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## **INDIA'S LEADING ENZYME MANUFACTURERS**



CATALYSTS GROUP is an integrated biotechnology company with leadership position in enzyme application in Industries like Fermentation, Alcohol, Sugar, fruit juices & Wines, Brewing & Malt & other speciality areas.

CATALYSTS flexible blending & production infrastructure including cold rooms etc. along with experienced technical, sales & laboratory support ensures we are leader in customer service.

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### CATALYSTS products are as follows:

**MALT EXTRACT** - Malt Extract is a sweet, treacly substance given to children and adults as a dietary supplement. It is more and more often used in candies, bakery products, sauces and the brewing industry. Our products maximizes the extract yield with improved wort quality even in case of use of unmalted grains as an adjuncts due to efficient break down starch, protein, glucans.



- Natuglucanase M • Enzvlia STX
- Natupap Super
- Natunase BG Plus
  Natumalt
- Natuprotease N
  Enzylig Super AX
- Naturase BG Power •

**STARCH - The** starch sugars are by far the most common starch based food ingredient and are used as sweetener in many drinks and foods. It is used in Glucose syrups, corn syrups, fructose syrup & Sugar alcohols, such as maltitol, erythritol, sorbitol, mannitol and hydrogenated starch hydrolysate, are sweeteners made by reducing sugars.

- Enzylig Super AX
- Enzyliq STX

- Enzylig FAA
- Natunase BA



**BREWERY** - The purpose of brewing is to convert the starch source into a sugary liquid called wort and to convert the wort into the alcoholic beverage known as beer in a fermentation process effected by yeast. our product reduces Boiling time, cost & filtration rate. Enhances the yield & achieves brilliant clarity of the Cold Wort.



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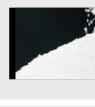
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• Enzymol Plus • Fermezyme Plus

**GRAIN** -Grain Alcohol is produced by fermenting and distilling grain. It is also known as ethyl alcohol or ethanol. There are a number of industrial uses for grain alcohol - antiseptic, fuel, solvent etc.



• Safdistill C 70<sup>+</sup>

\* Novozyme product, \*Fermentis product

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**SUGAR -** Sugar industry is a highly controlled industry starting from sugarcane prices, cane area to sugar prices resulting very thin margins. our enzymatic solutions are really a boon to the industry to marginally improve the



• Enzylase Sweetase AFTS<sup>\*</sup> • Enzydex

• Enzytreat

These products improves the process efficiency in terms of viscosity reduction at various stages of sugar manufacturing process.

**MOLASSES** - The key raw material for IMFL players is molasses, which is a by-product of sugar, Indian liquors are predominantly molasses based only. Our products enhances the quality & quantity of alcohol by hydrolysing unfermentable sugars & converts the same to reducing sugars. It improves alcohol yield & fermentation cycle & efficiency.

• Enzypro M • Alcozyme M Plus



### • Alcozyme G

### • Alcozyme G Pro

It is a unique researched enzyme based innovation which overall improves the sugar profile that in turn bring better alcohol yield, It improves conversion of starch to dextrin, consequently dextrins to glucose. Improved alcohol yield.

Yeast - Yeast is is a member of the fungi family which converts the Glucose (sugar) into Alcohol. This fermentation process is carried out by yeast cells using a range of enzymes.

• Ethhanol RED<sup>+</sup>



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### **FUN ZONE**

### Laughter Therapy

Smartest Kid !!!

Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die? Answer: his last battle.

Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? Answer: at the bottom of the page.

Q3. River Ravi flows in which state? Answer: Liquid

Q4. What is the main reason for divorce? Answer: Marriage

Q5. What is the main reason for failure? Answer: Exams

Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast? Answer: Lunch & dinner.

Q7. What looks like half an apple? Answer: The other half.

Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?

Answer: It will simply become wet.

Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping ? Answer: No problem, he sleeps at night.

O10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand? Answer: You will never find an elephant that has only one hand...

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have ? Answer: Very large hands.

Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it? Answer: No time at all, the wall is already built.

Q13. How can u drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

Answer: Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.



Virat Kohli's brilliant batting form floors Pakistan at Asia Cup Virat seems to be the only silver lining in RCB owner Vijay Mallya's empire!

### **Guess the Picture ?????**

### "Famous Actress turned politician"

Start guessing..... to win surprise goody bag. Email your entries at magazine@thecatalystsgroup.com



### Find the Fault, DRESS-UP

Can you find the fault in the picture

send your views/entries at magazine@thecatalystsgroup.com to win a surprize gift.

So hurry up !!

### Believe

Believe in Love, Believe in Faith, Believe in Truth Believe that no matter what happens, you have the power to prevail

Believe in Strength, Believe in Courage, Believe in Honor, Believe that everyone has the power to be good at heart

Believe in Song, Believe in Dance, Believe in Culture, Believe that no matter who you are or where you're from- everyone is unique

Believe in things you never would , Believe in doing things you never could. Believe in achievement Believe that if you think you can, you can- but if you think you can't, you won't.

Believe in the damned, Believe in the degenerate, Believe in the corrupted, Believe that evil does exist in many forms, but all can be overcome

Believe in spiritual, Believe in holy, Believe in sacred, Believe that your personal values can never be taken from you

Believe in mad, Believe in depressed, Believe in suicidal, Believe that one smile can save a life

Believe in magick, Believe in hope, Believe in dreams, Believe that the unbelievable happens everyday

Believe in time, Believe in forever, Believe in YOU Believe that as long as you believe in yourself anything is possible

by Chelsea Varvaro

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### Welcome to our inaugural issue of Magazine -CATALYSTS CONNECT

We are very excited to be moving along with our progress in the company, and looking forward to keeping you connected, informed & enriched with the company information which is one of the goals of Catalysts Connect.

