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*Nabha Power Limited*

**2\*700 MW Supercritical Thermal Power Plant  
Rajpura, Punjab**

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# AGENDA



# Company Profile

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Top of Merit Order  
in Punjab

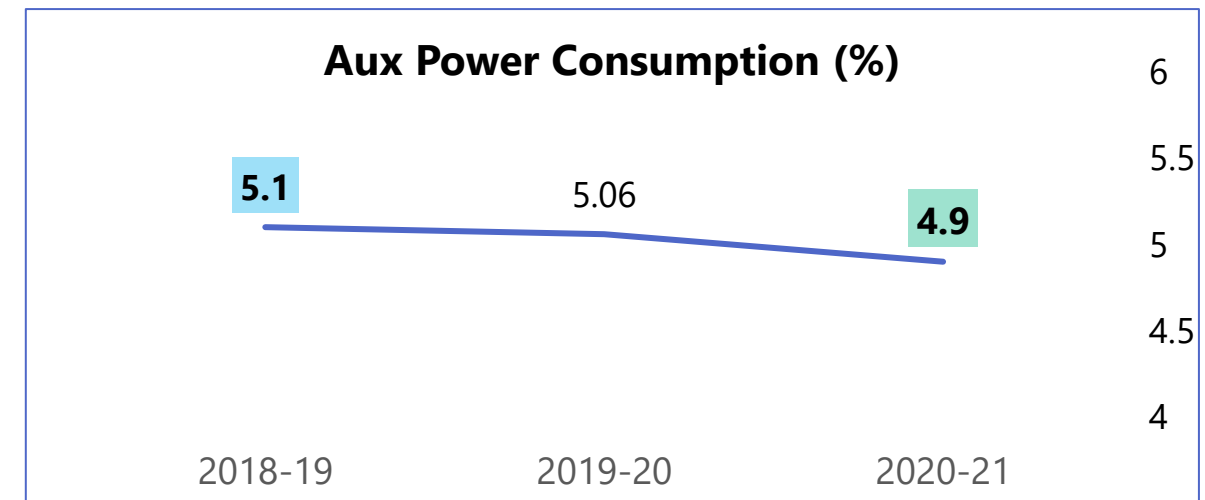
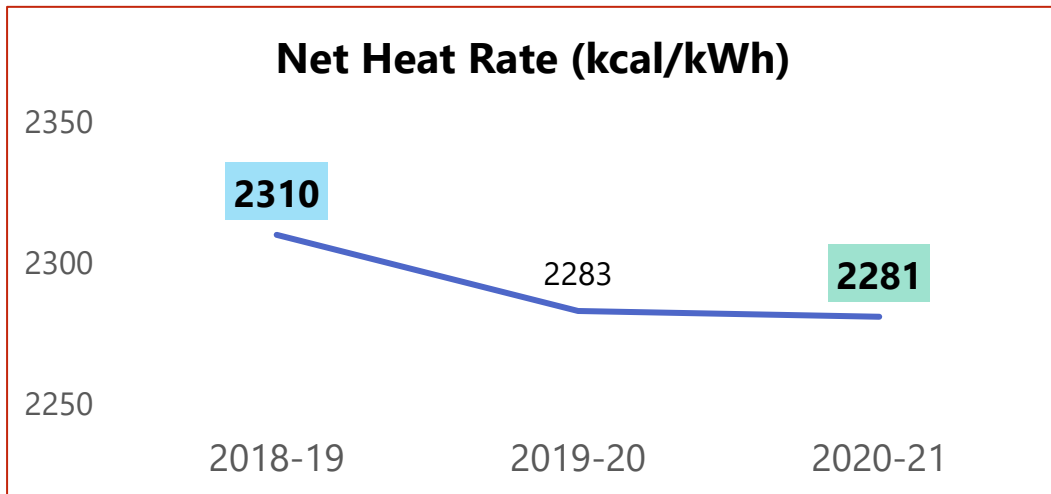
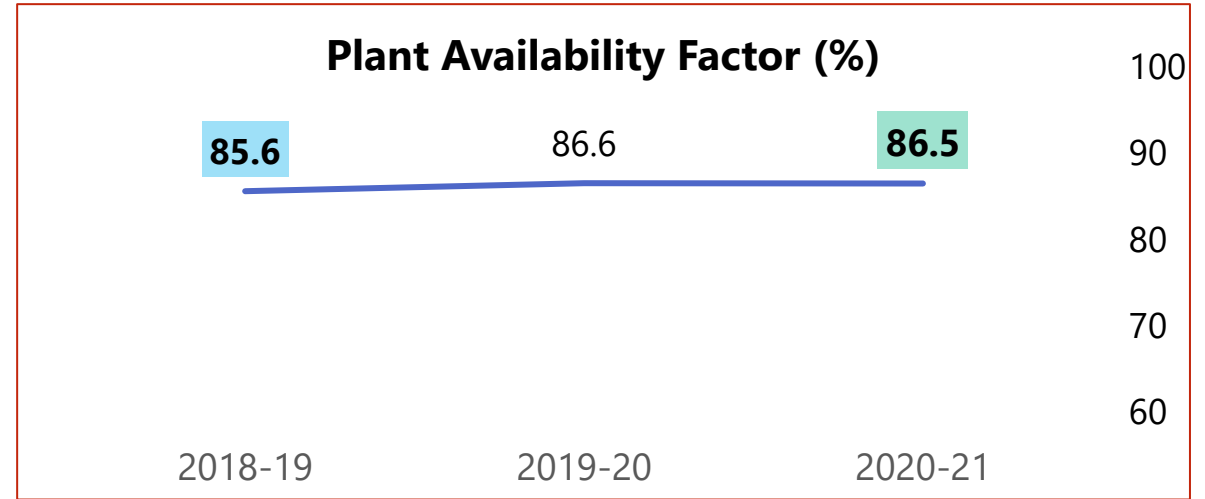
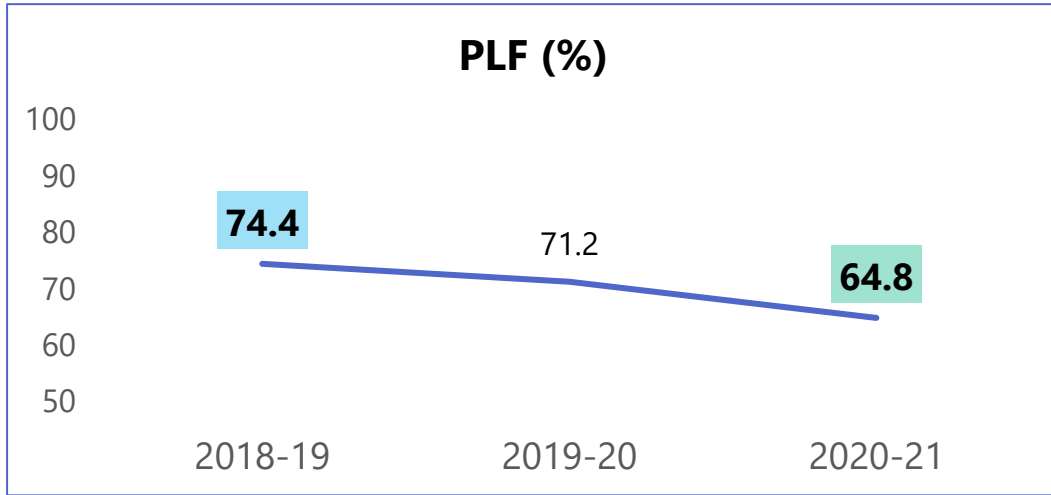
Plant Availability >  
85%

