

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

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What is Bhutan's largest solar project?

The Sephu project will be Bhutan's largest solar facility. Credit: Bhutan ministry of energy and natural resources The Bhutanese government has started construction on the country's first utility-scale solar farm, the Sephu solar project, which boasts a capacity of 17.38MW.

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

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.

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.

What is Bhutan's first solar farm?

The Bhutanese government has started construction on the country's first utility-scale solar farm, the 17.38MW Sephu solar project.

The 180kW solar power plant is first of its kind in the country and will trigger transformative changes towards energy source diversification. The community of Rubesa under Wangdue Dzongkhag should be proud to host both solar and wind power plants in the country."

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 Dechencholing. Both projects are grid-tied, meaning the electricity generated is directly fed into the BPC grid,

and are without batteries.

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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.

The Sephu plant will be the first utility-scale project in Bhutan's solar sector, with just a 180kW plant in Rubesa already in operation, and will be a core component of Bhutan's growing solar...

Sephu plant will serve as an addition to the 180 kW grid-connected ground-mounted solar photovoltaic power station in Rubesa (near Punakha), which became operational in October 2021. [1] The Sephu plant is currently under construction over an area of 65 acres in Yongtru village, situated in the Sephu Gewog . [2]

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It is historic, as we lay foundations for the construction of the 17.38MW Sephu Solar PV Project (SSP) today-Bhutan's first large-scale, utility non-hydro renewable energy project. Deviating from our sole focus on hydropower, the project aims to enhance domestic capability, embrace emerging technologies, reinforce climate change resilience ...

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