By this magazine, it is a great way for all staff /workforce/ Clients at all locations of Catalysts Group, to stay informed on what is going on in the company, with staff, keeping readers updated on events etc ..... All articles will cultivate and strengthen personal development and relationships bonding between the management & employees.

It is often said, "that a tortoise on the move can overtake even the fastest horse if that horse stands still". The essence of any change process can be captured in this saying above which is the need to" move forward".

Having a Magazine in Catalysts Group is indeed a way forward to better things. I bet you are braced up to move to the next level. Coming up with an Magazine wasn't the easiest of things, especially coming up with a name.....the thoughts kept flowing ....is it hype, is it too stiff, will it catch staff attention ......on and on the thoughts came, and finally the name above. This magazine will cover write -ups that will improve our personal development and our attitude(s) to work, it will be knowledge intensive, exciting and fun filled.

We hope to come up with an issue every guarter & make it an information source you look forward to receiving.

Hoping to hear from you!

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE MD**

### Message to all members of Catalysts team on completing 9 successful years of Catalysts Group. making things happen ...

### Dear All,

With humble beginnings, almost a decade back, we started an effort which today is one of the largest industrial enzyme companies in India.

Reaching amongst top 5 has been possible due to our consistent hard work, harnessing market opportunities working as a team and continuous support from our customers.

I am proud to note that in this short period of time we have achieved benchmarking status and have done pioneering work to introduce biotechnology in industries like Sugar and Molasses in India in which we have been able to consistently maintain leadership status both in terms of business and innovation.

We were 2 people when we started, today we are a strong 64 and rising. An organization which started as a trading entity is today a trusted and well known solution provider to all our customers.

Our constantly growing infrastructure like well equipped application R&D centre, ISO certified production facility and huge ware-housing facilities backed by well gualified, trained and dedicated manpower has enabled us to provide unmatched service and top quality products to our clients.

Our sales revenues have reached to INR 350 million and we still remain as hungry for more business as we were on the day we started, 9 years back. This journey has been very exciting, challenging and testing for all of us.

What pleases me is the fact that this thought of becoming the largest in our business is there as the primary motivator in all of us even today. I sometimes wonder the levels of achievement which we will be at in another 9 or so years.

There have been many who along the way joined our team, contributed and even though are no longer with us. I am sure, wish us all the very best as we do to them.

I am happy to note that all of them are doing well in their chosen careers and companies and implementing with gusto what they learnt during their time with us.

I want to take this opportunity to also recognise our various Principal Companies like Biocon, Genencor, Novozymes etc., who have taken this journey with us from time to time.

I am sure we are well placed to achieve our vision for 2015 and would like this platform to urge one and all to not only work towards that but also start thinking of our vision 2020.

I look forward to creating with you all a work place which we all look forward to going to everyday of our working lives.

Regards,

Munish

### Dear Friends.

I welcome you all to the first edition of our 'Catalysts Connect'.

This gives me a platform to thank each one of you for all the support, encouragement & guidance to us for all these years.

Since our inception on January 6th, 2003 we have not only grown in turnovers, but grew as a team, as professionals, as intellectuals & as enzymatians.

Molasses our strong spine, today holds 70% Indian market share with initial breakthroughs in International markets recently.

Our huge basket for molasses application addresses all types of molasses quality which varies from region to region. With the technical team spread all over the country to support our distillery partners today Catalysts has become a brand to reckon.

We thank our Principals for posing the trust & confidence on our abilities & team. Today, we offer a package of products right from enzymes to yeast to contamination controllers and fermentation boosters.

Brewery, which had been taking baby steps is now all set for a long leap. With entire basket of enzymes & additives today we proudly service to almost 40% breweries in Indian subcontinent.

Starch, the new kid on the block. Although present since 2005 but we directly came with 'Catalysts' brand in the mid of last financial year, with all the confidence & trust from the market within 6 months we gained a share of more than 20%.

Malt Extract, the underdog in our companies portfolio has multifold it's business in last 3 years. Today, the product basket has increased to cover almost all applications in the said segment. We thank all the market opinion leaders for the kind accentance.

The sweet pill division 'Sugar' is the new entrant to the family in last financial year. Lead by experienced team & has already started setting benchmarks in Indian sugarcane fields.

In the year 2012-13 Catalysts is ready to take on the market with high gravity yeast from worlds largest yeast company both in grain & molasses segment. This year we plan to focus strongly in international markets.

I again express my warm gratitude to each one of you for believing in us & making us run on the success track. From this desk I also convey thanks to our team & associates for being with us strong & committed.

Regards,

Aditya.

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Catalysts Group wishing you All the Best today & throughout the coming Year !

Designation	Date of Birth
Sr. Executive - Logistics	01 January
Executive - Accounts	04 January
Jr. Manager - Accounts	12 January
Dy. Manager - BD	15 January
Dy. General Manager - BD	29 January
Executive - Purchase	31 January
Jr. Manager - R&D	06 February
Manager - Production	20 February



Catalysts Group is delighted to Congratulates & wishes you all a happy Anniversary & a perfect day.

Designation Date	of Marriage
Jr. Manger-logistics	15 January
Executive - Accounts	04 January
Jr. Manger-Administration	20 January
HR/Admin - Executive	06 February
Dy. General Manager - BD	18 February
Manger - BD	28 February
Executive - BD	04 March
Dy. Manger - Accounts & Finance	05 March



### WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE

Mr. Kapil Khandelwal (Manager - Business Development, Pune) is blessed with a BABY GIRL on March 24, 2012.

> Catalysts Jamily wishes Heartiest Congratulations to the new parents!!!



### Congratulations

Jo Mr. Umesh Kr. Purbey (Groom) & Ms. Priyanka (Bride) for tying knot on 19th February 2012.

May the two of you find everlasting lave between you that will strengthen with each passing year.

Have a happy married life.

