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For the 411th issue of Headlines Himalaya, we reviewed 33 news from 17 sources and selected 30 happenings from five countries. In Nepal, four elephants have been translocated from Bardiya National Park to Banke National Park. In India, tiger number rises up by 32 in Kumaon. In China, environmental friendly Qinghai Railway System turns 10 years. In Bhutan, National Land Commission launched its first geographic atlas. In Pakistan, government gets financial assistance for Glacier Monitoring.

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AGRICULTURE SECTOR OF NEPAL FACES THREATS FROM INVASIVE SPECIES

A leading US scientific journal ranked Nepal in the eighth position among 124 countries as threatened by rapid spread of invasive insect pests and pathogens to agriculture sector. The ranking system was based on the information obtained from the analyses of the worldwide distribution of almost 1,300 insect pests and fungal pathogens.

July 26

<http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2016-06-26/agri-sector-of-nepal-facing-invasive-threats.html>

FOUR ELEPHANTS TRANSLOCATED IN BANKE NATIONAL PARK

Four elephants have been translocated from Bardiya National Park to newly established Banke National Park, Mid-Western part of Nepal. The park officials have planned to translocate 10 elephants. The elephant's translocation is believed to attract more number of park visitors in Banke National Park.

June 27

<http://radiokantipur.ekantipur.com/news/2016-06-27/20160627175810.html>

LANDSLIDES IN RASUWA BLOCKS ROAD

Multiple landslides triggered by heavy rainfall have blocked Kalikasthan-Rasuwadadi road section in Rasuwa district. Twenty five containers in the yard of customs office were also damaged.

July 29

<http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2016-06-29/landslides-block-roads-in-rasuwa.html>

HEAVY RAIN FORECAST FOR EASTERN, WESTERN REGIONS

The Metrological forecasting Division under the department of hydrology and meteorology has warned of heavy rainfall in eastern and western development regions of Nepal. This rainfall may cause incidents of landslides and floods.

June 30

<http://www.myrepublica.com/category/22>

BODY PARTS OF ENDANGERED ANIMALS SENT TO TIKAULI FOR BARCODING

Confiscated body parts and trophies of endangered animals across the country have been sent to Tikauli and Kasara of Chitwan district for DNA barcoding. Smuggling of body parts and trophies of endangered animals is the fourth largest crime across the globe after drug trafficking.

June 30

<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/12>

LEOPARD ATTACK INJURES FOUR PEOPLE

Four people have been injured in leopard attack at Sundarbajar municipality-3, Bhotewodar, Salyan, Mid Western part of Nepal. Leopard found wandering in cornfield suddenly attacked people. In saving the local, two police officials have been injured.

June 30

<http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2016-06-30/4-people-injured-in-leopard-attack.html>

URANIUM, SALT BED, AND FUEL OIL REPORTED IN MUSTANG

The research team of Department of Mines and Geology lead by Nepal government has claimed the presence of Uranium bed, salt bed and fuel oil in Mustang, a mountain district in Western part of Nepal. According to the study Uranium mine is found in Upper Mustang i.e. Lo-Manthang; fuel oil nearby Muktinath Temple, and Salt bed in Tetang of Jhusnag VDC.

June 30

<http://kantipur.ekantipur.com/news/2016-06-29/20160629165020.html>

MOBILE SMS ALARM FOR FLOOD

The users of Nepal telecom and Ncell in flood prone zone will receive a SMS alert before floods. Real time flood monitoring units are installed in 11 different rivers of Nepal.

June 30

<http://kantipur.ekantipur.com/news/2016-06-30/20160630074715.html>

LANDSLIDE DISPLACES FAMILIES IN EARTHQUAKE-HIT DISTRICTS

Heavy rainfalls have triggered landslides in seven districts viz. Gorkha, Dolakha, Nuwakot, Kavre, Rasuwa and Lamjung in the past 24 hours displacing more than 200 families. In Kerauja VDC of Gorkha , 13 houses were buried and more than 100 families were displaced. Geologist have warned of landslides in Barpak, Laprak, Gumba, Lapu, Manbu, Uhiya and Sirdibas. VDCs.

