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Energy And Economic Analysis of Solar PV System for Making Heritage Building Self-Sustainable

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Abstract: To determine if Madhav Institute of Technology and science, Gwalior has a viable option for implementation of a 1kW Solar PV Project on a standalone mode in terms of technical feasibility and cost effectiveness and its implementation to meet the electricity demand. The performance of off-grid solar PV system is evaluated in six rooms as self-sustainable.

After thorough study of the past work it is felt that further research can be extended in the area by taking different items of local importance. It is further decided to check the performance of off-grid solar PV system and make the six faculty's room self-sustainable and net Zero.

The purpose of this work is to create and analyze an experiment of an estimate power for enhancing system performance and to assist in integrating into the faculty building's power grid system. The results findings might be used as a reference for comparable applications and as a tool for academics and engineers to assess the setup, behavior, and operation of a rooftop PV conversion system.

The results of this experiment are a reference study for mechanical wing of college campuses and towns on migrating to a smart, green, and clean energy building idea. "Smart Grid" is the term used here.

Keywords: PV system, solar energy, conventional or unconventional, renewable or non-renewable Energy, electrical energy.

I. INTRODUCTION

Solar energy may be directly utilised by solar thermal and solar photovoltaic systems. Solar thermal systems supply thermal energy for a range of operations. It is used in cold climates to warm air for comfort as well as water for washing, cleaning, and other household chores. Numerous industrial assessments have revealed that low-temperature fluid heating accounts for 24% of the heat used in industry.

Solar energy is therefore the most suitable. Even while heating at high temperatures, a significant quantity of heat may be preserved. Solar thermal energy is used in drying, process industries, and other applications [1].

With the rise of civilization, man learned about coal, oil, and gas, and without realising that their sources were limited, he started exploiting them to suit his energy demands. In addition to population expansion, increased wood use also contributed to the denudation of forests.

The reserves of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, and gas, have also started to deplete, which has raised their costs and caused a scarcity in countries where they are not accessible [2]. It is currently hard to think of any activity that does not include consuming energy from outside sources in some way due to their enormous burning, which has caused harm to humans, animals, and other living things [3].

Energy now stands alongside food and shelter as requirements for the survival of the human species. We already know that fossil fuel reserves are limited, their extensive burning has detrimental effects on the environment, and we are unable to conceive any activity taking place without the need of energy from external sources. New, conveniently available, and pollution-free energy sources are being sought for. Intense attempts are being made globally to harness solar energy for a range of uses since it has all of these qualities and has been used by people in various forms since the beginning of time [4,5].

II. EXPERIMENTATION & OBSERVATIONS

Extensive experimentation was done on the fabrication device for studying the solar energy used for electrical devices such as Fan, LED Bulb etc. With the help of appropriate instrumentation, the results are presented in the form of tables and graphs followed by the explanation of curves [6].

