



On the 26th Aug around 8.40 am, in Nepal devastating flash floods killed over 800 people, with over 3000 people still listed as missing. The disaster is among the country's worst in recent years. Geological Survey sources said in a statement that a glacial collapse triggered seismic activity and led to "catastrophic" downstream impacts in Nepal and Tibet. The death toll continues to rise as many people are reported missing. A huge flood of water, mud and rocks swept through the Lhende Khola river valley, engulfing villages and destroying homes and critical infrastructure. At least 19 bridges and about 40km (25 miles) of roads were washed away. As an aid group leader says from the ground the Scale of destruction along Nepal river is "simply apocalyptic,".

At least 169 people were killed and a state of emergency was declared after Colombia was hit by one of its largest earthquakes in years, of magnitude 7.4 at 07:34 (12:34 GMT) on the 10th of August 2026 in Chocó province, the country's geological service said. It was felt across an enormous area, stretching for hundreds of miles across western Colombia. Many of the deaths have been concentrated in Cali, Colombia's third most populous city. According to authorities, most of the fatalities were in cities. Cali, located about 200km from the epicentre, was the worst affected with 85 dead. This was followed by another earthquake, of 5.1-magnitude which struck Colombia on the 26th Aug 2026, causing shaking in several areas in the centre and northeast of the country, including in the capital, Bogotá.

The news of natural calamity did not end there ,elsewhere in Indonesia an earthquake of 7.7-magnitude shook the province of East Nusa Tenggara on Aug 15, followed by thousands of aftershocks, damaging more than 73,000 homes and forcing the evacuation of about 180,000 people. The death toll has crossed over 100.

The war has been doing a lot to the world and its economy and these kinds of natural calamities are in no way enabling any sense of peace globally . With a silent thought for all the affected and hope for them to rebuild their lives from the enormous losses, lets read on

Light Moments

An old man and woman were married for many years . Every time they had a fight, it got Loud – Really loud. Neighbours could hear the yelling especially when the old man would shout :“When I die I’ll dig my way out of the grave and come back to haunt you for the rest of your life!” The neighbours were terrified . The old man loved it – He liked being feared .

Then one evening he passed away at 98 years of age. At the funeral the neighbours nervously asked the widow “Aren’t you afraid that he might actually dig his way and come back to haunt you ?”

She smiled and calmly replied, “Let him dig. I had him buried upside down.. and I know he won’t stop digging”

News from Sevenseas

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Around the world, one Plate at a time – Ruz al Bukhari, Arabian peninsula



Ruz al Bukhari or Bukhari rice is a rice dish that is enjoyed throughout the Gulf States of the Arabian Peninsula. This Middle Eastern specialty is believed to derive its name from the city of Bukhara, a historically-important trading city situated on the Silk route in Central Asia. A variety of spices such as cinnamon, cardamom, star anise, fennel seeds, cumin, coriander seeds, nutmeg, and black pepper, which used to be traded on the

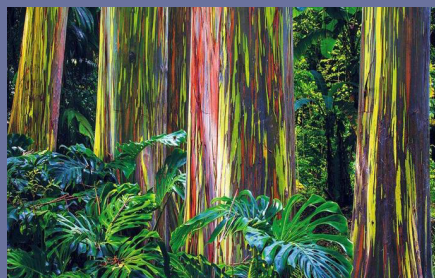
Silk route are featured in this dish, imparting a distinctive flavor and aroma to it. Chicken, lamb or mutton typically accompany this dish, and long-grain rice is usually cooked in the aromatic broth obtained from cooking the accompanying meat. The dish is often topped with nuts, dried fruits, fried onions, or coriander leaves, and it is usually served with a green salad and salata hara (a spicy tomato sauce) on the side.