### SATURDAY DEBATE DAY

**Topic:** What will be the effects of fuel price hike to Different sectors, Common man and Indian economy??

### Views:

Fuel price increase is a chain reaction. First the transportation cost will go up, this will have its effect on essential commodities which are transported on daily basis. Thus adding to inflation. Fuel price increase has its direct effect on moment of goods and services which is the back born of the economy. Hence effecting pricing of all products. Which in turn will effect the economy and increase inflation

### by lasvinder Singh

Fuel price hike is going to affect the common man adversely as it will finally lead to inflation. The transportation cost of all basic amenities will go up due to which the common man will face a lot of problems in their daily life. Whereas on contrast to this the Indian economy, our rupee value is going down as prices hikes due to maximum import of the fuel for our consumption. Indian government is also not having any alternative solution against hike in prices of fuel.

If government will provide subsidies on fuel then government will mobilize funds to compensate the difference by increasing the taxes in other sectors and finally different sectors may also feel the burden of inflation. Altogether the moral of this is that everybody should understand that these resources are judicious and should not be wasted. Wherever possible we should save the fuel or discover other alternatives of fuels, otherwise in future we will be facing the greater impact of it.

### by Dharmender Pathak

Hiking the crude oil price in international market will force the Indian government to increase the percentage of ethanol blending in fuel, that will Increase alcohol production in India

Currently government is blending only 2 to 3% ethanol in fuel & targeted to increase it 10 % up to 2017. Hiking the alcohol production will affect our Enzyme business

by Mithlesh Choubey

The price hike in Fuel prices is not good for the common people and nor for the economy of the country also.

### by Ashwini Agarwal

As the prices are frequently hiking for the traditional fuels we have to look out for the alternative fuels & Ethanol is one of the best renewal source. Ethanol produces less pollution, environment friendly, agriculture booster & non expensive fuel. hv Isha Goel

### **HUMOROUS STORIES**

### AWESOME OBSERVATION ABOUT DRIVING IN INDIA..!! - BY SUGANDHA



Harry visiting India and daring to drive on Almighty, often meeting with success. Indian roads, I am offering a few hints for survival. They are applicable to every place in India except Bihar, where life outside a vehicle is only marginally safer.

the domain of karma where you do your creosote. This triangular best, and leave the results to your vehicle carries iron rods, insurance company. The hints are as gas cylinders or follows: Do we drive on the left or right of passengers three times its the road?

The answer is "both". Basically you start on careful geometric the left of the road, unless it is occupied. In calculations, children are that case, go to the right, unless that is also folded and packed into occupied. Then proceed by occupying the these auto rickshaws until next available gap, as in chess. Just trust some children in the are your instincts, ascertain the direction, and not in contact with the proceed. Adherence to road rules leads to vehicle at all. Then their much misery and occasional fatality. Most school bags are pushed drivers don't drive, but just aim their into the microscopic gaps vehicles in the generally intended all round so those minor direction.

pedestrian crossings just because some Ben Hur, and are licensed to irritate. fool wants to cross the road. You may do so only if you enjoy being bumped in the back. **Mopeds:** The moped looks like an oil tin on

of the dead.

Blowing your horn is not a sign of protest as in some countries. We horn to express joy, compartment.

while awaiting the chief minister's dangerously, defying laws of gravity but motorcade, or waiting for the rainwater to obeying laws of surface tension. As drivers recede when over ground traffic meets get paid for overload (so many Rupees per underground drainage.

Occasionally you might see what looks like width of three passengers. a UFO with blinking colored lights and

For the benefit of every Tom, Dick and breakneck speed, seeking contact with the literal meaning and proceed in one

Auto Rickshaw (Baby Taxi): The result at once. So drive as you like, in reverse Indian road rules broadly operate within that runs on a mixture of kerosene oil and has been prevented by providing a "speed

> weight and dimension, at an unspecified fare. After

minister is in town. Still some idiot may try ride, the moped drivers tend to drive in the India, and are licensed to kill. to wade across, but then, let us not talk ill middle of the road; they would rather drive under heavier vehicles instead of around them and are often "mopped" off the tarmac.

dozing cow in the middle of the bazaar. passengers are given free passes and Keep informative books in the glove during rush hours, there is absolute chaos. There are passengers hanging off other You may read them during traffic jams, passengers, who in turn hang off the railings and the overloaded bus leans

kg of passenger), no questions are ever asked. Steer clear of these buses by a

weird sounds emanating from within. This **One-way Street:** These boards are put up is an illuminated bus, full of happy pilgrims by traffic people to add jest in their singing bhajans. These pilorims go at otherwise drab lives. Don't stick to the direction. In metaphysical terms, it means that you cannot proceed in two directions

of a collision between a rickshaw and an throughout, if you are the fussy type. Least I automobile, this three-wheeled vehicle sound hypercritical, I must add a positive point works on an external combustion engine also. Rash and fast driving in residential areas

> breaker": two for each house. This mound. incidentally, covers the water and drainage pipes for that residence and is left untarred for easy identification by the corporation authorities, should they want to recover the pipe for yearend accounting.

> Night driving on Indian roads can be an exhilarating experience for those with the mental make up of Genghis

Khan. In a way, it is like playing Russian roulette collisions with other vehicles on the road (a casino game), because you do not know who cause no permanent damage. Of course, amongst the drivers is loaded. What looks like Don't you get discouraged or these children are charged half the fare premature dawn on the horizon turns out to be a underestimate yourself except for a belief and also learn Newton's laws of motion en truck attempting a speed record. On in reincarnation; the other drivers are not route to school. Auto-rickshaw drivers encountering it, just pull partly into the field in any better position. Don't stop at follow the road rules depicted in the film adjoining the road until the phenomenon passes.

