

Wind mills record 'century'

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It is a case of "century" on two consecutive days. Wind mills in the State, on Thursday and Friday, contributed more than 100 million units (MU) to the State electricity grid, accounting for nearly 35% of the total energy consumed.

On Friday, the wind mills' generation accounted for 102.6 MU out of the total consumed energy of 298.7 MU. The previous day, the figure was 100.51 MU against the total consumption of 298.2 MU

In terms of megawatt, around 5,080 MW of wind power was evacuated by the

Tangedco. The total installed capacity of wind mills in the State is 7,860 MW. A senior official said the important benefit for the promoters of wind energy was that they would be able to bank the energy and use it when they needed more electricity. Invariably, the promoters of wind energy, who also run textile mills, turn to the authorities during January-March when the demand for electricity is high.

K. Kasthurirangaiyan, chairman of the Indian Wind Power Association, commended the Tangedco for having carried out such a high level of evacuation.