Multi-Criteria Decision Making for Site Suitability of a Solar Farms

What is solar farms?

- ✓ Solar farms are the large-scale application of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels to generate green, clean electricity at scale, usually to feed into the grid.
- ✓ Solar farms can cover anything between 1 acre and 100 acres and are usually developed in rural areas.

The production of electricity from solar PV panels depends upon the different parameters, so there is a need for site suitability analysis to get the best output.

So the aim of the study is "Optimizing the efficiency of the solar power plant as per influencing and cost-cutting parameters using a multi-criteria decision making model." To achieve this, the following objectives are set:

To identify the different parameters which affect both efficiency as well as cost of project based on the working principle of PV cell

To identify the weightage of parameters influencing solar efficiency based on expert opinion

To identify the suitable land by multi-criteria decision making models

Primary Survey

Secondary Data Collection

Expert Opinion

Willingness Survey

Creating Raster Surface

Weightage Calculation

Weightage

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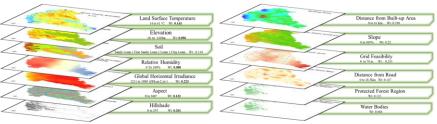
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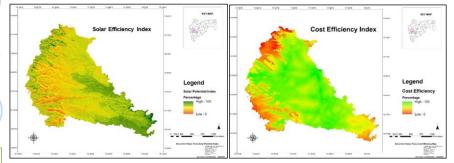
Identifying Suitable Levels

Normalization of Data

The following solar efficiency index and cost efficiency index are calculated using the various parameters and the weighting obtained from the expert opinion poll.

Solar Efficiency Index Cost Efficiency Index





Conclusion:

- ✓ The use of the study is totally dependent on the stakeholders involved in the investment process.
- ✓ The decision of whether to prioritise a potential location or a cost-effective location is critical in determining the best location.
- ✓ The balance between potential location and cost-effective location is the sustainable approach to make the project feasible from an economic as well as environmental point of view.



Analysis strategy

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