

HOUSEHOLD DOMESTIC EXPENDITURE MANAGEMENT AND THE ROLE OF SOLAR ENERGY: A CASE STUDY OF DHARWAD AND BIJAPUR CITIES OF KARNATAKA

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ABSTRACT

There is saying 'every rupee saved is a rupee earned'. Thus, not only it is important to earn more, but it is wise to save every single penny. The effective management of the domestic expenditure of a family is very critical factor in increasing the real income of the family. The energy expenditure is one of the major domestic expenditure of a family. Thus, for the development of a family it is wise to control and reduce this kind of expenditure. It is more appreciated if the expenditure control and reduction technique are environment friendly. In this context, renewable energy like solar energy fulfills both the conditions. In light of the above, the present paper analyses the empirical evidence of domestic sector solar energy users and the economic benefits and other perceived benefits after using solar energy. The survey was mainly confined to Dharwad and Bijapur cities of Karnataka State. The structured interview scheduled is executed for the collection of data.

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