

Does Bhutan have a national strategy for energy security?

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Why is energy important in Bhutan?

Energy in Bhutan has been a primary focus of development in the kingdom under its Five-Year Plans. In cooperation with India, Bhutan has undertaken several hydroelectric projects whose output is traded between the countries.

How is the energy sector governed in Bhutan?

The energy sector of Bhutan is governed, planned and co-ordinated by two key ministries: the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests (MoAF).

What is Bhutan's energy supply?

Bhutan's energy supply primarily relies on electricity, fuel-wood, coal, and diesel. Electricity is the largest contributor, with a shift towards increased usage over the years. Fuel-wood usage has decreased, while bio-gas, solar energy, and limited-scale wind energy have gained traction as alternative sources.

Why is Bhutan not able to secure its energy requirement?

Despite availability of diverse source of clean energy resources in excess of national demand, both in terms of potential and installed capacity, Bhutan has not been able to secure its energy requirement, especially in lean season. Bhutan imports power every winter months, when the demand is at peak and generation is at lowest point.

Does Bhutan have oil & gas reserves?

Fossil fuel (coal, oil, gas) reserves Bhutan has very modest amount of coal resource with an estimated reserve of 1.96 million tons, which is expected to last until 2028 with an average annual extraction rate of 4.6%, and Bhutan does not have any oil and gas reserves, nor does it have processing and refinery plant (Department of Energy, 2009).

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This partnership aligns with Bhutan's long-term vision to expand its energy generation capacity to 25,000 MW by 2040, ensuring energy security while integrating with regional energy systems. Bhutan plans to achieve this target by diversifying its energy portfolio, moving beyond traditional hydropower to include solar and geothermal energy.

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In a landmark move to bolster sustainable energy, Bhutan has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India's Reliance Group during the Bhutan Innovation Forum. The agreement, signed between Druk Holding and Investments Ltd. (DHI) and Reliance Group, paves the way for the development of 1.2 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy projects ...

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renewable energy sources such as wind and solar are being explored to diversify the supply and enhance energy security. The Power System Master Plan 2040 estimates that the country has a hydropower potential of 36,900 MW, out of which 32,600 MW are techno-economically viable.

Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group has planned to set up green energy projects in Bhutan in collaboration with Druk Holding & Investments Ltd (DHI) -- the commercial and investment arm of the Royal Government of Bhutan. ... Enterprises will focus on enhancing sustainable energy solutions and implementing smart distribution and metering systems ...

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