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# Does Bhutan have photovoltaic power plants



## Overview

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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. What is Bhutan's first solar power project?

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.

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.

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.

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 solar energy a viable alternative to hydropower in Bhutan?

One of the renewable sources of energy that could prove to be a boon to far

flung parts of Bhutan as well as viable alternative to hydropower energy is solar energy by which, after much deliberation in the national assembly, its potential has been acknowledged by reduction and doing away with taxes for procuring solar based equipment.

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

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### Bhutan photovoltaic cells connected to the grid

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### Sephu solar farm's capacity enhanced to 22.38 MW - Druk Green Power

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## Bhutan Renewable Energy Grows with EUR150M Loan

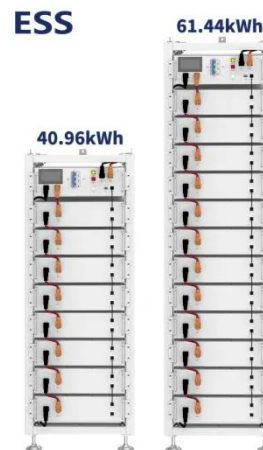
Bhutan is making considerable progress in its renewable energy journey with the development of its first utility-scale solar power plant in Sephu. This 17.38-megawatt (MW) ...

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## SEPHU GRID-TIED 17.38MWp SOLAR PROJECT

The project includes construction of one solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant located in central-west Bhutan with a minimum total capacity of 17.38 megawatt peak (MWp).

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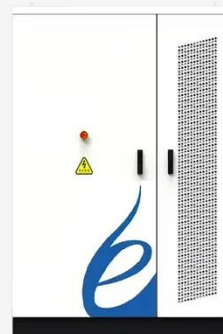
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Bhutan's Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources has inaugurated the country's first utility-scale solar power plant. The Sephu solar project, located in the town of Wangdue ...

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## 550 MW Solar, 770 MW Hydro Projects Mark ...

The newly formed Reliance Enterprises has partnered up with Druk Holding to jointly develop a 500 MW solar power plant in Gelephu Mindfulness ...

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## Global Solar Atlas

The Global Solar Atlas provides a summary of solar power potential and solar resources globally. It is provided by the World Bank Group as a free service



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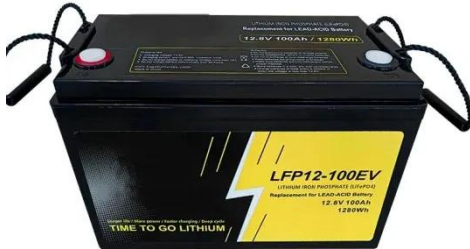
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## **Bhutan plans 11,930 MW of hydro projects and 1,226 ...**

It also lays out plans to build 1,226 MW of solar projects. With Tala, Chukha, Mangdechu, Basochu, Dagachu, Nikachhu and Kurichu the current ...

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## Harnessing Bhutan's solar potential with market-driven solutions

Nearly all of Bhutan's electricity comes from its glacier-fed hydropower plants. In a first major step towards diversifying its energy mix, the Himalayan Kingdom initiated a 180-kW ...

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