Our roads do not have shoulders, but occasional boulders. Do not blink your lights expecting reciprocation. The only dim thing in the truck is wheels and makes noise like an electric the driver, and with the peg of illicit arrack Pedestrians have been strictly instructed to shaver. It runs 30 miles on a teaspoon of (alcohol) he has had at the last stop, his total cross only when traffic is moving slowly or petrol and travels at break-bottom speed. brainy functions add up to little more than a has come to a dead stop because some As the sides of the road are too rough for a naught. Truck drivers are the James Bonds of

Often you may encounter a single powerful beam of light about six feet above the ground. This is not a super motorbike, but a truck approaching you with a single light on, usually the left one. It resentment, frustration, or just mobilize a Leaning Tower of Passes: Most bus could be the right one, but never get too close to investigate. You may prove your point

posthumously.

### **NEWS VIGNETTE**

High prices took the froth out of the Indian spirits industry last brewer's woes. Nearly 40% of beer consumed annually within fiscal. The beer market, which was guzzling growth of 13% in North India is in the first quarter of a financial year while peak recent years, inched up just 3-4% in the year ended March, its summer months account for 35% of sales in South India too. slowest growth in eight years. Liquor marketers too were "When the first quarter is sluggish, even if sales pick up in sobered by steep taxation in several key markets that tempered subsequent quarters it is hard to make up," Shekhar growth to 8% in 2011-12, the first time it slipped into single-Ramamurthy, deputy president of United Breweries, says. digit growth in decades.

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Brewers in India added just 7-9 million cases last fiscal to close at 240 million cases. "Last fiscal was exceptionally tough because of multiple disruptions in maior markets ranging from excise duty increases and elections to beer SOURCE: Industry policy changes," a unable to significantly boost growth.

Companies blame steep increase in tax rates and regulatory changes in key states such as Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, more than high inflation and a slowing economy.

beer consumption

30-40% in last April.



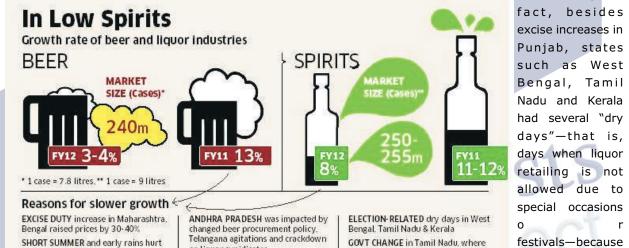
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### **INDIAN LIOUOR MARKET SOBERS UP IN FY12**

Steep taxation, policy changes, elections & short summer pull down beer sales growth to 4%; liquor market growth also dips to 8%

"Growth has been stunted. The industry has never gone below growth rates of 10%," Deepak Roy, vice chairman and CEO of Allied Blenders and Distillers, which markets Officer's Choice whisky, says. Industry estimates total liquor sales of 250-255 million cases for last fiscal, up from 234 million cases in 2010-

The largest beer market, Andhra Pradesh, was meanwhile impacted by changed beer procurement policy, Telangana agitations and a crackdown on liquor syndicates. Soren Lauridsen, MD of Carlsberg India, says continued increase in excise duty rates will impact demand as well as the profitability of brewers. Companies are unable to pass on increase in raw materials as consumers are already paving more, he says. In



on liquor synidicates

excise increases in Punjab, states such as West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala had several "drv days"—that is, days when liquor retailing is not allowed due to special occasions 0 r festivals-because of elections. Companies also took time to find

senior executive of a leading brewer says. Although brands such as Heineken, Miller High Life and Carlsberg Elephant were launched last year, industry players said these brands were

Unlike other consumer products, liquor is a state subject. State governments earn revenue by taxing spirits and beer separately. Perhaps the heaviest blow for the spirits industry, overall, came from an excise duty increase in Maharashtra that forced companies to raise consumer prices of liquor and beer by

The price of 650 ml bottle of Kingfisher beer in the state rose to . 95 from . 75 after the tax hike while that of Carlsberg beer increased to . 135 from . 100, and a 180-ml nip of Officer's Choice whisky to . 99 from . 64 earlier. As a result, sales volumes of spirits in Maharashtra dropped 7-10% up to February, while that of beer fell at least 5%, industry players say.

A short summer and early rains last year too added to the

their feet over requirements of the new government in Tamil Nadu, a market where wholesale and retail of liquor is controlled by a state corporation.

a state firm controls market hit sales

The spirits market-consisting of whisky, rum, vodka and brandy— was also struck by a triple-duty increase in 17 months in West Bengal. It led to 48% drop in liquor volumes in the state in the third quarter. For the whole year, growth was flat in the state.

But marketers say one exceptional year would not derail longterm strategies. "Every market has its own dynamics and in the portfolio of SABMiller's global businesses, India remains one of the largest growth opportunities given its size and changing demographics," SABMiller India MD Paolo Lanzarotti says. Companies are still betting on the growing base of legally drinking consumers in India who are spending higher.

Ashok Capoor, MD of United Spirits, says excise shocks are aberrations. "Unlike beer, brands are price laddered in the liquor segment which cushions such price increases to some extent," he savs.

Source: The Economic Times

### **COVER STORY**

### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ENZYME MANUFACTURING - BY DR. LAMBIT**

**E**nzymes are proteins which catalyses a reaction with a suitable substrate. It can at times overcome the use of high temperature, extreme pH and organic solvents in accelerating a reaction. Enzymes in these reaction process can offer increase reaction specificity, product purity and lessen environmental impact.

For these properties of enzyme the use has increased several fold for last 3 decades and is on the rise and also new applications are explored and applied continuously. The enzyme market and number of competitive enzyme based processes is growing rapidly, because of cheaper production methods, new application fields, and new enzymes.

