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For the 362<sup>nd</sup> issue, we reviewed 20 news reports from 10 sources and selected 12 happenings in five countries. In Nepal, parasitic infections have been found in Red Panda while dengue cases have risen in India. In Tibet, China, greenery has increased and windstorm has damaged maize plantation in Bhutan. And roads have been inundated by floods in Rawalpindi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, northwestern Pakistan.

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## Nepal-Himalaya

### FLOODS HIT KHOTANG

The floods had destroyed three power houses disrupting electricity supply at Mattim, Chhitapokhari, Khidima and Temma areas, Khotang district, eastern Nepal. Around 418 households have been affected, while property worth NRS 4 million has been damaged.

July 7

<http://www.myrepublica.com/economy/item/24145-khotang-floods-sweep-away-3-micro-hydel-powerhouses.html>

### DENGUE IN CHITWAN

The dengue fever affected more than 119 persons out of 1,678 in the current fiscal year in Chitwan district, central southern Nepal. Five people had lost lives in the economic year 2010/2011. With the onset of the rainy season dengue awareness raising campaigns are initiated.

July 7, July 09

<http://www.nepalnews.com/index.php/news/44501-119-persons-suffer-from-dengue-in-chitwan>

<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/9031>

### PARASITIC INFECTIONS IN RED PANDA

The parasitic infections found in red panda have been a major cause of mortality. About 12 red pandas were found dead in Taplejung, Panchthar and other districts, eastern Nepal in 2014. The study conducted by the Red Panda

Network and the Global Primate Network in a community forest at Gram VDC in Rolpa district, mid-western Nepal suggested the protozoa infections were the most common while cestode infections occurred the least .

July 08

<http://www.ekantipur.com/2015/07/08/top-story/parasitic-infections-threaten-red-panda/407577.html>

#### EROSION DISPLACES FAMILIES

The erosion of the banks of Budhi Gandaki River has displaced about 33 families at Solti Bazaar in Thumi VDC, Gorkha district, central Nepal. A lake has been formed after the flood in Soti Khola deposited rocks, tree trunks and debris in the river. The water blocked by the debris has reached near human settlements.

July 10

<http://www.ekantipur.com/2015/07/10/top-story/erosion-in-budhi-gandaki-river-displaces-33-families/407685.html>

<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/>

#### ECONOMY DOWN

The overall economic condition of the nation for the current fiscal year has been disappointing. The economic growth rate has been projected to shrink to three percent due to poor harvest owing to adverse weather conditions, and massive losses in the industrial and service sectors following the earthquake. The government had aimed to make development expenditure of NRS 116 billion in the present fiscal year but has failed to spend even half of the amount.

July 13

<http://www.karobardaily.com/2015/07/5892/>

## India-Himalaya

#### HEAVY RAIN WREAKS HAVOC

The heavy rain measuring 70mm had affected the normal life, while a Shrikhand Mahadev pilgrim died of cold at Chail, Shimla, northern India. Likewise, the vehicular traffic has led to traffic jams. The water overflowed on roads due to choked drains causing inconvenience to pedestrians, especially school children.

July 07

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/himachal/shimla-chail-drenched/103642.html>

#### DENGUE CASES RISE

The people affected by dengue till May 2015 has reached 19 in Mizoram, north eastern India. About Six cases were identified in 2012, seven in 2013 and 19 in 2014. Rigorous efforts were made to contain the spread of the dreaded disease, caused by Aedes mosquitoes.

July 11

<http://www.northeasttoday.in/19-dengue-cases-reported-in-mizoram/>

## China Himalaya

#### TIBET GAINS POPULARITY

Tibet, southwest china has been regarded as a hot tourist destination in all four seasons. The sunshine on the Potala Palace in winter, the unique glamour of Nyingchi in spring, the pristine Lingka Woods Festival in Shigatse in summer and the spacious and deserted Ngari in autumn have been the major places of attraction.

July 7

[http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/xw/201507/t20150707\\_3444841.html](http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/xw/201507/t20150707_3444841.html)

## INCREASING GREENERY

The green coverage rate of Tibet, southern China has grown by 10 percent over the past five years due to afforestation and climate change. The proportion of land covered by vegetation has been eight percent higher than it was in the year 2000. Likewise, the vegetation has grown denser in about 214,000 square km, which is about 18.8 percent of Tibet's total surface area in the past 15 years. General warming due to climate change may have also contributed to this increase in greenery.

July 10

[http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/xw/201507/t20150710\\_3476973.html](http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/xw/201507/t20150710_3476973.html)

## Bhutan-Himalaya

### WINDSTORM DESTROYS MAIZE

A strong windstorm has damaged maize plantation affecting more than 25 households in Rabti, Pam and Gangkhar in Yangtse and Menchutsangdung in Tomzhang, north eastern Bhutan. The damage has not been as severe as by rain and hailstorm in the past.

July 09

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/windstorm-damages-maize-in-yangtse/#.VZ41oY6qqko>

## Pakistan- Himalaya

### ROADS INUNDATED

The heavy monsoon rain had inundated major roads, while a person has been killed, in Rawalpindi, northwestern India. Around 80 mm of rain has been recorded. The boundary walls of houses have been destroyed in Charsadda district disrupting supply of electricity.

July 07

<http://www.khybernews.tv/newsDetails.php?cat=2&key=ODY2NTM=#sthash.R1fjoXbp.dpuf>

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1193364/rainstorm-uproots-power-pylons-trees-in-charsadda>

### REMUNERATION FOR DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS

The government of KP, northwestern Pakistan had allocated PKR 45 billion for the districts government. Similarly, a payment of PKR 50 million remaining amount in lieu of Durrani Media Colony and a grant of PKR 10 million for the Peshawar Press Club have been announced. The remuneration would be used for health facilities for poor patients.

July 08

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1193119/rs45bn-released-to-district-govts-in-kp-khatta>