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For the 494<sup>th</sup> issue of Headlines Himalaya, we reviewed 19 news from 12 sources and selected 19 happenings from five countries. In Nepal, mid-western farmers are making substantial amount of profit through Sichuan pepper's (Genus *Zanthoxylum*) business. The Ramsar site, Jagadishpur Reservoir, western Nepal is turning into the best area for birdwatchers. In China, tourism mainly during holidays is boosting Tibet's economy. In Bhutan, the Ministry of Health of Bhutan and the Ministry of Health of Thailand join hands together to promote community health and development in both the countries.

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### CLEANLINESS PROGRAM OF GANDAK CANAL

Cleanliness program of Gandak canal situated at Parsa, south central Nepal which have been affected due to the flood has finally started. According to the Engineer of Narayani Irrigation Management Division, cleaning of block 7 and 8 has been started. He further emphasised on the fact that the production of rice (*Oryza sativa*) will be affected in the coming season if the canal is not maintained on time.

**Feb 28**

<http://bit.ly/2FcjKy5>

### THIRTY PERCENT CONSTRUCTION OF KALANGA HYDROPOWER PROJECT OVER

Thirty per cent construction of Kalanga Hydropower Project at Bajhang district, far western Nepal is over, according to the recent report. This project has the capacity to produce 65 megawatt electricity whose construction has been carried out through the help of non-governmental authorities. By this project, more than two thousand people are getting employment.

**Feb 28**

<http://bit.ly/2Fl3rhj>

### SICHUAN PEPPER'S BUSINESS IS PROFITABLE

Farmers of Salyan, mid western Nepal are happy as they are getting much more profit in comparison to previous year from Sichuan pepper's (Genus *Zanthoxylum*) business. Sichuan pepper which used to be sold for NPR 350 per kg is now sold at NPR 850 per kg. The demand of Sichuan pepper has increased in the country's market as well as in foreign which is beneficial for the country.

**Feb 28**

<http://bit.ly/2CVu5bz>

### JAGADISHPUR RESERVOIR TURNING INTO BEST AREA FOR BIRDWATCHERS

Jagadishpur Reservoir in Kapilvastu district, western Nepal which is listed in Ramsar site has become the best area for birdwatchers as well as for the tourists who come to visit Lumbini (birth place of Gautam Buddha). Students and researchers of forestry and environment often visit this place mainly for the research work as it is the homeland of many migratory birds.

**Feb 28**

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### QUAKE VICTIMS HELPING EACH OTHER IN RECONSTRUCTION

After long halt in reconstruction work in Nuwakot, central Nepal, locals have started helping each other in building houses which was damaged due to earthquake 2015. According to the victims, labour exchange has helped reduce financial burden to a great extent. Around 80% of the houses have been built by exchanging labour.

**Feb 28**

<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/37106/>

### MAINTENANCE OF MID-MARSHYANGDI PROJECT IS OVER

Maintenance of mid Marshyangdi Hydropower Project situated at Lamjung district, western Nepal is over now and production of electricity has been started. According to report, it has the capacity to produce 70 megawatt electricity. The maintenance of the structure built on the left of the dam to protect from soil erosion was started last week and has now been completed.

**Mar 01**

<https://www.nagariknews.com/news/39400/>

### **EASTERN NEPAL LINKS CHINA THROUGH A HIGHWAY**

Construction works of Olangchung Gola highway, which links far-eastern Nepal to the border of China, has begun. Highway joins Lelep of Taplejung, eastern Nepal to Olangchung Gola, north eastern Nepal; area near to the border of China. The qualified group of people and machines having higher efficiency have been hired for the construction works.

**Mar 02**

<http://bit.ly/2Dj5Kg0>

### **RAPID URBANIZATION IN FIDIM**

Urbanization in Fidim, Headquarter of Panchthar, eastern Nepal has being increasing rapidly along with extension of road and initiation of business activities. Population has also been increasing day by day leading towards rapid urbanization. Furthermore, the developmental activities within the district threaten sustainable development.

**Mar 02**

<https://www.karobardaily.com/news/development/2814>

### **TIGER POPULATION ESCALATED**

As the first phase of tiger (*Panthera tigris*) census is over in Shuklaphanta National Park situated in Kanchanpur district, far western Nepal, officers have predicted the increment in the number of tiger. The census was carried out through 'Camera Trapping' method where cameras were fitted at some part within the park since last week of previous month. The photographs retrieved from the camera have confirmed the prediction of the increment in tiger population.

