

# Khana Khazana of Sailana-pride of Kolkata

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KOLKATA: Sailana is not just a place or the name of an erstwhile princely state.

Sailana means a tryst with the culinary art and an exploration of the science of gastronomy. For generations the royal family of Sailana has pursued the art and the science with unerring devotion.

It started with Maharaja Dilip Singh Ji K.C.I.E of Sailana who had a passion for food and collected recipes of the bygone era. He made it his mission to translate ancient recipe books written in Sanskrit, Urdu and Persian to preserve them for posterity. A story goes that in 1905, impressed with his prowess, the then Nizam of Hyderabad gave him a recipe which was a well guarded secret of the royal kitchen of Hyderabad. Following the foot

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**Maharajah Vikram Singh of Sailana and Chef Diwan with the royal spread of Sailana in front of them.**