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### Bengali Cuisine in the Suburbs of Mumbai

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Krishna Hunda, Cooking in the middle of Haveli in Mumbai

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Kathryn Hardy Cooking on the griddle at Hangla's in Mumbai.

It's no secret that Mumbai, with its economic might and reputation as "the city of dreams," attracts migrants and transplants from all over India.

Among this crowd, there's a sizable contingent of Bengalis, homesick for the kabobs and biryanis of Calcutta. Luckily for them — and for food-curious visitors — the quickly expanding chain Hangla's (Bengali for "glutton") is making Calcutta-style street food increasingly available, particularly across the city's northern suburbs.

While Hangla's (Opposite Royal Accord, Lokhandwala Circle, Andheri West, 91-98-2048-0495; also in Malad, Bandra, Andheri East, and Powai) is a no-frills roadside spot — patrons eat on the sidewalk or inside their cars — its pedigree is more venerable. The items served first arrived in Calcutta during the 19th century, with the arrival of the exiled [Nawab of Oudh](#).

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Mr. Ghosh staffs his restaurants with descendants of families who cooked for the Mughals. They turn out tender mutton and chicken rolls, spiced with fresh lime juice, red onion, finely chopped green chili, and salt (60 to 70 rupees, about \$1.30 to \$1.50) -- add an egg to your parantha (flatbread) for another five rupees. Or try the aromatic, saffron-tinged biryani — a rice dish with chicken or mutton — served Kolkata-style with potatoes and a boiled egg (70 to 80 rupees for a half-portion, easily enough for one person).

Envious South Mumbai residents won't be missing out for much longer: Mr. Ghosh is poised to open up the newest Hangla's in Colaba shortly.

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