

Rural solar power generation transformation



Overview

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By pursuing this approach, agrivoltaics can become the solution to strengthen rural economies, protect farmland, and help power the country sustainably.
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