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## **Tata Power-DDL becomes the first power distribution utility in the country to receive CERT-In empanelment as an Information Security Auditing Organization**

- First of its kind recognition for any discom in the country
- Bears testament to company's commitment to innovation and responsiveness to industry needs

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited, a pioneering power utility supplying electricity to a populace of over 7 million in North Delhi has been successfully empanelled by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) for providing information security auditing services. With this empanelment, it becomes the first power distribution utility company in the country to have received this status.

Tata Power-DDL's push to offer its cybersecurity services comes at a time when cyber-attacks have become a serious threat to most organisations. India witnessed a surge in cyber-attacks following the lockdown imposed in 2020. According to a recent government data, the country reported 1.16 million cybersecurity cases in 2020, which is three times more than 2019.

Speaking on this achievement, **Mr. S Samanta, Chief- Information Technology, Tata Power-DDL** said, "With an increase in the internet usage, there is a rise in the number of

cybersecurity incidents in the country. Therefore, implementation of information security best practices to proactively manage and mitigate cybersecurity risk becomes critical.”

“The CERT-In empanelment commends our commitment to innovation and responsiveness to industry needs. It is a major milestone in our journey to becoming the preferred partner for enterprises when it comes to security, which is a top priority in today’s digitally connected world. We are happy to be amongst the list of empanelled organizations and look forward to working with various government/corporate and PSU entities”, he added.

The empanelment ‘Information Security Auditing Organisation’ (ISAO) is in accordance with ‘the terms and conditions of empanelment’ as issued by CERT-In from time to time which shall provide an opportunity to Tata Power-DDL to promote the information security auditing standards in the industry and geography. With this empanelment, the company will be able to conduct information security audits for various government and public sector enterprises in addition to its corporate entities. The company will also offer professional services including penetration testing, vulnerability assessment, network security audit, web application security audit, wireless security audit, compliance audits (ISO 27001), ICS/OT audits, IT security policy and documentation, phishing campaign, architecture review, and source code review. The professional services extended will help in identifying the risks while recommending adequate controls to maintain the cybersecurity posture of the organisation against internal and external threats.

### **About CERT-In:**

Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of the Government of India, is a national nodal agency for responding to computer security incidents as and when they occur. CERT-In's primary role is to raise security awareness among Indian cyber community and to provide technical assistance and advise them to help them recover from computer security incidents.

To know more, please visit: <https://www.cert-in.org.in/>

### **About Tata Power DDL:**

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited is a leading power distribution company, providing world class services using Information and Operational Technology Services to a populace of 7 million in North Delhi. The company has transformed the power distribution scenario in the capital city with a record reduction in AT&C losses and advanced technology adoption across verticals. It is a Public-Private Partnership, Joint Venture Company, between Tata Power, India's largest integrated power company, and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. Since privatization, the Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses in Tata Power-DDL areas have shown a record decline. Today, AT&C losses stand at 7.3% which is an unprecedented reduction of over 86% from an opening loss level of 53% in July 2002. To learn more, please visit [www.tatapower-ddl.com](http://www.tatapower-ddl.com)

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