

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.

Can solar power diversify Bhutan's energy sources?

The 180 kW grid-tied solar PV plant, the first of its kind in the country, demonstrates viability of solar power to diversify Bhutan's energy sources Photo: Department of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs

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

What is Bhutan's first solar power project?

The first phase of Bhutan's first utility-scale solar power project at Sephuin Wangdue Phodrang is set for completion by March next year. A utility-scale solar facility generates solar power and feeds it into the grid. The 17.38-megawatt solar farm is expected to generate around 24 million units of energy annually, once operational.

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.

How much solar energy will Bhutan produce?

According to the Renewable Energy Management Master Plan 2016, Bhutan has the potential to generate 12 gigawatts of solar power and 760 MW of wind energy. The first phase of the Sephu solar farm is expected to produce 25 million units of energy, enough to power 3,476 households, assuming an average urban household consumes five kilowatts of energy.

"The country has significant potential to harness solar energy, and this solar farm marks the first step toward diversifying energy sources." Despite Bhutan's main energy source ...

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Bhutan's Ministry of Economic Affairs, on behalf of the Department of Renewable Energy, has invited bids for the design, procurement, construction, and completion of the 17.38 MW Sephu ...

To address the growing electricity demand in the country, solar energy can be a diversification of Bhutan's renewable energy to address domestic energy security and global ...

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