Trade News**Return of mega container ships to the Suez Canal emerges as a positive to Indian exporters**

Large container ships are returning to the Suez Canal as shipments for the Christmas and New Year season to Europe and the US gather pace, with shipping lines beginning to restore services on the key Asia–Europe trade route. The Suez Canal, on 22nd Aug , witnessed the transit of Bangkok Maersk with carrying capacity of 17,200 TEUs, on its voyage from Italy to Singapore, as per sources. This follows the passage of CMA CGM's mega container ship CMA CGM Saint Germain from Morocco to Malaysia through the canal about a month ago. The renewed movement of mega ships comes after almost 1,000 days of disruption to shipping through the canal following attacks on commercial vessels by Yemen-based Houthi forces from late 2023. Major container lines subsequently diverted services around the Cape of Good Hope to avoid the Red Sea, adding significant sailing time and costs. Shippers using West Coast ports gain shorter transit times to Europe and the U.S., lowering freight, inventory, and working-capital costs while restoring supply chain reliability ahead of the peak festive season. Major liners like CMA CGM and Maersk are gradually reintroducing select large vessel services through the corridor.

Vizhinjam Port in Kerala , Southern India launches EXIM operations with ₹160bn expansion

The maritime landscape of South Asia marked a landmark milestone as Vizhinjam International Seaport officially launched full-scale Export–Import (EXIM) operations, establishing India's premier direct commercial gateway to global trade routes. The port's first commercial export consignment destined for Valencia, Spain carrying frozen traditional food products shipped by a Thiruvananthapuram-based Exporter. Ocean transit times to European markets are now slashed from nearly sixty days down to just twenty-four days by bypassing foreign transshipment stops in Colombo, Singapore, and Dubai. This operational launch elevates Vizhinjam from a transshipment harbour into a dynamic commercial gateway capable of handling direct inbound and outbound international cargo. The transition to direct EXIM operations provides transformative economic advantages by significantly lowering freight expenses and supply chain turnaround times for regional exporters. Businesses across Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka can now ship key commodities, including spices, cashew, handlooms, marine exports, and manufactured goods, directly to international markets. Boasting a natural depth of 20 to 24 metres located just ten nautical miles from the primary east–west international shipping corridor, Vizhinjam seamlessly accommodates ultra-large container vessels without requiring extensive maintenance dredging.

Travel Diaries – Rainbow eucalyptus trees – Maui, Hawaii

The serpentine Road to Hana in Hawaii is one of the world's great scenic drives, with waterfalls, rainforest and dramatic coastal scenery unfolding around every bend as the highway winds towards the sleepy town of Hana. One of its most overlooked attractions stands right beside the road: a grove of rainbow eucalyptus trees that look as though they've been painted by hand. Their extraordinary colours – vivid reds, purples, greens and oranges – are the result of bark shedding at different times throughout the year. As fresh layers are exposed beneath older ones, the trunks become living canvases, with new patterns and colours constantly emerging. No two trees are ever quite the same, and the display is always changing

**Off Beat News - Pastry Chef Spends Four Months Creating Awe-Inspiring
500-Kilogram Wedding Cake**



Spanish pastry chef Marc Suárez recently unveiled his most impressive wedding cake yet, a masterpiece featuring tens of thousands of sugar paste petals and weighing half a ton. Marc Suárez is famous for his intricate luxury cakes, but his latest creation is in a league of its own! Measuring 3.5 meters tall and 1.8 meters wide, the Spanish pastry chef's masterpiece looks more like a museum piece than a wedding cake. Commissioned by a

Saudi family for a royal wedding, Suárez spent about a month and a half coming up with a suitable concept, and another four months making his vision a reality. Even though he normally works alone, for this particular project, he enlisted several of his pastry chef friends, as well as their family members, because of the amount of work required. Simply placing the 33,000 petals on the cake was an extraordinary effort.

In total, some 1,800 hours of work went into making this incredible-looking cake, which ended up weighing a whopping 500 kilograms (1,100 lbs). It was unveiled at the Paris Opera Garnier for the wedding of a Saudi couple who asked to remain anonymous. Explaining the extreme intricacy of his cake, Marc Suárez said that the newlyweds "wanted a cake that didn't look like a cake, but rather a kind of monument that would pay homage to the event" and to the flamboyant venue that hosted it. Interestingly, Suárez revealed that only about 0.1% of his incredible creation is actual cake, with the rest being hand-moulded sugar paste and white chocolate.

Treasures of Wisdom

Something to think about

Never respond to insults. The main purpose of people who insult you is to make you act without thinking. Annoy them with your silence and amaze them with your success

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