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For the 474th issue of Headlines Himalaya, we reviewed 21 news from 12 sources and selected 20 happenings from five countries. In Nepal, growing number of climbers are approaching to ascend Mt Manaslu, western part of the country. In India, with heavy rainfall and snowing has dropped the temperatures of northern states affecting livelihood. China's Tibet has been successful in representing itself as a haven for high altitude wildlife.

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LEOPARD ACCIDENTALLY SNARED

A leopard (*Panthera pardus*) has been accidentally trapped in a cage laid to trap wild pests that destroyed crops in Dadeldhura, far western Nepal. The carnivore was later freed by Area Forest Office, after being safely rescued from the trap.

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<http://977now.com/2017/09/20/75292>

WILD BOAR ON CHARGE

A total of 5 local people have been attacked by wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) that came from the nearby community forest in Kanchanpur, far western Nepal. Those wounded people are getting treatment at Seti Zonal Hospital in Kailali, far western Nepal.

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RISE ON MT MANASLU EXPEDITION

World's eighth highest peak, Mt Manaslu (8163m) has received 5 rope fixing Sherpas in autumn season this year. At least 255 climbers from 35 countries have reached the base camp which includes 20-72 years old climbers whereas climbing permit is provided to 333 this year, 151 in 2016, and 106 in 2015, according to the Department of Tourism. Mt Manaslu has received the highest number of climbers this year, with one team each on Mt Lhotse and Mt Nuptse.

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MELAMCHI ON ITS WAY

Melamchi water treatment plant begins its test operation using water from Bagmati through a 500m pipeline. According to the director, treatment plant treating 85,000,000 litres of water/day is inspected by running it up to 168 hrs. without any problem. The project has been envisioned to provide 510,000,000 litres of water/day but due to the delayed work, to be completed in March 2016 the contractor had to pay 0.05 % of the contract amount as punishment.

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DEMAND OF GOAT HITS PEAK

Goat farming brings smile to Bardiya, south western Nepal women by selling it directly to the buyers through cooperative and receiving good earning this festive season. The cooperative has bought around 1,000 goats providing NPR 300-360/kg. Certain organizations are involved to help building shelter for goats and providing technical support to 450 women goat farmers of the area.

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<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/27938/>

MAGNIFICENT GOKYO

Gokyo, northern Nepal being the most attractive tourist destination due to its mesmerizing landscapes and crystal-clear lakes is even visited by those who have been to Everest. Despite its unguarded state, ecological constraints and the risk of bursting Ngozumpa glacier, it has not discouraged the visitors with its beauty. To promote splendid Gokyo, upcoming edition of Photo Nepal is being held at Nepal Tourism Board from Sept 22-29.

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<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/28000/>

CLEAN KATHMANDU VALLEY

About 36 metric tonnes of solid waste has been collected from the vicinity of Kathmandu, central Nepal under the Bagmati Clean-up Mega Campaign. A total of 2 metric tonnes from Gokaneshwor, 1 metric ton from Ganeshwor area, 2 metric tonnes from New Bus Park, 10 metric from Basundhara and 3 metric tonnes of garbage has been

collected from Harahar Mahadev area. The clean-up campaign was conducted in presence of concerned people of the area.

Sep 23

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IN COMMEMORATION OF THE CONSERVATION HEROES

A program has been organized by Water Resources and Environment Protection Fund Nepal in Kathmandu, central Nepal to honour the memory of our beloved conservation leaders who lost their life in helicopter accident dated 23rd Sept 2006 in Taplejung, eastern Nepal. Since the day has lagged conservation sector by years due to loss of our State Minister, Nepali and foreigner conservationists, the day is termed as black day in the field of conservation.

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<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/28113/>

DIFFICULTY TO ADJUST IN NEW PLACE FOR WILD BUFFALOES

A total of 5 out of 15 wild buffaloes (*Bubalus bubalis*) have died due to flood and pest attack after being transferred from Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve and Zoo to Chitwan National Park (CNP), southern Nepal at a cost of NPR 90,00,000. Remaining 10, put in 30 hectares fenced area of CNP are also in a weak state, which are now provided with medical treatment, special fodder and grass as directed by the veterinarian.

