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For the 354<sup>th</sup> issue, we reviewed 19 news reports from 8 sources and selected 10 happenings in five countries. Amidst continuing aftershocks landslides have been affecting people in central and western Nepal while rhino horns smugglers have been arrested in India. In Tibet, China, earthquake has caused landslide and vegetation production has increased in Bhutan. And polio cases have emerged in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, northwestern Pakistan.

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NEPAL Death Toll Rises

Tremors Trigger Landslides

Psychological syndrome among quake hit people

Health Hazard

Health Camp in Dolakha

INDIA Smugglers nabbed

Landslide Hampers Vehicular Movement

CHINA Earthquake Triggers Landslide

BHUTAN Vegetable Production Increases

PAKISTAN Polio Detected

# Nepal-Himalaya

## **DEATH TOLL RISES**

The death toll from second strong magnitude 6.8 quake on Tuesday afternoon has reached 136. Similarly around 3,135 have been injured. Total number of casualties from the April 25 earthquake and its aftershocks has reached 8,604. The number of injured is reported to be 16,808. A total of 756,266 houses have been completely or partially destroyed in Sindhupalchowk, Kathmandu, Nuwakot, Dhading, Rasuwa, Gorkha, Bhaktapur, Dolakha including many districts.

17 May 2015

 $http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=2915\&boxid=43308684\&dat=5/17/2015\\ http://www.drrportal.gov.np$ 

#### TREMORS TRIGGER LANDSLIDES

The massive earthquake of May 12 has displaced around 70 families causing landslides in Harkapurand Prapchha VDCs, Okhaldhunga district, eastern Nepal. The victims have been shifted to safer places.

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http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=2862&boxid=42126110&dat=5/14/2015

## PSYCHOLOGICAL SYNDROME AMONG QUAKE HIT PEOPLE

The earthquake of April 25 has been creating psychological disorder among the people of Kathmandu and Nuwakot, central Nepal. The recurring tremors are the main reason disturbing people's mind, while mental health camps are being organized to overcome the situation.

14 May 2015

http://www.myrepublica.com/society/item/20922-psychological-disorder-rampant-among-people-post-quake.html

## **HEALTH HAZARD**

The inadequate management of household wastes and debris of infrastructures destroyed by April 25 earthquake has created fear of severe sanitation and communicable diseases among the locals of Kirtipur municipality, Kathmandu district, central Nepal. The waste collection has been stopped after the quake, while garbage has been the major health concern in the area.

16 May 2015

http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=2912&boxid=43308684&dat=5/17/2015

#### **HEALTH CAMP IN DOLAKHA**

The health camps have been organized for the treatment of earthquake victims at Singati Bazaar of Dolakha district, central Nepal. About 300 with fractured limbs and communicable diseases like diarrhea are being treated at the camp. 17 May 2015

http://www.myrepublica.com/politics/item/21049-cpn-m-run-health-camp-in-dolakha.html

# India-Himalaya

#### **SMUGGLERS NABBED**

The Pulibar police of Jorhathave arrested two individuals for smuggling rhino horns weighing 400 grams in Malowkha area, Assam, north eastern India. They have been trying to hand the animal parts to a gang at Dimapur who allegedly sold such parts in some provinces of Myanmar.

**May 13** 

http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/detailsnew.asp?id=may1415/state053

## LANDSLIDE HAMPERS VEHICULAR MOVEMENT

The heavy rainfall has triggered landslides near Poshana Village forcing closure of the historic Mughal Road for vehicular traffic at Jammu and Kashmir, northern India. Men and machinery have been engaged for the clearance of road. May 15

http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/pir-panjal/story/186410.html

# China Himalaya

#### **EARTHQUAKE TRIGGERED LANDSLIDE**

A landslide caused by the earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale on Tuesday has killed One while injuring two in Kyirong, Tibet, southern China. The buildings were also destroyed as tremors were felt at Lhasa, the capital city of Tibet. May 14

http://www.phayul.com/news/article.aspx?id=36045&article=Nepal+quake+leaves+1+dead%2c+2+injured+in+Tibet

# Bhutan-Himalaya

## **VEGETABLE PRODUCTION INCREASES**

There is a gradual increment in the production of vegetable in Bhutan since 2012. It has increased by 13 percent between 2008 and 2012. The country had produced 46,468 metric tons of vegetables in 2013.

May 16

http://www.kuenselonline.com/vegetable-production-on-the-up/#.VVi3Ivmqqko

# Pakistan- Himalaya

## **POLIO DETECTED**

A new polio case has been detected from the Shabqadar Tehsil of Charsadda, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, north western Pakistan. The number of affected patients has reached 10 in KP alone.

May 13

http://www.khybernews.tv/newsDetails.php?cat=3&key=ODI4NDA=