One of the best heat  
rate in the country  
(Design: 2205kcal/kWh)

Super critical  
technology, Adv  
PM-Low Nox  
Burner, Zero Liquid  
discharge

- Among the largest private investments in Punjab
- Contributes **50% (non-peak season) and 25% (peak season) of Punjab's own thermal generation**
- NPL is certified for **ISO 50001:2018 (Energy Management System), ISO 9001:2015 (QMS), ISO 14001:2015 (EMS), ISO 45001:2018 (OHSAS)**

S No.	Description	Units	Values
1	Annual Generation	MUs	<b>7951</b>
2	PLF	%	<b>64.84</b>
3	Availability	%	<b>86.56</b>
4	Gross Heat Rate	Kcal/kWh	<b>2169</b>
5	Auxiliary Power	%	<b>4.9</b>
6	Boiler Efficiency	%	<b>88.6</b>
7	Turbine Heat Rate	Kcal/kWh	<b>1923</b>
8	DM Water Make-up	%	<b>0.375</b>
9	Sp. Raw Water Cons.	Cum/MWh	<b>1.78</b>
10	Sp. Oil Consumption	ml/kWh	<b>0.284</b>



Heat Rate (kcal/kWh)

APC (%)

**Nabha Power Limited**

**2169**

**4.9**

**Global Benchmark**

Jhon Turk Jr, Arkansas, USA

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**2048**

**National Benchmark**

CGPL, Tata Mundra

**7.67**

**2119**

**J P Nigrie**

**5.05**

**2175**

Competitors

**6.0**

**2250**

**Reliance Sasan**

S No	Title of Project	Annual Electrical Saving (Million kWh)	Annual Thermal Saving (Million kcal)	Investment (Rs in Million)
1	CW pump internal coating	1.4	0	1.2
2	SCAPH Modification from Fixed design to Rotary design	0.6	0	2.5
3	Replacement of Existing Conventional lights of different rating LED lights	0.6	0	4.2
4	Replacement of High Energy drain valves with better design (32 Nos.)	0	28,959	20

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1	Online SCAPH cleaning mechanism	1,20,000	0	3.6	0	0
2	Auto cut-off and cut-in logic implemented for ESP support plate insulator heater	22,49,856	0	7.51	0.5	0
3	Replacement of 2 Nos. WDC Valves with new design valves	0	45,618	62.5	4.5	1
4	Replacement of High Energy Drain Valve(4 Nos.)	0	27,371	37.5	4.4	1
5	VFD installation in LDO forwarding pump	80,000	0	0.22	0.23	12



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6	Installation of steam traps in drain line of pre warming line of LP Bypass valve	0	27,371	37.5	7.5	5
7	Provision of NDCT makeup water through gravity line	7,92,000	0	2.38	3	18
8	Replacement of existing conventional lights with LED lights (Total 106 lights replaced)	23,214	0	0.07	0.53	90
9	Installation of zero loss automatic drain valves in plant instrument air line	9298	0	0.02	0.23	138
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,74,366</b>	<b>1,00,361</b>	<b>151.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>2</b>

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1	Optimization of Dry Ash conveying velocity	1,51,110	0	0.5	0	0
2	Implementation of Magnetic grill & Magnetic Plate in dry ash conveying system	9,97,058	0	3.33	0.75	3
3	Optimization of ESP Hopper Heater	54,43,200	0	18.18	0.17	0
4	Optimization of compressed air network pressure set point using Intelligent Flow Controller	2,56,960	0	0.86	0.56	8
5	Replacement of 2 Nos. WDC Valves with new design valves	0	43,786	62.5	4.5	1

