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MASSIVE FOREST FIRES IN CHURE AREA

Forest fires have been raging continuously for five days in western Nepal. Many trees in Basanta Bio Corridor and community forests were burnt. Nepal has lost around 200,000 Ha of forests every year mostly from forest fire. Devastation due to forest fire has led to increase of disasters like landslides and soil erosion along with air pollution in the region.

May 14

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PERSON IN POSSESSION OF RED PANDA HIDE ARRESTED

A person originally from Mugu District of western Nepal has been arrested for the possession of red panda (*Ailurus fulgens*) hide in Gongabu of Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Central Nepal. Red panda is classified as a highly endangered species by National Park and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1973.

May 17

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DESTRUCTION OF CROPS DUE TO HAILSTORM IN WESTERN NEPAL

The maize and vegetables cultivated in around 50 ha of land that worth millions of rupees were destroyed by severe hailstorm in Tanahun District of Western Nepal. Moreover, it also damaged the rooftops of over dozen houses.

May 18

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WASTE COLLECTED FROM MT. EVEREST

Over ten tons of solid waste were collected from Mount Everest through a campaign this year and of which about 4 tons has been brought to Kathmandu so far for recycling and dumping purposes. These wastes comprised of human wastes, dead bodies, bottles and cans. Collection of dead bodies was halted due to the commencement of climbing season and will be continued at the end of the season. The Everest climbing season was commenced from second week of May this year after eight Nepali climbers prepared the path and fixed the ropes to the tops.

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<https://bit.ly/2ENpH1T>

<https://bit.ly/2JRF1Pu>

ONE MILLION TREE PLANTATION CAMPAIGN

On the occasion of 2563rd birth anniversary of Lord Buddha, a campaign named “One Million Trees Plantation” was launched in Nagdaha, an ancient lake of Lalitpur District of Central Nepal with the joint effort of hundreds of volunteers. This project has aimed to plant a million trees throughout the country in five years.

May 18

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India-Himalaya

HIGHWAY CLOSED BY LANDSLIDES

A massive landslide in Jammu-Srinagar of northern India caused to shut down the national highway for two consecutive days. No vehicle was allowed to pass until landslides debris were cleared and road were declared safe for passage.

May 14

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WATER SHORTAGE HITS PALAMPUR

Water source were dried in several parts of Palampur of northern India and resulted drinking water shortage in the area. Locals were forced to walk a long distance to fetch water in Jaisinghpur and Thural. Situation even became worse as several lift drinking water supply schemes stop working due to electricity shortage.

May13

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

FINE FOR LITTERING

Pollution control board imposed a fine for local shopkeepers at Patlikuhl in Manali of northern India for littering unnecessarily. A total of about US \$241 were collected in third week of May from three shopkeepers and two persons as a penalty .

May 17

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China Himalaya

AFFORESTATION EXPANDS IN LHASA

With the aim to add greenery, about 1.3 million trees were planted on mountainous areas in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region in past seven years. Recently, Tibet has also launched several ecological projects to improve the local natural environment.

May 13

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DISCOVERY OF AMMONITE

An ancient sea animal called ammonite was identified at the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (NIGPAS) in Nanjing of east China. This ammonite with the dimension of 33 mm long, 9.5 mm wide and 29 mm high will provide an important information about ancient coastal forest ecology.

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DRONES EMPLOYED TO CONSERVE ENVIRONMENT

Four drones were employed to inspect areas for drinking water sources, mines, forests, and natural reserves and villages for obtaining evidence for litigation cases concerning public interests, aerial photography and panoramic scanning functions in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region to protect environment.

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MODERN APICULTURE REDUCES POVERTY

Modern apiculture practices in Yangla township of Southwest China's Yunnan Province has contributed significantly to local livelihood. Such beekeeping practices have made Yangla township a rare paradise for bees in China.

May 15

<https://bit.ly/2Wd9Foc>

Bhutan-Himalaya

MEMELAKHA LANDFILL GETS A MAJOR FACELIFT

Thimphu Thromde's landfill at Memelakha landfill is under renovation to increase its lifespan by four years. High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipes are being installed with an aim to speed up the decomposition process. The Memelakha landfill was started as an open dumpsite in 1994.

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<https://bit.ly/2IdLqB9>

Pakistan- Himalaya

POLLUTING CHEHAN DAM

Chehan Dam that serves six million gallons of water daily to Rawalpindi District has been polluted by animal husbandry and industries. These pollution has caused serious health concerns to the citizens, river species and the surrounding environment.

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