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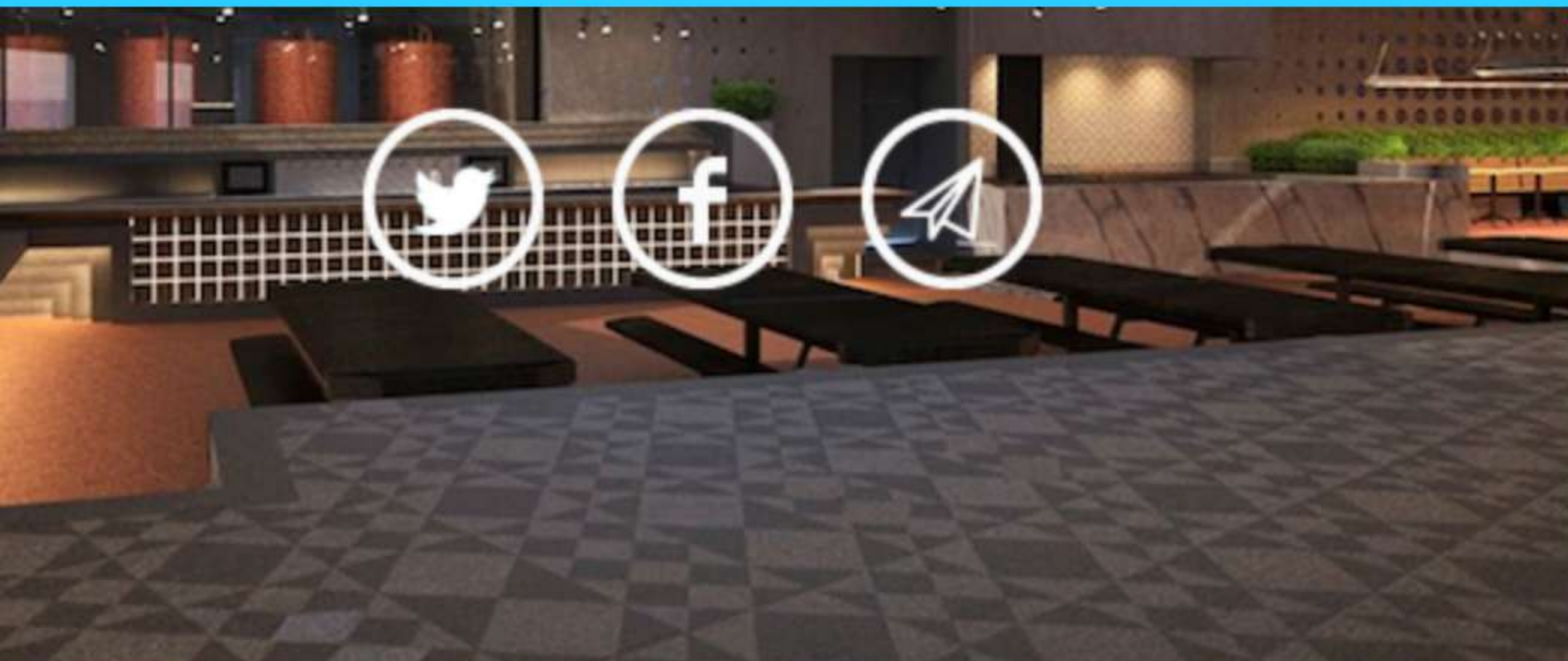
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bpb Review: The Druid Garden, Sahakarnagar



Pina coladas, pumpkin ice cream and pests who need good manner guides.



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When you are promised a druid in a garden, magic potions must be ladled, and on that count, The Druid Garden delivers. This new micro-brewery's beer taps may be running dry (slated to launch in a month) but they have a list of 15 cocktails that would make Getafix proud.

We're here nursing a Sorcerer's Sling, a fuzzy mélange of cold-pressed pineapple juice, gin and liqueur that goes down smoothly. The Smoking Pistol appears with the theatrics of an actual smoking gun, which makes us yawn; the shot of vodka in it however, shows us that ennui is better saved for another bit of this show.

The huge multi-level terrace is packed despite it being a school night, milling with expats, families and kids who run amok and might benefit from a refresher course in manners. If there was ever a time to present a Smoking Pistol, this would be it.

At the end, we return to our roots with an order of Travancore fish curry so tangy and delicious, we order a second heap of red rice to soak it up.

Better Guac Next Time

The menu is large and travels around the world, bringing back souvenirs like Thai shrimp poppers, mushroom Arepa from Argentina and stuffed tamales. Golden-crumbed and nicely fishy, the poppers hit the spot right away; and the mini Arepa is nothing more than a tasty mushroom panini. The vegetarian tamale fails mostly because of its accompaniments: insipid beans and tasteless guacamole that needs more pizzazz. At the end, we return to our roots with an order of Travancore fish curry so tangy and delicious, we order a second heap of red rice to soak it up. Fresh fish and a side of papad complete this ensemble.

Next Of (Pump)kin

The only thing that tops the curry is a lightly spiced scoop of pumpkin ice cream – perfect for the holidays –served with crisp banana tostones.

The price point and the distance make compelling arguments not to visit The Druid Garden (that lacklustre guac doesn't help, either), but sometimes, in order to expand your horizons, you have to pack your things and travel. And drink a good pina colada.

Getting there: 40/1, Century Corbel, Sahakarnagar Main Road, call 46777777, approximately Rs 3,400 for a meal for two with one drink each.

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