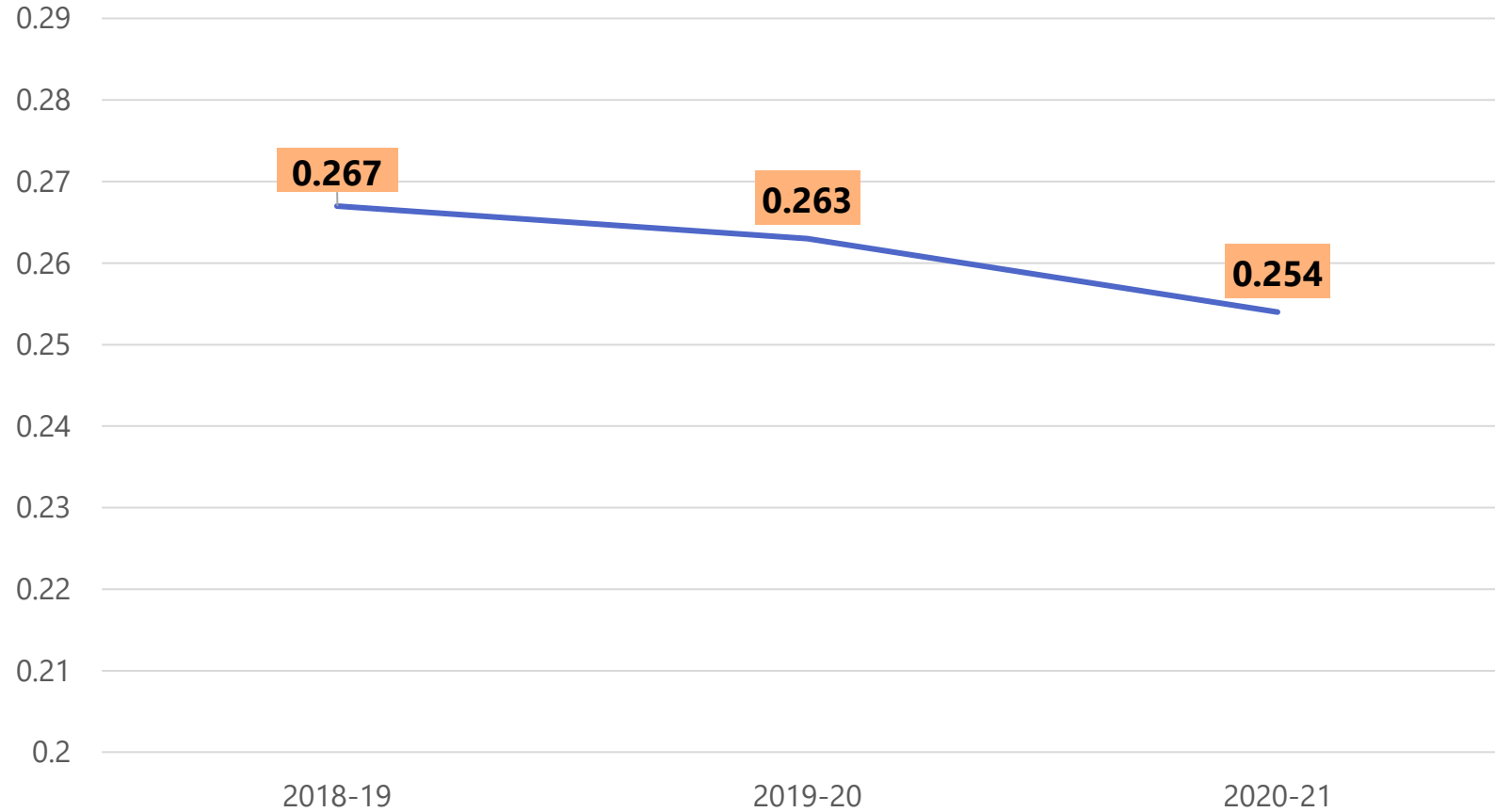
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6	CSU-1A screw conveyor replacement by Belt conveyor	11,074	0	0.04	0.08	24
7	Retrofitting of Conservative lights with LED lights	1,72,800	0	0.58	0.84	17
8	De-staging of RO water multistage pump	1,83,960	0	0.61	0	0
9	Use of natural light source during day-time	4320	0	0.01	0.11	132
10	Optimization of Chimney and ESP area Lights	2,51,850	0	0.84	0.17	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>74,72,332</b>	<b>43,786</b>	<b>87.45</b>	<b>7.19</b>	<b>1</b>

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1	SAC -1,2,3,4 Cooler radiator fan operation changed from time based to temperature base	6600	0	0.02	0.06	36
2	Replacement of Existing Conventional lights with LED (Total 798 No. replaced)	2,31,877	0	0.75	0.53	8
3	Overhaul of HIP & LP Turbine and High Energy drain valves (152 Nos.). Boiler Chemical Cleaning	0	74,441	98.37	60.1	7
4	Circulating Water pump 1B internal coating to reduce frictional losses	13,70,160	0	4.45	0.85	2
5	Stopping LDO pump during winter, providing heat tracing cable in suction line LDO pump	73,440	0	0.24	0.47	23

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6	Stopping RO booster pump	31,680	0	0.102	0	0
7	Bypass AHP system while handling CMB water during cleanup activities	15,600	0	0.05	0.02	5
8	Direct utilization of potable water in CHP	12,045	0	0.04	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,41,402</b>	<b>74,441</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>62.03</b>	<b>7</b>

