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Mystery rivulet hydel project's test production affected after its employees including technicians contracted COVID-19

MYAGDI, April 1: The calendar of test production of the 42-MW Mystery Rivulet Hydropower Project constructed in Myagdi's Annapurna Rural Municipality-4, Narchyang has been affected as its employees were contracted with the coronavirus.

The project promoted by the Mountain Energy Nepal Limited had developed a calendar with its preparation to initiate test production on March 30 (Tuesday). The timeline for test production has been affected as five Indian employees of the project were diagnosed with coronavirus last week.

Swab samples of other 76 employees who had come to close contact with the infected were collected and sent for testing. Annapurna Rural Municipality's health section coordinator, Samundra Baruwal confirmed that out of the samples collected, 11 employees serving with Mystery Rivulet Hydel Project and a local tested positive for COVID-19.

The coronavirus-infected employees with normal health conditions have been kept at Narchyang-based Corona Hospital. Chudamani Ghimire, a local, informed that the test production within the stipulated time was not possible with the employees and technicians contracting to the virus.