

Can solar power plants help Bhutan achieve energy security?

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

How many solar power systems are there in Bhutan?

As of 2015 there are approximately 4,600 solar power systems operating in Bhutan, with 2,750 on-grid systems and 1,848 off-grid systems. The development potential is estimated at around 12,000 megawatts. Solar energy in Bhutan has received direct investment from domestic and international sources.

Why should Bhutan invest in solar energy?

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.

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.

Is Bhutan a fossil fuel country?

The Director also said that Bhutan generates all our electricity from renewables, yet it hides a paradox. He said that almost 78 per cent of our energy consumption is fossil fuel because our transportation system is dependent on it, including cooking and heating needs.

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A private firm constructed the 80 kW system with funding support from Bhutan For Life, Bhutan Foundation, and GEF-Small Grants Programme UNDP at Dawathang, Pema Yangdzong and Dungkar Choling. The Department of Energy, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Bhutan Ecological Society (BES) implemented the ...

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The project was implemented by the Department of Renewable Energy (DRE) with funding support from Bhutan for Life (BFL), Bhutan Foundation and UNDP-GEF-SGP. BFL supported a 50kW Solar PV system at Dawathang and Bhutan Foundation supported a 25kW and 5kW Solar PV system at Pema Yangdzong and Dungkhar Choling, respectively.

The first phase of Bhutan's first utility-scale solar power project at Sephu in 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.

Funded by the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BT FEC), these projects were completed at a benchmark cost of Nu 54,000 per kW capacity. Phase II includes an additional 2.1 MW ground-mounted PV system at Dechencholing, a 1.5 MW rooftop solar PV system at the Druk Gyalpo's Institute in Pangbisa, and an expanded 200 kW rooftop ...

Bhutan Solar Initiative Project (BSIP) aims towards achieving a sustainable energy supply for Bhutan through alternative renewable energy sources of solar grid integration. About 60 De-suups have been actively involved in this six-month long project and have gained practical knowledge of installing solar PV systems through hands-on experience.

However, Bhutan is on the brink of a significant change with the Sephu Solar Project. Set to begin operations in early 2025, it will mark a milestone in the country's energy history as the first commercial renewable energy source in Bhutan.

In the next two years, Bhutan plans to harness 300 megawatts of solar energy, Minister for Economic Affairs Lokhnath Sharma has told The Third Pole. Currently, the country's installed renewables capacity (excluding hydropower) is about 9 MW.

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