



Why Major Disasters Keep Happening on the 26th

From Chernobyl to Nepal floods, why this number keeps turning up in some of history's worst disasters?



The fate of number 26.

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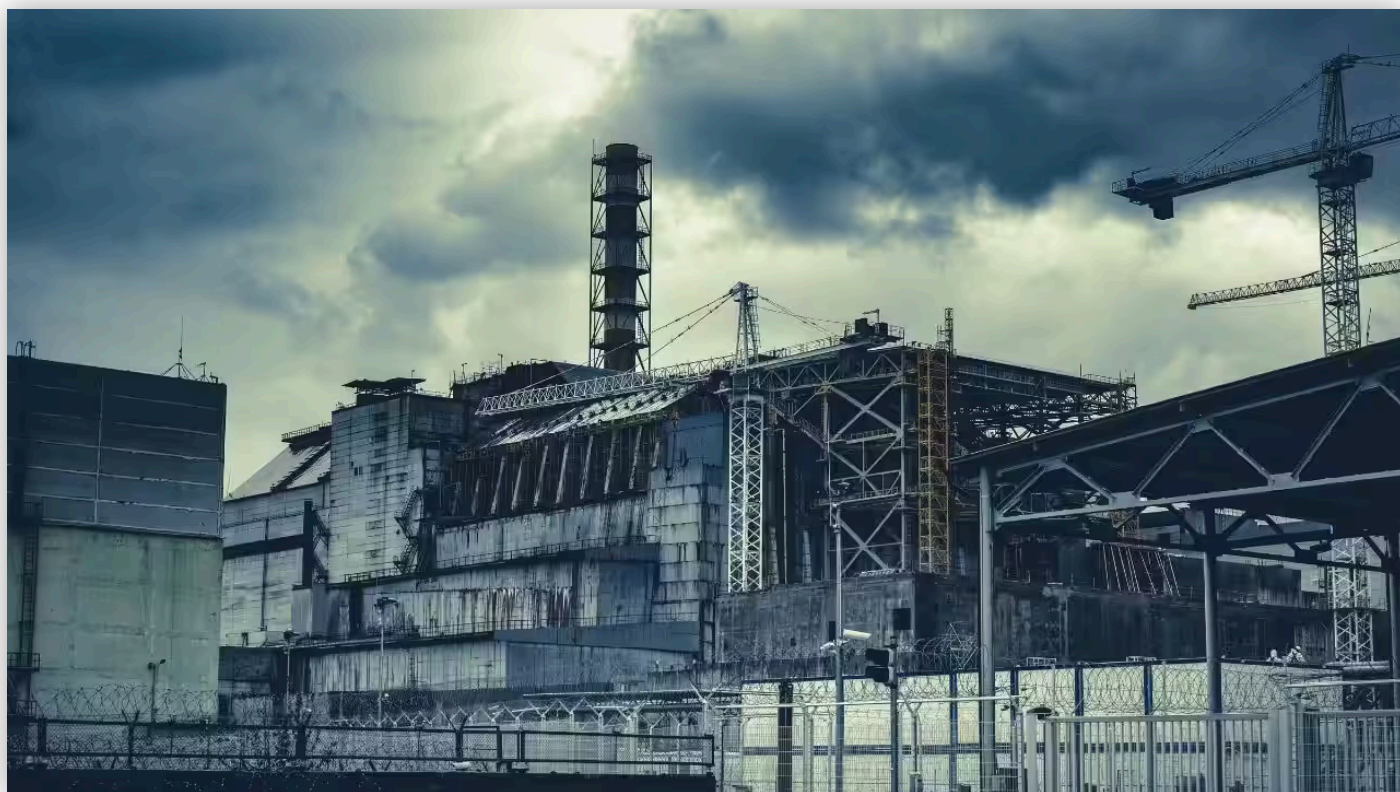
Chernobyl. Hindu Kush earthquake. And now Nepal floods.

What is common between a nuclear meltdown in Ukraine, a quake in Afghanistan, and flash floods that tore through Nepal and Tibet this August, and many more such incidents? Nothing, on the surface - different countries, different

decades, different causes. Except the date. All three struck on the 26th.

