

## Elephant Conservation Award 2014 to Udalguri tea gardens



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Bhoothiachang and [Paneri](#) tea gardens of [Udalguri](#) district under MacLeod Russel India have been awarded 'Elephants [Conservation Award](#) 2014' recently at a ceremony at Nonai Forest Range Office on June 13. The [award](#) was [launched](#) last year by Elephants on the Line, a programme organized by a few [elephant](#) loving people and officials of USA, Bhutan and India last year for the conservation of wild elephants and to work jointly for mitigation of man-[elephant](#) conflict in [Udalguri](#) villages district bordering Bhutan.

The one year programme was supported by North Carolina State University, USA in association with [Udalguri](#) administration and Dhansiri Forest Division, [Udalguri](#). The programme has promoted solving of India-Bhutan trans border conservation issues. It also opened up windows of cooperation among civil, forest and people of both the countries since July 2014. The [award](#) ceremony which was held at Nonai Forest Range Office was conducted by [EOL](#) Assam coordinator J.K. [Das](#). Sadhana Hojai, Deputy Commissioner presented the '[Elephant Conservation Award](#) 2014' to AK Sing, Senior Manager of Bhootiachang tea garden while noted journalist and Managing Editor of DY365 Pranay Bordoloi (Also the Hony. Member of Assam [Wildlife](#) Board) presented the [award](#) to Wasim Haque of [Paneri](#) tea garden.

DC Hojai expressed her satisfaction at the good works done by the tea gardens. She also appealed all the tea gardens of the district to work hard to mitigate [HEC](#) in [Udalguri](#) and to plant as much as trees in vacant lands to prevent further encroachment. Pranoy Bordoloi assured [EOL](#) members all possible help and cooperation for the conservation of flora and fauna of Assam. He requested [EOL](#) for its expansion on all Assam level. AK Sing, Senior Manager of Bhootiachang tea garden while thanking [EOL](#) members, district administration and forest department for the award assured that their tea gardens would do more good works for the conservation and [welfare](#) of both wild elephants and villagers. On the issue he assured to sponsor two domestic Kunki elephant to be deployed in [HEC](#) villages.

The award presentation ceremony was attended by several distinguished people including- GN Adhikari, DFO,Dhansiri Forest Division,[Udalguri](#);Mubina Akhtar, [EOL](#) Core Member and Hony.Member of Assam [Wildlife](#) Board; Dipen Boro,[EOL](#) Core Member and Central Vice President,ABSU etc. It needs mentioning that a two days [workshop](#) on GPS/GIS/RS was also arranged by Elephants on the Line for [EOL](#) and forest officials which was conducted by Pranjit Sarma and Bipul [Das](#) of Aranyak, Assam on June 12 and 13 at Nonai Forest Range Office.

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