

An Assessment of Awareness and Acceptance of Fusion Cakes in Thane

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Abstract: *A cake is a popular dessert or baked item made from a mixture of ingredients, typically including flour, sugar, eggs, and fat, usually butter or oil. These ingredients are mixed together and often include additional flavourings, such as vanilla extract or cocoa powder. The batter is then baked in an oven to create a soft, spongy, and sweet treat. A fusion cake is a creative and innovative twist on the traditional cake, where different culinary influences, ingredients, or techniques are combined to create a unique and often unexpected flavour and visual experience. Fusion cakes can involve the incorporation of ingredients or Flavors from various culinary traditions, resulting in exciting and distinct combinations.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

What Is Fusion?

In the context of cakes and baking, "fusion" refers to the creative blending of different culinary traditions, Flavors, and techniques to create unique and innovative cake recipes. Fusion cakes combine elements from various culinary backgrounds and ingredients to produce a cake that is distinct from traditional recipes. These cakes are often known for their unexpected and exciting flavour combinations. Fusion cakes offer a fresh and exciting take on traditional desserts, making them a popular choice for adventurous bakers and those seeking unique and memorable culinary experiences. The possibilities for fusion cakes are virtually limitless, allowing for creativity and experimentation in the world of baking.

What Are Fusion Cakes?

Fusion cakes are a creative and innovative approach to cake baking that involves blending elements from different culinary traditions, flavors, and techniques to create unique and exciting cake recipes. These cakes often combine ingredients and ideas from various sources to produce unexpected and delightful flavor combinations. Fusion cakes cater to adventurous palates and those looking for novel culinary experiences.

Examples of famous fusion cakes:

Matcha Tiramisu Cake: Combining the Japanese matcha green tea flavor with the classic Italian tiramisu dessert.

Chai Spice Carrot Cake: Infusing the spices of Indian chai tea into a traditional carrot cake recipe.

Red Velvet Cheesecake Brownie Cake: Combining the elements of red velvet cake, cheesecake, and brownies into one decadent dessert.

Examples of famous Indian fusion cakes:

Rasmalai Cake: The fusion of Rasmalai cake is a delightful culinary creation that combines the beloved Indian dessert, Rasmalai, with the classic cake.

Gulab Jamun Cake: A Gulab Jamun Cake is another fusion dessert that combines the flavors and elements of two beloved Indian sweets: Gulab Jamun and cake.

A Rasgulla Rabdi Cake: Is a fusion dessert that combines two beloved Indian sweets, Rasgulla and Rabdi, with the concept of a cake. Here's a breakdown of the elements in a Rasgulla Rabdi Cake:

Objectives

To study types of fusion cakes available in Thane.

The objective of this study is to explore and categorize the various types of fusion cakes available in the Thane. By conducting this research, we aim to gain a comprehensive understanding of the diverse fusion cake varieties, their ingredients, preparation methods, and cultural influences. The key components of this study include:

To find out acceptance of fusion cake in Thane.

The objective of this study is to assess and determine the level of acceptance of fusion cakes among a diverse group of consumers. This research aims to provide valuable insights into the preferences, perceptions, and factors influencing the acceptance of fusion cakes. The key components of this study include:

Preparation Methods: To examine the various techniques and methods involved in creating fusion cakes. This includes baking, assembling, and decorating, as well as any unique processes specific to fusion cakes.

Ingredient Analysis: To analyse the key ingredients used in fusion cakes, including traditional and non-traditional elements. This will provide insights into the fusion of different culinary traditions and flavors.

Popular Fusion Cake Varieties: To identify and describe some of the most popular and widely recognized fusion cake varieties. This will offer a snapshot of what is currently trending in the world of fusion desserts.

Consumer Preferences: To investigate the preferences of consumers when it comes to choosing fusion cakes over traditional cakes, if any, and understand the factors that influence their choices

Presentation and Aesthetics: To study the role of visual appeal and presentation in influencing consumers' choice and satisfaction with fusion cakes.

