

The present study assesses the ground realities of India's solar PV waste management sector using a strategic planning tool, i.e., the DPSIR framework, based on the information collected through literature review and expert consultations. Table 1 summarises the DPSIR analysis findings for the EOL solar PV waste management sector of India.

Academics predict that a significant volume of end-of-life (EOL) photovoltaic (PV) solar panel waste will be generated in the coming years due to the significant rise in the production and use of ...

Solar power can be generated using solar photovoltaic (PV) technology which is a promising option for mitigating climate change. The PV market is developing quickly and further market expansion is expected all over the world (Rathore et al., 2019b). But disposal of the PV panels is a matter of concern when PV technology is evaluated from a life cycle analysis ...

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End-of-life management is important for addressing large future photovoltaic (PV) waste volumes and conserving raw materials for use in new PV modules. In regions without regulatory ...

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However, this ramp-up in deployment has led to growing concerns about PV waste and toxicity. Communities, government agencies, and policymakers worry about the quantity of waste that could arise from ...

arises the issue of waste management of the PV modules. The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) estimates the global PV waste will touch 78 million tonnes by 2050, with India being one of the top five PV waste creators. This policy brief captures the Indian and international policy landscape of PV module waste management.

This review focused on the current status of solar panel waste recycling, recycling technology, environmental protection, waste management, recycling policies and the economic aspects of recycling.

The solar photovoltaic (PV) industry has experienced rapid growth in recent years, resulting in a substantial increase in the amount of end-of-life (EOL) waste generated by these ...

China's installed PV capacity continues to increase, ranking first in the world for seven consecutive years; the installed PV capacity reached 306 GW by the end of 2021 (NEA(National Energy Administration)) ina is expected to reach its first wave of a PV waste peak in 2025 (Zhang et al., 2022a), and the waste is expected to reach 19.9 million tons by ...

The share of solar energy in the energy mix has become a major concern, and the global effort is to increase its contribution. Photovoltaic technology is an environment-friendly way of electricity production compared to fossil fuels. Currently, third generation of solar cells with a maximum average conversion efficiency of 20% has been achieved. Asia is an emerging ...

The rapid deployment of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems underscores their potential as vital clean energy solutions with reduced carbon emissions and increasingly competitive installation costs. This review examines PV waste management from a sustainable perspective, focusing on environmental impacts and technological advancements. Various ...

The considerable amount of waste PV modules expected to emerge from recent widespread of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems is a cause of concern, especially in sustainability terms. Currently, most end-of-life (EoL) PV modules are either disposed of in landfills or bulk recycled in existing recycling facilities. Although these approaches are easier in execution as ...

The important challenges for eective EoL PV recycling identied from literature are:

- o The lack of incentives or subsidies that encourage take-back policy and PV recycling with fewer PV-waste-specic laws and regulations,
- o The lack of information on precise quantity of PV waste streams going to be generated in the near future or in long run,

The use of hazardous metals like lead, cadmium in solar photovoltaics (PVs) are rapidly increasing which poses the risk to the environment due to potential release of these constituents.

Meanwhile, Asia is estimated to be the highest producer of PV waste by 2040, with 5,580,000 metric tons of waste volume. Solid waste management is already a big environmental issue in South Asian ...

The large quantities of WEEE produced worldwide generate real urban mines and render e-waste recycling a profitable activity. In effect, the uptake of precious metals (PM) from waste, or urban mining, may be more economical than ore mining, especially because the concentration of many metals in e-waste is up to 50 times higher than their contents in ores ...

So the PV waste has to be managed by an electric waste management system; it must be managed, collected, reused, and recycled (Bio Intelligence Service, 2011; McDonald and Pearce, 2010). In EU, great Britain is the first country who take up the rules regarding the management and recycling of PV waste, which was revised in WEEE's directive ...

The present study highlighted the issue of end-of-life photovoltaic waste before government, policy makers, waste regulators and fills the gaps between various stakeholders by exploring their perceptions towards end-of-life solar waste management. Respondents' waste handling practices, willingness to pay towards recycling, and their mindset towards ...

The identified waste management strategies include carefully designed PV modules to withstand breakage, utilization of recovered secondary materials, correct installation procedures, regular PV ...

Taking the recycling of CIGS PV panels as an example, when the collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal stages are all considered, the carbon emissions for the recycling of Ga and In would be 230 kgCO<sub>2</sub>-Eq for 1 m<sup>2</sup> CIGS PV panels, according to an assessment by Peters (2016). Thus there will be a significant potential for carbon ...

Given India's considerable solar energy target, studies have indicated that the volume of solar photovoltaic waste is projected to reach 200,000 tonnes a year by 2030 and grow almost 10x to 1.8 million tonnes by 2050. These are big numbers, and anticipate a considerable challenge to India's sustainable energy transition.

In 2016 IRENA and IEA-PVPS report (International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), 2016) presented the first global projections for future volumes of PV panel waste until 2050. To estimate the volume of future PV waste, IRENA, and IEA-PVPS considered both a regular loss scenario, based on an average panel lifetime of 28 years, and an early loss ...

Presently, India is in the stage of installation of solar photovoltaic panels and no focus is being given towards the impending problem of handling solar waste. The absence of adequate regulations, guidelines and operational infrastructure for photovoltaic waste in the country may lead to waste being inappropriately landfilled or incinerated in a manner that may ...

PV waste management will gain relevance proportionally to the amounts of waste that are expected to arise with the phasing-out of old installations in the upcoming years and decades. ... curing, recycling happens in the future. 14) The human health and surrounding and disposal. In this context, to assist the recycling, a powerful environmental ...

This study estimates the amount of PV waste generated, the material composition of PV waste, and the amount of recyclable metals in South Korea by 2080 under four different scenarios (combining ...

The gradual scaling up PV waste modules in China is raising concerns. Currently, PV waste is predominantly incinerated or goes to landfills. Fluorine gases and heavy metals like lead and cadmium may easily release, posing a significant risk to ecological safety and human health (Kwak et al., 2020; Zhi et al., 2018). Nevertheless, PV waste also is rich in metal ...

Abstract Solar energy has emerged as a prominent contender in this arena, attracting significant attention across the globe. Governments worldwide have undertaken extensive efforts to encourage the adoption of renewable energy, increasing the usage of solar panels. Despite its benefits, the deployment of photovoltaic (PV) modules generates significant ...

The rapid development of the photovoltaic (PV) industry is determined by subsequent legal documents and directives, which indicate the need to use renewable energy sources in order to counteract climate pollution and strive to increase energy efficiency. The development of the photovoltaic industry in the near future will result in an increase in the ...

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Why Is PV End-of-Life Management Important? According to the International Renewable Energy Agency, cumulative end-of-life PV waste in the United States in 2030 is projected to be between 0.17 and 1 million tons. To put that in perspective, there are 200 million tons of solid waste, excluding recycled and composted materials, generated in the United States each year.

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