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MDH's asli: anchor - The Mahashay of Spices with a taste for life

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HARSHKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 3

When it comes to spices and kitchenware, the mania for MDH is not just confined to the motherland. Around the globe, Indians are finding a way to make their meals taste like home, and with the help of MDH, they can.

On a dark, cloudy Wednesday morning, at the MDH manufacturing plant in Batala, the atmosphere is charged with excitement. The day is special because it marks the anniversary of the founder of MDH, Mahashayji, who passed away this year. The event is a celebration of his vision and the legacy he left behind.

The plant is bustling with activity as workers and supervisors忙着 preparing for the day's events. The aroma of spices fills the air, and the noise of machinery is constant as production continues at full swing.

The weather is typical of the winter season - cool and crisp, with the chill in the air adding an extra layer of excitement to the occasion. The atmosphere is electric as everyone is looking forward to the festivities.

As the day progresses, the staff at the plant organisе a special program to honor Mahashayji. It includes a speech by the current MDH CEO, Alok Salat, and a performance by a local dance troupe. The event culminates with the cutting of a special cake, which is followed by a traditional dance performance.

The celebrations continue throughout the day, with the staff at the plant enjoying a day off from work to commemorate their beloved leader. The event is a touching reminder of the legacy that Mahashayji left behind and the pride that MDH employees feel in being a part of such a successful brand.

Anil Sharma

UP FOR REVIEW: PARITY WITH APMC MANDIS, REVOKE COURT COURTS

Centre blinks, signals climbdown as farmers insist on repeal, talks to continue tomorrow

Opp lends weight, urges Centre to rethink laws, call house session

Naveen Patnaik, the Biju Janata Dal chief, was present at the meeting as the Centre and farmers continued to engage in political brinkmanship over the new agricultural laws. Patnaik, who holds the portfolio of Finance and Commerce in Odisha, has been a vocal critic of the Centre's agricultural policies.

While the Centre has been presenting a united front, with leaders such as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, the Opposition has been urging for the repeal of the laws. Patnaik, along with other leaders, has been calling for a repeal of the laws, arguing that they are skewed in favor of corporates and against small farmers.

The meeting on Wednesday is scheduled to begin at 10:30 am and is expected to last till late afternoon. The Centre and farmers are expected to put forward their arguments and counter-arguments during the meeting.

The Centre has been arguing that the new laws will increase competition and lead to higher prices for farmers, while the farmers have been insisting that the laws will lead to the loss of their livelihoods and that they will be unable to protect themselves from corporate giants.

With time running out, both sides are under pressure to reach a compromise. The Centre is likely to make further changes to the laws, while the farmers are likely to insist on their demands.

Harsh Kishan Sharma

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Barring MSP, Centre opens to rolling out 3 key provisions of farm law

HARIHARADAMARAPU
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 3

The Centre has decided to open talks with the farmers with regard to the Centre’s plan to roll out three key provisions of the new farm laws without waiting for the Centre’s三层 to commence in January 2021. The Centre's move comes as a surprise to the farmers, who have been demanding the repeal of the farm laws.

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India and the US under Joe Biden: aspects of continuity and change explained

Arvin Sen

Former Indian Ambassador to the United States

Joe Biden, the US president, makes his way to reaffirm the US’ strategic partnership with India. Some aspects of New Delhi’s relationship with Washington will visibly see new changes; some others will remain constant.

How did the Indian-American relationship fare between 2016 and 2021?

India and the US share a strategic partnership on the Pacific, and elsewhere, but could not find much common ground on trade, immigration, and sharp trade peaks.

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 3

With 3,734 new cases detected based on 75,230 tests on Thursday, the Covid-19 positivity rate dipped to 4.96 percent in the national capital—little more than a fortnight after the rate of infection had risen to 15.33 percent. Positivity rate is the percentage of people who test positive for Covid-19 against those who were tested.

As many as 82 persons succumbed to the virus taking the toll to 9,424. The total cases now stand at 5,82,058.

Of the total tests, 33,298 were RT-PCR, considered the gold standard, while the remaining were rapid antigen tests, which has a far less specificity rate.

Meanwhile, the number of containment zones has risen to 5,759 from 5,229 on November 27.