This growing use of industrial enzymes is dependent on constant innovation to improve performance and reduce cost. This innovation is driven by a rapidly increasing database of natural enzyme diversity, recombinant DNA and fermentation technologies that allow this diversity to be produced at low cost, and protein modification tools that enable enzymes to be tuned to fit into the industrial marketplace. The application of genetic engineering techniques in enzyme manufacturing is dramatically sparking the exploitation of new enzymes and the development of new enzyme properties.

Due to new technologies, new enzymes not accessible before can be cloned into and produced from a well-known host organism. Thereby, enzymes from almost any source in nature become accessible, including enzymes exhibiting unusual properties, such as extreme thermostability. Applying new technologies, the enzyme properties may be efficiently altered which will lead to an increase in the variability of enzymes available and might lead to enzymes not present in nature so far. This mainly concerns enzyme stability, catalytic mechanism, substrate specificity and range, surface activity, folding mechanisms, cofactor dependency, pH- and temperature optima, kinetic parameters. Furthermore, enzymes could be

chemically modified. With applying new technologies, the variability in enzyme structure is dramatically increased and enzyme properties are significantly enhanced. Some the methods for obtaining novel enzyme and enhancing its production are as follows.

Natural enzyme diversity: Direct microbial screening is the classical method of screening enzymes, soil sample from various habitat are collected and screened for enzyme by growing in laboratory conditions through mimicking the natural habitat and providing nutrient to the microbes and inducing particular enzyme

by substrate or specific conditions. This method though vital, has lot of limitation as many novel enzymatic function are not accessible by this method. In fact, less than one percent of microbes are cultivable in laboratory condition. This is especially true for microorganisms from "extreme" habitats, endosymbionts and other niche-specialised communities from

which interesting novel enzymes can be expected. Due to recent technological breakthroughs in DNA and RNA sequencing metagenomics has become a major method for enzyme discovery. Metagenomics (also referred to as environmental and community genomics) is the genomic analysis of

microorganisms by direct extraction and cloning of DNA from an assemblage of microorganisms. Applying this method potential gene with specific properties may be directly explored for expression in a host organism.

Molecular cloning : Almost all molecular biology technologies is related to the gene. To facilitate the study of genes, they are isolated and amplified. One method of isolation and amplification of a gene of interest is to clone the gene by inserting it into another DNA molecule that serves as a vehicle or vector and is replicated in living cells. Since two DNAs of different origin are combined, this is called a recombinant DNA molecule. Following transplantation into the host organism, the foreign DNA contained within the recombinant DNA construct may or may not be expressed i.e, the DNA may simply be replicated without expression or produce desire protein or product.

This expression of a foreign gene requires restructuring the gene to include sequences that are required for producing a mRNA molecule that can be used by the host's translational apparatus e.g. promoter, translational initiation signal and transcriptional terminator. Specific changes to the host

> organism may be made to improve expression of the ectopic gene. In addition, changes may be needed to the coding sequences as well, to optimize translation, make the protein soluble, direct the recombinant protein to the proper cellular or extracellular location, and stabilize the protein from degradation.

> Fermentation Technology : Fermentation technology is the oldest of all technologies, and is a process of chemical change caused by organism or their product producing effervescence & heat. This process leads to production of a product by means of enhancing the mass culture of

microorganism. Different systems like batch processing (runs in batches) continuous processing (constituent are added and discharged continuously) and fed batch system (aliquot continuously or periodically added without removal of culture fluid). In fed batch type, the fermentor is designed to accommodate the increasing volume. Tremendous

What can you expect from the present day work life? High salary packages? recognition? Honors? Challenging assignments? Monetary as well as non-monetary incentives?

These are not all that you can expect from the modern day work life! You can expect several health ideas for you:

Low-Calorie, Cooked Snacks: When it comes to carrying a separate snack for the evening, it sounds like a chore! So the best option is to see what is being served in your office canteen. Instead of opting for some snacks like vada pav, choose healthier snacks, like dhokla, idli, egg white omlette, brown bread vegetable sandwich, uttapam, soups, cutlet, bhel puri and popcorn. These are low-calorie, healthier items. But always remember to check the quantity. Too much consumption of these snacks can prove to be bad.

Raw, Uncooked Items: Fruits and salads without dressings or with low calorie dressings like curd or lemon are healthy snack ideas! But it is always better to carry a whole fruit with you as cut fruits are subject to oxidation and might lose some vital vitamins as well. You can carry fruits very easily - just put an apple or an orange in your bag! Else, you can have it in the mid morning meal! Often, canteens serve fruit chaats and green salad.

Nuts: Raw or roasted almonds, peanuts, raisin and soybean act as good stress relievers and can be included to prepare a healthy mini meal. Apart from being good sources of protein, they are rich in certain essential fatty acids and amino acids, which can boost your metabolism as well as your immunity. The best part is that you can store some nuts easily in an airtight container, which you can keep in your office drawer or in your locker.

Beverages: Drinks like coconut water, buttermilk, fruit juice, milk, light coffee and green tea are ideal if you need instant refreshment. These beverages are healthy, low-calorie options and thus, these are helpful in weight management.



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issues as well! Acidity, indigestion, stress and weight gain are the other additional perks offered by today's work life. But you need to take a deeper look! Have you taken any initiative to solve office related food issues? Or you just skip lunches and utilize the lunch breaks in doing the tasks assigned to you? Here are some mini meal

you can also keep a pack of oat cookies, whole wheat biscuits of even multigrain biscuits in your bag. These biscuits and cookies are easy to store and can make a very healthy mini meal.

You cannot escape or change the sedentary nature of the modernday jobs, but making some changes in your meal patterns would allow you to combat the effects of the stressful work life.



