

Solar panels on rural roofs in Nepal





Overview

What is rooftop solar in Nepal?

Rooftop solar system, a dominant rural commodity in Nepal, which caters to the lighting needs of over 600,000 off-grid rural households in the country, is now slowly gaining new admirers in the urban centres as well.

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.

What is the best way to promote rooftop solar in Nepal?

In Nepal, two schools of thoughts primarily dominate the rooftop solar market today. First, the government should boost the total solar energy demand through promotional activities and subsidy packages.

Should Nepal provide subsidies to encourage rooftop solar?

The government should provide subsidies to encourage rooftop solar systems among homeowners. In summary, Nepal has immense solar potential but is lagging behind in implementation. With strategic land use, subsidies, and policy support, solar can significantly enhance Nepal's clean energy future.



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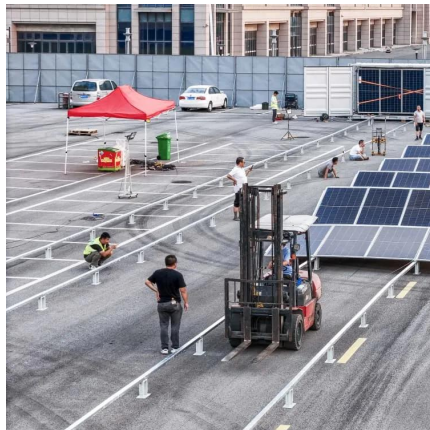
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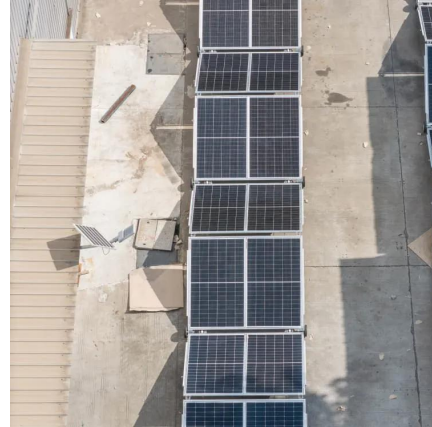
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