A. Experimental Set Up

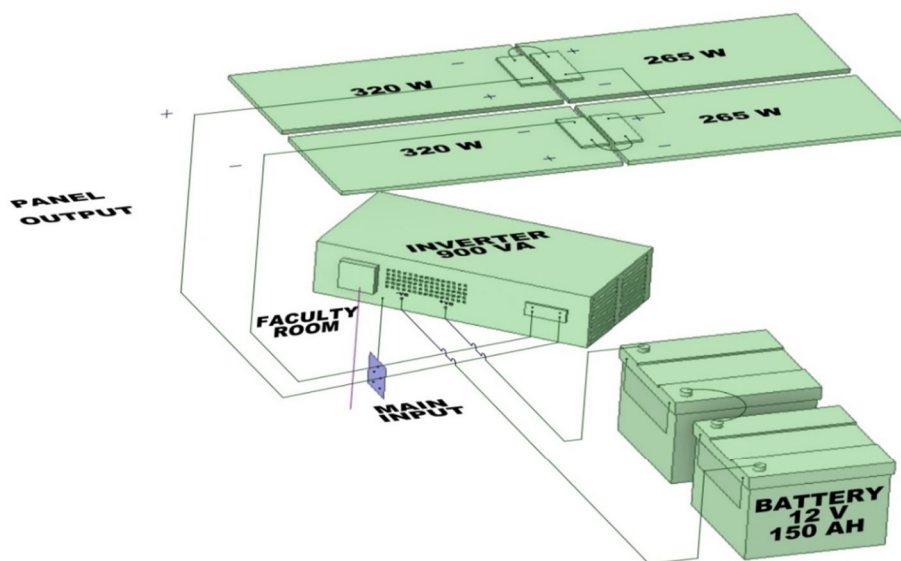


Fig.1 Sketch of PV Solar System



Fig.2 Photograph of PV panel and Battery – Inverter Arrangements



Fig.3 Photograph of Data Taker

B. Experiment Procedure

This research can be considered as an exploratory study for the feasibility of installing solar panels at Madhav Institute of Technology & Science Gwalior. The information that is gathered through literature reviews, case studies, field trips, and key informant interviews will be used to make recommendations about implementing photovoltaic solar system at Madhav Institute of Technology & Science Gwalior, as part of the campus sustainability initiative [7].

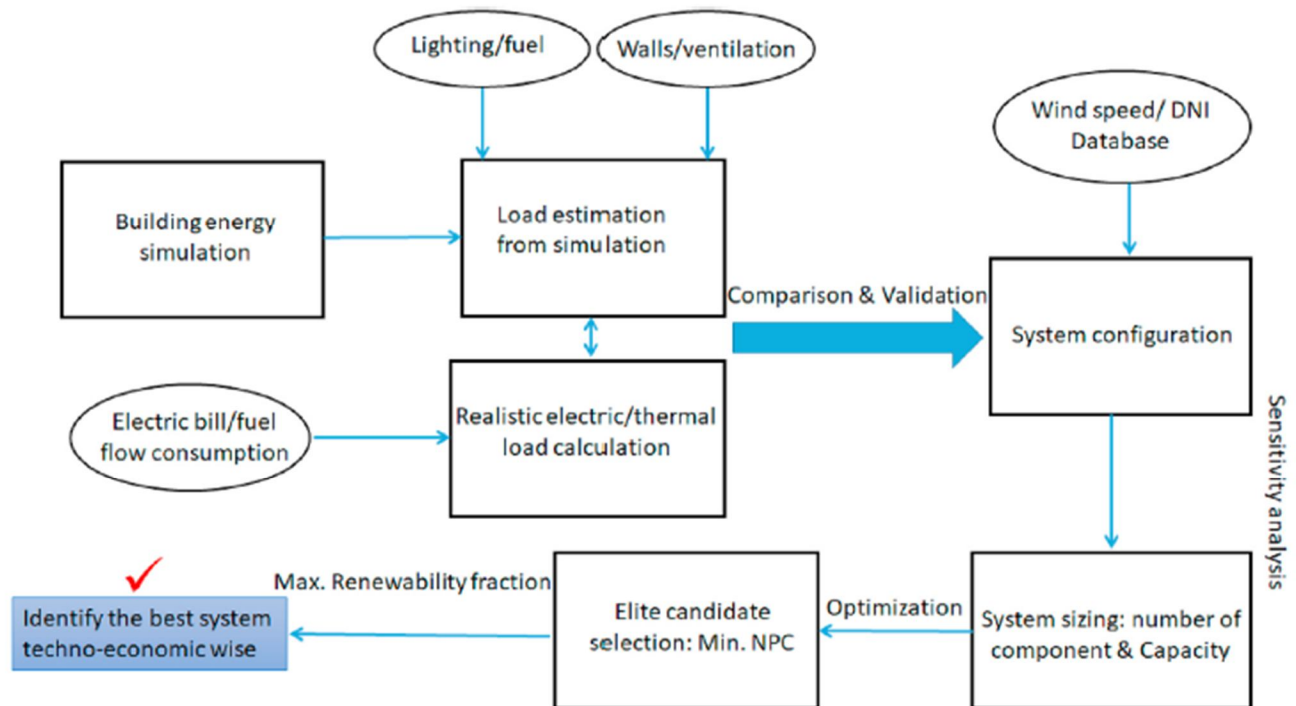


Fig.4 Flow Diagram of research steps

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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Several research techniques have been employed to ensure that sufficient information has been gathered to evaluate the feasibility of photovoltaic solar system at Madhav Institute of Technology & Science, Gwalior in terms of technological, economic, environmental, and social factors [8].

