

Dressing for **BAISHAKH** and beyond

We Bengalis wait with bated breath throughout the year for the auspicious moment when all that is old and heavy upon our souls is washed away with newer, glad tidings. Making way for fresh energy that will bring goodness, joy and peace is hence embraced and celebrated with tremendous pleasure!



It is a fact universally accepted that we Bengali ladies love our sarees! It is the attire that makes our souls sing and sets our hearts aflutter with joy. Suffice to say that for Pahela Baishakh and the hot and humid days that follow, our first choice is always the saree! One is truly spoilt for choice as our local designers come up with fantastic designs for Baishakh that cater to every whim, fancy, and price point.

Gorod is timeless and will always look beautiful and resplendent when worn with traditional

jewellery, and khopa adorned with beli phool. Jamdani is another favourite that will always look good in any shape and form.

Many designers have given a modern twist to handloom fabrics such as Muslin and Rajshahi silk, which are lovingly embroidered with karchupi, aari, and zardozi, but the blouse is the main character. With ruffles like clouds around the neckline of the blouse, the outfit is instantly elevated from traditional to high fashion!

Another interesting option



is a halter neck blouse with an embellished neck and back that will give an appealing yet sophisticated twist to your saree. Perfect for fashionistas traversing through continents and cultures with aplomb, these blouses will surely add a fabulous feather to one's fashion quotient!

For those craving to try something different, fusion outfits are a great idea. A draped saree worn with a Chinese collar blouse with the waist cinched in with a belt is a great idea to blend eastern style with western influences. Another idea is pairing a dhoti

with a kurta-style blouse with the dupatta draped over the shoulder like one would a saree. A red silk cape worn over a white draped skirt will look fabulous and fun for those keen on pushing boundaries of fashion this summer!

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