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HERE'S IDLI MANCHURIAN

This is what you call the merging of South India with China. The very humble Idli is fried and then is cooked in a Chinese style

sauce (more like the gravy you get in chilli chicken) with vegetables such as capsicum, scallops and the end result is simply delicious. At ₹ 65 a plate this one is a must try. Available at: Udipi, Bhahdur Shah Zafar Marg, ITO.

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hot tip TO SPEED UP YOUR PC PERFORMANCE

1. Keep it clean: Remove any programs you do not use. Delete every file that you don't need. Also, keep your recycle bin empty.
2. Point to note: Do not delete 'shared' files! Some programs use the same file - you can break the system if you delete a shared file. If you're not sure what it is, leave it. You wouldn't want to delete anything important, so find out what it is before you touch it.
3. Limit start-up programs: Prevent any unnecessary programs from starting when the computer boots. This can be done in program options, or by altering msconfig.
4. Manage well: Keep the hard disk free space above 15%. Install new programs in a partition other than 'C:\'.
5. Protect from viruses: Install a good anti-virus program and spyware scanner to prevent any virus from affecting your files and the speed of your PC. Keep Windows up to date.



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gadgets THIRD-PERSON PERSPECTIVE

We pick the best third-person action/adventure games of 2010 that are a must play

Ashish Koshy

In recent times, games with the dynamic third person view have started to come up for the action/adventure genres. Although it's not a new concept, it's become a definite favourite among the millions of gamers around the world. However, it's not only the graphics or gameplay that we're talking about here; the very fact that gamers get to see how well they bash up those fiends gives them immense pleasure!

We've listed five games that came out this year and are amongst the best in third-person action categories. Surely, an avid fan must have played at least one of these, or all of them for that matter. But for the uninitiated, here's a list

that can help you start out with gaming!

Lara Croft and The Guardian of Light

Tomb Raider comes to life! After what seemed to be ages, we finally get to control the gun wielding babe again, and this time with a sidekick!

With some new moves, weapons, modes of gameplay and puzzles leading you to artefacts, rest assured that you'll be entertained for hours together. The previous *Tomb Raider* games are testament that they don't mess with their graphics. Grab this title!

Red Dead Redemption

This is one of the most awaited third-person action games of the year. *Red Dead Redemption* has all the



ingredients to make you a cowboy of the Wild West!

The environment of the game will make you want to just look around and breathe in the surroundings! Gameplay is one of the best of all time and, truth is, this has been a critic's favourite! So in simple words, if you're not

planning on playing it, you definitely must watch someone else play this one!

Crackdown 2

While *Crackdown* wasn't a game that you would want to waste your time on, its sequel, *Crackdown 2*, seems on all fronts to be an improve-

ment. It is loads of fun to play in both single player and multiplayer modes, and the addition of various in-game mechanics, modes, enemies and weapons are one reason why this game is next to addictive.

It may not be the best in this segment, but it surely does have a lot to offer.

Heavy Rain

You may not really categorise *Heavy Rain* in the action category very simply because it is more drama than action. Nevertheless, it's on the list for the simple reason that gamers think it surely is entertaining.

Because honestly, how many titles let you shape your own destiny? The story tends to change depending on how you play the game, and it sure is a

visual treat. This undoubtedly has to be a game you own because it's something quite unique.

Lost Planet 2

Sequels normally have the same flow: return of the protagonist, same environment, and an alternative ending which might make you wonder whether there's more to the game.

Lost Planet 2, however, seems to be something quite different. The game is more multiplayer than single-player, but the fact is that you still get to fight larger-than-life creatures in your vital suits. The action is exciting and so are the graphics. That makes this a title you must play from start to end to actually appreciate its worth.

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