A. Load Calculation

There are two primary blocks for load calculations

- 1) Six faculty rooms
- 2) HOD cabin

The study began in earnest fashion on 28 Sep 2022 with the primary aim of to determine the load of all six faculty rooms and HOD cabin and find out the performance of off grid and on grid solar PV systems.

S No	Date	Block
01	29/09/2022	Six Faculty Rooms
02	30/09/2022	HOD Cabin

Table 1 No of Blocks

B. Faculty Room Load Calculation

Six faculties room wise connected load has been calculated based on the electrical appliances (load) on each faculty room as under

S No	Connected Load	Wattage
01	Fan Load (6 fans × 60 W)	360 W
02	Light Load (6 LED × 9 W)	54 W
	TOTAL	414 W

Table 2 Total loads of the faculty rooms

The annual energy consumption in kilowatt hour (electrical unit) for each faculty room has been calculated based on the above load, taking into consideration 6 working hours per day, 22 working days per month, and a total of 9 working months in a year.

S No	Room wise load	Electrical Consumption (kWh per Annum)
Faculty Room 1	1 LED (9 W) + 1 FAN (60 W) = 69 Watt × 6 hours per day for 22 days in a month for 12 months	110 KW
Faculty Room 2	1 LED (9 W) + 1 FAN (60 W) = 69 Watt × 6 hours per day for 22 days in a month for 12 months	110 KW
Faculty Room 3	1 LED (9 W) + 1 FAN (60 W) = 69 Watt × 6 hours per day for 22 days in a month for 12 months	110 KW
Faculty Room 4	1 LED (9 W) + 1 FAN (60 W) = 69 Watt × 6 hours per day for 22 days in a month for 12 months	110 KW
Faculty Room 5	1 LED (9 W) + 1 FAN (60 W) = 69 Watt × 6 hours per day for 22 days in a month for 12 months	110 KW
Faculty Room 6	1 LED (9 W) + 1 FAN (60 W) = 69 Watt × 6 hours per day for 22 days in a month for 12 months	110 KW
	Total	660 KW

Table 3 Electricity consumption of each faculty room of MITS College in Gwalior

1) *Estimation of kW rating of the system*

The total load (energy requirement) of the system – i.e.

Total connected load of PV panel system = 414 watt

2) *Total watt-hours rating of the system*

= Total connected load (watt) × operating hours

= $414 \times 6 = 2484$ watt hours or (2.5 KWH)

3) *Estimation of number of PV panels*

Actual power output of a PV panel

= peak power rating × operating factor

= $320 \times 0.90 = 288$ watt

The power used at the end user is less (due to lower combined efficiency of the system)

= actual power output of a panel × combined efficiency

= $288 \times 0.80 = 131$ watt (VA)

Energy produced by one 320 watt PV panel in a day

= actual power output × 6 hour per day

= $231 \times 6 = 1386$ watt hour

Number of solar PV panels required to satisfy given estimation for daily load

= total watt hour rating per daily energy produced by panel

= $2484 \div 1386 = 2$ panels of 320 WP

4) *Estimation of inverter and batteries*

Number of inverter requires are calculated as:-

Total connected load to PV

- Panel system = 414 watt

- Inverter with the rating of 900 VA is used

Therefore,

The number of inverter required are = 1

5) *Number of batteries depends on the backup time required*

Calculated the battery backup

Battery volt × battery AH rating × inverter efficiency / total watt on load

= $12 \times 150 \times 0.85 \div 414$

= 3.69 hours

For 6 hours battery backup

2×150 Ah batteries are connected to inverter

6) *Assumption taken for design*

- Inverter convert to DC into AC power with efficiency of about 85%

- Battery voltage used for operation = 12 volt

- Combined efficiency of inverter and battery will be calculated as

Combined efficiency = PCU efficiency × battery efficiency

= $0.9 \times 0.9 = 0.81 = 81\%$

- Sun light available in a day = 6 hours / day

- Operation of light and fan = 6 hours/ day

- PV panel power rating = 320 Wp

Where WP = watt peak

C. HOD Cabin Load Calculation

The MITS College in HOD cabin connected load has been calculated based on the electrical appliances (load) as under

S No.	Connected load	Wattage
01	Light load (1 LED × 9W)	09 W
02	Air Conditioner (1 AC × 800W)	800 W
03	Fan load (2 Fans × 60W)	120 W
	Total	929 W

Table 4 Total loads of the HOD cabin

The annual energy consumption in kilowatt hour (electrical unit) for HOD cabin has been calculated based on the above load taking into consideration 6 working hours per day, 22 working days per month and a total of 9 working months in a year.