July 01

<http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2016-07-01/landslides-displace-over-200-families-in-quake-hit-districts.html>

MONEY RELEASED FOR SOLAR STREET LAMPS INSTALLATION

Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development has released Rs 990 m so far for installing solar street lamps in municipalities under the ministry's solar power street lamps installation program. Ministry had decided to expand the installation of solar street lamps in all the municipalities and urbanized VDCs as per the policy of promoting alternative energy in the country.

June 03

<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/1409>

CLIMATE CHANGE WARMING ASIAN WATERS ALTERING MONSOON

Recent study published on Friday in the Journal Science reveals that man-made climate change is responsible for the most of the change seen in ocean surface temperatures near the equator across Asia, which in turn affects regional rainfall patterns

July 04

<http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2016-07-03/climate-change-warming-asian-waters-altering-monsoon-study.html>

ENCROACHMENT IN BEGNAS LAKE

People have encroached the lake and erected 50 houses near the Begnas Lake, a tourist destination in Pokhara, Western Nepal. The encroachment is illegal as the Municipality has prohibited construction of houses within 100 m periphery of the lake. Encroachment may lead to water pollution.

July 04

<http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2016-07-03/begnas-lake-under-encroachment.html>

AFFORESTATION KICKS OFF IN JUMLA

Afforestation program has started in Seri Danda National Forest Area in Kudarivdc, Jumla in Mid-Western Nepal. The program aims to plant 8000 saplings to increase the forest cover. According, to data of Forest and Soil Conservation, the forest cover has decreased by 4 percent in Jumla.

July 04

<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/26941>

POLLUTED WATER CAUSES HEALTH PROBLEMS

Supply of polluted water from the government pipe lines have caused health ailments in residents, especially children in Kankhal and Jwalapur, Uttarkhanda. Water from drains, nullahs and mud enter into the leaked drinking water pipe line making it contaminated. Though public have informed the concern authorities, no any action has been taken till date.

June 29

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/uttarakhand/community/polluted-water-supply-irks-local-residents/258281.html>

HEAVY RAIN IN GARHWAL REGION

Heavy rain in Garhwal region, resulted in mud slides in different areas and brought temperature down. The roads were shut down due to accumulation of rain water.

June 29

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/uttarakhand/community/heavy-rain-lashes-garhwal-region-kedarnath-route-shut-for-4-hours/258271.html>

TIGER NUMBER RISES UP BY 32 IN KUMAON

The forest department officials of Uttarkhand have spotted 32 new tigers for the first time in Terai East division of Kumaon through the camera trapping. With these new record, the total number of tiger counts reached 340 in Uttarkhand. During the latest tiger count in 2015, the Terai East division was not included.

June 28

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/dehradun/Ukhand-tiger-numbers-soar-after-32-big-cats-spotted-for-1st-time-in-Kumaon/articleshow/52961378.cms>

FEMALE RHINO CARCASSES RECOVERED IN ORANG NATIONAL PARK

The carcass of an adult female rhino has been recovered by the park officials with its horn missing, in Orang National park, Assam on June 27. Immediate search operation was launched by the forest guards when they heard a gun shot fired from silencer fitted gun. This is the 10th one horned Rhino killed in Assam since January 2016.

June 30

<http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/detailsnew.asp?id=jul0116/state052>

“WASTE ASSIMILATOR” FOR GREEN ORGANIC TEA GARDEN

An NGO named Environ has introduced an innovative green approach “Waste Assimilator” for organic tea gardening at household level in Guwahati, Assam. The waste assimilator produces bio-pest repellent and organic manure from the segregated biodegradable solid waste which can be used in producing green organic tea. This approach has already been used in three different towns.

June 30

<http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/detailsnew.asp?id=jul0116/city056>

SNOW COVER IN HIMANCHAL PRADESH SHRINKS

The Study conducted by Himachal Pradesh(HP) State Centre on Climate Change using space data for 2015-16 has shown that there has been reduction in snow cover in all the major basin of HP in comparison to 2010-14. The region receives snow fall in the form of winter precipitation from October to March.

July 01

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/shimla/Snow-cover-in-HPs-basins-shrinking-Study/articleshow/52998569.cms>

China Himalaya

TWO POACHERS ARRESTED FOR KILLING TIBETAN ANTELOPES

Two poachers who were charged with killing more than 500 endangered Tibetan Antelopes in HoXil nature reserve of North-West China Qinghai Province, were arrested after 11 years. The anti-poaching activities have increased the number of Tibetan antelopes to 70,000 though the number has shrunken to less than 20,000 in 1980s.

