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For the 415th issue of Headlines Himalaya we reviewed 21 news from 10 sources and selected 18 happenings from five countries. Nepal celebrates International Tiger Day with 198 tigers in the wild and in closer proximity towards its mission to double the tiger population by 2022. In India, flood water continues wreaking havoc across northern states. China has invested millions of U. S. dollars to protect cultural heritage in Tibet. Bengal Tiger has been camera trapped after two decades in Bumdeling Wildlife Sanctuary in Bhutan. Pakistan successfully sets up first integrated waste management station in Rawalpindi.

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### TRAGEDY STRUCK BY MONSOON

Monsoon triggered landslides and floods have taken the lives of 83 people within three days across the country. Also, hundreds of houses and huge amount of properties have been damaged due to the disaster. Pyuthan district, mid-western Nepal has the highest death toll reaching 37.

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<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/2848>

### RUPA LAKE IN NEED OF CONSERVATION

Rupa Lake located in the Pokhara valley, western region of Nepal, is in need of conservation as human encroachment and rampant growth of invasive species has threatened its natural beauty. The lake which is also listed in Ramsar list is being degraded by pollution, human interference and uncontrolled spread of water hyacinth. In addition to these, landslides and floods have also played an important part in degrading the quality and beauty of lake by depositing the mud and other particles.

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<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/2932>

### DISPOSAL SUGGESTED FOR RARE ANIMAL PARTS

A total of 3928 animal parts stocked up at Chitwan National Park, Kasara and Armed Forest Guard Training Centre, Tikauli has been recommended by Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC) for disposal and only 84 parts are suggested for safe storage. . The disposal will include 1494 parts of big cats, 881 rhino parts, 708 elephant parts, 13 musk deer parts and 337 parts of other animals. July 30

<http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=10837&boxid=195853&dat=7/30/2016>

### POPULATION OF TIGER RISES IN NEPAL

Tiger population in Nepal has increased from 125 in 2010 to 198 in 2013. This increase in number has brought Nepal near to its commitment to double the number of big cats by 2022. The target to increase the number was set to 250 by 2022 in a declaration at International Tiger Conference, St Petersburg, and Russia in 2010. Conservationists believe preservation of community forest, availability of food and control on poaching has helped to increase the tiger population. Meanwhile, tiger population in Bardia National Park, far western Nepal reached 85 and 15 in Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve. With optimistic figures, still development works inside protected areas and buffer zones looms large over the sustainability of wild tigers.

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<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/2935>

<http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=10839&boxid=14053107&dat=7/30/2016>

<https://thehimalayantimes.com/nepal/bengal-tiger-population-on-rise-in-shuklaphanta-wildlife-reserve/>  
<http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2016-07-30/world-tiger-day-all-is-not-well-yet-for-the-big-cats.html>

<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/epaper/showimage?img=uploads/epaper/2016-07-31/5dc9d249a1ad54c0fb4965328c9924e6.jpg>

### A STEP CLOSER TOWARDS CLEANER RIVER

A total of 24 metric tons of garbage was collected from areas near Bagmati, Bishnumati and Indramati (Dhobikhola) rivers located at Kathmandu. 16 metric tons was collected from Bagmati, 5 metric tons from Bishnumati and 3 metric tons from Indramati river cleanup campaign. The campaigns have been running successively for 168, 103 and 126 weeks respectively in the three river corridors.

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<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/epaper/showimage?img=uploads/epaper/2016-07-31/ab392b249a73d4afdcb780a615f8e31c.jpg>

#### DUMPING SITE MANAGED IN MORANG

The Urlabari Municipality of Morang, eastern Nepal has shifted its waste dumping site to the bank of Mawa river as the previous location was swept away by Bakraha river. Earlier, the dumping site was constructed without proper planning hence the river washed down garbage to the southern villages

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<http://gorkhapatraonline.com/epaper/showimage?img=uploads/epaper/2016-07-31/c2a72650d7a886e9ca923dd1697e7d0d.jpg>