Health Minister Satyendar Jain said any place where three or more cases are reported are converted into containment zones.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 3

The Delhi High Court Thursday said the Delhi government needs to remain “very focused” on testing and contact tracing while also ensuring that those in home isolation do not move out and spread Covid-19 infection. “The mantra of testing and contact tracing of the Delhi government is correct. But one feels small regret because of the information that the fact that one does not know who the carrier is, is not testing and testing and contact tracing and that people are not being quarantined is not effectively accomplishing the objective,” it said.

The court also said the government should not impose any night curfew as it will make people go for their daily commute.

The court said it has been monitoring the capital’s Covid situation and that “testing, testing and testing...tracing, tracing and tracing are very important” to address the anxiety regarding Covid.

To keep an unabated check on the spread of Covid, level of testing cannot be reduced. Efforts must be made to increase contacts of persons who have tested positive and those persons who have symptoms and where appropriate, test them.

“The court told the authorities that directive the state to ensure home quarantine at least for 24 hours so that the results are obtained and the persons are not allowed to leave for work,” it said.

The court, however, said there is no need to impose night curfew in areas where there is a small rise in Covid cases, but if it is a large rise it can be considered.

Meanwhile, the Delhi government informed the court in a reply that it has decided not to impose night curfew.

The government told the court that 10,817 calls were received in November on its Covid helpline number, 1031, and that it is considering whether to enable a feedback system to assess if services are or are not satisfactory.

The court was also told that minute inspections of working formations have been conducted by district authorities and in 174 cases, action was taken against defaulting boards/running entities.

On fines collected from people breaching Covid guidelines, the government said it has collected Rs 1.38 crore against 1,179 challans issued in the last two months, while it has so far collected Rs 2.76 crore against 5,498 challans.
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**DR. GURNAD S. SODHI, MD, ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems India**

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**ASHMITA SETH, President & Country Head, Pratt & Whitney**

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New Delhi: A Delhi court Thursday granted custodial bail to one of the six accused in an illegalstay case in which 14 people were reportedly held hostage in a room and taken on a bike to the examination centre and taken back to the room. The accused were held in a room for 100 minutes.

Amid car-driver-biker row, hit-and-run pass

New Delhi: A suo moto case was registered by the Delhi High Court against a hit-and-run driver who allegedly gave the police a false number. The case was filed after the police said they had not lodged a case against the accused.

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 3

Another farmer dies at Tikri

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Standing Out AMRITA N. Aryan for an article from <b>Karnatak Bhaskar</b> Sunday, 15 December 2013. Indian Army had planned the construction of multiple border postsat the two nations' border in the high-altitude cold desert region of Arunachal Pradesh. In this region, the Indian Army has already established almost 1,000 border outposts, with the main goal of securing the border. The construction of these border posts is an important step in strengthening the country's defense capabilities and ensuring national security. The construction work is carried out by Border Roads Organization (BRO), which is responsible for building roads and infrastructure in the remote and border areas. In this region, the BRO has been working hard to build border outposts to provide the necessary infrastructure for the Indian Army to carry out its mandate effectively. The construction of these border posts is an essential part of India's defense strategy, and it is expected to improve the country's military preparedness and deter potential threats from across the border.
Arvind moves HC for stay on chargesheet

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**PUNE, DECEMBER 3**

The Supreme Court has ordered the state to stay the issuance of a chargesheet in a case against Arvind Mehta, a former commissioner of the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC), for alleged corruption.

Mehta, who was a high-profile politician and a former mayor of Pune, has denied all charges and has expressed his confidence in the court to clear his name.

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**Almora: Vishwanath Pratap Singh’s birthday celebrated**

**THE INDIAN EXPRESS, ALMORA, DECEMBER 3**

Vishwanath Pratap Singh’s birthday was celebrated on Monday with a symposium on his contributions to the Indian Army and the country.

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The three children—all of them cousins—used to play in the area where they were found dead.

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The tender document mentions that the work is to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Uttar Pradesh Public Procurement Act, 2016. The tender is open for participation by all bidders, and the deadline for submission of tenders is 01.02.2021. The evaluation criteria for the tender include technical and financial aspects, with the technical part being given more weightage.

The tender document also emphasizes the importance of following all relevant legal and regulatory requirements, including safety and environmental standards. The bidders are required to ensure that their proposals comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines.

