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For the 352nd issue, we reviewed 20 news reports from 12 sources and selected nine happenings in five countries. In Nepal, devastating earthquake has lead to huge loss of lives and property across the country. Similarly, India and Tibet autonomous region of China has also been affected by the aftershocks of Nepal's quake. Bhutan government for the first time has contributed huge amount of relief to earthquake victims of Nepal while in KP Pakistan, people are still suffering from scarcity of drinking water and food due to the torrential rainfall.

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Nepal-Himalaya

VICTIMS YET TO RECEIVE RELIEF MATERIALS

Earthquake victims in most of the affected districts of Nepal are still waiting for the relief materials. Several countries and donor agencies have announced to provide relief but still most of the relief materials have not reached the victims . Remote areas in districts like Okhaldhunga in eastern Nepal are having difficulty to receive the relief materials due to difficult topography and inaccessibility.

April 30, May 2

<http://www.inseconline.org/index.php?type=news&id=15779&lang=eng>

<http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=2686&boxid=47685972&dat=5%2f3%2f2015>

EPIDEMIC OUTBREAK

The tremor in Nepal has lead to epidemic outbreak in several parts of the country. Earthquake victims of Bhuji VDC, Ramechhap, central Nepal have been suffering from fever and vomiting whereas people of Barpak VDC Gorkha district in western Nepal are reported to be suffering from common cold, fever and diarrhea. Similarly, inhabitants of Kathmandu are also vulnerable to water borne disease due to poor waste management and open defecation.

April 30, May 4

<http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=2654&boxid=53225330&dat=5%2f1%2f2015>

<http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=2718&boxid=47575092&dat=5%2f5%2f2015>CHANGED

CHANGED LANDSCAPE

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Nepal has not only taken lives of thousands of people but it has also changed the landscape. The world highest peak Mount Everest in Solukhumbu district, eastern Nepal has now lowered by 2.8 centimeters as recorded by the Europe's Sentinel-1A radar satellite. Similarly, about 120 km long and 50 km wide area about 17 km from Kathmandu has lifted about 1 meter damaging the city.

May 3

<http://rt.com/news/255213-mount-everest-shrinks-quake/>

DESTRUCTIVE QUAKE

The devastating earthquake of April 25 measuring 7.8 magnitude has hugely affected several districts of Nepal mainly, Gorkha, Nuwakot, Kathmandu, Dhading, Rasuwa, Kavre, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, Sindhupalchowk and Dolakha. As of May 5, more than 7,557 people have lost their lives and as many as 7.15 per cent of total 5.4 million houses across the country houses have been damaged. The largest casualties have been recorded in Sindhupalchowk district with 2,911 dead while 1,202 were killed in Kathmandu and 904 in Nuwakot.

May 5

<http://www.ekantipur.com/2015/05/05/top-story/quake-update-7557-killed-across-country/404863.html>

India-Himalaya

AFTERSHOCKS IN ASSAM

The Northeast region of India has been facing several aftershocks following devastating tremor that hit Nepal on April 25. On 30 April, a mild tremor of 4.7 Richter scale was felt in Jorhat area of Assam, northern India. However, no loss of life and d property has been reported from the area so far.

May 1

<http://post.jagran.com/slight-intensity-quake-felt-in-assam-1430454732>

China Himalaya

QUAKE HITS TIBET

Massive earthquake of 7.8 magnitude in Nepal has hugely affected the lives of people in Tibet Autonomous region southwestern China. It has wrecked 31.26 per cent of houses, affected 4,082 households and killed seven people in Gyirong County. About half of the people have already been evacuated to safer places.

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http://eng.tibet.cn/2010tp/xw/201504/t20150429_2783289.html

Bhutan-Himalaya

BHUTAN SUPPORTING NEPAL

Bhutan, for the first time has assisted Nepal by contributing significant amount of relief for rehabilitation of the 25 April earthquake victims. The relief was worth 1million US dollar. In addition, 63 member medical team, with 11 country's top doctors, surgeons and specialists were also dispatched to assist the victims of earthquake in Nepal.

April 28

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/bhutan-contributes-usd-1m-to-nepal/>

MANDARIN SUPPORTING LIVELIHOOD

Mandarin orange production in Gomdar, Samdrupjongkhar district, eastern Bhutan has been supporting livelihood of people since last few years. Many villagers in the area earn about 100,000 Nu or more per year by selling the fruits. As for this year, villagers are hopeful to earn even more as the village is now connected with the road. Gomdar is the highest orange producing region in Samdrupjongkhar, producing 690 tons of oranges in 2013 and 1,237 tons in 2014.

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<http://www.kuenselonline.com/gomdar-continues-to-depend-on-mandarin-orange/#.VUhngo6qqko>

Pakistan- Himalaya

TORRENTIAL RAIN HITS KP

People in rain hit areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, northern Pakistan are facing severe scarcity of drinkable water and food items. According to the Peshawar Electricity Supply Company (PESCO), about 50 electricity poles were destroyed and at least 18 grid stations were damaged due to the rain which has affected the power supply resulting in shortage of potable water. But rehabilitation process has not started yet and locals are helping themselves for early recovery.

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<http://www.khybernews.tv/newsDetails.php?cat=3&key=ODE3NDI=#sthash.zlrVSTvG.dpuf>