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For the 389th issue, we reviewed 35 news reports from 14 sources and selected 29 happenings in five countries. In Nepal, red panda found in Lingjo area of Dhading district while tiger census begins in Suklaphant wildlife reserve. Forest department fails in its conservation approach in Uttarakhand state, northern India. Endangered Flower rediscovered in China after almost three decades, and wind power is harnessed for electricity in Bhutan. Pakistan ranks eighth among countries affected by climate change.

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NEPAL

Owl Poaching
Forest Encroachment in Jhapa
Tiger Counting At Shuklaphanta
Red Panda Spotted In Lingjo Area
Madi Adopts Climate Change Adaptation Practice
Illegal Wildlife Parts Destroyed
Air Quality of Nepal Listed Among Lowest
Dry Landslide Blocks Road
Chitwan Bio-Diversity Information Centre Itself Information Less
Leopard Cubs Released In Wild
Tourist Flow Declines In Annapurna Conservation Area
Flood Risks in Bardia Settlements
Decline in Gharials
Water Shortage in Dolpa Villages

INDIA

Forest Department Fails In Conservation
Leopard in Human Settlements
Two More Rhinos Poached In Kaziranga
Uncontrolled Deforestation in Doda
Rare Bird Rescued
Reserve under Risk
New Bird Species in Northeast India

CHINA

Endangered Flower Rediscovered In China after Almost Three Decades
New Species of Frog Discovered In Tibet

BHUTAN

Wind Power Harnessed For Electricity in Bhutan
Areca Nut Price Declined
Farmers Insist On Electric Fencing

PAKISTAN

Pangolin Succumbs To Gunshot Wounds
Pakistan Ranks Eight among Countries Affected By Climate Change
Water Shortage in Karak

GHARIALS DECLINE

Water pollution and growing human encroachment has resulted in a decline of gharials (*Gavialis gangeticus*) in Chitwan, central Nepal. More than 1,056 gharial hatchlings were released into six rivers, but all of them perished. There are around 200 gharials in the rivers of Nepal at present.

January 31

<http://thehimalayantimes.com/nepal/efforts-to-serve-gharials-turn-fruitless/>

WATER SHORTAGE IN DOLPA VILLAGES

A severe water shortage has hit three settlements of Tripurakot VDC in Dolpa district of western Nepal. The water sources used by the villagers for the past two years are drying up slowly in recent times. Around 200 people are suffering from this acute shortage.

February 01

<http://radionepal.gov.np/radio-nepal/water-crisis-in-dolpa-villages/>

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FOREST DEPARTMENT FAILS IN CONSERVATION

The skin and bones of leopards were found in Pauri district of Dehradun of Uttarakhand state, northern India exposing the whole failure of wildlife intelligence. In spite of creating a huge network of forest divisions spending crores on management and intelligence the forest department has completely failed in protecting wildlife in the state.

January 27

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/dehradun/Failure-of-wildlife-intelligence-by-forest-department/articleshow/50747076.cms>

LEOPARD IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

A fear of leopards (*Panthera pardus*) threatens people and their livestock in Tehri Garhwal district, Uttarakhand state, northern India. Leopards come down from high mountains to the lower areas after the mercury dips and attack cattle as they are easy targets.

January 28

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/uttarakhand/community/leopard-scare-in-jaunpur-villages/188537.html>

TWO MORE RHINOS POACHED IN KAZIRANGA

Two more rhinos have been poached in Kaziranga National Park, Northwest India which has increased the number of rhinos killed this month by three. One of the rhinos was killed and subsequently de-horned by poachers near Tunikati anti-poaching camp on Wednesday while the other was killed on Sunday. In both cases, poachers used M4 carbine rifle which is mostly used by rebel groups.

January 28

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/2-rhinos-poached-in-4-days-in-Kaziranga/articleshow/50750169.cms>

UNCONTROLLED DEFORESTATION IN DODA

Forest cover is decreasing due to ineffective regulations by forest department in mountainous Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, northern India. The cutting of trees is going on unabated in partition numbers 50 to 64. The authorities claim trees lying under the alliance of the road has been cut down for the construction of the roads.

January 30

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/jammu-kashmir/tree-felling-goes-on-unabated-in-doda/189405.html>