

7,265MW: Peak power demand at new high

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New Delhi: The peak power demand of Delhi on Monday was the highest for the May 1-19 period in the past four years, discom officials said. The state load dispatch centre recorded it at 7,265 MW at 3.29 pm. The peak power demand of Delhi for the May 1-19 period was 7,174 MW in 2024, 5,953 MW in 2023 and 7,070 MW in 2022, officials said.

The BSES discoms, BRPL and BYPL, met the peak power demand of 3,227 MW and 1,596 MW, respectively, in their areas, said a spokesperson of the company.

According to a Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited statement, the peak power demand of 7,265 MW on May 19 was the highest on the day in the last five

years. It was 7,164 MW on May 19, 2024; 5,518 MW on May 19, 2023; 7,070 MW on May 19, 2022 and 3,266 MW on May 19, 2021, it explained.

The discom successfully met its peak demand of 2,136 MW on Monday, the highest of this season so far, without any network constraints or supply disruptions, despite the ongoing hot weather, it said. The discom is fully prepared to ensure uninterrupted, quality power supply to the consumers through a multi-layered power procurement strategy comprising long-term bilateral agreements, reserve shutdown capacity, and dynamic participation on the power exchange, it added.

The BSES discoms are geared up to ensure reliable power supply to meet the po-

wer demand of more than 50 lakh consumers in South, West, East and Central Delhi, said the spokesperson. These arrangements include long-term power purchase agreements and banking arrangements with other states and deployment of the latest technologies for predicting power demand accurately, he added.

The scorching temperatures in Delhi last year also led to an unprecedented peak power demand, crossing 8,000 MW on several occasions. He said high power demand could be attributed to weather conditions that led residents to use more air conditioning and coolers, leading to an increase in electricity consumption. ACs alone contribute to 30-50% of a household's or company's yearly energy expense, according to discom estimates.