

Momo Memories: NE Momo Fest 2017



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Guwahati is again waking up to the lip-smacking taste of sumptuous momos. The dates for this festival are August 25, 26 and 27, 2017 at Assam Engineering Institute Chandmari field. This momo festival presented a promising culinary display of taste, flavours and dimensions of momos from different parts of Guwahati city and from the neighbouring states of [Arunachal Pradesh](#), Sikkim and [Meghalaya](#). These festivals are geared to lure the food-loving city crowd whose existence depends on the most happening events in town.

I chose to visit the stall on
August 26, 2017 in the afternoon



under the scorching sun. I had
imagined that the festival will
have all the momo vans which
are the favourite hangouts for
young people all around the city.

After an entry fees of Rs.30 [one](#)
can enter the venue I was
pleasantly surprised with
colourful stalls and music
playing on the background.

There was no scope for binge
eating or whimsical shopping for
momos. [One](#) had to plan [one](#)'s
budget and exchange the money
for paper notes which were
considered as momo currency.

After a quick look at the stalls and their products, I decided to exchange my money for a fair [deal](#). Exotic tastes of momos in diverse varieties were available. There were known restaurants from Guwahati city which opened up their closed kitchens to lure the momo-lovers. When I went for the festival then only a few stalls were open because of the heat. But the evening seems to be more packed. People came for the DJ beats and the rock show which kept the music flowing along with each bite of mouth-watering momo. Young people in school and college uniforms thronged the stalls in search of their favourite flavours some trying to exchange their hard earned pocket money as well. I settled for a mixed platter of both sweet and savoury momos all in [one](#) plate to be able to taste the best of all flavours. In [one](#) stall I saw fish dhaniya momo which caught my attention but could taste it as it was not yet ready.

Somewhere they sold Chicken Cheese Momos, again somewhere Chocolate Momos. It was indeed a display of creativity, competition and food diversity with the larger context of Momos. [One](#) of the stall owners explained to me that Momos originated in Tibet and [Arunachal](#) and now people have innovated new taste and flavours. It was indeed a delightful food digging experience. I enjoyed the Afghani Momos, Soy Pepper Momos and Tandoori Momos and wondered how food connected the flavours beyond borders and territorialities. Some people looked for authentic momo tastes while others wanted to experiment with exotic flavours. The prices ranged from Rs.60 for 6 pieces to whopping Rs. 300 also for a set of 9 pieces. In fact branding of momos took place to add dynamic variety to the momo platter. When I visited the stalls most of the stalls were serving fresh momos in plastic plates. There was one counter which taught how to make fluffy momos in 30 minutes also for a cost of Rs. 100. I kept wondering whether anyone would share their [trade](#) secrets for Rs. 100 so easily. But all I can say is that variety is the spice of life. Momolicious fans can really enjoy their taste buds in this unique and music flavoured momo [fest](#) in Guwahati. Just wished the weather didn't play a spoil sport to make every momo bite memorable.

While you enjoy the flavours of [North East Momo Fest](#) 2017 as there is one more day to go, I gorge into my plate of exotic momos with thousand twists.

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