

Is grid-tied solar a viable alternative energy source in Bhutan?

The commissioning and inauguration of the 180kW grid-tied ground mounted solar photo-voltaic power plant marks the start of Bhutan's investment in grid-tied solar energy as a viable alternative energy source in the face of soaring domestic demand and climate change.

Why should Bhutan invest in solar power?

Like hydropower, sun is a bountiful resource Bhutan can tap into for producing renewable energy in keeping with our carbon neutrality commitments and also for enhancing energy security through diversification of energy sources. The commissioning and inauguration of the 180kW grid-tied ground mounted solar photo-voltaic power plant

Can solar power grow in Bhutan?

"We did the studies on renewable energy management master planning in 2016 and the reports say Bhutan has a capacity for 12 Giga watts of solar energy and 760 MW of wind so we have a lot to tap as there is a lot of opportunity for solar energy solar power to grow in Bhutan. There is a lot of potential and I think this is the right step."

Who inaugurated a solar power plant in Bhutan?

4 October 2021: The Chairperson of the National Council of Bhutan, Lyonpo Tashi Dorji, inaugurated the 180 kW grid-tied ground mounted solar photo-voltaic power plant at Rubesa, Wangduephodrang today.

Can a solar power plant boost hydropower supply in Bhutan?

"Solar plant such as this can augment hydropower supply to meet our rapidly increasing domestic electricity demand, especially in winter months," he said. Electricity in Bhutan is mostly generated from hydropower, a renewable energy source, unlike fossil-fuel driven power plants that are major contributors to carbon dioxide emissions worldwide.

Will a solar project improve Bhutan's energy security?

The Ambassador of Japan to Bhutan, Satoshi Suzuki, who addressed the gathering virtually said he hoped that the solar project would help enhance Bhutan's energy security, which is indispensable for the socio-economic development of the country.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided over \$18 million in grants and loans to support the project, with an additional \$1 million from the Government of Bhutan. This initiative will contribute 17 megawatts of clean energy to Bhutan's power grid, bringing the country closer to achieving full energy independence.

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A solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant will be constructed and will add 22 to 23 megawatts of clean energy to Bhutan's power grid. The solar PV power plant will complement hydropower in forming a more diversified electricity generation system and create resilience to the impacts of climate change.

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The DSP Solar Initiative aims to enhance Bhutan's energy security, showcase the country's leadership in environmental conservation, prove the technical and economic feasibility of solar power, and encourage its adoption by both public and private sectors.

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