



Industry News

SC seeks response from Karnataka govt over closure of hotels, restaurants at midnight

The Supreme Court (SC) has sought response from the Karnataka government and the police commissioner of Bengaluru on a petition challenging an order directing the closure of hotels, restaurants and places of public entertainment at midnight.

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Mumbai's Twist Lounge and Bar to foray into Dubai by mid-2010

Mumbai-based restaurant operator Vafi Khan who recently launched his first restaurant, lounge and bar in the city under the brand Twist Lounge and Bar, plans to expand the brand nationally & internationally. The restaurant located in Jumeirah Beach Road in Dubai will be operational by mid-2010. It will house a multi-cuisine restaurant serving Indian, Chinese, Italian, Mexican and Lebanese cuisine.

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Entrepreneurs need to invest in food processing sector: Subodh Kant Sahai, Minister for Food Processing Industries

The minister, during his recent visit to the North East Region, urged upon the entrepreneurs to invest more as the potential in the sector is huge. Sahai said that a chunkable size of average house-hold earning is spent on food. The demand for processed food products are at increase due to a change in life-style and other factors,

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Aspasia Group launches organic food restaurant 'Modak' in Bengaluru

Aspasia Group has launched the first organic restaurant Modak in Bengaluru. The restaurant offers two types of vegetarian spread. The Modak food sans chemicals and vegetables are sourced through the Unity Foundation which are promoters of organic farming.

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Speciality Restaurants plans more 'Mainland China' outlets

Speciality Restaurants, which has brands like Mainland China, Sigree, Oh! Calcutta, Machan and Flame and Grill under its wing, plans to invest around Rs 150 crore to expand 'Mainland China' outlets from the present 32 to over 100 in the next two years..

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South African chain News Café opens first outlet in India

News Café, a part of South Africa-based Fournews group has forayed into the Indian market with a franchising arrangement with Hyderabad-based Numbers Only to open its outlets. The company opened its first outlet in New Delhi and will be launching four such cafes.

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World News

Ruby Tuesday turns upscale

Ruby Tuesday has undergone a \$100 million makeover as the 40-year-old chain turns its focus to more upscale food in a bid to pull more money from diners. The restaurant chain has added dishes such as tilapia and lobster tail to its menu, launched a four-course Sunday brunch and dumped its signature

Coffee technology makes it easier to serve the right brew

Advanced coffee-equipment technology is ushering in a better cup of joe. A pre-wet option serves up fresher brews, while programmable machines allow alterations in timing and flavors. Water-filtration systems eliminate the changes in regional water to provide a consistent taste nationwide, and insulated airpots help hold coffee fresher longer

Association News

NRAI partners with Food Forum India 2010 in Mumbai

NRAI has partnered once again with Images for the Food Forum 2010, which is on 4th & 5th March at Renaissance Hotel, Mumbai. It will be a two-day magnum opus of the Indian food industry with conferences, exhibition and awards. NRAI will have a special 3 hours programme titled "Annual Conclave of the National Restaurant Association of India" which will be anchored by Mr. Samir Kuckreja (MD, Nirula's & President, NRAI) and Mr. Jayant Kochhar. (MD, Go Fish Retail)

NRAI offers a special package for its members and associates to attend this event of the Indian food business and join the NRAI Conclave. For more details visit

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