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For the 367th issue, we reviewed 18 news reports from 8 sources and selected 9 happenings in five countries. In Nepal and India suffer from landslides and heavy rainfall. In Tibet, China, the cubs of leopard have been found and new subspecies of butterfly have been discovered in Bhutan. And relief materials have been distributed in Chitral, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, north western Pakistan.

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Nepal-Himalaya

LANDSLIDES WREAK HAVOC

Different parts of the country have been affected by the heavy rainfall. Six persons in Doti, three in Gulmi and one in Dolakha have lost their lives. Similarly, floods have washed away many bridges. Likewise the landslips triggered by excessive rainfall had disrupted roads at several places in Sindhupalchok district, Central Nepal. The bridge of Sunkoshi had sink a meter while, vehicular movements have been effected due to fallen trees and debris.

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<http://thehimalayantimes.com/kathmandu/landslides-claim-10-lives/>

<http://thehimalayantimes.com/nepal/landslides-displace-250-families/>

<http://thehimalayantimes.com/nepal/heavy-rainfall-disrupts-roads-in-sindhupalchok/>

<http://www.myrepublica.com/society/story/26372/barhabise-tatopani-road-obstructed.html>

MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN

The children of Makwanpur district, central Nepal have been found severely malnourished after the April earthquake. Out of 1,600 malnourished children, around 1,000 had been affected by the quake. There has been an emergency need for medical care.

August 12

<http://www.ekantipur.com/2015/08/12/national/children-in-quake-hit-villages-malnourished-govt-report/409320.html>

AQUATIC LIFE ENDANGERED

The aquatic life of Bedkot lake Kanchanpur, far western Nepal has been affected due to over-fishing. The endangered aquatic faunas like Tortoise (*Testudo graeca*), Python snake (*Python regius*) have been caught in the last few months.

August 13

<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/10258>

India-Himalaya

HEAVY RAINFALL IN HIMANCHAL

The massive rainfall had affected Ani, Kullu district, Shimla, Himanchal pardesh, northern India damaging cowsheds and bridges. Similarly, the landslide had blocked around 200 roads with several vehicles stuck on various places.

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http://epaper.tribuneindia.com/562162/Himachal-Edition/HE_11_August_2015#page/2/2

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/himachal/community/heavy-rain-lashes-state-over-200-roads-blocked/119018.html>

China Himalaya

LEOPARD CUBS FOUND

Two leopard (*Panthera pardus*) cubs have been found by a local while cleaning the boundary of Gymed monastery, Rabgyaling, Tibet, southern China. They were handed to local forest department authorities for rehabilitation.

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<http://www.phayul.com/news/article.aspx?id=36346&article=Two+leopard+cubs+found+in+Hunsur+Rabgyaling+Tibetan+settlement>

FORESTS BENEFIT LOCALS

The locals of Tashihang village, Nyingchi, Tibet Autonomus Region, southern China have benefitted by the nearby forests. The area is dubbed the "Switzerland of the Orient" by Chinese netizens because of its abundance of trees.

August 17

http://eng.tibet.cn/2012sy/xw/201508/t20150817_3846751.html

Bhutan-Himalaya

NEW SUBSPECIES OF BUTTERFLY

The researchers of Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for conservation and Environment (UWICE), Bumthang, northern Bhutan had discovered five new species of common birdwing which were *cartero cephalus*, *Trioides Helena*, *Polygonia agnicula*, *Aglais urticae* and *pieris erutae*.

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<http://www.kuenselonline.com/five-potential-butterfly-subspecies-found/>

Pakistan- Himalaya

RELIEF MATERIALS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

The Chitral police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, north western Pakistan have distributed food packages bought from their own money for the flood victims. The packages included a 10kg flour bag, 5kg sugar, two kilogram each of red lentils and gram, 250 grams tea, 250 grams spices, salt bags, 500 grams of dry milk and mineral water bottles.

August 17

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1200988/chitral-police-help-flood-victims>

POISONOUS MUSHROOMS

The poisonous mushrooms had killed a newly married couple in Bacha Bandi village, Manshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, north western Pakistan. The victims were taken to hospital where doctors confirmed that both had eaten toxic thing in their meal.

August 18

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1201159/couple-dies-after-eating-poisonous-mushrooms>