THE HAPPINESS HANDBOOK - BY MAHENDRA

Some of the good things that changes your lifestyle and make u happy always..!! 💛

### Try to Do these small things and stay happy..

### Health:

- Drink plenty of water.
- Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
- Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
- Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.
- Make time to practice meditation, yoga, and prayer.
- Play more games. 🔛
- Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
- Sleep for 7 hours.
- Take a 10-30 minutes' walk every day. And while you walk, smile. 🐜

### Personality:

· Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

•Don't have negative thoughts/things, invest your energy in the positive present moment.

- Don't overdo. Keep your limits.
- Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
- Dream more while you are awake.
- Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.

• Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with his/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.

• Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.

- Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
- No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
- Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn.

• Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.

• Smile and laugh more.

### SOFT CORNERS

### MALT & MALT EXTRACT - BY MAHENDRA

### Introduction

Malt is the name given both to germinated grain, and to the sugar derived from it. The process of germinating ("sprouting") grain converts the starch to a mixture of sugars, thus increasing the sweetness, and the process is then halted by drying in a special kiln. The malted grain then used to add flavor and sweetness to beer, whisky, milkshakes and baked goods. Whoever thought of the process was clever, for sure. A second clever process extracts and concentrates the sugar into thick gloppy brown syrup quite suitable for eating directly from the jar - which is another excuse for buying a quantity. Not only is malt extract very delicious, it is also highly nutritious as it contains a lot of minerals, amino acids, folic acid, and B vitamins – a third reason for purchasing a jar. I can hardly wait to hire me off to the supermarket today.

### **History of Malting**

Malt, in substantially the same form as we know it today, was an important product long before the days of recorded history. Although its actual origin is buried in antiquity, there is a legend that early Egyptians manufactured malt by placing it in a wicker basket, which was then lowered into the open wells of that time. It was first lowered into the water for steeping, after which it was raised



above the water level for germination. The rate of germination was controlled by adjusting the height of the basket within the well. As germination progressed and heat developed, the basket would be lowered to a lower temperature level thus retarding growth and dissipating heat. To accelerate germination, the basket was simply raised to a higher level. The malt was kept from matting by raising it to the top of the well and agitating the basket. Drying was by natural means, probably a simple process of spreading on the ground, and subjecting it to the direct rays of the sun. The use of malt at this time was thought to be exclusively for beverage purposes.

Of course, production of malt during this period was limited by the number of wells, and in efforts to increase production, maltsters next employed man-made cisterns and natural caves. These natural processes continued for centuries, because the next advancement in the malting process is found in the middle European countries. There, as the requirement for malt increased, it was found necessary to develop artificial means of controlling the temperatures and humidity.

The earliest known "malt house" was a simple structure located at the bottom of a hill or mountain adjacent to a stream, which could supply low temperature water by gravity. These houses had massive stone walls with floors of stone or mortar. Small windows set in these heavy walls were the only means of ventilation. Barley would be received into the top of such a house, and dropped into deep cisterns for steeping. From there, it would be deposited in a pile onto the stone floor of the house for germination. As growth commenced and heat was generated, the malt was shoveled from this pile and spread in a thin bed toward the front of the room



Any necessary further cooling could only be accomplished during the cool evenings or night hours when experienced workmen shoveled the first thin layer of malt forward to another spot on the floor, throwing it into the air, and allowing it to fall in a thin shower. The proper moisture was applied by the simple old-fashioned sprinkling can. The process of shoveling to control temperature gradually moved the bed from the rear to the forward end of the floor, and as each successive steep was deposited onto the floor from the steeping cistern, it followed its predecessor down the length of the floor. In this way there were on each floor, a number of beds of malt in varying stages of germination. When the malt reached the front of the floor, its germination was completed, and it was shoveled by hand through a trap door into wheel barrows beneath, by means of which it was transported to the kiln for drying. The kiln, at that time, was simply a room with a tile floor, under which were crude furnaces.

The ceiling of the room assumed the shape of a high tapered dome, in which was located a large duct or chimney to pass off the moist hot air. After the germinated malt was spread on the floors, the fires were started, and drying accomplished by simple heating. The malt was agitated from time to time by a shovel. Later the tile

floors were perforated, so that the combustion gases could pass directly through the grain. All ventilation was by natural draft, and, of course, was influenced greatly by weather conditions.



The art of malting under those conditions was one of the highest. The maltster personally controlled all processes, and through highly developed manual skill maintained proper conditions. He alone checked the temperatures, mostly by sense. It was he who determined when more moisture was required.

In short, it was exclusively his skill and experience which brought out a finished malt of the proper character. Because temperature controls were dependent on atmospheric conditions, malting at that time was confined to the cool months, which averaged about five months per year. During the rest of the year, the house was completely closed. Naturally, with this short production season, volume was very definitely limited.

### **COVER STORY**

fold.

Site directed mutagenesis : Not all microorganism are cultivable by using common fermentable technology and not all enzymes found in nature are suitable for a certain synthetic problem - for example the enzyme activity, stability and substrate specificity are not always satisfactory. These limitations were often overcome by rational protein design when , if the gene encoding the enzyme and its three dimensional structures are available, mutation site can be identified followed by the introduction of appropriate amino acid by site directed mutagenesis meaning a single base change in the interested DNA sequence by deletion or insertion of an amino acid. Drastic changes has been made in the properties of enzyme by following this method.

micro flora

Saccharomyces, Aspergillus, and Penicillium.

### The Facts about Candida

The fact is, Candida can overgrow almost anywhere in the body and cause an infection. Candida species are the most common cause of invasive fungal infections in humans, producing infections that range from non life threatening mucocutaneous disorders to invasive disease that can involve any organ. An

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improvement has been carried out in these field by integration of specialization in engineering, biochemistry, microbiology and organic chemistry and production capacity has increased many

**Directed Evolution:** This is actually an in vitro evolution manipulated by researcher in the direction of desired variant. Emerged during mid 1990s, also called molecular evolution is done in the test tube by random mutagenesis of the gene coding the enzyme followed by identifying the desired biocatalyst variant within these mutant by screening or selection. The possibility to dramatically change enzyme properties by directed evolution and gene shuffling, and other efficient methods, makes it feasible to use enzymes that are specifically tailored to their application and process conditions. We expect that enzyme technology is close to a major breakthrough, owing to the opportunities created by emerging technologies.