Installed Capacity: **205 kW**

Generation (Million kWh)



## ASH MANAGEMENT

	UOM	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Ash Stock in Plant (Yard + Pond)	LMT	5.19	0.22	0.15
Ash Generated	LMT	14.39	12.85	14.20
Ash Utilization	%	91	140	100
Ash Utilization in manufacturing	%	87	135	95
Ash Utilization in FA bricks	%	4	5	5
Ash Utilization in mines	%	0	0	0

**FY 2020-21**

**Ash Handled (Wet Mode) : 14.68 %**

**Ash Handled (Dry Mode) : 85.32 %**

## STATUS OF FGD

FGD system Erection work in progress

Detail engineering nearing completion

Ordering of major equipment completed

Super-structure of all major buildings in progress

Flue can fabrication and Slip form work of Chimney-1 in progress

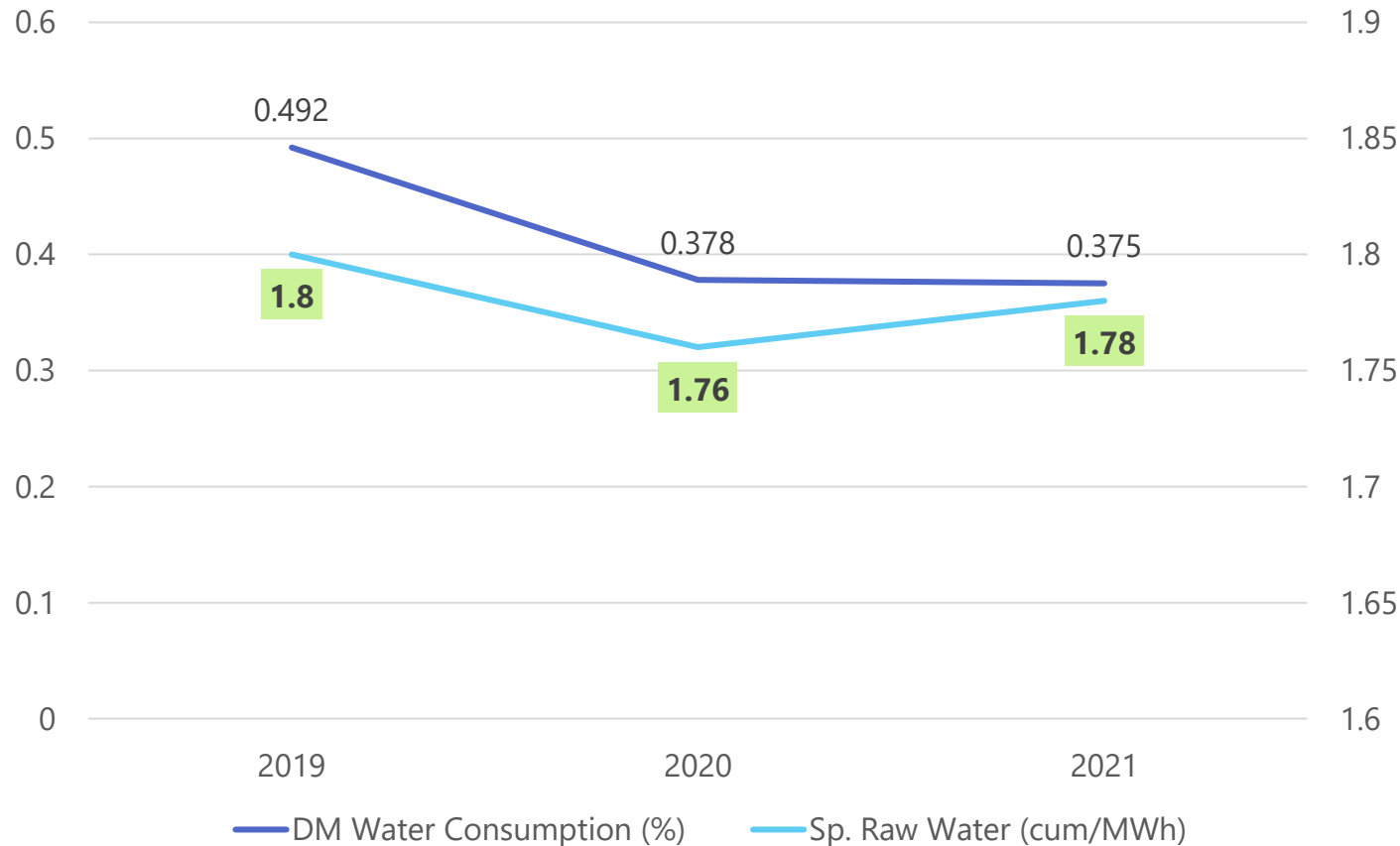
### Emission Parameter

FY	Generation (MU)	CO2 emission kg/kWh	SOx (mg/Nm3)	NOx (mg/Nm3)	Particulate Matter (mg/Nm3)
2018-19	9123	0.85	1496	322	41.3
2019-20	8757	0.84	1507	323	41
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>7951</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>41</b>



# WATER CONSUMPTION

*Zero Liquid Discharge plant*



- Practice of Backwashing , for Dual Media filter and Activated Carbon Filter based on vessel DP & Outlet water quality.  
**Saving - 12,000 m3/annum**
- ETP RO reject water is used for DMF backwash.  
**Savings: 12,500 m3/annum**
- DM plant auto operation resulted in reduction of rinsing time.  
**Savings: 30,000 m3/annum.**
- Desludging of Clarifier based on parameters in place of fix schedule.  
**Savings: 24,000 m3/annum**
- Water usage for CPU vessel regeneration reduced by adopting better practices such as Increasing the air blowing time and reducing the resin washing time.  
**Savings: 24,000 m3/annum**

Reliability Centred Maintenance (RCM) Implementation

Implementation of Equipment health card for Critical Equipment

Energy management system for daily energy performance monitoring wrt. benchmark

MAXIMO ERP application – Logic forcing, classification of PTW.

