

A collection of chocolate and life-style news from around the world to heighten your enthusiasm in chocolate.

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Chocolate And Some Fun News From Round The World.



A Chocolate Factory In Eastern Congo Conflict Zone

Dominique Persoone, often known as the “bad-boy chocolatier, hopes to save gorillas

His latest escapade is making chocolate in the jungles of eastern Congo.

The scheme is less madcap than it may sound. The factory is just outside the Virunga National Park, a vast reserve that is home to endangered mountain gorillas and other wildlife. The park is threatened by hundreds of militiamen who poach its animals, and by farmers who sneak in to plant crops. One way of protecting it is to create jobs by making posh chocolate from local cocoa.

The new factory sandwiched between dense rainforests and the Rwenzori mountains will churn out up to 5,000 bars a week. Many will be sold in Mr Persoone’s shops in Antwerp and Bruges

“People have perceptions of eastern Congo as a disaster area,” he says. “We can create excellent chocolate and show them it is not.”

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Easter is just over. Our Newsletter looks back at some great eggs and bunnies that helped to celebrate this joyous day.



Dominique Costa’s carousel egg



Jimmy Mornet’s flower power spirit



Saray Ruiz. Green power!



And some Easter neopop Bunnies by the legendary Chocolatier Ernst Knam



Curtsey of so-good magazine April



Mood Pills chocolate collection by Vinesh Johny



Chocolatiers Making News.

Vinesh Johny travelled abroad to complete his mastery in French-based patisserie, returned to his country, to open a pastry school, the Lavonne Academy, in his home town, Bangalore, India which has become one of the sources of inspiration and engines of modern pastry training.

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