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DR. PRALAD YONZON RED PANDA TRAIL

The government of Province 3 has declared one of the popular foot trail, Langtang Nature Trail into Dr. Pralad Yonzon Red Panda Nature Trail in a recognition of Dr. Yonzon's contribution on the development of the tourism in the Himalaya region. on the occasion of 24th Wildlife Week. The nature trail is about 26 km long that connects from Syafu to Kyanjin of Rasuwa District of central Nepal.

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DROUGHT AFFECTS WILDLIFE

Banke National Park, southwestern Nepal is facing shortage of water in rivers and ponds that affects the wildlife habitat. This protected area is a home to twenty one tigers, and many antelopes, leopards and bears. With an area of 55000 ha, The park has only 26 artificial ponds within 550 sq. km. However, park authority aims to have at least 55 artificial ponds to provide water to wildlife.

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FIRST EVER SATELLITE

Nepal launched first ever a nano satellite named 'NepaliSat-1' on Thursday from the United States by Nepali scientists. The satellite is a milestone in science and technology sector .

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NATURAL DISASTERS CLAIMED LOSS

The National Emergency Work Operation Centre of the Home Ministry indicated that the country experienced 4,282 incidents of natural disaster last year and affected 11,533 families directly causing the death of 454 people, injury of 4,188 people and property loss of around NPR 4.48 billion.

Apr 20

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DECREASE IN NUMBER OF BENGAL FLORICAN

Bengal florican (*Houbaropsis Bengalensis*), a critically endangered large terrestrial omnivorous bird is on the verge of extinction due to habitat loss in Chitwan National Park of central Nepal. The 2011 census counted 12 Bengal florican in eastern sector of the park, however only five have been spotted in western sector recently. It is estimated that around 100 of individuals remained in Nepal most of which are found in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve in eastern Nepal.

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VEHICLES FAIL TO MEET STANDARDS

A random test conducted by Metropolitan Traffic Police Department (MTPD) in April showed that more than 41 percent of vehicles out of 51 vehicles failed to meet the emission standards. A previous test conducted by the MTPD earlier this year showed that 62.5 percent of vehicles had failed to meet the emission standard.

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WILDLIFE FRIENDLY ROADS

Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation had developed a wildlife friendly protocol to ensure their safety in all major highways which travel across forest areas and protected parks. Around 40 percent of wildlife deaths are attributed to road accidents along east-west highway along the southern Nepal.

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WARMEST DAY SINCE 20 YEARS

Mizoram in northeastern India on April 15 have experienced the highest temperature in 20 years as the mercury level reached 34.2 degrees Celsius. The temperature increased by 2.75 degrees Celsius over the past 15 years and reached 34.2 degree Celsius.

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SNOW LEOPARDS FLOURISHING

Snow leopards' (*Panthera uncia*) population has been increasing in Sanjiangyuan of northwest china. Recent scientific survey has estimated 1,000 snow leopards in the area. Similarly, other wildlife species such as brown bears (*Ursidae*) and yaks (*Bos grunniens*) have been flourishing since 2016.

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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

More than 50 percent of farmers of Thangrong village of eastern Bhutan are practicing sustainable land management by planting rows of Napier hedges in the field. These grasses act as a barrier to control soil erosion.

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MANGROVES PLANTATION CAMPAIGN

As a part of the “Clean and Green Pakistan”, mangroves plantation has been undergoing for the last three years by the Pakistan Navy. Over four million mangroves have already been planted along the coastal belt of Sindh and Balochistan.

Apr 15

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