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RACE TO THE FINISHING LINE, GOBBLING MOMOS!

Three, two, one... go! Speed was of the essence as a group of foodies battled it out at Momo I Am's momo-eating competition on July 23.

The rules were simple. In three preliminary rounds, the contestants had 45 seconds to finish eating 10 chicken or veg momos. The individual who ate the most would secure a spot in the final round. The momos had to be polished off entirely in order to count. The 60-second finale, challenging participants with 10 momos, with five more set aside as a reserve. The finalists won Momo I Am food vouchers worth Rs 500 each; the champion received an additional voucher of Rs 1,000.

"This competition is held to get customers involved and to bring fun to the restaurant. This is the second one we've held across our restaurants, and it is going well," said co-owners Reeve and Prakash Yonzon.

What: Momo-eating competition
Where: Momo I Am, 2nd Cross Road, Bidhan Nagar, CD 18, Sector I, Salt Lake



It was a lively atmosphere as customers cheered on the competitors and clicked the amusing expressions. Many onlookers gasped in amazement as the contestants chomped their way to win the momo crown.



Kezzanj Bhutia lost in the preliminary round, complaining the momos were "too spicy". "I might compete again, and if I do, I will practise at home. I am not upset about losing, it is just for fun! I really like this restaurant, it has great food and service," he said.



Winner of round one, **Vedant Khemka** chuckled after gobbling 10 momos in 45 seconds. Not surprising that he was too full to chat!

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Barnasundar Biswas ate a whopping 26 momos. The preliminary round saw him devour 12 pieces in 45 seconds and polishing off 14 momos in the decider. "I feel very good, not sick at all, but don't ask me to eat again! My advice to future contestants would be to just eat fast, that's all you need to do," said the champ.

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