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Overview

How much solar energy can Nepal produce?

Using just 0.5% of Nepal's total land area, it is possible to produce 429,000 MW of electricity. With technological advancements, power generated from solar panels can be directly connected to the grid without battery installations. Moreover, a World Bank study has shown that Nepal has the potential to generate 30,000 MW of solar energy.

Can solar power help Nepal achieve energy independence?

Developing domestic solar capacity can help Nepal achieve energy independence and enhance national energy security. Further, the cost of solar power has plummeted globally, making it a highly affordable energy solution. Nepal must capitalise on this trend before it falls further behind. Policy gaps and recommendations.

Does Nepal need commercial solar power?

For decades, Nepal has focused almost exclusively on hydropower development to meet its energy needs. Until recently, this strategy was logical. However, given the rapid advancements in solar energy technology, Nepal's continued disregard for commercial solar power is a glaring misstep.

Why is solar energy important in Nepal?

Integrating solar energy into Nepal's energy mix offers several strategic benefits, such as diversification and reliability, improving energy security and grid stability. This will in turn reduce Nepal's over-reliance on hydropower, which is vulnerable to seasonal variations and climate change impacts.

How many power plants are there in Nepal?

Six of the country's seven provinces generate hydropower as their main energy source, while Madhes Province generates solar energy. While NEA (Nepal Electricity Authority) and its subsidiaries own and operate 20

generation stations, the remaining are owned and operated by Independent Power Producers (IPP).

Should Nepal embrace solar power as a strategic energy resource?

Nepal must embrace solar power as a strategic energy resource to secure a sustainable, resilient and prosperous future. Thakur is policy professional, columnist and author (most recently co-authored “Kathmandu Chronicle: Reclaiming India-Nepal Relations”; Penguin Random House India). Rauniar is an energy expert and the CEO of Oorja World Inc, US.

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