Thus, these methods are mainly contributing to technical and economic goals. However, the safety of enzyme manufacturing might also be improved by restricting to few well-known and safe-to-use production strains which are used as hosts for genes from various sources.

### AUTO BREWERY SYNDROME OR GUT FERMENTATION SYNDROME - BY P. SHALINI

The gut flora consists of microorganisms which live in the digestive tracts of animals and is the largest reservoir of human flora. Here gut means intestine and flora means micro biota and

All the species living in the gut have not been identified as most of them cannot be cultured and identification is difficult. Most bacteria belong to the genera Bacteroides, Clostridium, Fusobacterium, Eubacterium, Ruminococcus, Peptococcus, Peptostreptococcus, and Bifidobacterium. Other genera, such as Escherichia and Lactobacillus, are present to a lesser extent. The currently known genera of fungi include Candida,

Of all these, Candida is a common yeast in the environment, on our bodies and in our bodies. It competes for space with 'good' bacteria on the skin and anywhere that it is warm and moist- like the digestive tract. If the immune system is strong, the yeast is harmless and unnoticeable, but if the immune system is stressed, Candida can win the competition for space and cause infection. The existence of Candida infections like 'thrush' in the mouth is very common, but their occurrence in the

intestine may be problematic. Many believe that Candida can also overgrow in the intestinal tract and cause symptoms that are commonly associated with so many chronic health problems today: fatigue, fuzzy thinking, body aches, chemical sensitivities and frequent infections are only some of the many complaints attributed to an 'Intestinal Candida Infection'

unusual symptom of certain people with severe candidiasis is the presence of alcohol in the blood stream even when none has been consumed. First discovered in Japan, and called "drunken disease". This is a process well understood by distillers of homemade brew. These candidiasis patients whose yeast turns sugar into alcohol are chronically drunk. They have developed what is called as auto brewery syndrome

Interestingly, researchers studying these patients found that when they gave people who complained of 'Intestinal Candida' a sugary meal, there was a measurable increase in blood alcohol concentration. Starches and sugars that are not digested hang out in the gut and ferment. They create a toxin called

> Acetaldehyde. Acetaldehyde is typically a byproduct of alcohol. Acetaldehyde does damage to the liver, pancreas, brain, nerves, muscles, metabolism, and neurotransmitters

> Many of the symptoms exhibited in alcoholism such as insomnia, depression, loss of libido, headaches, sinusitis/post-nasal drip, digestion and intestinal complaints, overlap with those in Candida overgrowth. A medical test has been developed in which,

after an overnight fast, the individual is given 100 grams of pure sugar. Blood samples taken both before the sugar loading, and an hour after, are measured for alcohol. An increase of alcohol indicates yeast "auto-brewery" intoxication. More studies showed that this ability to make alcohol after sugar administration went away and patients felt better after antifungal treatment and a low carbohydrate diet. Patients were treated based on this theory and became one of the most vocal proponents of the theory of Candida infection as the cause of these symptoms. But a specific organism has never been proven to actually be the CAUSE of this phenomenon, so researchers have not been so eager to call it 'Intestinal Candida'; instead, it was given the unusual name of 'Gut Fermentation Syndrome' or 'Auto Brewery Syndrome'.



### ACHIEVEMENT & AWARDS

### FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ISO 22000) - BY VINAY

Now a days food processing industries are accomplished through the use of internal materials. This International Standard this system so important globally as well as in Indian scenario. And more important a) To plan, implement, operate, maintain implement an externally developed what exactly it is all about? From several and update a food safety management combination of control measures. years quality assurance professional were system aimed at providing products that, using different tools for to assure the according to their intended use, are safe ISO 22000 integrates the principles of the manufacturing process and overall product for the consumer quality like TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT b) To demonstrate compliance with (HACCP) system and application steps

(QMS), 5S etc. Then International Organization for Standardization introduces, FSMS (ISO 2200) which changes complete scenario of food manufacturing and processing industries.

### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO)

The work of preparing International enhance customer satisfaction governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take chain committees is to prepare International conforms to its stated food safety Standards. Draft International Standards f)To demonstrate such conformity to adopted by the technical committees are relevant interested parties circulated to the member bodies for voting. g) To seek certification or registration Publication as an International Standard of its food safety management requires approval by at least 75 % of the system by an external organization, member bodies casting a vote. Attention is or make a self-assessment or selfdrawn to the possibility that some of the declaration of conformity to this elements of this document may be the International Standard subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all All requirements of this International such patent rights. ISO 22000 was Standard are generic and are intended to prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC be applicable to all organizations in the management systems for bodies providing 34, Food products.

safety management system where an Organizations that are directly involved Organization in the food chain needs to include, but are not limited to food **ISO 22005** - Traceability in the feed and Organization in the food chain needs to include, but are not limited to, feed food chain - General principles & basic safety hazards in order to ensure that food of ingredients, food manufacturers, implementation. is safe at the time of human consumption. retailers, food services, catering services, **ISO 22006** - Quality management It is applicable to all organizations, organizations providing cleaning and systems - Guidance on the application of regardless of size, which are involved in sanitation services, transportation, ISO 9002:2000 for crop production. any aspect of the food chain & want to storage and distribution services. Other implement systems that consistently organizations that are indirectly involved **ISO 22000** is also used in the Food Safety

also more concern about Food safety and/or external resources. This allows an organization, such as a small management system or more precisely International Standard specifies and/or less developed organization (e.g. a ISO 22000. Now the question arise why requirements to enable an organization small farm, a small packer-distributor, a



demonstrate conformity with those including hazards that may be associated standards bodies (ISO member bodies). that relate to food safety, in order to are identified & assessed.

