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# Currying flavour in haute Paris

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Curry chefs in Chandni Chowk, this one is for you. Your hot 'n' spicy Indian curry will be the flavour of the world. King of Curry, playboy-turned-hotelier Vikram Chatwal and director Vijay Singh's forthcoming movie, *One Dollar Curry*, is being touted by *The Guardian* as this year's most 'sensational crossover' movie.



Inspired by the mouth-watering cuisine of Dilli's *dhabas*, *One Dollar Curry* is being touted as the most sensational crossover film this year

Not only that, curry kings in Paris could give *Dilli's nukkad* curry chefs tough competition, as Passage Brady, the *bhaaji bazaar* of Paris and the place where the film has been shot, becomes popular.

Paris-based director Vijay Singh says his muse for *One Dollar Curry* were his curry days in Delhi University. 'I had an open

account in all *dhabas* of Dilli, specially one at St Stephen's. All my girlfriends ate curry there and billed it to me," says Singh.

The film has autobiographical underpinnings of the *chakarbaaz* hero, who ends up as the alter ego of the NRI dreaming to make it big in videsh. 'There's so much similarity between Nishan, the film's protagonist, and me," says Chatwal, the star of the film, "I too had a romantic dilemma: to choose between an Indian and a foreign girl. I'm also a *chakarbaaz*. In New York, there were times I was compelled do a bit of 'wheeling and dealing' to get ahead." Curry on!

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