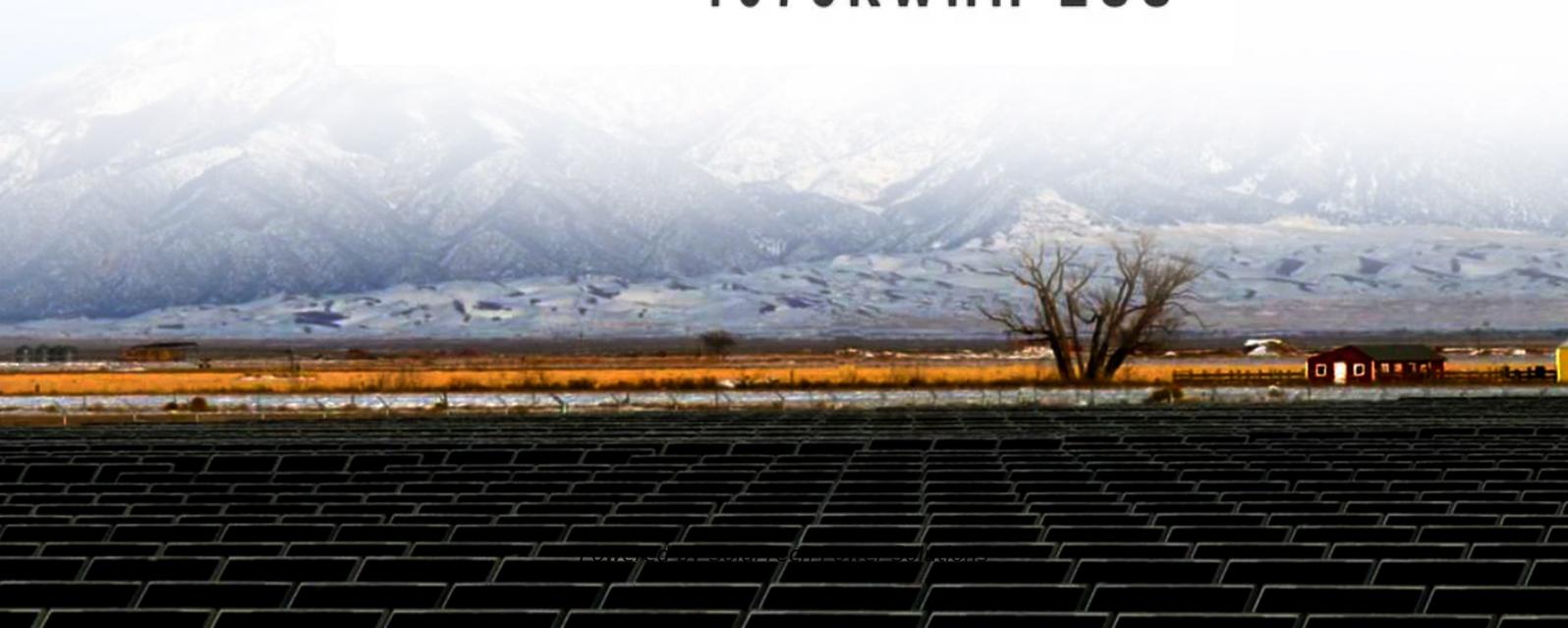


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## Overview

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Reliance Power, a major Indian energy conglomerate, has announced a significant renewable energy initiative in Bhutan, according to reports from Indian media. The company has entered into a strategic partnership with Green Digital, a subsidiary of Druk Holding and Investments (DHI)—the investment.

While solar energy is undeniably one of the cleanest and most abundant resources, the manner in which it is harnessed must be carefully planned to avoid unnecessary environmental disruptions, particularly in a country like Bhutan, where conservation and sustainability are core principles. Recently.

The Department of Energy, MoENR announces the commissioning of Phase I (17.38 MWp) of the Sephu Solar Project in Sephu Gewog, Wangdue Phodrang, marking the launch of the country's first utility scale solar photovoltaic power plant implemented by the Government. Commissioning of the Phase-I of the.

Can solar power plants help Bhutan achieve energy security?

The Solar Plant in Rubesa is one such initiative that takes Bhutan a step closer to achieving energy security through a diversified and sustainable energy supply mix. The project particularly demonstrates the viability of solar power plants on a utility-scale.

Why should Bhutan invest in solar energy?

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.

How much electrical energy is used in Bhutan?

Approximately 5% of the electrical energy generated at the Chukha plant in Bhutan is used within the country. The remaining energy is exported to India.

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 that takes Bhutan a step closer to achieving energy security through a diversified and sustainable energy supply mix.

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.

How many solar power systems are there in Bhutan?

As of 2015 there are approximately 4,600 solar power systems operating in Bhutan, with 2,750 on-grid systems and 1,848 off-grid systems. The development potential is estimated at 12,000 megawatts.

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