The tender document further highlights the potential benefits of participating in the tendering process, such as the opportunity to contribute to the development of the country’s infrastructure, create employment opportunities, and promote economic growth.

In conclusion, the tender document presents a clear outline of the requirements and expectations for potential bidders. It is a valuable resource for those interested in participating in the tendering process and contributing to the development of the country’s infrastructure.

For more information on the tender, interested parties are encouraged to visit the website https://gmsc.com or contact the tendering authority directly.
Media persons and staff were denied entry to the Park, they refused to move out of the Park, they were not in a position to move out of the Park. They were then forcibly removed from the Park.

**State of Odisha:**

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik expressed unhappiness over the incident. He said that the incident was a matter of concern and the government was working on it.

**Gujarat:**

The Gujarat government has announced the reopening of 46 gurdwara wards on December 7.
Dismantling patriarchal attitudes that sustain a system of rank and prestige, in which courts are more likely to reward the beggar than the one she could break. By the time the 32-year-old retires—given his high fitness and motivation levels, he has a long way to go—he would have owned most of India’s domiciliary wealth. One does not achieve greatness by being the best at every single thing. The writer is a sportshistorian and deputy editor of the Indian Express. He has previously written about the Maradona era. Between 1990 and 1994, Maradona’s career was marred by off-field controversies, including a failed comeback attempt in 1994. Other than adverse effects, many questions have remained unanswered. How effective will these vaccines be in breaking the transmission of the disease? Historically, in many outbreaks, vaccine rollouts have failed to break disease transmission. For instance, the smallpox vaccine as compared to 70 per cent efficacy, the vaccines in the mid-1990s did not prove successful. The AstraZeneca vaccine against COVID-19 has an efficacy of 89 per cent compared to Pfizer’s 95 per cent efficacy against the virus. In the US, only 90 per cent of the population has been vaccinated. There are many questions that need answers about the role of vaccines in stopping the transmission. But Kohli would not stop with these. Whatever numbers he eventually ends up with, statistics would be but an embellishment to Kohli’s mastery of white-ball cricket.
**Sahar Kanwala**

**The government argues that these laws will lead to lower prices for farmers in the country to get maximum profits. It is further argued that MSP will be determined prices to farmers contracted in advance. The bill provides for removing middlemen, compensating farmers, and improving the market for agricultural commodities. The government's arguments are filled with logical and theoretical propositions. The abolition of APMC markets and middlemen/commission agents in Bihar did not lead to better prices for farmers who get prices much below MSP from traders who later sell in other states at higher prices and earn high profits. Most farmers (86 per cent) in India are small and marginal who can sell in only local markets. The government is in its attempt to create a self-sufficient market that helps farmers in the corporative market.

The farmers then thought of putting pressure on the Bihar assembly, and the farmers requested the assembly to pass the bill. The farmers thought that the presents in the agricultural sector was in the states to pass the bill. From this moment onwards, a number of protests started in the states of India. The farmers’ movement was met with severe opposition from the state governments. The government claimed that the farmers were demanding higher prices, but the farmers’ movement was asking for more rights and the abolition of middlemen. The farmers believed that the middlemen were only taking a huge chunk of the farmers’ goods and were not allowing them to sell their produce at a fair price.

Several states, including Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, joined the farmers’ movement, and the protest soon spread across the country. The farmers’ movement was backed by various political parties, including the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress Party. The movement also gained support from various social and educational institutions.

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PM seeks conciliation in China dispute
A war of words between Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Chinese leader Xi Jinping escalate last week, with Morrison dando to state in parliament that there was no "war" underway in their countries' relationship. "There is no war, there is no war," Morrison told parliament on Wednesday, after Xi Jinping earlier in the week told the Chinese media that the two leaders should "never let a war break out" between their nations.

In a speech to Beijing's prestigious China Academy of Social Sciences, Morrison said he was "puzzled" by the idea of a "war" with China and "disappointed" that "the media was fueling an rhetoric around that theme." Morrison was speaking about the rules under which China is currently operating in Hong Kong, where the pro-independence moving of Nathan Law, among others, led to be arrested last year.

Morrison said he was seeking a "conciliatory" approach to a "war of words" with China, which has been frequently casting "despotic" and "authoritarian" as the West in recent years. "And if I had to give an example, I would say the surge of China's economy without the sort of seigniorage that we have in the West," Morrison said.

