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For the 563rd issue of Headlines Himalaya, we reviewed 15 news from 12 sources and 15 selected happenings from five countries.

Kathmandu Metropolitan, Lalitpur Metropolitan, Sajha Bus limited, and Province-3 government have signed an agreement to launch electric buses in Kathmandu Valley this year. The UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC) has proposed the Kathmandu valley to be enlisted on the danger list. The local people of Bhume Rural Municipality of Rukum (East) District of north western Nepal are attracted towards the improved iron cooking stoves. Anti-poaching patrol team at Langtang National Park, central Nepal has spotted five red pandas (*Ailurus fulgens*) in one place. An invasive moth species (*Tuta absoluta*) was found in Nagaland, north-eastern India for the first time. Industrial effluents into the river from Nalagarh Industrial area have resulted in the death of thousands of small fishes in Himachal of northern India. Scientists had developed the yak's new breed named Ashidan, which has mild temperament and small in size. The National Environment Commission has started an awareness program "Zero Waste Hour" in capital Thimpu with an aim to reduce producing wastes. Heavy monsoon inundated many areas in Rawalpindi, northern Pakistan on June 6.

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ELECTRIC BUS IN KATHMANDU

Kathmandu Metropolitan, Lalitpur Metropolitan, Sajha Bus limited, and Province-3 government have signed an agreement to launch electric buses in Kathmandu Valley this year. Each party will invest jointly to purchase the buses.

Jul 1

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

RESUME OF LANDFILL

The landfill site in Sisdol in Nuwakot District of central Nepal has been resumed after a weeklong obstruction by local people. The representatives of the Kathmandu Metropolitan city have assured the locals to address their demands of take action for the health impact due to landfill site.

Jul 1

<https://bit.ly/2Ye7iGI>

WORLD HERITAGE OF KATHMANDU IN DANGER

The UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC) has proposed the Kathmandu valley to be enlisted on the danger list. This decision is made due to the delay in reconstruction of the heritage sites that were impacted from 2015 massive earthquake. WHC could delist Kathmandu Valley from the list of World Heritage Sites if Nepal fails to reconstruct the monuments on time.

Jul 2

<https://bit.ly/32DvKAp>

IMPROVED COOKING STOVE CONSERVES FOREST

The local people of Bhume Rural Municipality of Rukum (East) District of north western Nepal are attracted towards the improved iron cooking stoves as it reduces the consumption of firewood by 6 times than that of traditional cooking stoves . About 308 households of Bhume Rural Municipality had received the grants jointly from Federal Government and Rural Municipality for iron cooking stoves.

Jul 4

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

FIVE RED PANDAS FOUND

Anti-poaching patrol team at Langtang National Park, central Nepal has spotted five red pandas (*Ailurus fulgens*) in one place. This is the first time that multiple numbers of Panda in Langtang National Park has sighted.

Jul 3

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

CLIMATE CHANGE SUPPORTING INVASIVE SPECIES

Climate change is supporting the growth of invasive species in Nepal, which ultimately affects the overall ecosystem. Invasive alien species are one of the major drivers for the loss of native biodiversity.

Jul 6

<https://bit.ly/30HOBbV>

India-Himalaya

INVASIVE PEST IN NAGALAND

An invasive moth species (*Tuta absoluta*) was found in Nagaland, north-eastern India for the first time. This moth species were observed infesting tomato plants in some other states of India in the past.

Jul 4

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

HAZARDS OF GARBAGE DUMP

Municipal authority of Pahnad village in southern Kashmir's Pulwama District has been dumping garbage in the area near freshwater sources. Residents are opposing for the site selected as it pollutes the water springs in the area.

Jul 5

<https://bit.ly/2M1bVgz>

DEATH OF FISH

Industrial effluents into the river from Nalagarh Industrial area have resulted in the death of thousands of small fishes in Himachal of northern India. The state Pollution Control Board has failed to take strict legal action against to these industrial plants for the discharge.

Jul 5

<https://bit.ly/32GBI96>

China Himalaya

NEW YAK BREED IN ALPINE

Scientists had developed the yak's new breed named Ashidan, which has mild temperament and small in size. This development helps the farmers of Qinghai-Tibet plateau, northwest China to get rid of poverty.

Jul 1

<https://bit.ly/30SKv0T>

FLOATING PLATFORM TO MONITOR LAKE

The floating platform has been set up in Namtso Lake in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. The platform is equipped with various monitoring facilities to understand the changes in lake dynamics.

Jul 4

<https://bit.ly/2M0cXti>

HIGHEST ENERGY COSMIC GAMMA RAYS IN TIBET

Scientists discovered the highest energy cosmic gamma rays observed in Tibet. The gamma rays contain the energy of 450 TeV, which is equivalent to 45 billion times of the energy emitted from medical X-rays. It is assumed that these energetic gamma rays were from the Crab Nebula, which is considered as the most powerful natural electron accelerator in our galaxy.

Jul 5

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

Bhutan-Himalaya

ZERO WASTE HOUR IN CAPITAL

The National Environment Commission has started an awareness program "Zero Waste Hour" in capital Thimpu with an aim to reduce producing wastes and encourage people to allocate an hour in each month time for cleaning their surroundings. This campaign was launched by Her Majesty Gyaltsuen in June.

Jul 2

<https://bit.ly/30N0ZaO>

VETERINARY SERVICE DIGITALIZED

National Centre for Animal Health has launched the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) - an online database system that allows the real time tracking of status of laboratory testing. This system helps to achieve the targeted samples to be performed annually.

Jul 5

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

Pakistan- Himalaya

MONSOON AFTERMATH

Heavy monsoon inundated many areas in Rawalpindi, northern Pakistan on June 6. Stagnant water was pumped out by Water and Sanitation Agency to dewater low lying areas.

Jul 7

<https://bit.ly/2Zc14Ec>