Run through the list and it gets uncomfortable fast. The Chernobyl explosion happened on April 26, 1986. The Indian Ocean tsunami, which killed close to 228,000 people across a dozen countries, struck on December 26, 2004. The Mumbai terror attacks unfolded over three days starting November 26, 2008. Mumbai also drowned in more than 944mm of rain in a single day on July 26, 2005 - a day the city still calls "26/7." Go back further and there is the Gujarat earthquake of January 26, 2001, the Japan earthquake of May 26, 1983, the China earthquake of April 26, 1990, the Indonesia earthquake of May 26, 2006 and the Hindu Kush earthquake of October 26, 2015.

Different centuries, different continents, different causes - a nuclear meltdown, a terror cell, a shifting tectonic plate. None of these events share a mechanism but all of them share a date.



File photo of Chernobyl. (Image: iStock)

Coincidence Or Something Worth Noticing?

Tarot coach and numerologist Ruma Marwah says that once you line up India's own disasters on the 26th - an earthquake in 2001, a flood in 2005, a terror attack in 2008, and now the Nepal floods in 2026 - the "just statistics" explanation starts to feel thin. But she is also careful to flag the obvious counterargument too: With 31 possible dates in a month, some number was always going to end up with more disasters attached to it purely by chance. Go looking for a cluster around any other date, she says, and you would probably find one.

"Statistics can tell you clustering is likely to happen somewhere. It cannot tell you why it happened here, on this

specific number, again and again, for a hundred years running," Marwah says.

That is where numerology steps in. Reduce 26 the way the discipline does - 2 plus 6 - and you land on 8, a number tied to Saturn, the planet numerologists associate with karma and delayed reckoning. Marwah points out that in the earliest tarot decks, the number 8 belonged to Justice, shown holding a raised sword - "the sword signaling that whatever correction is coming will not be a gentle one," as she puts it.



Hindu Kush Earthquake. (Image: iStock)

"Nature rarely responds to harm in the same moment it's inflicted," she says. "It responds later, on a timeline that has nothing to do with human patience, and when it does

respond, it tends to correct with a force proportional to how long the imbalance was allowed to continue."

What Do The Astrologers Say?

Sidhharrth S Kumaar, Chief Astrologer at NumroVani, urges caution before treating 26 as a cursed number at all. His advice is to start with the event, not the date - count how many earthquakes or floods happened over a stretch of years, then check what share actually fell on the 26th, rather than letting a handful of disasters shape the whole impression.

"Numerology should encourage observation, not selective observation," Kumaar says.

He breaks the number 26 a little differently: 2 stands for emotion and relationships, 6 for responsibility and material security, and together they reduce to 8 - Saturn's number which is linked to discipline, structure and long-term consequence, not just hardship. "Number 8 can create powerful administrators, business leaders, institution builders and people who learn how to work with power and responsibility," he explains. "Its positive side is not instant success. Its strength lies in building something that can last."

In simple words, as per his reading, Saturn-linked numbers show up around disasters not because they cause them but because they test weak systems and expose what wasn't built to last. "Saturn asks questions that we often avoid," he says. "Is

the infrastructure strong enough? Are safety systems working as expected?" His larger point, in his own words: "Numbers may make us notice a pattern. What we do after noticing it is where the real meaning begins."

Acharya Poonam Dutta of Annant Drishti goes a step further and says the real explanation is not the date at all, but the sky at the time. "A serious Vedic reading does not stop at the calendar date," she says. "It looks past the number entirely and asks what was actually happening in the sky at the moment when these events unfolded. That is where the real story is."



Indonesia earthquake of May 26. (Image: iStock)

In the Nepal flood chart, she notes Mercury placed in the twelfth house between the Sun and Ketu, a position often

linked to sudden loss and breakdowns in communication, while Mars and Saturn cast difficult aspects on the fourth house, which governs land and infrastructure. She finds similar patterns in the 2001 Gujarat earthquake and the 2004 tsunami charts, both involving tense placements between Mars, Saturn and Rahu.

"The number 26 will almost certainly keep showing up in headlines for years to come," she says, "but the deeper truth sitting underneath all of it is that Mars, Saturn, Rahu and a strained Moon are the real forces at work here, not the number itself."

An Honest Middle Ground

If you strip away the mysticism, there is a fair, simple point sitting underneath all of these views: Humans notice patterns, and a date with enough disasters attached to it over a century will always look eerie in hindsight. Whether you read that through astrology, numerology, or plain probability, the more useful takeaway is not fear of a number but the reminder to look harder at the systems, warnings and preparedness that were missing before the disaster struck.

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