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Overview

Why is solar energy important in Nepal?

Therefore, adequate solar radiation, solar panels, and suitable land for installation are required for solar power generation. Sunlight is free and accessible to everyone—this is the strongest point of solar energy. Considering that strong sunlight is essential for solar production, Nepal receives an average of 300 sunny days per year.

Should Nepal promote solar panels?

Promoting solar will naturally increase energy availability. Nepal has ample marginal land—terraces, slopes, unused hilly areas—not viable for agriculture, suitable for solar panels. Southern/eastern-facing rooftops also offer installation potential. The government should provide subsidies to encourage rooftop solar systems among homeowners.

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.

Is Nepal a good country for solar energy?

Despite Nepal's high potential for solar energy, its utilization remains extremely poor. Also, 1 MW of installed solar capacity is not equivalent to 1 MW of hydro capacity—hydro can produce power at night and during cloudy days, while solar cannot.



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