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For the 559 and 560<sup>th</sup> issue of Headlines Himalaya, we reviewed 16 news from 8 sources and 13 selected happenings from five countries.

World Environment Day 2019 was celebrated in Nepal by organizing different programmes. The five-year management plan (2018-2022) for Shivapuri-Nagarjun National Park and Buffer Zone has been developed to conserve and maintain the biodiversity. The National Geographic Society has successfully installed five weather stations on Mt. Everest. Division Forest Office of Tanahun District of Western Nepal has established a high tech nursery. Heavy rain and hailstorm damaged the maize, vegetables and fruit in different part of Nalthi Panchayat in Bhadrawah of northern India. Northwest China's Qinghai Province launched a plan to build a long-term mechanism to protect the ecosystem on the plateau. National Biodiversity Monitoring Protocol was drafted through the National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) phase III project to monitor its wild biodiversity in Bhutan. Due to the lack of firefighting system in the forest department of Peshawar, it was a tough job for forest officials to control wildfires.

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### CELEBRATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

A national workshop on "Environment conservation and climate change" was organized in Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan city in Banke District of western Nepal on the occasion of World Environment Day 2019. The program was for two days and inaugurated by President Bidya Devi Bhandari. A rally was also organized in the city and attended by various stakeholders, federal government minister, and officers with placards in their hands and chanted slogans. A plantation campaign "One Nepali, one fruit plant campaign" was also launched by Nepal Government by planting the saplings of fruits on the premises of Singha Durbar-government administrative hub in Kathmandu.

**Jun 5**

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### MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SHIVAPURI\_NAGARJUN NATIONAL PARK

The five-year management plan (2018-2022) for Shivapuri-Nagarjun National Park and Buffer Zone has been developed to conserve and maintain the biodiversity and natural resources surrounding the Kathmandu Valley of Central Nepal. This management plan focuses on enhancing public participation in biodiversity conservation, improving livelihoods and minimising human-wildlife conflicts.

**Jun 7**

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### WEATHER STATIONS ON MOUNT EVEREST

The National Geographic Society has successfully installed five weather stations on Mt. Everest with an aim to provide real-time information about mountain conditions and climate change. These stations are located at the Balcony area (8,430 m) and South Col (7,945 m), Phortse (3,810 m), Everest Base Camp (5,315 m) and Camp II (6,464 m).

**Jun 14**

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### PLANTATION ALONG ROAD SECTION OF POSTAL HIGHWAY

Over 47,000 tree saplings are to be planted along the Bhairahawa-Lumbini-Taulihawa postal road section in Rupandehi District of western Nepal as a compensatory plantation for the destruction of the trees in the expansion of that road. Lumbini Development Fund, Rupandehi Division Forest Office and Bhairahawa-Lumbini-Taulihawa Road Expansion Project are jointly working on this agreement.

**Jun 15**

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### **HIGH TECH NURSERY**

Division Forest Office of Tanahun District of Western Nepal has established a high tech nursery with financial support of US\$ 14,500 from the provincial government. Equipped with air conditioning facility, the nursery is the first of its kind in the country to provide facility to all sorts of plants.

**Jun 16**

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## **India-Himalaya**

### **HEAVY DAMAGE OF CROPS**

Heavy rain and hailstorm damaged the maize, vegetables and fruit in different part of Nalthi Panchayat in Bhadrawah of northern India. About 95% of the population in this area depend on agriculture and sudden hailstorm damaged crops completely in 150 ha of land.

**Jun 4**

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### **UNPRECEDENTED SNOWFALL IN SONAMARG**

Unprecedented snowfall after 24 hours of heavy rains in Ganderbal and Badgam districts in Kashmir of north India caused low lying areas inundated by flash floods. Similarly, heavy rains in Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh in northern India also caused roads blocked with rubble. Both events destroyed farms and orchards.

**Jun 12**

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## **China Himalaya**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IN TIBET**

Climate change has affected the weather of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, and increased the temperature by 0.33 degrees Celsius every 10 years on an average. The average temperature of this year's spring in Tibet was 5 degrees Celsius that is 0.3 degrees higher than normal years, while the average precipitation was decreased by 9.9 mm from the normal years.

**Jun 8**

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### **ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION**

Northwest China's Qinghai Province launched a plan to build a long-term mechanism to protect the ecosystem on the plateau that will complete boundary surveys of nature protection areas by 2020 and build a nature protection system by 2035. Qinghai had established 217 nature reserves covering an area of 25 million ha.

**Jun 12**

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## **GREEN ENERGY**

Qinghai, south central China initiated to use only green energy from wind, solar, and hydropower for 15 days starting June 9 to 23 this year. Qinghai also had successfully tried a 9-day all clean energy power supply project last year.

**Jun 13**

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## **Bhutan-Himalaya**

### **SUCCESS OF SUSTAINABLE LAD MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

A sustainable land management pilot project launched in 2015 from the ministry of Agriculture and Forests in Monggar and Lhuentse of northeastern Bhutan has benefited 80% of the farmers and increased crop and soil productivity after its initiation. With this project, small landholding farmers even harvest more crop production.

**Jun 8**

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### **NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY MONITORING PROTOCOL**

National Biodiversity Monitoring Protocol was drafted through the National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) phase III project to monitor its wild biodiversity in Bhutan. The Biodiversity Monitoring Protocol is basically a manual that outlines tools and methods to gather crucial information about plant and animal species.

**Jun 12**

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## **Pakistan- Himalaya**

### **LACK OF FIREFIGHTING SYSTEM**

Due to the lack of firefighting system in the forest department of Peshawar, it was a tough job for forest officials to control wildfires that was spread in the province in second week of June. Despite of spending billion of budget to increase forest cover, the blazes has been controlling with the help of shovels and mattocks.

**Jun 14**

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