

How Kolkata is Making Waves with its Emerging Cocktail Culture

6 bars in the 30BestBars 2022 Top 50 list

As you know, we've been working with the entity [30BestBarsIndia](#), the country's only independent bar ranking and awards platform, which has just unveiled its 2022 edition of the Top 50 bars in the country. What is interesting is that this year, due to a three-way tie, the list features 53 names – of which, **six bars are from Kolkata**. These include a mix of pubs, cocktail bars, lounge bars, and microbreweries.

Gone are the days when Mumbai or Delhi were the only cities considered to have a lively bar scene. The once 'sleepy town' of Kolkata is more awake than ever before and is beginning to play a prominent role in shaping India's cocktail culture. With six bars in the Top 50 List, the city is becoming a hotspot for innovative cocktails as names such as Olterra, LMNOQ Skybar, Sorano and many others are catching the attention of beverage connoisseurs from across the country.

A key force driving this growth is the emergence of strong bar programs and experienced bartending talent. This has led to more experimentation with new and indigenous ingredients as well as an increased focus on curating high-quality ice programs. In addition to this, the city is also seeing a steady emergence of microbreweries that are producing freshly brewed craft beers.

With cocktail culture growing in the city, the bars and breweries in Kolkata that made it to the list of Top 50 Bars in the country, listed alphabetically, are -

- LMNOQ Skybar
- Olterra
- Sorano
- The Brass Room - ITC Royal Bengal
- The Grid, and
- The Salt House

We would be happy to set up a call with Vikram Achanta, Co-Founder of 30BestBarsIndia, to share his insights from this year's top 50.

The 2022 edition of the annual ranking of the 30 best bars in the country will be unveiled at an awards ceremony in Gurgaon on January 17, 2023. We will be sure to keep you in the loop with updates!