



PRESS RELEASE

SEIL ENERGY PUTS NELLORE ON THE NATIONAL POWER MAP WITH SOUTH INDIA'S FIRST C&I CONFERENCE

- **150 delegates from 30+ companies convene to future-proof India's thermal power sector**

Nellore, 21 May 2026: India's thermal power sector took a significant step forward today as **SEIL Energy India Limited**, one of the largest independent producers (IPP) in India, hosted "**C&I Connect 2026**" - South India's first-ever dedicated conference on Control, Instrumentation and Automation in thermal power plants. The two-day event, held in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, brought together over 150 delegates from more than 30 power companies and equipment suppliers spanning four southern states - Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.

At a time when India's grid is being tested by rapid renewable integration, increasing load volatility, and rising cyber threats, **C&I Connect 2026** addressed a gap that the sector has long needed to close: a dedicated, practitioner-focused forum where plant operators and technology suppliers can exchange field-level insights on the digital and automation frontier of thermal power.

Anchored on the theme "**Sustainable Solutions through Advanced Instrumentation and Cyber-Resilient Systems in Thermal Power Plants,**" the conference featured technical presentations and panel discussions spanning advanced DCS/SCADA and digital control architectures, Industrial IoT and OT cybersecurity, predictive maintenance using AI/ML, Automatic Generation Control (AGC) implementation, flexible plant operations for grid support, and environmental compliance strategies.

Chief Guest **Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao, Director (Thermal & Projects), APPDCL**, said, "*C&I Connect 2026 arrives at exactly the right moment. As our plants navigate the twin imperatives of greater operational efficiency and digital resilience, platforms like these - where sector leaders and on-the-ground practitioners speak to each other directly - are not a luxury but a necessity. I commend SEIL Energy for taking the initiative and for bringing this conversation to Nellore.*"

Mr. Janmejaya Mahapatra, CEO, SEIL Energy India Limited, said, "*Thermal power will remain the backbone of India's energy security for decades ahead - but the plants*



that will endure and lead are those that embrace intelligent systems, robust cyber defences, and a culture of continuous innovation. C&I Connect 2026 is our contribution to accelerating that transition. We chose Nellore not merely as a venue, but as a statement - that world-class technical dialogue on critical infrastructure can and should happen beyond the metros, in the heart of where this infrastructure actually operates."

With participation from Independent Power Producers across South India alongside leading control system and instrumentation vendors, the conference created a live ecosystem of knowledge exchange - bridging the gap between technology available in the market and solutions deployable on the plant floor.

Day 2 of C&I Connect 2026 continues tomorrow, 22 May 2026, with additional technical sessions and working group discussions.

About SEIL:

SEIL Energy India Limited – SEIL Energy– is a leading Independent Power Producer (IPP) committed to contributing towards India’s long-term energy security. The company has a successful track record of developing and operating thermal power generation assets in the country. It has a 2,640 MW supercritical thermal power generation complex located in SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, India.

Led by its strong leadership team, SEIL is a committed and long-term partner in the region’s progress. It provides reliable and sustainable power to consumers across the sub-continent. SEIL partners with the government and industry towards supporting India’s energy security and developmental goals. With 4X660MW operational units, SEIL is well-positioned to offer best-in-class energy solutions to meet the region’s energy needs.

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