Vital Plant Parameter Application on Android & iOS platform

Daily Boiler metal temperature online monitoring and automatic report generation

# In-House Development of SMART SOOT BLOWING SYSTEM

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Innovation - I

Understanding the Problem – Stakeholder Consultation

Defining The Problem

Identifying Applicable Resources – People & Tools – Software

Preparing Roadmap, SOP & Checks

Building Models & Testing

Implementation Validation & Go-Live

# SMART SOOT BLOWING SYSTEM

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Python & Excel Analysis

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## Analysis

- **Analysis of historical soot blowing frequency** based on heat gain analysis and maximizing **boiler efficiency**
- **Benchmarking of data** based on heat gain across each boiler sections

## DATA COLLECTION & FACTOR SORTING

### Analysis of OEM Recommendation & Data Collection

- **2 Yr** data collected
- Segregated based on seasons for analysis
- Study of OEM Soot blowing guideline

Logic Building & Encoding

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### Development of Soot blowing logic

- **Conditional Logic development** for soot blower recommendation
- **Testing of logic with** real data for different load and coal flow conditions

Deployment on online platform

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### Uploading and real time testing

- **User Dashboard** customization
- **Decision support system** for Control room operators
- **Testing**

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GO Live!

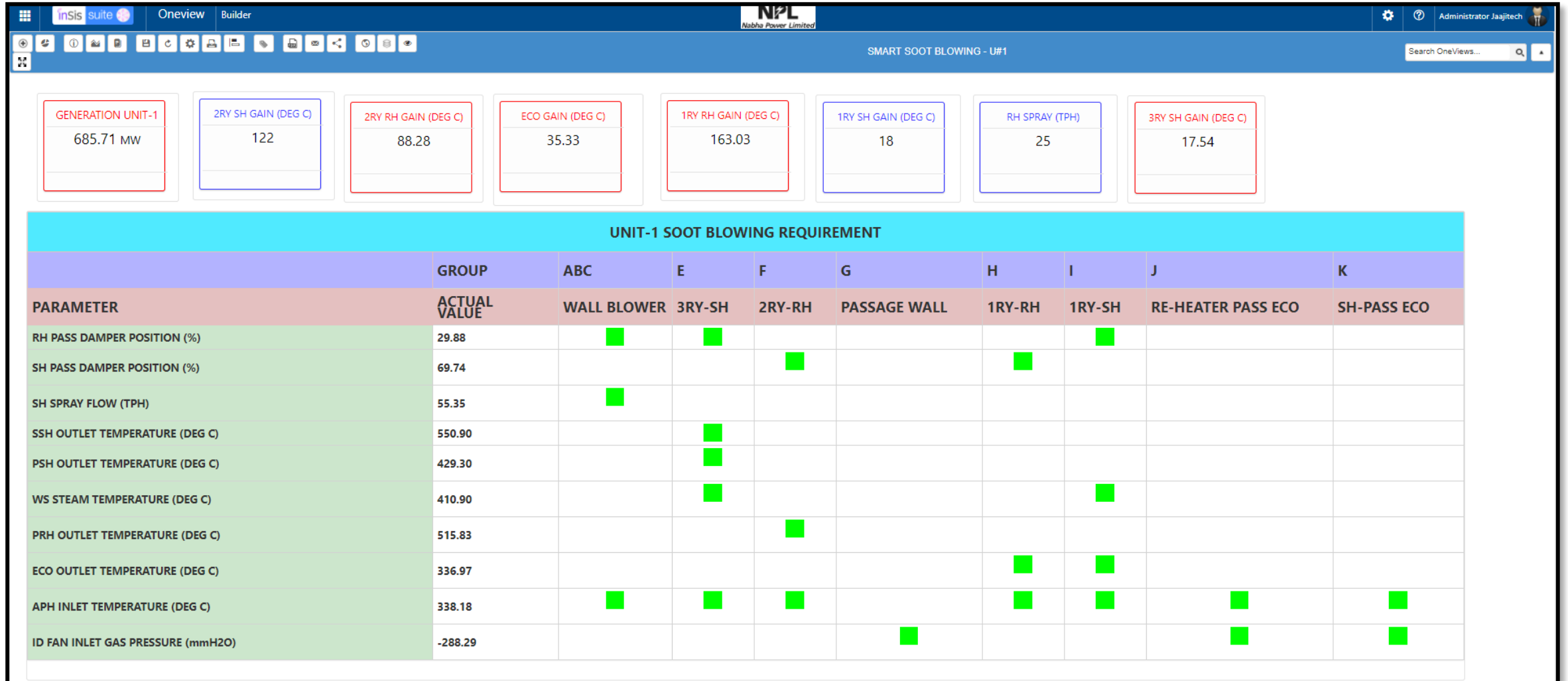
**SOLUTION**

# SMART SOOT BLOWING SYSTEM

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# SMART SOOT BLOWING SYSTEM

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## Before:

- Exact heat gain and baseline values not known
- Manual time-based SB operation frequency

