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## Overview

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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.

Can solar power plants help Bhutan achieve energy security?

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

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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.

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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### Reliance Group Signs Up For Clean Energy In Bhutan

500 MW Solar Project: The newly formed Reliance Enterprises has partnered up with Druk Holding to jointly develop a 500 MW solar power plant in Gelephu Mindfulness City, Bhutan. This ambitious project, set to be executed over the next two years in two phases of 250 MW each, represents a significant milestone in Bhutan's renewable energy journey.

### International Solar Alliance to help boost Bhutan's Solar

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 Royal Government of Bhutan has picked up pace through implementation of various initiatives supported by the ISA.



## BHUTAN HYDRO AND SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY

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## South Asia Group for Energy-Bhutan

To ensure efficient grid planning and solar integration, Bhutan's power generator, Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) and the transmission and distribution utility, Bhutan Power Corporation (BPC), are partnering with the South Asia Group for Energy (SAGE) to develop their solar capabilities, integrate solar energy into the grid, and



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technologies like solar cold storage, and devising



strategies for effectively scaling solar energy initiatives in Bhutan. About the International Solar Alliance The International Solar Alliance is an international organisation with 119 Member and Signatory countries. It works with governments to ease solar deployment and promote solar power as a

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## Bhutan ramps up its solar energy ambitions

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## Bhutan Leads the Way In Clean And Sustainable Energy With Solar ...

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.

## ADB Commits \$30 Million to Boost Solar Infra , The Bhutan Live

In response, the Bhutanese government has set ambitious renewable energy targets, aiming to achieve 500 megawatts of solar energy capacity by 2025 and expanding to 1,000 megawatts by 2030. According to the Renewable Energy Management Master Plan 2016, the country possesses the potential to generate up to 12 gigawatts of solar power and 760



## (PDF) Solar Energy Potential and Utilization in Bhutan

Although some of the best potential is in northern areas with low population densities, the solar resource throughout the country is suitable



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## Potential for Development of Solar and Wind Resource in Bhutan

With support from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) produced maps and data of the wind and solar resources in Bhutan. The solar resource data show that Bhutan has an adequate resource for flat-plate collectors, with annual average values of global

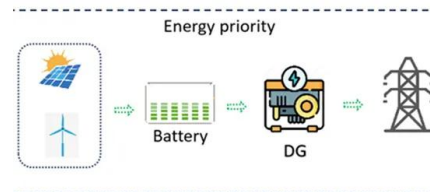


## ADB invests USD 30 million in Bhutan's solar energy vision

According to the Renewable Energy Management Master Plan 2016, Bhutan has the potential to produce 12 gigawatts of solar power and 760 megawatts of wind energy. Jongmi Son said that distributed solar photovoltaic systems could be deployed quickly, offering a faster solution to meet growing energy demands, while hydropower projects typically

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## 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.

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