Consumer Demographics: To gather demographic data on study participants, including age, gender, cultural background, and geographic location, and analyze how these factors may relate to the acceptance of fusion cakes.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Hindustan Times, By Swati Chaturvedi. Gorge worthy, gorgeous fusion desserts on November 19, 2020 03:14 am

[https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/gorge-worthy-gorgeous-fusion-desserts/story-](https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/gorge-worthy-gorgeous-fusion-desserts/story-LDlyQpmoelJ2AHSfsrEdvK.html)

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The perception of Indian desserts for food aficionados is very different. And the eateries are working overtime to think out of the box ideas and give an opportunity to food lovers to devour innovative deliciousness. For Zorawar Kalra's Farzi cafe focuses on gourmet dining and creates a new interpretation of classic dishes that are perfectly textured and flavoured. Overwhelmingly intense, light and balanced, no single component dominates the other in these fusion desserts; it's all about amalgamation of the best possible ingredients. A creative mashup of Ras malai and Tres Leche cake. The sponge cake is soaked with saffron and cardamom flavoured three milk and then topped with carrot cream and rose petal net. Lemon custard tart with a raspberry splash with Bailey's lollipop coupled with Balushai and a signature chocolate Dirt pile and not to forget the milk custard and cookie dough essence makes for this stunning cheesecake. (Chaturvedi, 2020)

2. Indo western fusion desserts (blog from must into western fusion desserts)

<https://bakeryinfo.co.uk/finished-goods-reports/beyond-the-cronut-how-to-create-a-hybrid-bakery-product/650269.article>

Bakers and manufacturers have been whipping up their own combinations, which aim to offer the best of both worlds. From cruffins to bagnuts, townies to duffins, hybrid bakery products seemed like a Frankenstein fad when they first arrived on the bakery scene, but consumers have embraced them, particularly with more unusual inventions appearing on the market, says Jacqui Passmore, marketing manager UK and Ireland at Dawn Foods.

A cruffin, for example, is a cross between a croissant and a muffin. A cretzel, as introduced by M&S earlier this year, is a croissant/pretzel hybrid, while a macaringue combines macaron and meringue. If things weren't complicated enough, there are at least two versions of a brookie available to UK consumers – a brownie and cookie blend from Bells of Lazonby, as well as a brioche bun and cookie fusion from Roberts Bakery. Fusion has gained a following as consumers are looking for familiar products but with a twist. (Adesilu, 2020)

3.M&S introduces new bakery fusion – the Biscake

<https://www.businessfirstonline.co.uk/after-5-your-lifestyle/ms-introduces-new-bakery-fusion-the-biscake/> (Chaturvedi, 2020)

A local bakery is behind an innovative new bakery hybrid set to hit the shelves of M&S stores across the UK. Developed by long-term local supplier, **Genesis Bakery**, the Biscake, a combination of both biscuit and cake, is being produced exclusively for Marks & Spencer stores.

Available in three delicious flavours – ‘Choc Chip off the old block’, ‘Cherry Cake-well’ and ‘Lemon Meringue-a-tang’ – the Biscake blend a biscuit base and fluffy, light and decadent cupcake top, topped off with beautiful decoration which is expertly hand-piped by the Genesis team. Local suppliers have been central to the M&S success story and with 20 stores, eight of which are dedicated Food outlets, this new bakery innovation is testament to the retailer’s commitment to its local supply base in Northern Ireland. (M&S, 2021)

Researchers View Point

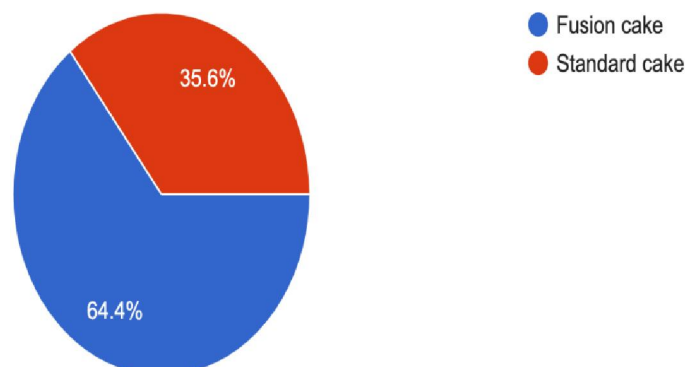
The researcher strongly believes that exploring the awareness and acceptance of fusion cakes is a fascinating journey into the world of culinary innovation and consumer preferences. The realm of fusion cakes is a relatively new and dynamic frontier in the culinary world. It's a space where traditional baking and pastry techniques meet a multitude of Flavors, ingredients, and cultural influences from around the globe.

