



Industry News

Excise rules might cause temporary shutdown for Goan F&B outlets

According to The Times of India, stringent regulations imposed on Goa's alcohol trade might result in the temporary shut down of a number of small restaurants and bars. Travel and Tourism Association (TTAG) are afraid that this will further reduce tourist inflow.

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Maggi Turns 25 years

Last week Maggi has celebrated 25 years of successful business, it has now become a strong Rs.781 crore business. Nestle has launched "Me & Meri Maggie" campaign. Their product innovation works in their favour like Maggie Cuppa - Mania.

[Food & Beverage News \(16-30/4\)](#)

Kishore Biyani to expand Fair Price stores from 154 to 225 by 2010

Kishore Biyani Fair Price shops, a Future Group initiative with 154 outlets, is now moving to set up another 71 outlet taking the total number 225 by 2010.

[Food & Beverage News \(16-30/4\)](#)

Parle Agro Launches Grape Falour Drink "Grappo Fizz"

Parle Agro, one of the leading food & beverage companies in India, has launched another fruit based drink "Grappo Fizz" in the country. The colour of Grappo Fizz makes it the perfect party drink, it works well as mixer in cocktails/mocktails.

[Food & Beverage News \(16-30/4\)](#)

New Potato variety suitable for French Fries by CPRI

The Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), has released a new potato variety Kufri Frysona. This is the first ever potato variety from India suitable for preparation of French fries.

[Food & Beverage News \(16-30/4\)](#)

Foreign companies may increase royalty and trademark fees

The Indian government is considering and reviewing a proposal that will permit overseas hospitality and technology firms to charge Indian companies up to five per cent of domestic sales as royalty/trademark fees for usage of their technology, trademark and/or brand.

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World News

In Los Angeles, macrobiotic goes mainstream

Macrobiotic food, once known as the "brown-rice diet" because of its emphasis on whole grains, vegetables and legumes, is coming back, and it's more flavorful and interesting than before. Stylish M Cafés serve brown-rice sushi, panini, dairy-free chocolate cakes, and cupcakes frosted with pink tofu butter cream.

[Los Angeles Times \(4/22\)](#)

Restaurants offer options for celiac sufferers

Restaurants have made great strides in catering to people who can't eat gluten because of celiac disease. In Philadelphia, Lolita and Distrito offer menus that are almost entirely gluten-free, while Osteria and Rouge include some gluten-free options.

[The Philadelphia Inquirer \(4/23\)](#)

McDonald's tests Angus burger

McDonald's is testing a new premium burger in California, New York and Ohio. The \$4 burgers are nearly a third of a pound.

[Chicago Sun-Times \(4/20\)](#)

Neighboring restaurants share kitchen

San Diego-area restaurant Urban Solace and sports bar True North Tavern are sharing a kitchen as part of an effort to cut costs. Urban Solace is the on-site caterer for the sports bar.

[San Diego Union-Tribune \(4/19\)](#)