S No.	HOD cabin	Electrical consumption (kWh per Annum)
01	1 LED (9 W) + 1 AC (800 W) + 2 Fans (60 W) = 929 Watt × 6 hours per day for 22 days in a month for 12 months.	1471.536 KW
	Total	1472 KW (Approx.)

Table 5 Electricity consumption of the HOD cabin of MITS College in Gwalior

1) Estimation of kW rating of the system

The total load (energy requirement) of the system – i.e.

Total connected load of PV panel system = 929 watt

2) Total watt-hours rating of the system

= total connected load (watts) × operating hours

= 929 × 6 = 5574 watt hours or (5.5 KWH)

3) Estimation of Number of PV Panels

Actual power output of a PV panel

= peak power rating × operating factor

= 320 × 0.90 = 288 watt

The power used at the end user is less (due to lower combined efficiency of the system)

= actual power output of a panel × combined efficiency

= 288 × 0.80 = 231 watt (VA)

Energy produced by one 320 watt PV panel in a day

= 231 × 6 = 1386 watt-hours

Number of solar PV panel required to satisfy given estimation for daily loads

= total watt hours rating / daily energy produced by panels

= 5574 ÷ 1386

= 4.0216 panels or

= 5 panels (Approx.)

4) Assumption Taken for Design

- Sun light available in a day = 6 hours/day
- Operation of light, air conditioner and fan = 6 hours/day of PV panel
- PV panel power rating = 320 Wp

Where W_p = Watt-peak

After the load calculation and designing the PV panels, battery sizing, the data is collected

Throughout the day and results are analyzed. These data are collected two days in every month in

Between September to December 2022. Average data of these months are shown in tables.

Time	Current (Amp)	Voltage (V)	Panel Surface Temperature (°C)	Solar Radiation (W/m ²)	
				Vertical	Inclined
10:00 AM	3.39	295	41.7	476	710
11:00 AM	3.56	300	43	566	905
12:00 PM	3.69	310	50.7	590	930
1:00 PM	3.53	290	47	480	901
2:00 PM	3.41	278	41.8	355	887
3:00 PM	3.19	250	39	280	610
4:00 PM	2.95	225	34	135	300
5:00 PM	2.61	210	29	85	150

Table No. 6. Average Data collection of PV panels (Sept, 2022)

Time	Illumination on the ground Surface		Illumination on faculty Table		Illumination on above faculty table	
	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off
10:00 AM	160	110	200	150	300	210
11:00 AM	190	130	240	180	330	230
12:00 PM	200	160	260	210	350	270
1:00 PM	113	95	232	200	321	275
2:00 PM	90	53	165	110	172	85
3:00 PM	59	25	119	57	110	41
4:00 PM	41	15	78	33	74	23
5:00 PM	29	11	42	14	45	15

Table No. 7 Average Data collection of Faculty Rooms (Sept,2022)

Time	Current (Amp)	Voltage (V)	Panel Surface Temperature (°C)	Solar Radiation (W/m ²)	
				Vertical	Inclined
10:00 AM	3.31	297	41.2	472	709
11:00 AM	3.49	309	43.4	569	910
12:00 PM	3.58	316	50.5	599	938
1:00 PM	3.51	299	48	476	907
2:00 PM	3.41	274	41	357	879
3:00 PM	3.21	248	39.5	289	530
4:00 PM	2.97	229	34.6	133	280
5:00 PM	2.63	210	30	87	159

Table No. 8. Average Data collection of PV panels (Oct, 2022)

Time	Illumination on the ground Surface		Illumination on faculty Table		Illumination on above faculty table	
	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off
10:00 AM	169	115	205	151	302	219
11:00 AM	187	139	239	187	333	232
12:00 PM	210	167	255	217	355	268
1:00 PM	119	97	239	201	326	270
2:00 PM	96	49	169	117	179	81
3:00 PM	53	27	125	52	116	46
4:00 PM	44	13	69	37	71	20
5:00 PM	32	10	43	13	43	16

Table No. 9 Average Data collection of Faculty Rooms (Oct, 2022)