As a researcher, delving into this subject is like embarking on a delicious adventure, aiming to uncover what makes fusion cakes not only creatively exciting but also commercially viable. To begin, we must consider how fusion cakes have evolved over time. These cakes are not just sweet treats but a reflection of the dynamic cultural and culinary interactions that have shaped our globalized society. The historical roots of fusion cakes can be traced back to the early exchanges of ingredients, spices, and techniques between cultures. As time passed, chefs and bakers started to experiment with these cross-cultural influences, leading to the birth of fusion cakes as we know them today. Through this research, we aim to provide insights that can help businesses and chefs refine their fusion cake offerings and marketing strategies. Moreover, we intend to shed light on the rich and diverse world of fusion cakes, showcasing their potential to be both a culinary and cultural phenomenon. As researchers, our exploration of the awareness and acceptance of fusion cakes offers a deeper understanding of how global Flavors and traditions can come together in harmony on a single dessert plate.

III. DATA ANALYSIS

Which cake would you like to have?

180 responses



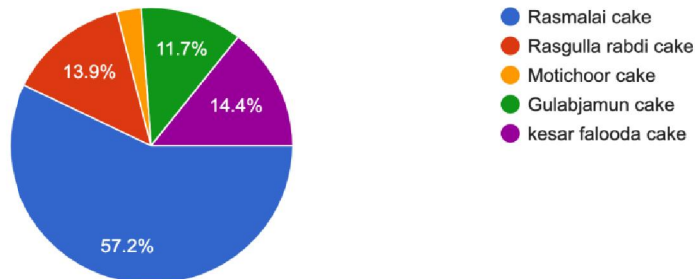
Interpretation

64.4% of respondents would like to have fusion cakes.

35.6% of respondents would like to have standard cakes.

which is your favourite fusion cake

180 responses



Interpretation

Rasmalai cake is favourite fusion cake of 57.2% people.

Kesar falooda cake is favourite fusion cake of 14.4% people.

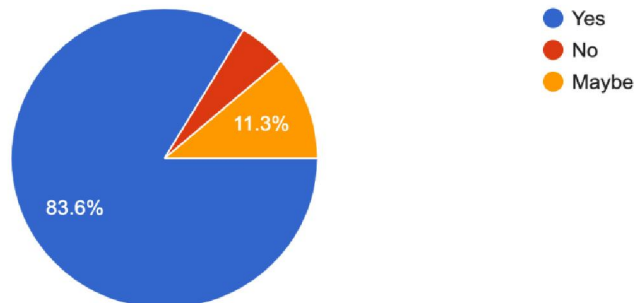
Rasgulla rabdi cake is favourite fusion cake of 13.9% people.

Gulab jamun cake is favourite fusion cake of 11.7% people.

Motichoor cake is favourite fusion cake of 2.8% people

Will you recommend others to order fusion cake?

177 responses



Interpretation

83.6% of people said yes for recommending fusion cakes to others.

11.3% of people said no for recommending fusion cakes to others.

5.1% of people said maybe for recommending fusion cakes for other

IV. LIMITATIONS

In any research study, there are inherent limitations that can affect the scope, accuracy, and generalizability of the findings.

When researching the awareness and acceptance of fusion cakes, several potential limitations should be considered

Complexity of Fusion Cakes: Fusion cakes can be highly diverse, with a wide range of ingredients and Flavors. This complexity can make it challenging to generalize findings across all fusion cake types.

Consumer Knowledge and Exposure: The study might assume a certain level of knowledge or exposure to fusion cakes among participants, which may not be the case. This can affect the accuracy of responses and the ability to assess awareness.

V. CONCLUSION

First, fusion cakes are a fascinating embodiment of the globalized culinary landscape. They represent the coming together of various culinary traditions, creating an array of exciting and delightful taste experiences. As consumers increasingly seek novel and diverse Flavors, fusion cakes offer a unique solution to satiate these cravings.

In a world where culinary innovation continues to thrive, fusion cakes have emerged as a compelling avenue for creativity, cultural exchange, and consumer delight. This research not only deepens our understanding of the acceptance of fusion cakes but also serves as a valuable resource for businesses and individuals looking to navigate this dynamic culinary landscape.

As fusion cakes continue to evolve and inspire, future research in this field will likely address these limitations and further explore the multifaceted nature of culinary fusion, offering new dimensions to our understanding of consumer preferences and culinary trends. In this ever-expanding world of flavour and cultural exploration, fusion cakes stand as a testament to the enduring power of culinary creativity and cross-cultural harmony.

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