## India-Himalaya

#### FLOODWATERS HIT 21 DISTRICTS IN GUWAHATI

The ongoing monsoon season has made 21 districts of the Guwahati state in the misery of the flood. Floodwater has affected more than 1 million population with high impact on the Morigoan district. Meanwhile, floods have washed away multiple road section of Jammu city and roads adjoining its peripheral localities. Baby rhinos and hog deer were rescued by forest department officials in Kaziranga National Park

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<http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/detailsnew.asp?id=jul2816/at050>

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/jammu-kashmir/heavy-rain-damages-jammu-roads/272667.html>

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/8-baby-rhinos-saved-from-flooded-Kaziranga/articleshow/53437109.cms>

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/No-relief-in-sight-for-sinking-Goalpara/articleshow/53444693.cms>

#### RELOCATING 12 ELEPHANTS FOR TIGER PATROLLING

Karnataka Government and other bodies have issued permission for the relocation of the 12 elephants to Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve to ensure safety of tigers along the southern boundary. The permission has been given by the Karnataka Government, the Zoo Authority of India and the Forest and Environment Ministry with the aim of increasing the number of the tamed pachyderma to be about 18. This is a good initiative to boost patrolling of wild tigers along with vehicular surveillance.

July 28

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/uttarakhand/community/12-elephants-to-safeguard-tigers-at-jim-corbett/272646.html>

#### LEOPARD INJURED IN UTTARKHAND

A leopard was found injured in the agricultural field of Ukhimath block at Rudraprayag district, Uttarakhand state, northern India. Despite several attempts, the leopard was unable to stand up and later rescued by the forest authorities however, the cause of injury is yet to be found out.

July 29

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/uttarakhand/community/leopard-found-injured/272643.html>

#### 200 SAPLINGS PLANTED AT AMB

About 200 saplings were planted along the state highway of Takarla village in Amb of Himanchal Pradesh, India. The plantation was carried out with the help of Forest Department collaborating with schools, other educational institutions, government departments, panchayats (administrative body in villages) and other community based organisations.

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<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/himachal/community/week-long-plantation-drive-launched-in-amb/274019.html>

## China Himalaya

Over the past five years, China has invested 240 million U.S. dollars to protect ancient artefacts, culture heritage and build museums in Tibet. The total investment has been 180 percent more than the investment back five years ago (2006-2010). Tibet is enriched with 4,277 central cultural sites including tombs, buildings and ancient ruins.

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[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/29/c\\_135549644.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/29/c_135549644.htm)

## Bhutan-Himalaya

### FLOOD COLLAPSES THREE WOODEN BRIDGES

Heavy rains in the Athang village, central part of Bhutan have collapsed three wooden bridges breaking off connectivity with eight other villages. Villagers go through hard times as their livelihoods are impacted.

July 27

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/eight-villages-cut-off-in-athang/>

### TIGER CAMERA TRAPPED AFTER TWO DECADES IN BWS

Bengal Tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*) was caught in camera trapping at Bumdeling Wildlife Sanctuary (BWS) of Bhutan after two decades. Nevertheless, pugmark of the tiger was observed before in 1997. The tiger was camera trapped at the elevation of 3124m.

July 31

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/tiger-claws-its-way-back-in-bumdeling/>

## Pakistan- Himalaya

### FIRST INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT STATION IN PAKISTAN

The first integrated waste management station with mechanical and biological processes of treatment and segregation has been set up with the cost of Rs 0.5 million in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. Here the degradable waste can be transformed into compost and bio-gas in the station.

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[http://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=30\\_07\\_2016\\_152\\_008](http://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=30_07_2016_152_008)

### KAGHAN VALLEY GLACIERS MELTING RAPIDLY

Kaghan valley, an alpine region in Mansehra District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan is melting away rapidly due to climate change and urbanization. Anthropogenic activity like cutting glacier ice for domestic use has also caused the glaciers to disappear from the valley. It is one of the tourist destinations in the valley.

Aug 01

[http://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=01\\_08\\_2016\\_183\\_005](http://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=01_08_2016_183_005)