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<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/28104/>

MAHSEER AT RISK

The number of Golden Mahseer (*Tor spp.*) has declined by more than 50% making it an endangered species under IUCN due to reduced ecosystem, invasive species and unhealthy fishing techniques. Since, they are found in rivers outside the protected area, dedicated institutions are needed for its conservation according to experts.

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RHINO CONSERVATION ON MENACE

With the increase of one horned Rhino (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) to 605 in Chitwan National Park, southern Nepal the risk for its conservation has also increased. Forest encroachment, climate change issues, infrastructure construction, poaching and increasing human wildlife conflict are the major threat to their existence. Loss of 45% Rhino population has been noticed in the last 25 years due to poaching.

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India-Himalaya

CLIMATE CHANGE AND MOUNTAINS

To discuss on the climate change, livelihood of people of mountain region and sustainable development, the 6th edition of three-day summit, Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDS) began on 20th of September in the Mizoram University Campus. Participants in the conference include governmental officials, legislators, civil society and the representatives from 10 Himalayan mountain States of India.

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HEAVY RAINFALL AFFECTS LIFE AND PROPERTY

The temperature of Manali, northern India has suddenly fallen as the upper region experienced light snowfall and heavy rainfall in the lower parts. Rainfall has not only affected the life of residents but also the tourists. It has also hindered the harvest of the fruits and fodder.

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<http://bit.ly/2yaegGM>

WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT

The residents of Srinagar, northern India and nearby villages due to environmental pollution and pollution of water bodies are facing serious health issues. Hence, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked government of Jammu and Kashmir to establish a waste-to-energy plant in the state. The plant is believed to resolve the crisis of solid waste management.

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The government of Sikkim, northern India has launched a project for managing complex disaster in the face of climate change. The project is named 'Capacity Building Strategies' and it is mainly targeting school children, youths and concerned departments.

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China Himalaya

WILDLIFE PARADISE OF TIBET

Changtang National Nature Reserve, Tibet, southwest China is home to many varieties of wild animals. Black-necked cranes, Ruddy shelduck, Barheaded geese, Tibetan wild donkey, Tibetan antelopes, Wild yaks are few among other wild species in the reserve.

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Bhutan-Himalaya

OUTBREAK OF INFLUENZA

More than 60 students of Damphu Central School in Tsirang, northern Bhutan fell sick and 15 were tested positive for influenza A. The symptoms of the disease are headache, high fever, diarrhoea and vomiting, body ache accompanied by joint pain. With timely monitoring, the spreading of influenza has been prevented.

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<http://bit.ly/2ychaBc>

HERITAGE FOREST PROJECT

The Territorial Forest Division in Tsirang has adopted an old site of Tsirang Dzong, northern Bhutan as heritage forest. It is an initiative to preserve the forest resources and promote eco-tourism. The project is believed to protect and rehabilitate the forest ecosystem by controlling livestock grazing, rampant tree felling and extraction of timber.

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ANIMALS FROM ACROSS THE BORDER DAMAGE CROPS

The farmers in Samtse, western Bhutan are discouraged to cultivate crops as the wild and stray domestic animals across the border damage their crops. The people across the border despite being informed, leave their cattle free to visit the farmlands. Meetings among the Dzongkhag Tshogdu (DT) members have been held to resolve the problem.

Sep 22

<http://www.bbs.bt/news/?p=80829>

Pakistan- Himalaya

ACTION AFTER THE LOSS

After complaints and compensation demanded for the family who died of dengue, the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) has started awareness and vaccination campaign against dengue and polio. The campaign mainly focuses on school children and some 5.620 million children are targeted to be vaccinated. The larvicides sprayed in affected areas and the mosquito repellent distributed among the people in past were found to be of low quality due to which 5 died.

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