Time	Current (Amp)	Voltage (V)	Panel Surface Temperature (°C)	Solar Radiation (W/m ²)	
				Vertical	Inclined
10:00 AM	3.40	299	41.8	395	713
11:00 AM	3.49	287	43	502	881
12:00 PM	3.76	305	52.1	550	1001
1:00 PM	3.82	297	47.8	465	973
2:00 PM	3.38	284	42.4	450	870
3:00 PM	3.05	256	34.7	236	620
4:00 PM	3.01	229	30.3	120	400
5:00 PM	0.32	205	29	29	97

Table No. 10 Average Data collection of PV panels (Nov, 2022)

Time	Illumination on the ground Surface		Illumination on faculty Table		Illumination on above faculty table	
	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off
10:00 AM	118	55	150	87	230	110
11:00 AM	170	89	235	167	355	245
12:00 PM	176	112	234	189	357	267
1:00 PM	136	116	210	190	252	296
2:00 PM	98	19	182	45	215	69
3:00 PM	94	22	150	48	186	57
4:00 PM	71	16	132	92	155	49
5:00 PM	54	12	102	61	121	43

Table No. 11 Average Data collection of Faculty Rooms (Nov, 2022)

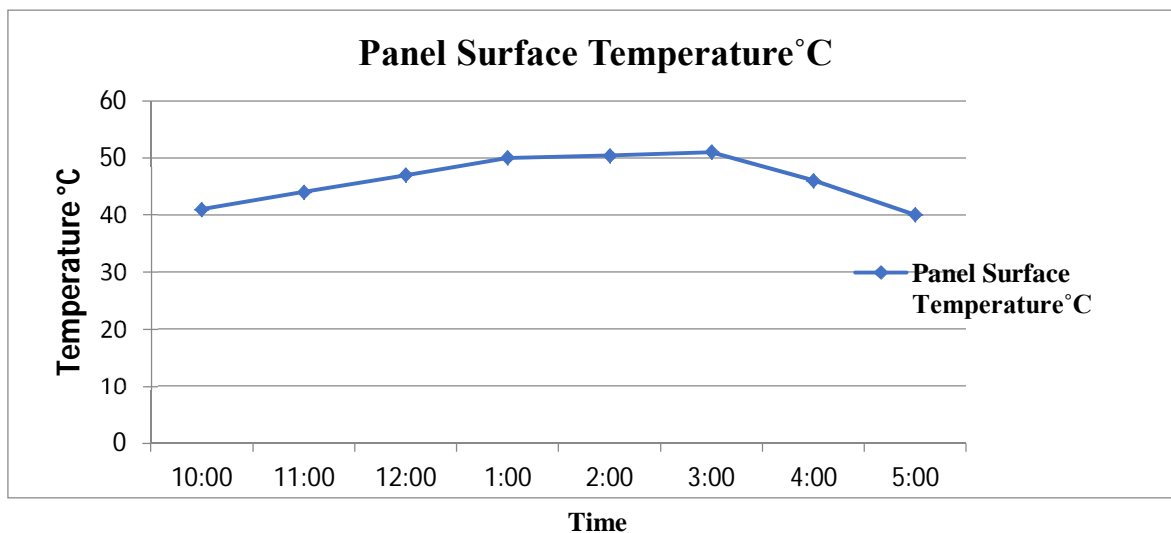
Time	Current (Amp)	Voltage (V)	Panel Surface Temperature (°C)	Solar Radiation (W/m ²)	
				Vertical	Inclined
10:00 AM	3.43	287	42.1	390	695
11:00 AM	3.47	275	42.6	505	781
12:00 PM	4.25	219	50.3	559	993
1:00 PM	4.01	200	47.8	469	955
2:00 PM	3.40	282	44.4	451	871
3:00 PM	3.21	259	37.7	239	623
4:00 PM	3.01	223	32.3	127	399
5:00 PM	1.25	213	29.3	23	87

Table No. 12 Average Data collection of PV panels (Dec 2022)

