

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.

Can solar power plants help Bhutan achieve energy security?

The solar plant in Rubesa is one such initiative which takes Bhutan a step closer to achieving energy security through a diversified and sustainable energy supply mix. The project particularly demonstrates viability of solar power plants on a utility scale.

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

Who inaugurated a solar photo-voltaic power plant in Bhutan?

On October 4, 2021, the Chairperson of the National Council of Bhutan, Lyonpo Tashi Dorji, inaugurated the 180kW grid-tied ground-mounted Solar Photo-Voltaic Power Plant at Rubesa, Wangdue Phodrang.

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.

How is Bhutan achieving energy security?

Bhutan is undertaking various initiatives to broaden its energy mix by exploring other clean, renewable energy sources. The solar plant in Rubesa is one such initiative which takes Bhutan a step closer to achieving energy security through a diversified and sustainable energy supply mix.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the country's first mega solar power plant with a capacity of 17.38-megawatt was held in Sephu, Wangdue yesterday. The plant, which is expected to complete by the end of 2024, will ...

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Bhutan solar panelling

The grid-tied solar panels were installed on the roof of a car park in 2021. The purpose was to showcase renewable energy on campus and provide practical experience to energy officials. Since August 2021, the panels have ...

The Sephu Solar Project will be Bhutan's first mega solar power plant and once it is completed, the plant is expected to generate 26.15 million units of energy earning an annual revenue of Nu 132.29 million. The ...

Bhutan Solar Initiative Project (BSIP) set up under Royal Command has implemented two Solar PV Projects in Thimphu. 250kW Rooftop Centenary Farmers Market (CMF) and 500kW Ground mounted at ...

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With Bhutan ratifying the Framework Agreement and becoming a full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in October 2022, the momentum of collaboration between the ISA and the ...

A second solar power plant has been installed in the capital under the Bhutan Solar Initiative Project. Aimed at fulfilling the need for clean and renewable energy, the 500-kilowatt ground-mounted solar power plant was ...

The Desuung Skilling Project on Bhutan Solar Initiative Project (BSIP) 500kW ground-mounted grid-tied Solar PV project at Dechencholing was inaugurated on June 28, 2023. The Prime Minister Dasho Dr Lotay Tshering ...

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On 28 June, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Guru Rinpoche, Bhutan Solar Initiative Project (BSIP) inaugurated the 500 kW ground-mounted and grid-tied solar PV project at Dechencholing in Thimphu ...