**Mar 02**

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

### **ONE STEP TOWARDS WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

On the occasion of World Wildlife Day (3<sup>rd</sup> March), the National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) has provided bicycle for buffer zone community forest of Chitwan National Park, south central Nepal. Six cycles to Chitwan National Park and four to Belsar Community Forest has been handed over by NTNC with an aim to reduce illegal poaching of wildlife.

**Mar 04**

<http://www.a2zsamachar.com/24150>

### **ILLEGAL HUNTING OF OWL AND PANGOLIN CAUGHT RED HANDED**

Two people carrying roasted meat of owl (*Strigiformes* sps.) and pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*) have been caught with the help of Central Investigation Bureau (CBI) of Nepal Police and police officers of Nuwakot, central Nepal. As these two species are endangered one, those criminals will be punished according to the National Park and Wildlife Conservation Act.

**Mar 04**

<http://www.nagariknews.com/news/39589/>

## **India-Himalaya**

### **SWACHH SURVEKSHAN PROGRAM**

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, Swachh Survekshan program has been organized by the Directorate of Field Publicity (DFP) in collaboration with other media units under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at Guwahati, north eastern India. According to the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), cleanliness should start from our home and all people must participate in the program to make it a successful one.

**Feb 27**

<http://bit.ly/2l1q5d9>

### **GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ON A TOURISM PROMOTING TALKS**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, north eastern India has met the Union Minister of the state for the purpose to enhance tourism in Arunachal. In a meeting, they discussed about the capacity of the state in developing itself as tourist spot, promoting religion and cultural aspects and also discussed about basic facilities required to the tourist and pilgrims.

**Feb 27**

<http://bit.ly/2I1VDzM>

## **China Himalaya**

### **TOURISM BOOM DURING HOLIDAYS IN TIBET**

The impressive growth in tourism economy in Tibet which has reached to USD 47.35 million indicates 15.6% rise as compared to the last year income. Data just released show that Tibet introduced more than 458 thousand visitors during 2018 Spring Festival holiday which was nearly 48.2% rise compared to last year.

**Feb 27**

<http://bit.ly/2I1qmNd>

### **WEB SEARCH SERVICE LAUNCHED**

A web search service platform has been established for the purpose of information on and around Tibet, southwest China. Based on technology, the platform upgrades the news of Tibet and enables the users to search the news easily in less time.

**Mar 01**

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

### **CULTURAL EXHIBITION AT CAPITAL MUSEUM**

The cultural relics introduced from different protection units of China are exhibited at Capital Museum in Tibet. Among 216 cultural relics collected from different parts of China, almost 185 relics are collected from Tibet itself. The exhibition highlights the Tibetan culture and aims to better introduce Tibetan culture and its contribution to the Chinese Nation.

**Mar 01**

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

## **Bhutan-Himalaya**

### **MoU BETWEEN COUNTRIES**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Health of Bhutan and the Ministry of Health of Thailand with an agreement to work in the area of controlling diseases, providing medicine and testing diseases. The data suggests that this has good impacts on health status of Bhutan and Thailand and improves the health education and professionals.

**Mar 02**

<http://www.bbs.bt/news/?p=91112>

### **STUDENTS TRANSFERRED TO PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Due to less number of students in Shemagangkha Primary School, Chhukha district, Bhutan, 57 students have been transferred from 3 schools in Phuentshogling, southern Bhutan to solve the problem of registration issues. The

new students were warmly welcomed in the new school. It has now over a hundred students and it was established by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in 2013.

**Mar 02**

[www.bbs.bt/news/?p=91124](http://www.bbs.bt/news/?p=91124)

## **Pakistan- Himalaya**

### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INITIATED ON WOLRD WILDLIFE DAY**

World Wildlife Day has been marked in Pakistan initiated by World Wide Fund (WWF) for conservation of wildlife whose main aim is to solve the problem of wildlife poaching and illegal trade of wild fauna and flora in the country. The theme of this year is '*Big Cats: predators under threats*' is relevant to Pakistan as the country is home to two *critically endangered* big cats. WWF-Pakistan has also been working for the conservation of these big cats by addressing key challenges such as human leopard conflict and habitat degradation and an awareness walk was also organized to highlight the importance of predators in the ecosystems.

**Mar 03**

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