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Overview

How can Bhutan improve its energy security?

To improve Bhutan's energy security while strengthening resilience to water variation and climate change, it is required to diversify power generation sources and types, including (i) solar farms, rooftop and floating solar, and agrivoltaics; and (ii) storage and pumped storage hydropower and small hydropower. 4 H. Nagai et al. 2017.

Is Bhutan importing power during dry season compared to exporting power?

This suggests that Bhutan is likely to incur higher costs for importing power during the dry season compared to exporting power from Bhutan during the wet seasons. The import price is already higher than the export price at ₹3.3/kWh, which indicates the financial implications and challenges faced by Bhutan.

How much energy can a rooftop solar system generate in Bhutan?

Bhutan's estimated total energy generation potential from rooftop solar system is 3,586 MW, including specific estimates for Thimphu (789 MW) and Paro (206 MW).⁵ In Thimphu alone, there are 1,521 government buildings suitable for rooftop solar installations, with an estimated capacity of 50 MW.

What is a solar project in Bhutan?

Project Goals and Approach to Transformational Change: The project aims to install 30 MW of solar PV and strengthen the regulatory environment to accelerate Bhutan's renewable energy market, fully realising its solar energy plan of 1000 MW as planned by the government in the current five-year plan (2024-2028).



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