



# Indian solar power plant goes into operation

Does India have a solar energy source?

The Sun has been worshiped as a life-giver to our planet since ancient times. The industrial ages gave us the understanding of sunlight as an energy source. India is endowed with vast solar energy potential. About 5,000 trillion kWh per year energy is incident over India's land area with most parts receiving 4-7 kWh per sqm per day.

Why is solar power important in India?

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Which is the second-largest solar power plant in India?

The Shakti Sthala solar power project in Tumakuru district, Karnataka, is now the second-largest solar power plant in India, having previously been the largest of its type in the world. The 2,050-MW plant was developed by the Karnataka Solar Park Development Corporation Limited (KSPDCL), with help from the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

Where does India rank in solar power production?

India currently stands third in Asia and fourth in the world in terms of solar power production across its plants, with solar accounting for about 38% of its total renewable energy capacity.

What is India's solar potential?

National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) has assessed the country's solar potential of about 748 GW assuming 3% of the waste land area to be covered by Solar PV modules. Solar energy has taken a central place in India's National Action Plan on Climate Change with National Solar Mission (NSM) as one of the key Missions.

How to promote solar energy in India?

Government has taken several steps for promotion of solar energy in the country. These include: Standard Bidding Guidelines for tariff based competitive bidding process for procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar PV and Wind Projects.

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