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IPPAN estimates property loss of Rs 10 billion to hydropower projects wrecked by floods and landslides

KATHMANDU, June 20: The landslides and floods in the past few days have caused damages worth an estimated Rs 10 billion to a number of private hydropower projects, said hydropower producers.

According to the Independent Power Producers' Association, Nepal (IPPAN), the natural hazards have affected mainly the projects under construction and the transmission lines. The aforementioned financial loss was due to the submerging of the power houses, damage to the dams, fall of the poles erected for the transmission lines, damage to the connecting roads and sweeping away of the construction materials.

IPPAN President Krishna Prasad Acharya said the financial loss to the Super Madi Hydropower Project is probably the largest one.

IPPAN has demanded the government form a high-level mechanism including representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation, among others, to find out the actual damages to the hydropower projects. The umbrella organization of independent power producers has also sought immediate action by Nepal Electricity Authority to safeguard its substations to prevent the possible disruption in electricity supply.

Source: The Rising Nepal Daily, 22 June 2021

DPR Of Largest Industrial Park Approved

Kathmandu, June 22: The government has approved the detail project report of the Nepal-China Friendship Industrial Park. The meeting of the Investment Board today approved the DPR of Nepal-China Friendship Park, which is going to be the largest such park in the country.

Board spokesperson Bhupal Baral said with the approval of the DPR, the project has got permission to hold further agreement with the project developers. The meeting has also approved investment on the Upper Tamakoshi Hydropower project.

The total investment of the project is estimated to be Rs 64 billion. The project is of 284 megawatt capacity. Similarly, investment on Manang Marsyangdi Hydro project was also approved. The estimated investment of the 139.2 MW project is Rs 33.41 billion.

Similarly, the meeting has approved permission for feasibility study for a survey on the Arun Hydro Project. The project has the capacity of generating 679 megawatt of power. The meeting has also formed a study committee to prepare the modality of investment for West Seti and SA-6 United Hydro Project.

On the occasion, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli directed the authorities concerned to construct the transmission line system while developing the construction project and forge coordination with concerned sides.

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Meringden Rural Municipality To Offer Scholarship For Hydro Engineering Study

Taplejung, June 25 : Meringden rural municipality of the district has come up with a policy to provide scholarship for hydropower engineering study. The scholarship support is to be provided to one boy and one girl students of the rural municipality for the study from upcoming fiscal year.

Unveiling the annual policy and programme for the fiscal year 2021/22 on Wednesday, the announcement of scholarship support was made.

Meanwhile, the rural municipality has also laid emphasis on special educational incentive programme so as to increase the school enrollment rate to seven percent by bringing under 16 helpless students to the access of school education. To implement this scheme, the rural municipality has declared to support Rs 500 each.

Likewise, the policy and programme has also included a campaign to declare Meringden as literate rural municipality through informal education.

It has also come up with the policy to continue teaching and learning in local language for the protection of indigenous language and culture. The rural municipality has presented the annual budget of Rs 411.65 million for upcoming year.