



It's a royal treat

Maharaja presents cuisine of a bygone era

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✓ In the city for the food festival titled *The Park's Royal Culinary Journey of Sailana*, Maharaja Vikram Singh of Sailana (Madhya Pradesh) is here to give a taste of the recipes his grandfather Maharaja Dilip Singh, started collecting.

"My grandfather was once stranded during a *shikar* expedition. With nothing to eat, he

then realised it was time that he picked up the nuances of cooking," says Vikram.

Touring with his wife, Vikram talks about how she helps him with the "talking" part in the kitchen. "Food during royal times was prepared in the open, with family members around and lots of talking," he says.

Other than his passion for cooking, Vikram is also passion-

ate about photography and also talks fondly about the Greyhound races that used to take place during the time of his grandfather. Not worried about people's feedback, the Maharaja says, "My father always told me that you should never ask a person whether they enjoyed the food or not. Just observe them, if they take a second helping, then that means it's well-appreciated."

Vikram Singh with his wife Chandrakumari