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Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP)-VVER



- Kudankulam (KK) Project consists of 2 units of 1000MW Pressurized Light Water reactors (PWR) (VVER-320 model), which are being built with Indo-Russian collaboration.
- This type of reactor uses light water as coolant and moderator and enriched uranium (about 2.2 to 4.4% U235 max) as fuel.
- Similar reactors are in operation, World over (countries like Russia, China etc).

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Monitoring Control & Diagnostic System (MCDS)

MCDS is one of the vital and unique C&I system which acts as key tool for improving performance and availability of plant operation.

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MCDS- Subsystems

- In-Core Instrumentation System (ICIS)
- Vibration Monitoring System (VMS)
- Coolant Leak Monitoring System (CLMS)
 - Acoustic Leak Monitoring System (ALMS)
 - Humidity Leak Monitoring System (HLMS)
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In-core Instrumentation System (ICIS)

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In–core Instrumentation System

It performs following functions

- Online monitoring of neutron flux, process parameters and thermal-hydraulic properties of the reactor in-core, primary and secondary circuits in all modes of reactor operation.
- Calculation of Departure from Nucleate Boiling Ratio (DNBR) & Linear Heat Generation Ratio (LHGR) and generation of reactor trip signal whenever these local parameters exceed safety limits
- Generation of signal for power field distribution control (flux tilt control)
- > Online monitoring of neutron noises.
- Transmission of information to SIA and ULCS for operator interface.
- **DNBR**: Measures of proper cooling of reactor.
- LHGR: Ensures localized heating of fuel within safe limits

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 ICIS Upper Level — consists of two dual redundant servers (CS), workstation (WS), Engineering Duty Service station (EDSS).

- It performs following functions:
 - Receives and analyzes the information from low level system/ other subsystem of MCDS to determine critical parameters like thermal power of reactor etc
 - Periodically acquires, updates and transmits coefficients required for DNBR/LHGR calculation
 - Exchanges data with the SIA to define the current status and forecast the development of processes in the reactor core.
 - Provides display, storage and archive of information and interface with ULCS.

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Vibration Monitoring System (VMS)

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Vibration Monitoring System



- It performs following functions:
 - Monitoring of reactor plant (RP) equipment vibration when reactor is in operation
 - Perform analysis and inform the operator in advance about the increased vibrations of RP equipment or deteriorating conditions of RP equipment supporting structures.
 - Monitoring of displacement of RP equipment during heat up and cool down of reactor.

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VMS System Description

- It measures vibration of RP equipment by using signals from following detectors:
 - displacement transducers (absolute, relative)
 - pressure oscillation transducers
 - signals from ICND (two assemblies)
 - ex-core signals



VMS compares actual vibration spectrum of equipment with baseline vibration spectra representing normal operation conditions, providing assessment of equipment's condition and generate records on vibration value, nature and severity of possible anomalies.



Video screen for VMS

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RDT



Coolant Leak Monitoring System (CLMS)

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Coolant Leak Monitoring System

- It works based on "*leak before break concept*" and performs following functions
 - Continuous monitoring of leak from primary equipment and primary coolant pipelines like Main coolant pipelines, ECCS pipelines etc
 - > Evaluation of size and place of leak within a stipulated time limit
 - Provides display, recording and transmission of information to SIA.
- Methods of leak detection: Leak detection is carried out by two methods viz; Humidity method, Acoustic method.

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CLMS System Description

Humidity leak monitoring system (HLMS)

- Monitors the occurrence of leak by measuring relative humidity and temperature using a capacitive probe and RTD.
- > Detect a leak of 1.0 lpm within 3 mins
- > Evaluate the size and place within 20 min
- Acoustic leak monitoring system (ALMS)
 - Detects leak by measuring acoustic noise signal (generated due to leak), using piezo electric transducers
 - > Detect a leak of 3.8 lpm within 3 mins
 - > Evaluate the size and place within 3 min



Leakage but not break



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Loose Part Monitoring System (LPMS)

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Loose Part Monitoring System

- LPMS detects any loose objects upto 0.05 Kg in the primary system
 - which may be left during commissioning, operation or after maintenance.

System Description

- Detects loose objects by measuring acoustic noise from the structure to which accelerometers (piezo electric type) are attached.
- Sensing point is selected where there is possibility of loose object accumulation and areas of bolting of RP equipments.

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System Integrated Analysis (SIA)

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System of Integrated analysis



It performs following function

- Acquire information on current state of plant current core and Reactor Plant from subsystems of MCDS and main plant system
- Performs integrated analysis of and forecasts about expected trend/anomalies/transients in reactor operation and enables the operators to handle above situations more efficiently and effectively.
- Provides valuable input to reactor physicist for core configuration during refueling.
- > Provides display, storage and archive of information

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