spend quality hours together, let alone enjoy a cup of tea. This small gesture, even if it is in a veranda, might sweeten your bond a bit, chit-chatting about the future or reminiscing about the yonder days.

These zero-stress, fun weekend afternoons, where a little effort goes a long way, can keep you in high spirits throughout the week. These are like nourishment for the soul.

Tea is not just about reminiscing the past; it is a present-day reality. The newer generation may have become more inclined to the coffee culture but they have not forgotten the charm of a good old tea party. They are still the perfect way to lighten one's spirit and be glad about the niceties of life!

A tea party, especially the deshi style one, reminds us that the best conversations do not need appointments, and that hospitality, at its truest, can also be shared over a cup!

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