DESCRIPTION	CONDITION	UNIT	BASELINE CONDITION	MAXIMUM VALUES	MINIMUM VALUE	AVERAGE VALUES
RH PASS DAMPER	SMALL	%	31	48	20	31
SH PASS DAMPER	SMALL	%	60	80	52	68
SH SPRAY FLOW TOTAL	LARGE	TPH	49	124	0	41
SSH O/L TEMP	HIGH	Deg C	549	560	502	543
PSH O/L TEMP	HIGH	Deg C	429	436	411	424
WS STEAM TEMP	HIGH	Deg C	409	415	394	405

## After:

- Baseline data to maximize boiler heat gain generated
- Risk of Excessive soot blowing avoided
- Frequency optimized based on best operating point
- **DM water saving, Improved boiler efficiency & reliability (~Rs 10 Lakhs savings with zero investment)**

Condition	Wall Blower Soot Blowing Conditions
1	RH pass Damper position < 31 % <b>AND</b> Water Separator O/L temperature < 404 DegC
2	Total DSH Flow >49 TPH <b>AND</b> Water Separator O/L temperature < 404 DegC
3	RAPH Flue Gas I/L temperature > 345 DegC <b>AND</b> Water Separator O/L temperature < 404 DegC

# UNIT START-UP TIME OPTIMIZATION

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Start-up (Hours)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Unit Cold Start-up (Before)	Vacuum Pulling & Gland Steam Charging (3)			DO Removal from Condensate & System LP& HP clean-up (12)												Boiler Light-up & Hot Clean-up (3)			Pressurization to Synchronization (6)					
Unit Cold Start-up (after)	Vacuum Pulling & Gland Steam Charging (3)			DO Removal from Condensate & System LP& HP clean-up (11)											Boiler Light-up & Hot Clean-up (3)			Pressurization to Synchronization (6)						1 Hr.

*Super-critical technology requires stringent water parameters during unit start-up*

### Changes as per new philosophy:

- ❑ During LP clean-up blow out process Hotwell level is kept low - **350 mm.**
- ❑ GSC R/C flow set point is increased to **950 TPH for effective and faster cleaning** of pipes with high water volume
- ❑ When **Fe < 250 ppb** is achieved in the system, immediately CPU is taken into service and condensate cycle clean-up is taken into recirculation mode
- ❑ Reduced clean-up duration by approx. **1 Hr** ; Water Handling Optimized
- ❑ Streamlined steam and water sampling by reducing bends in sampling lines to SWAS panel
- ❑ Reduces DM water consumption (approx. **500 CUM/start-up**)