Standards is normally carried out through d) To effectively communicate food safety At the present time, the following ISO technical committees. International issues to their suppliers, customers & standards will make up the ISO 22000 organizations, governmental and non- relevant interested parties in the food family of standards:

part in the work. The main task of technical e) To ensure that the organization systems - Requires for any organization in the food chain.

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complexity. This includes organizations management systems. SCOPE OF ISO 22000: This International directly or indirectly involved in one or **ISO TS 22004** - Food safety management International Standard can be packaging material, and other food contact Initiative (GFSI) approved scheme.

small retail or food service outlet), to

Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (TQM), QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM applicable statutory & regulatory food developed by the Codex Alimentarius s a f e t y Commission. By means of auditable requireme requirements, it combines the HACCP plan

> with prerequisite programmes (PRP). c ) T o Conducting a hazard analysis assists in evaluate organizing the knowledge required to & a s s e s s establish an effective combination of customer control measures. ISO 22000 requires that requireme all hazards that may be reasonably n t s & expected to occur in the food chain,

ISO is a worldwide federation of national mutually agreed customer requirements with the type of process & facilities used,

**ISO 22000** - Food safety management



ISO/TS 22002-Prerequisite programmes on food safety -Part 1: Food manufacturing.

### ISO TS 22003 - Food safety

food chain regardless of size and audit and certification of food safety

Standard specifies requirements for a food more steps of the food chain. systems - Guidance on the application of

demonstrate its ability to control food producers, harvesters, farmers, producers requirements for system design &

provide safe products. The means of include, but are not limited to, suppliers of Systems Certification (FSSC) Scheme meeting any requirements of this equipment, cleaning and sanitizing agents, Fs22000. It is a Global Food Safety

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are very good because they clean-up polluted water and soil.

them.

- breathe!
- 5) A liter of coastal seawater can contain a billion or more microbes!
- microbes!
- <sup>7)</sup> In the soil under your feet, there might be a million different types of microbes!

used for veterinary purposes.

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### MICROBES ARE FOUND EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD - BY PRIYANKA

Microbes (also sometimes called "bugs") are microscopic organisms. They are very small. Fungi, bacteria, protozoa, and viruses are all different types of microbes. Even though you can't see them without a microscope, microbes

are everywhere you go. Some microbes are bad, because they can cause diseases, but other microbes are good and helps people. For example, yeast is a helpful microbe that humans use to make breads. Other good microbes are used to make medicines for people and their animals.

Might E. Microbe (the "E" stands for "Environmental") and the Microbial Action Team

Different combinations of good microbes can help farmers grow bigger crops without fertilizers that harm the environment. Bacteria rule the world. No matter where you go or what you're doing, you cannot escape them. Nor would you want to. They're inside you, on every surface you touch, in the air you breath, and an integral part of every living thing around you. Without bacteria, life as we know it would cease to exist.

The more you learn about microbes, the more you'll appreciate

- 1) Microbes are the oldest form of life on Earth. They've been here for 3.8 billion years!
- 2) Microbes, by weight, represent 60 percent of the biomass of all life on Earth!
- 3) Microbes produce more than half of all the oxygen we
- 4) Microbes are the ultimate survivors: they are found just about everywhere on Earth!
- 6) A single gram of soil can contain more than a billion
- The right combinations of helpful microbes can eat pollution until the pollution disappears. Then the microbes disappear, because there's no more pollution for them to eat.
- Bacteria are constantly increasing their resistance to antibiotics which means that science needs to constantly develop new generations of more powerful antibiotics.
- It is estimated that worldwide nearly 50% of all antibiotics are
- Antibiotics should always been used in the correct way and only when necessary because using too much antibiotics decreases their effect and makes bacteria more resistant.
- Bacteria have evolved resistance to every major class of antibiotics, and since new antibiotics are being developed very slowly it is vital to prolong the effectiveness of e x i s t i n g

drugs to treat bacterial infections.

• Bacteria are typically only a few micrometres in length but have a wide range of different shapes.

> •There are around one million bacterial cells in a millilitre of fresh water.

 Bacteria have become very important for many branch of the industries, for instance, they play important role in sewage treatment as well as the production of cheese & yogurt through fermentation. Bacteria were the dominant form of life on our planet by more than 3 billion years.

• The most primitive form of oxygen-breathing bacteria appeared on our planet 2.48 billion years ago.

### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MICROBES

- **1** Bacteria adapt properties allowing them to present a wide array of coloring.
- 2 Nearly a third of all bottled drinking water purchased in the US is contaminated with bacteria.
- **3** You are more likely to be struck by lightning that to be eaten by a shark. You are more likely to be infected by flesh-eating bacteria than you are to be struck by lightning.
- 4 The soft plastic headphones used on airplanes create a warm, moist environment in the ear canal that is ideal for breeding bacteria. Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- 5 Researchers have revived a 250 million year old bacterium, Bacillus permians, that was discovered in salt crystals.
- 6 Diamonds are thought to be made from carbon and dead hacteria
- 7 There are an estimated 75 to 100 trillion cells in the human body. It is believed by scientists that there are more bacteria in your body than the number of cells in your body.
- 8 Researchers have discovered that bacteria live and thrive in clouds.
- 9 Microbes from Mars may have traveled to Earth on Martian rocks that were strewn into space by meteor collisions.
- 10 Genetically altered bacteria could be used to create an environment on Mars that is similar to earth's environment.
- **11** Soap and water are more effective at killing germs than antibacterial hand sanitizes.
- **12** Bacteria, Wolbachia, has been known to change a sow bug (aka, pill bug, rolly Polly) from a male to a female.