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Earlier this week, Morrison struck a much more conciliatory tone, welcoming Xi's visit to Australia and saying he was "proud" of the two countries' relationship. "I believe that the relationship between Australia and China is based on mutual respect and cooperation," he said in a speech to the China Academy of Social Sciences.

The prime minister had previously said that China was "the most important security threat" for Australia, but he now seemed to be trying to move the relationship back to a "normal" level.

Morrison's comments came as China announced plans to build a new military base in the Pacific, which is likely to be seen as a direct response to the US military build-up in the region. China has also been increasingly assertive in its territorial claims, with disputes over islands and waters in the South China Sea.

Morrison's speech was widely seen as a bid to缓和 tensions with China, which has been increasingly critical of Australia's foreign policy, particularly its support for the US in the region.

Morrison's comments were welcomed by Australian business leaders, who have been concerned about the impact of a trade war with China on the country's economy. "We welcome the Prime Minister's comments and we hope that they will help to de-escalate tensions between our countries," said the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry's chief executive officer, Tim Moyle.

"Australia has a lot to gain from a constructive relationship with China," he said.

But the comments were met with some skepticism by Chinese analysts, who said that Morrison's words were unlikely to have a significant impact on the ongoing trade dispute.

"The Australian government's words do not reflect the current realities of China's economy," said Li Guoqiang, a professor at the School of International Relations of Tsinghua University.

Li said that China's economy had continued to grow at a solid pace despite the trade war, and that it was unlikely that Morrison's comments would help to de-escalate the dispute.

But others said that the comments were a welcome sign that Australia was seeking to缓和与中国的紧张关系.

"The comments are a step in the right direction," said Yang Jiechi, a former Chinese foreign minister.

"We hope that the Australian government will continue to take such steps in the future," he said.

More than 50 of Australia's largest businesses have signed an open letter calling for a "constructive relationship" with China.

The letter, which was signed by the likes of Qantas, MRI, and Rio Tinto, said that "a constructive relationship is in the best interests of both countries and our own business, and we believe it is time for both countries to take steps to address the current situation.

"We are prepared to engage in a constructive dialogue with China to address issues of concern," the letter said.

But it also warned that "if Australia continues to pursue a confrontational course, the costs for our businesses and our people will be high.

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Gold prices now down, but it makes sense to stay invested

Sandeep Singh

Gold prices have retracted by over 15% since the announcement of Covid-19 by Pfizer and BioNTech. However, it’s important to stay invested,

As an investor, you need to consider the long-term trends and the impact of macroeconomic factors on the gold market,

On December 31, the government announced that the Engelhard Updated deadline is set for January 31, 2021, for the new COVID-19 vaccine.

While traders who entered to make quick gains have seen their profits evaporate, it’s important to understand that gold prices are influenced by a wide range of factors,

The following are reasons why it makes sense to stay invested in gold:

1. Inflation Protection: Gold is considered a hedge against inflation, as it retains its value during times of monetary instability.
2. Political Turmoil: Gold prices tend to increase during political uncertainty or crises, as investors seek safe haven assets.
3. Economic recessions: Gold prices often rise during recessions, as people are more likely to invest in commodities during times of economic uncertainty.
4. Diversification: Gold is often used as a diversifier in investment portfolios, as it can help mitigate the risk of other investments.

As such, it’s important to maintain a strategic allocation to gold in your investment portfolio, as it can provide stability and a hedge against market volatility.

 Ahead of polls, what Rajinikanth’s political plunge means for Tamil Nadu

Arjun Arndt

On September 27, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Ms. J Jayalalithaa, announced her decision to dissolve the state Assembly and call for elections. Since then, the state has been in a political limbo, with several developments taking place,

What Rajinikanth’s political plunge means for Tamil Nadu?

The announcement of the dissolution of the Tamil Nadu Assembly has sent shock waves across the state, with several political parties gearing up for the upcoming elections.

Rajinikanth’s political plunge is likely to have a significant impact on the state’s political landscape,

As an actor, Rajinikanth has a dedicated fan base, and his decision to enter politics is likely to draw a significant number of voters,

The statewide assembly election will be held in Tamil Nadu on April 6, 2021, with the counting scheduled for May 6, 2021.

As the state’s political landscape changes, it’s important to note the impact of Rajinikanth’s political plunge on the upcoming elections.