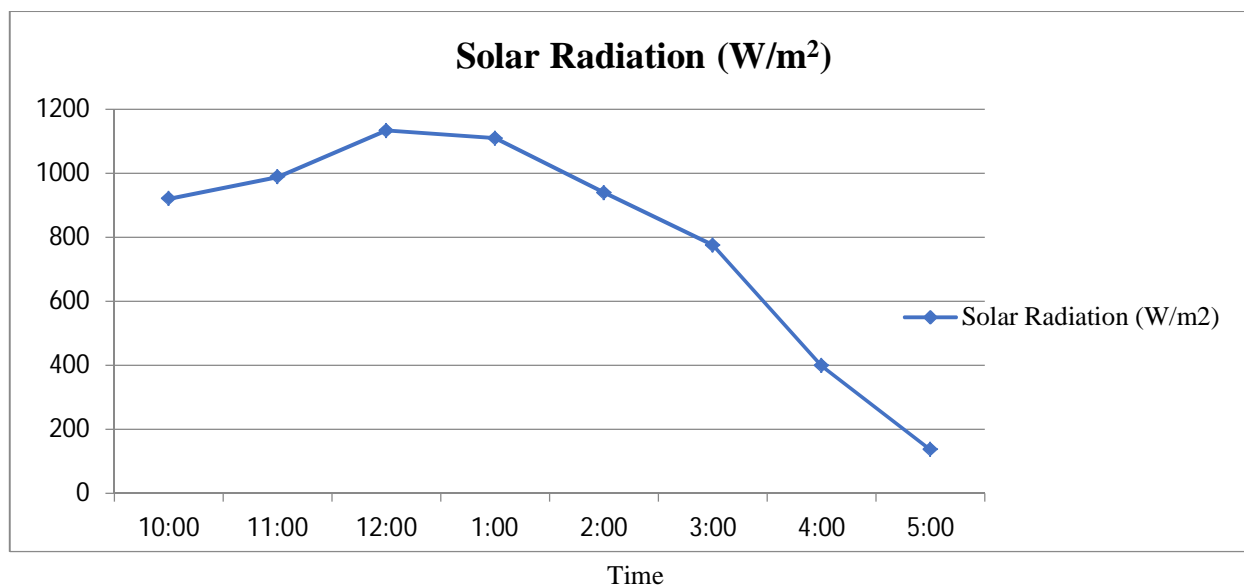
Time	Illumination on the ground Surface		Illumination on faculty Table		Illumination on above faculty table	
	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off
10:00 AM	111	57	229	109	153	91
11:00 AM	179	83	351	234	232	160
12:00 PM	181	109	349	261	229	181
1:00 PM	130	113	209	97	221	183
2:00 PM	92	23	241	73	183	75
3:00 PM	97	19	190	54	156	67
4:00 PM	67	13	165	49	139	54
5:00 PM	49	09	119	40	110	35

Table No. 13 Average Data collection of Faculty Rooms (Dec, 2022)

