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For the 565th issue of Headlines Himalaya, we reviewed 14 news from 9 sources and 12 selected happenings from five countries.

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FLOOD AFTERMATH

Flood affected southern Nepal has been experiencing the outbreak of many infectious and vector borne diseases mainly due to contamination of drinking water. Flood caused economic loss in fish farming in Bara District of south-central Nepal and in cash crop production in Kavre District of north-central Nepal.

Jul 17

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MONITORING WASTE MANAGEMENT

Kathmandu Metropolitan City has planned to establish a police unit with an aim to control and monitor all private organizations working on waste management within city. Around 35 private organizations have been currently involving in collecting wastes from residential areas of Kathmandu Metropolitan. However, local residents have been complaining against these organizations for not collecting waste on time.

Jul 17

<https://bit.ly/2GMVmS2>

COMPENSATION FOR POLLUTION VICTIM

The government has recently introduced a compensation scheme in National Environment Policy 2019 that has a provision of providing compensation to people or community who are the victims of environmental pollution from development projects.

Jul 17

<https://bit.ly/2M04Qhi>

PLASTIC BANNED

Tilottama Municipality of Rupandehi District in western Nepal declared plastic bag-free zone by prohibiting the use of plastic cups, plates and spoon along with the plastic bags. People have been encouraged to use bags made up of cloths and other biodegradable materials.

Jul 17

<https://bit.ly/2YNc0ey>

HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICT

Twelve people lost their life due to wild animals attack near the buffer zone of Chitwan National Park in 2018/19. Seven of them died from elephant attack.

Jul 17

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ANTHROPOGENIC EFFECT ON LAKE

Human activities like deforestation and unplanned developmental works have shrunk Syarpu Lake of Rukum (West) in western Nepal. A master plan was introduced to conserve this lake nine years ago; however no programme has been successfully implemented till date.

Jul 21

<https://bit.ly/2LZyuDd>

HIGH TECH MASKS TO TRAFFIC POLICE

Nepal traffic police will buy high tech masks to use while on duty. A military-grade anti-air pollution mask filters harmful pathogens and suspended particulates from air.

Jul 21

<https://bit.ly/2T6wmKB>

FAVOURABLE SEASON

Langtang National Park in Central Nepal has requested all tourists and residents not to enter the park during red panda's breeding season. Red panda's breeding season is June and July.

Jul 17

<https://bit.ly/33avtFv>

India-Himalaya

China Himalaya

CHINESE SCIENTIST WORKING TOGETHER FOR GLACIER MELTING

Third Pole Environment program was launched by Chinese scientists in an international workshop in Beijing to fight against glacier melting on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. Scientists have worked together to advice policymakers by addressing the issue related to environmental changes.

Jul 16

<https://bit.ly/2OG1vpS>

Bhutan-Himalaya

HOUSE CAT AS NATURAL PREDICTOR

House cats have helped farmers at Gidakom in Thimphu to protect their mushroom from rodents. Farmers are saving lots of their production and earning more this season.

Jul 18

<https://bit.ly/31iYA7K>

Pakistan- Himalaya

CLIMATE CHANGE AND FRESH WATER

Rapid climate changes mainly due to increase in emission of greenhouse gases have adversely affected the fresh water sources in Pakistan Himalaya. along the energy and agriculture sectors of the country. Temperature in most of the mountainous areas exceed 40 degree Celsius in summer causing a fast melting of glacial in Pakistan.

Jul 17

<https://bit.ly/2GME5sh>

TURTLE IN DANGER

Two critically endangered turtles have been rescued from residents' home in Karachi in past one month. One of them was died due to a wound caused by a metallic object probably a fishing hook in digestive tract.

Jul 21

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