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Photovoltaic solar panels installed in Bhutan



Overview

Bhutan inaugurated its first-ever utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant on July 19 in Yongtru village, Sephu Gewog (Village Block), in Wangdue Phodrang in central part of Bhutan which is about five hours journey from the capital, Thimphu. 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.

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.

What is Bhutan Solar Initiative project (BSIP)?

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.

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 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.

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