

# Communication signal tower uses solar power to generate electricity

How do telecom towers get electricity?

Since the past two decades, conventional power supply options including the grid, batteries, and diesel generators have dominated the telecom towers' electricity supply. Telecom towers have also been powered by alternative electricity supply options such as photovoltaic panels, wind turbines, and fuel cells.

What type of electricity does a telecom tower use?

Currently, grid electricity, and electricity from DG sets are the most common forms of conventional power supply for telecom towers. Due to poor or non-existent grid infrastructure, DG sets in remote areas tend to operate for longer hours than in more populated areas.

Can solar PV power a telecom tower?

Solar PV can offer attractive options for powering telecom towers due to abundance of solar energy in many parts of the world, modularity of PV systems, ease of planning, simple installation and less maintenance (Aris & Shabani, 2015; Hemmati & Saboori, 2016; Priyono et al., 2018; Zhu et al., 2015).

How fuel cell based solution can be used for telecom towers?

Owing to significantly better efficiency versus load characteristics, fuel cell systems can be used in reduction of the energy requirement of the telecom site in comparison to diesel generators. Compared to other technologies, fuel cell based solution for telecom towers are relatively new in India.

Are telecom towers powered by grid electricity?

In general, telecom towers are powered with grid electricity. However, due to rapid expansion of mobile telephone services in rural and far-off areas without access to grid or in areas with unreliable supply from grid fossil fuel-based generators (primarily diesel generators (DGs)) are being used to meet the demand (Modi & Singh, 2020).

Why do tower infrastructure companies use diesel generators?

Due to an unreliable electrical power grid, tower infrastructure companies use diesel generators, batteries and a variety of power management equipment to back-up the grid and ensure network availability.



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