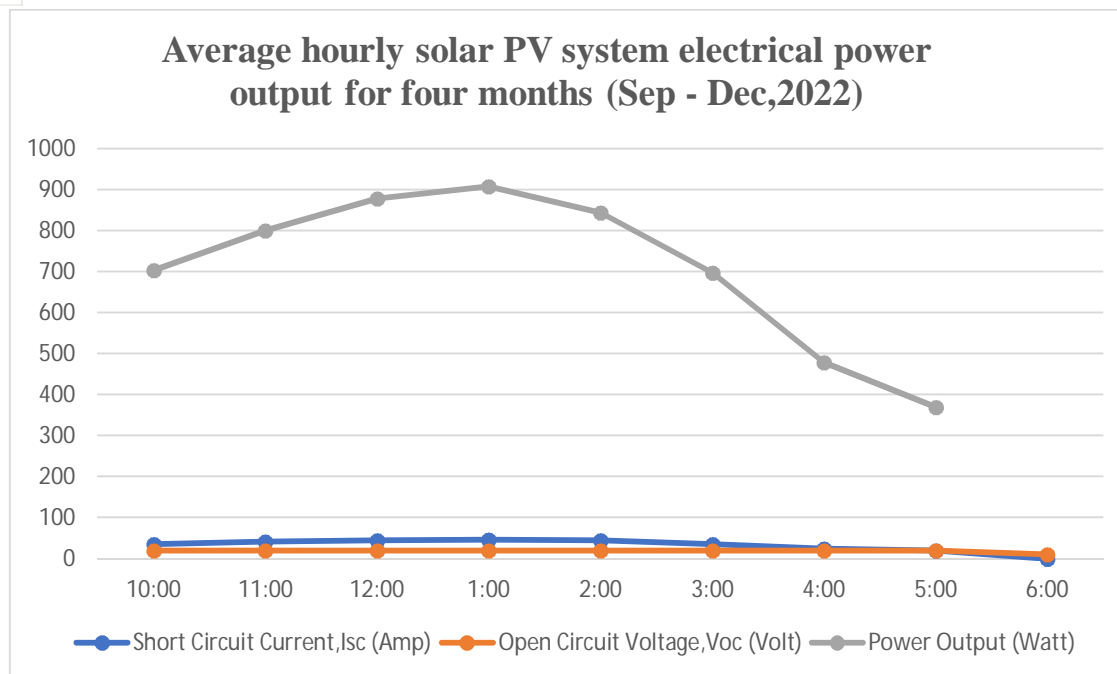
D. Graphs



Graph 1: Time vs Panel Surface Temperature



Graph 2: Time vs Solar Radiation Variation



Graph 3: Time vs Short Circuit Current, I_{sc} (amp) , Open Circuit Voltage, V_{oc} (Volt) and Power Output (Watt)

E. Cost of Installing the Solar PV System

S.No	Components	Unit Price(INR)	Cost (INR)
1	Solar PV panel, 06 x 320 W, Module Code: DHOOP PP72 320	8000	48,000.00
	Solar PV panels, 04 x 265 W, Module Code: DHOOP PP60 265	7100	28,400.00
2	Air Conditioning, SINFIN Company, 1 Tonne (Workable on PV panels)	1,06,500 X 1	1,06,500.00
3	Battery, 150 Ah, 12 V, APNA Solar Tubular Battery Inverter, 900 VA, Y K Solar	17,000 X 02	34000.00
		9,000 X 01	9,000.00
4	'Cu' stranded wires 4/2.5 sq.mm and switches		5,000.00
5	M.S. angle painted frame		7,500.00
6	Installation & Transportation Charges		10,000.00
7	Misc. Cement, sand, metal etc.		2,000.00
	Earthing and Lightening arrester		7,500.00
8	Total		2,57,900.00
9	Subsidy @ 30% on Total Cost		77,370.00
10	Net Cost		1,80,530.00

Table 14: Cost of Installing the Solar PV System

IV. DATA ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

From the load estimation, it is revealed that the connected load in the institution is 1343 watt hr. Hence, a solar PV system of 03 kW capacities has been proposed for installation

Ample roof space is available for installation of the solar panels. Hence, it is proposed to install solar PV Panels on the rooftops of the MITS, Gwalior.

The Grid power supply in the area is erratic with prolonged power cuts, hence an off-grid system has been recommended despite the higher cost of batteries and maintenance so as to ensure 24X7 power supply availability.

Capital investment by customer is Rs. 180,530.00/- which comes out to Rs 18,053 per kW. The unit rate of electricity generated by this college will be Rs. 1.80 per unit. Customer's present rate of power is Rs. 7.60/- per unit which may increase substantially in 25years.

Solar photovoltaic systems have a high capital expense which makes it unviable for Installation but includes several incentives to promote the same .

They are outlined as follows:

1) According to JNNSM, for the year 2016-17, the benchmark price for photovoltaic systems with battery back-up support is considered as Rs.70/- per Wp

As the present conventional energy prices are relatively high, solar electricity systems are thus cost efficient to install in the long run. It is expected that the pricing structure of conventional energy will further increase in such a way that the economic viability of solar panel systems will further improve the future [9].

A. System Overview

S. No	System Capacity of Solar PV	03 kW System
1	Brand Name:	Panels: DHOOP, and Agrawal Group, Goa
2	Type:	Rooftop Off Grid System with batteries Rooftop On Grid System With Solar AC
3	Weight & Area Required:	The weight of the Solar system is @20kg/m ² . Total load will be around 0.6 Tonn. The area required will be @30sq ft. /kW. Total shadow free area required will be around 300 sq. ft. For the total system of 03 kW.
4	Mounting Structure:	Panels shall be mounted on galvanized frames inclined at 28° to the south. The structure is designed in such a manner that module can be replaced easily and in line with site requirements and it is easy to Install and service in future.
5	Energy Generation in kWhr:	4,422 kWh (units) annually for a 03 kW system.
6	Solar PV System Cost:	Total Turnkey execution cost Rs. 1,80,530/-
7	Benefits:	Accelerated depreciation benefits.Government Subsidies for PV:30% of the System size.

