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For the 353rd issue, we reviewed 20 news reports from 9 sources and selected 14 happenings in five countries. In Nepal, water shortage has been the major problem after the quake while red swamp deer has increased in India. In Tibet, China, inland saltwater lake has started to expand and leaf litter collection has been leased in Bhutan. And earthquake has hit Swat, Khyber Pankhtunkhwa, northwestern Pakistan.

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ACUTE WATER SHORTAGE

The residents of Kathmandu valley, central Nepal have been suffering from water problem, after the earthquake. They are being worried about out breaks of water borne diseases as the water pipes have been damaged.

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<http://e.myrepublica.com/component/flippingbook/book/1917-republica-07-may-2015/1-republica.html>

RELIEF FOOD CONTAMINATION

Date expired and adulterated substandard food materials have been discovered among relief material sent by various donors' countries to the earthquake victims. About 33 cartons of beverages and 43 boxes of Koka noodles have been found contaminated. However after the inspection all the contaminated foods were destroyed.

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<http://epaper.ekantipur.com/kathmandupost/showtext.aspx?boxid=161417622&parentid=26331&issuedate=852015>

<http://e.myrepublica.com/component/flippingbook/book/1918-republica-08-may-2015/1-republica.html>

LARGE NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK KILLED

The devastating earthquake of April 25 has killed around one million of livestock and birds in kavre district, central Nepal. Similarly many casualties have been recorded in Nayagaun, Deupur, Jyamdi Mandan and Mahadevsthan VDC. The injured livestock is being treated.

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<http://e.myrepublica.com/component/flippingbook/book/1919-republica-09-may-2015/1-republica.html>

RESCUE WORKS DISRUPTED

A huge avalanche has disrupted the rescue works in quake hit Langtang, central Nepal. Around 120 people have been killed, while 160 houses have been completely destroyed. About 183 locals, 20 laborers, 80 tourists, 40 tourist guides and 10 national army personnel have been missing in those areas.

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<http://www.ekantipur.com/2015/05/09/top-story/avalanche-halts-rescue-works-in-langtang/405029.html>

<http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=2811&boxid=60336074&dat=5/11/2015>

QUAKE HIT RISK DISEASES

The quake hit people in remote northern VDCs of Dhading district, central Nepal are at high risk of diseases. About 570 had suffered from diseases like diarrhea, fever, pneumonia, dysenteries and conjunctivitis. However, awareness campaigns in the area have been initiated.

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<http://epaper.ekantipur.com/kpost/showtext.aspx?boxid=144620112&parentid=26360&issuedate=1152015>

JURE VICTIMS IN LANDSLIDE AREAS

Locals of Jure have moved to Barhabise VDC, Sindhupalchowk district, central Nepal after the overwhelming earthquake hit the country. About 150 had died in the massive landslide last year.

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<http://www.myrepublica.com/society/item/20760-landslide-hit-jure-victims-hit-by-earthquake.html>

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INCREASED SWAMP DEER POPULATION

The population of eastern swamp deer has increased from 854 in 2014 to 1,129 in 2015 in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, north eastern India. About 328 adult males, 569 adult females, 122 yearlings and 110 fawns of the species were spotted.

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<http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/detailsnew.asp?id=may0715/state052>

EROSION DESTROYS BHURAGAON

The Brahmaputra river's erosion near Bhuragaon, Morigaon district, north eastern India had partially eroded Tulsibori and Mikirgaon villages. About 25 families had become homeless, while 700 ha agricultural land with standing crops and vegetables have been affected.

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<http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/detailsnew.asp?id=may0715/state053>

HAILSTORM WREAKS HAVOC

A severe hailstorm accompanied by strong rain had affected 800 families, while injuring nine in Patamari, Abuler Char and Sasterghat villages, north eastern India. Many trees have been uprooted while several ha of cultivated area in Dhubri district were destroyed.

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<http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/detailsnew.asp?id=may0615/state052>

FLASH FLOOD THREATS

An artificial lake in Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir, northern India had burst on Tuesday morning resulting in flash flood. The infrastructure has been damaged as six bridges were carried away, while around 3,000 locals have been moved to the safer places.

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<http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/ladakh/lake-burst-triggers-flash-floods-in-kargil-evacuation-on/185702.html>

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GREENHOUSE VEGETABLES

The soldiers of local barracks have been working in a plastic greenhouse in Zanda County of Ngari Prefecture, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. People have learnt to grow greenhouse vegetables and graze livestock in their locality in order to meet the basic needs for sustaining healthy life.

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<http://en.people.cn/n/2015/0506/c90882-8888126.html>

INLAND SALTWATER LAKE EXPANSION

As rainfall and temperature increases the surface area of China's largest inland saltwater lake has expanded over the past decade, northwest China. The surface area was recorded at 4,389.31 square kilometers, an increase of 9.08 square kilometers from last year, and the 10th consecutive annual increase.

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<http://en.tibetol.cn/01/01/201505/t1393589.htm>

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LEASING TSAMDROS AND SOKSHINGS

The agriculture ministry has initiated to lease tsamdros (pasture land) and sokshings (leaf litter collection). Recently, the lease implementation has been carried out in Punakha district, central Bhutan. With the enactment of the Land Act 2007, tsamdros and sokshings had nationalized and reverted into national reserve forests. However, the government is yet to compensate any of the farmers.

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<http://www.kuenselonline.com/leasing-of-tsamdro-and-sokshing-started/#.VU-IrPmqqko>

87TH ON COMPETITIVENESS INDEX

Bhutan has scored the highest on safety and security indicator to rank 87th competitive country in the Travel and Tourism Competitiveness index 2015, released by World Economic forum. It was based on 14 pillars like business environment, travel and tourism policies, readiness of communication networks, infrastructure quality, and natural resources. The ranking measured competitiveness of 141 countries and economies. However, Bhutan was ranked 120 and scored lowest in the tourism service infrastructure criteria.

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<http://www.kuenselonline.com/bhutan-ranked-87th-on-tt-competitiveness-index/#.VU-FNvmqqko>

EARTHQUAKE HITS SWAT

The devastating earthquake of 4.2-magnitude struck Swat, the administrative district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, northwestern, Pakistan and adjoining areas on Sunday morning. The epicenter of the tremors was Koh-e Hindukush in Afghanistan. No casualties were reported.

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<http://www.khybernews.tv/newsDetails.php?cat=3&key=ODI2MTc>