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Vidya Tiwari, Punchi Mehtani and Madhavi Kapoor

## Foodies ahoy!

**T**HE afternoon was a food lover's delight as Ritika and Rohit Tickoo hosted a relaxed luncheon at Pune Marriott Hotel and Convention Centre's Pan-Asian vegetarian restaurant, Shakahari, on Sunday. It was quite an arty affair as we saw well-known Marathi filmmaker Kranti Kanade, sculptor Abir Patwardhan, artist Ketaki Pimpalkhare and tribal artist Punchi Mehtani in attendance. Also spotted at the do were Vidya Tiwari, Madhavi Kapoor, Preeti Broker Parikh, Manisha Gutmann, Satish Gokhale, Devyani Moongali, Falguni Gokhale and Shekhar Pimpalkhare.

The crimson-hued restaurant presented a delectable array of cuisines at this private lunch. The warm afternoon offered a cool experience with a vibrant display of 18 different types of iced tea. The guests were able to explore the world of vegetarian dishes as Thai chef Pensiri Pattanachaeng offered a host of scrumptious appetizers from the Evo Grill, providing a choice of Jain, Marwari, Thai and Malaysian preparations. It was an enjoyable culinary journey as the guests relished dishes including Scal-



Ketaki Pimpalkhare, Kranti Kanade and Preeti Broker Parikh



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lion pancakes, Som tam salad, Thai green curry and Japanese rolls.

After the delightful meal, the guests were seen digging into the desserts such as Mango cheese cakes, Black currant pastries and Apple and berry crumble. As the lunch tête-à-tête drew to a close, a smiling Ritika Tickoo said, "The afternoon was a palette of laughter, good food and great conversations." The lunch was a delightfully unusual experience on a tranquil Sunday afternoon!



Ritika and Rohit Tickoo



Abir Patwardhan, Falguni Gokhale and Shekhar Pimpalkhare