

# Tata Power's steps towards Elephant Conservation in Odisha



**T**ata Power is conscious of its responsibility to preserve the rich biodiversity in its area of operation and beyond and chooses to amplify the relentless efforts of the Government and local bodies by contributing time, expertise and operational rigour.

The state of Odisha is one of the last preserves of the majestic Asian elephants. Tata Power has recently taken over the distribution across the state which allows both an opportunity and an immense responsibility to work on the ground to preserve and protect the rich natural heritage.

Under the vision of the Government of Odisha, the electrical infrastructure is being strengthened in in line with the guidelines laid by Department of Energy, in a phase-wise manner with specific focus on elephant corridors.

**A 24x7 Elephant Care Control Room has been set-up at CPSCC, Bhubaneswar for appropriate response on getting the information of elephant movement through the forest department.**

## Technical upgradation is identified and executed on priority, such as:

- Identification of unsafe locations with sagging electrical networks & immediate rectification thereof.
- Interposing of Poles to maintain proper ground clearance.
- Spikes in existing poles and interposed poles to dissuade the elephants from rubbing against the poles.
- Replacement of bare conductor with insulated conductor to reduce electrocution.
- Increasing the ground clearance of conductor.
- Conversion of LT Bare conductor to AB Cable.



### Special emphasis is placed on enhancing the Public safety awareness through:

- Playing of Safety jingles through public address system on maintenance vehicles to avoid hooking on electrical networks for animal poaching.
- Safety Awareness Vehicle (Surakhya Sachetan Rath) covering villages at animal poaching prone areas
- Chaupadi meeting with Villagers at animal poaching prone areas & made them aware about illegal hooking & its consequence.
- Display of public safety awareness banners at visible locations.
- Education through newspaper publications & FM radio to prevent animal poaching.

Additional precautions are also being undertaken for ensuring the safe movement of elephants by periodic patrolling at elephant corridors with the help of forest department to prevent animal poaching through hooking.