Two large political parties, the AIADMK and the DMK, have been the mainstays of Tamil Nadu’s political landscape, with several smaller parties vying for a piece of the pie.

Rajinikanth’s political plunge is likely to give him a substantial competitive edge, as he has a dedicated following and a strong social media presence,

As the state’s political landscape evolves, it’s important to monitor the developments and their impact on the upcoming elections.

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FROM EXISTING 70% STIPULATION
Domestic flight capacity of airlines raised to 80% of pre-COVID levels

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The CENTRE on Thursday allowed domestic airlines to ramp up capacity to 80% of pre-COVID approved capacity limits, as part of a phased approach to gradually ease restrictions on air travel. The move will help airlines in making better use of their fleet and refuel their aviation fuel supplies.

The Centre’s decision on Thursday comes on the heels of the Supreme Court’s order on December 2 that the domestic aviation sector can be allowed to operate flights with 100% of pre-COVID approved capacity limits. The Supreme Court had also said that airlines can increase capacity to 45% in phases.

The move will make the centre a little more lenient in terms of allowing airlines to operate flights to full capacity.

The government has raised the domestic flight capacity to 60% of pre-COVID approved levels since November 26. It had earlier allowed the domestic airlines to operate flights with 30% of pre-COVID approved levels.

The government has also allowed some domestic flights for medical purposes and carrying medical supplies.

Domestic flights have been restricted since March 25 – when the domestic passenger operations recommenced after stopping them due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The airlines were allowed to operate flights with 40% of pre-COVID approved capacity levels from August 18.

In a first, the government had allowed the domestic airlines to operate flights with 45% capacity on November 15.

The Centre on Thursday allowed a 2.5% increase in domestic flight capacity, which means domestic airlines will be able to operate flights with 80% of pre-COVID approved levels.

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### Tender Notice for Road Construction

#### Abstract of Fresh N.I.T NO:CDM_E_07_OF_2020-21

**Block, Gohana, Distt. Sonipat**

**Start Date & Time of Bid Preparation:** 07.12.2020 10:00 Hrs

**Website:** [http://jktenders.gov.in](http://jktenders.gov.in)

**Note:** Rs.1180/- for a single exercise package of tender will be charged as per Govt. Instructions. No further advance and extension of schedule will be considered.

#### Terms & Conditions

- The Governor of Haryana reserves the right to reject a tender or all the tenders without assigning any reason.
- In case, the day of opening of tenders, happens to be holiday, the tender will be opened on the next working day.
- The successful bidder shall produce a certified copy of resolution of the cooperative society duly authorized and attested from the competent authority of Cooperative Department for issuance/participation in the tender.
- The deposit of tender fees shall be paid through in e-Service.
- In case of any dispute, the jurisdiction of court will be at Sohna, District Sonipat.
- All materials will be supplied by the contractor/industry based.
- For all other terms & conditions, see the tender form.

#### S. No. | Work Description | Estt. Cost | Earnest Money | Cost of Tender | Time of Completion |
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CALVIN & HOBBES

BY BILL WATTSANSON

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STAR WARS

BY BILL WATTSANSON

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WORKSHOP

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THE WINDIN THE WILLOWS

BY MILLA WATTSANSON

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SINBAD THE SAILOR

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THE MAN WHO LIVED IN A GORILLA FAMILY

BY BILL WATTSANSON

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YOU BROUGHT THE BEANS BUT YOU FORGOT THE CHEESE

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FORBIDDEN FRUIT

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The acting of the ball and the full extension of arm post impact with the ball have transformed the traditional Randala [jika] power game: more movement, more use, more skill. Photo: Express/Francisca, Sharat Kumar.

### Why Ahmedabad is the front runner to bag one of two IPL franchises

Ahmedabad is the front runner to bag one of the two new IPL franchises. This is a significant development for the city, as it will bring new opportunities for cricket enthusiasts and fans alike. The city, already known for its rich cricket heritage, is set to become a hub for the sport with the addition of this new franchise. The announcement of the new franchises has been met with excitement and anticipation, with Ahmedabad emerging as a strong contender. The city's strategic location, rich infrastructure, and strong fan base make it an ideal location for a new IPL franchise. The inclusion of Ahmedabad will not only boost the local economy but also provide a platform for emerging cricket talents to showcase their skills on the big stage.