June 26

<http://eng.tibet.cn/news/1466871136184.shtml>

LANDSLIDES BLOCK HIGHWAY

The highway which connects Tibet Autonomous Region with Sichuan Province has been blocked by the huge landslide. The landslide occurred in Sichuan Tibet Highway in Mangkam County, South West of Tibet. The blocked road clearance process is going on.

June 29

<http://eng.tibet.cn/news/146716118997.shtml>

ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY QINGHAI RAILWAY SYSTEM TURNS 10

Qinghai Tibet Railway, built on altitude of 5,072m above sea level with the length of 1,952 km turned 10 years in July with minimal impact on the surrounding landscape. The railway has implemented eco-friendly methods like use of electricity, waste water treatment plants, green vegetation corridors and construction of 33 animal cross-overs. This railway has become an example of eco-friendly development.

June 29

<http://eng.tibet.cn/news/1467160770455.shtml>

Bhutan-Himalaya

SHEEP ATTACKS THREATEN REARING TRADITION

The sheep of farm grazers in Bhim and Chumey villages of Bumthang villages of North West Bhutan, have been attacked by feral dogs and bears, posing threat to sheep rearing tradition due to decreasing number. The number of feral dogs has increased with road connection to major highway.

June 28

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/feral-dogs-target-sheep-in-bumthang>

MILK BUSINESS INCREASES INCOME

The villagers of Bumthang district, North West part of Bhutan are having higher income by selling milk produced by good breed cows. Cattle rearing has turned out to be lucrative business as there is higher profit in comparison to crop cultivation. Lack of fodder and poles to fence fodder are the major problems faced by the farmers.

June 29

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/a-thriving-milk-business/>

BHUTAN LAUNCHES ITS FIRST ATLAS

National Land Commission published Bhutan's first Atlas covering two thematic areas of Land Cover and Institutional Facilities. The 105 pages atlas which took two years to complete is believed to be helpful for public to understand the geography of Bhutan.

June 30

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/first-atlas-of-bhutan-now-available/>

WATER HARVESTING TO SOLVE IRRIGATION WOES

The Agriculture Ministry in Bhutan is studying the feasibility of constructing water harvesting structures, to solve the water shortage problems for irrigation in two gewogs of Teowang and Guma in Punakaha, Bhutan. The paddy farmers are facing problem, as they need to depend on rain water for irrigating land.

July 03

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/finding-a-permanent-solution-to-punakhas-irrigation-woes/>

Pakistan- Himalaya

PAKISTAN GETS MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR GLACIER MONITORING

Pakistan has signed a financial agreement of Euros six million with a German government owned bank KfW for Glacier Monitoring for Energy and Water Security in Pakistan. The bilateral is hoped to result in better management of glaciers and water issues in Pakistan.

June 29

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/131578-Pakistan-Euros-6-mln-assistance-glacier-monitoring>

PDMA DECLARES NINE FLOOD PRONE DISTRICTS

The Provincial District Authority has declared nine districts of KhayberPankhuta as a flood prone district this monsoon season on the basis of previous flood occurrence records. Pakistan Meteorological Department has forecasted higher rainfall for longer time this monsoon than previous years.

June 30

http://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=30_06_2016_181_009

LANDSLIDES DAMAGE HOUSES IN SHANGLA

The rainfall triggered landslide in Karora bazar, Sangla district of Khyber Pakhtonkhwa Province, has damaged 30 houses. No human casualties has been reported as the police shifted the local residents to safer places as the land started sliding.

July 03

[paper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=03_07_2016_181_007](http://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=03_07_2016_181_007)

FLASH FLOOD KILLS 29 PEOPLE IN CHITRAL

Heavy rain followed by flashflood killed 29 people with 26 missing, when it wiped out a small village in remote part of Chitral district, Pakistan. Also, the flashflood completely destroyed 37 houses and damaged 48 partially. Efforts are being made by the volunteer to recover the body from the debris and river.

July 04

http://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=04_07_2016_001_004