Table 15: System overview

B. Savings and Payback

Return on Investment 03 KWp	Area required	750-900 Sq.ft.
Wp to be installed		03 kW
Electricity Generation in Unit (generation Considered for 11 months @ 422 Units/month)	Per Year	4,642
Total Rate With Battery		
Fixing & Installation Charges		Included
1 st Year		
Effective Investment		Rs.1,80,530
Cost of Power Generated	5.60	Rs.26,088
Income Tax Savings 80% Depreciation in first year	30 %	Rs. 43,327
Closing balance for 1 st year		Rs. 1,11,115
2nd Year		
Opening balance for 2 nd year		Rs. 1,11,115
Cost of Power Generated (4642 X 0.7%)	5.60	Rs.25,906
Income Tax Savings 20% Depreciation in the second Year (180530X0.2 X0.3).	30 %	Rs.10,831
Closing balance for 2 nd year		Rs. 74,378
3rdYear		
Opening balanced for 3rd year		Rs.. 74,378
Cost of Power Generated (4642 X0.7%X0.7%)	5.60	Rs.25,724
Closing balance for 3rd year		Rs. 48,654
4thYear		
Opening balance for 4th year		Rs. 48,654
Cost of Power Generated (4642 X0.7%X0.7% X 0.7%)	5.60	Rs.25,542
Closing balance for 4 th year		Rs 23,112
5 th Year		
Opening balance for 5th year		Rs 23,112
Cost of Power Generated (4220 X0.7%X 0.7%X0.7% X0.7%)) for 10 months	5.60	Rs.23632
Closing balance for 5 th year		Rs.0 (Approximate)
Cost of Power Generated in 10 months and 11 days		Rs.23,632
Closing balance for 5 year & 10 months and 11 days		Rs.0

Table 16: Savings and Payback

C. Thus ROI is Less than 6 Years as per the Above Calculations.

The total life of solar panel is more than 25 years; it will generate electricity for 25 years. The solar panel power output will decline annually by not more than 0.7% of the peak power. Hence power output at the end of 25 years will be at least 80 % of the peak power. In 25 years it will generate 1, 16,050 units of electricity.

With the subsidized capital costs and annual monetary savings as above, the overall Payback period turns out to be 5 Years and 10 Months and 11days.

As a result, the financial viability of the project is extremely good.

V. CONCLUSION

In this work, the dynamic performance of the grid-tied battery backup system was analyzed to follow residual power fluctuations. The goal of this research was to develop a design system to help end-users identify the best investment decision and system size for their specific applications. With the use of PV system maximize saving of electricity bill. The model is capable of identifying the feasibility of investment in PV battery systems and the specifications of the optimal system. In this design, the LiFePO₄ battery offers more with high power applications. In this designed system, the round trip efficiency of the battery contributes to increasing the overall system efficiency by 2%. To this effect, the solar global horizontal irradiance (GHI) of the premises was monitored to interrogate the performance of the PV system with respect to the occupants' daily activities. Parameters such as the voltages and currents of the PV array and batteries as well as the demand and energy consumption of the mechanical wing were monitored continuously. These parameters were used to compute the daily supply and cumulative energy of the PV array and batteries, which represented the PV system performance. The impact of the occupants' activities on the performance of the system was also taking into consideration.

- 1) The results of the study which only involves the PV performance on Sept-Dec 2022 show a maximum solar radiation was found 1001.05 W/m².
- 2) The average PV supply rate was for faculty room 2484 watt-hr and 2.5 Kwh while in HOD cabin 5574 watt-hr 5.5 kWh.
- 3) It also generates an average morning and evening peaks demand of 1.18 kW and 1.32 kW, respectively.
- 4) The PV system was also found to continuously power the mechanical wing irrespective of the sky condition during the weekends. However, on a cloudy weekday, the load was disconnected from the PV system during the evening demand period due to low battery power.

Therefore, the design system can provide reliable energy access to mechanical wing.

- a) The payback time of the system found 5 years 10 months.
- b) Illumination found better in faculty rooms as compared to grid connected transformers.

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