**Plant Availability - INR 21 lakhs**

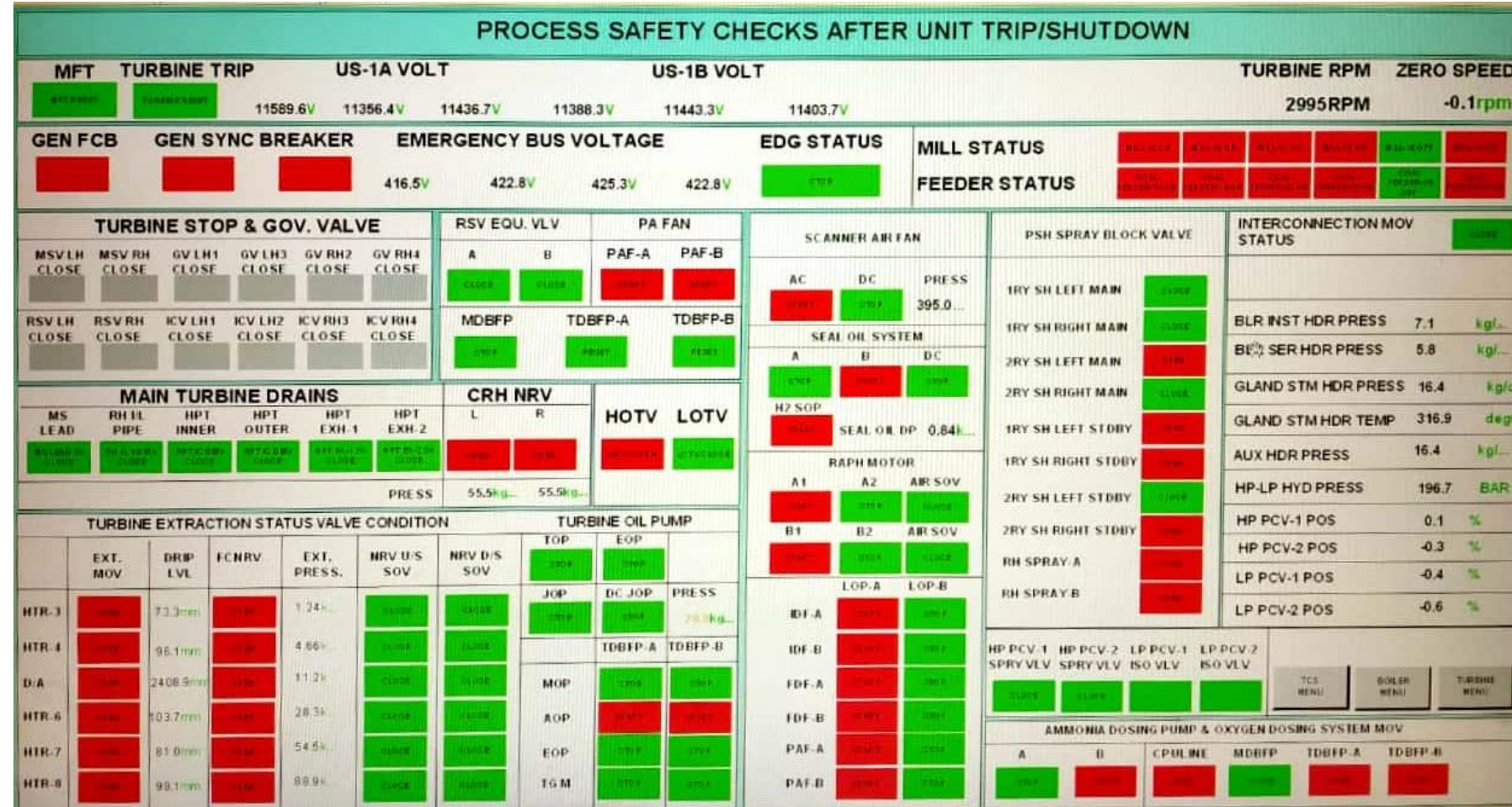
**DM Water Savings – Rs 1 Lakhs**



# DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE WINDOW MONITORING TOOL IN DCS FOR PLANT AUTO STATUS/SAFE SHUTDOWN STATUS/MOV STATUS

## Highlights:

1. Safe shutdown of all critical equipment
2. To monitor plant auto operation status
3. To monitor of power supply status for all MOVs / Dampers / QCNRVs
4. This window provides quick overview of status of critical equipment, valve, MOV, QCNRVs and damper.
5. Operation engineer can take quick actions against any abnormality observed
6. Chances of missing-out any abnormality is minimized
7. Enhances plant reliability



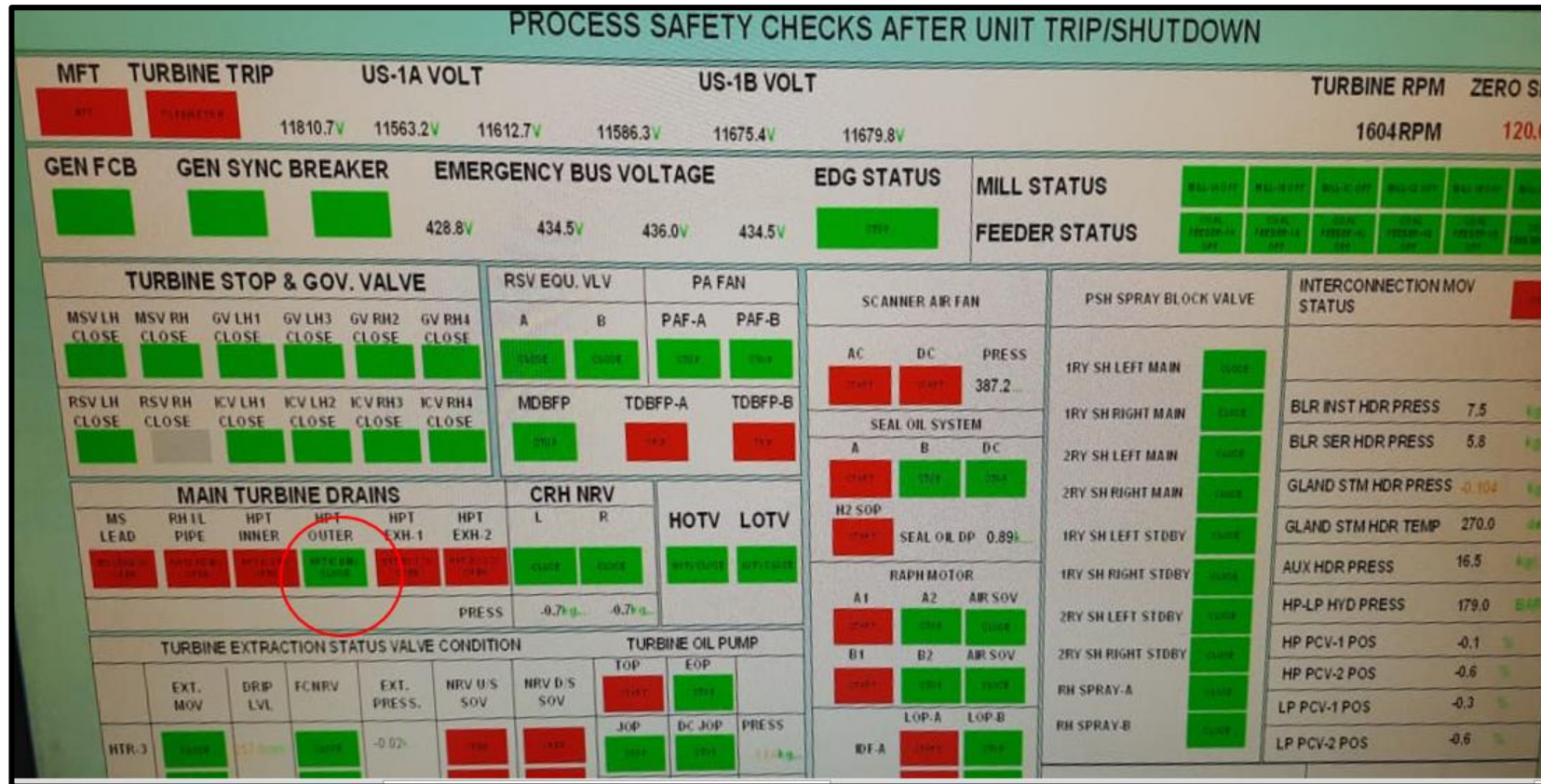


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## Benefits:

1. Early diagnose of abnormal status of valves & equipments
2. Early Indication for shutdown maintenance
3. Risk of Plant Availability loss minimized

Historical Event: CRH NRV condition led to delay in unit start-up by 3 days

# DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE WINDOW MONITORING TOOL IN DCS FOR PLANT AUTO STATUS/SAFE SHUTDOWN STATUS/MOV STATUS

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## UNIT AUTO MONITORING STATUS

EQUIPMENT ASL IN/OUT MODE										OPERATION CONTROL					ELECTRICAL SYSTEM HEALTHINESS					CRITICAL MOV/DMPR DRIVE HEALTHINESS STATUS															
PAF A COP LOP		PAF B COP LOP		IDFA COP LOP SAF			IDFB COP LOP SAF			RAPH A 0.755RPM	FEEDWATER CONTROL TDBFP A, TDBFP B, MDBFP					ELECTRICAL SYSTEM HEALTHINESS FBT IN (A SECTION), FBT IN (B SECTION), ALL SB RETRACTED, EDG MAIN IN AUTO, EDG STNDBY SEL					CRITICAL MOV/DMPR DRIVE HEALTHINESS STATUS FLUE GAS I/L O/L, AIR HEATER 1RY AIR I/L O/L, 2RY AIR I/L O/L, VAC BREAKER LP 1, LP 2														
FDF A COP LOP		FDF B COP LOP		MILL LOP A B C D E F						RAPH B 0.750RPM	AIR AND GAS CONTROL PAF A BP, IDFA BP, FDF A BP, PAF B BP, IDFB BP, FDF B BP					COAL FEED RATE CONTROL A B C D E F					HEATER ALL MOV STATUS HPH-8, HPH-7, HPH-6, LPH-4, LPH-3, MDBFP MOV, DSCH														
BFPTA MOP OVEF		BFPTB MOP OVEF		CCW	ACW	CEP	EH OIL	GSC FAN	MOT VAP EXT FAN	OPERATION MODE CC, BF, BI, TF, BH					HOTV HOTV..					CPU O/L, BFPTA SUC, BFPTB SUC, MDBFP SUC, O2 DOZING MOV, ABN, ABN, ABN, RESET					AUX INTERCONN ISOL MOV, INGL BYP, RESET, RESET										
LP SHELL		HP SHELL		MILL SAF						SEAL OIL PMP A B, STATOR WTR PMP A B					HFD CV, MOV PWR SPLY TO BE MADE OFF					HIP OUTER CASING DRN MOV, RESET, HIP INNER CASING DRN MOV, RESET, PSH AUX, RESET															
CRITICAL VALVE STATUS F/B																				DC EQUIPMENT SUPPLY HEALTHY STATUS															
ERV ISOLATION, SPRAY COM MOV, AUX STEAM TO, BFPTA EXT STM, BFPTB EXT STM, AUX STM TO STG GLND SEAL, MOV A, MOV B, MOV C, BFPTA, BFPTB, DRN SOV-1, DRN SOV-1																				DC EOP, DC SOP, DC JOP, TURBINE T.G, DC SCANNER FAN					TDBFP A T.G, TDBFP B T.G, DC TDBFP A, DC TDBFP B										
VALVES STATUS DURING NORMAL OPERATION																																			
GLND STM LEAK OFF CV		GLND STM SPRAY CV		GLND STM AUX CV		DA LEVEL CV STATION		EXPANSION TANK SOV		H2 GAS WATER CV		STATOR WATER CV		LUBE OIL TEMP CV		HP BYPASS A PCV		HP BYPASS A SPRAY		HP BYPASS B PCV		HP BYPASS B SPRAY		LP BYPASS A PCV		LP BYPASS A SPRAY		LP BYPASS B PCV		LP BYPASS B SPRAY		FRS 30% CV		BACK PASS DAMPER (ALL 4)	
OUT		ON		A		A		A		A		A		A		A		S		A		S		A		S		A		S		S		R	

## PADO

To monitor real time performance and to do what-if analysis!!

## MEETING

Chaired by CE once in a Month & Chaired by Head O&M fortnightly!!

## BUDGET

Energy budgeting done during the start of every financial year!!

### Systems and Practices

- System-wise and equipment-wise **efficiency and gap analysis done** (design vs actual)
- Mill Optimization module for **optimizing Mill height, burner tilt and tempering air** parameters
- **Automated** daily and monthly **report** generation
- What-if Analysis tool is used to **fine tune the process parameter**
- Extensive **Metal Temperature monitoring**
- Historical data extraction for **detailed analysis** and reporting
- Various other initiatives to **improve efficiency**
  - Monitoring of high energy valve passing
  - Design Modification
  - Process change
  - Efficiency improvement projects

- **Certificate of Merit by Government of India in NECA-2020**
- Twin awards from CII
  - **National Energy Leader, 2020**, for its progressive performance for second consecutive year in Energy Management (2 times in a row)
  - **Excellent Energy Efficiency Unit, 2020**, award for outstanding achievements in Energy Efficiency (4 times in a row)
- **Independent Power Producers of the year 2020 – India** award in the **Asian Power Awards 2020**
- Best thermal power generator by IPPAI (3 times in a row (2017-19))
- Recognized as **finalist at S&P Global Platts Global Energy Awards – 2020** under the category **“Award of Excellence-Power”**, second time in a row.
- **Gold Recognition at CII’s Outstanding Managers** Competition. **Theme** of the competition was **Power of Forecasting**



**Thank You**

