



# Sri Lanka sunrise and solar container industry

<div class="df\_qntext">Why should Sri Lanka adopt solar energy?

Adopting solar energy brings several key advantages for the country: Renewable and sustainable- Solar is a renewable energy source that does not produce greenhouse gas emissions. Expanding solar contributes to Sri Lanka's goals of increasing renewable energy to 70-80% of the energy mix by 2030.

<div class="df\_qntext">What is the installed solar capacity in Sri Lanka?

Solar power is an emerging energy source in Sri Lanka. According to the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB), the installed solar capacity was around 164 MW as of 2018, contributing 0.4% of total electricity generation. However, solar adoption is rapidly increasing driven by favorable policies.

<div class="df\_qntext">Does Sri Lanka have solar power?

Sri Lanka is an island nation blessed with abundant sunshine and solar energy potential. However, solar power currently contributes just 0.4% of the country's electricity mix. With prudent policies and investments, Sri Lanka can tap into its rich solar resources to meet a substantial share of its power needs from a clean, renewable source.

<div class="df\_qntext">Will Sri Lanka achieve 1000 MW of solar power by 2030?

As per the Sustainable Energy Authority of Sri Lanka, the installed solar PV capacity increased over 10 times from 12 MW in 2015 to around 164 MW by 2018. Grid-connected rooftop solar accounted for 147 MW while large-scale solar farms contributed 17 MW. The government aims to achieve 1,000 MW of solar capacity by 2030.

<div class="df\_qntext">What is Solar Resource Atlas of Sri Lanka?

The Solar Resource Atlas of Sri Lanka is an important addition to the existing knowledge on solar resources of Sri Lanka. The first solar atlas of Sri Lanka was prepared by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) of USA, in 2005, as the Wind and Solar Resource Atlas of Sri Lanka and Maldives.

<div class="df\_qntext">How much solar radiation does Sri Lanka receive?

Sri Lanka receives significant amount of solar radiation across all geographical regions. The Global Horizontal Irradiance (GHI) varies between 1,247 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> to 2,106 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>. It is interesting to note that the intensity of solar irradiation in lowland areas is high compared to mountainous regions.

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