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Sikkim to have highest mini-hydro power station in country

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GANGTOK, November 22: Sikkim would soon acquire the distinction of having a hydro power station at an altitude of around 13,000 ft, the highest in the entire country.

The work on this proposed mini-hydel power project in Thangu in North Sikkim would start soon with active intervention from the State department of science & technology, said the department's advisor Mr. GJ Samadha-

nam.

Mr. Samadhanam who was in Gangtok on Friday, said that the proposed mini-hydel project which is sponsored by his department had earlier been entrusted to a local NGO. However, the NGO could not complete the project in the scheduled time due to some unavoidable reasons and the resulting delay has resulted in cost escalation, he said.

After a meeting on Friday with the State chief secretary and officials from power department along

with science & technology departments, Samadhanam said that it was decided during the meeting that the project will be handed over to the power department while the local NGO too would remain involved in undertaking non-technical and other jobs.

Samadhanam said that a fresh DPR will be submitted by the department soon and the Rs. 5 crore worth project is expected to be completed in the next two years.