

Workshop on “Cold weather practices and PPC” held

Kurseong, 28 November, 2018: A workshop on ‘Cold weather practices and PPC’ was organized at Rang Bhang Busty, Mirik for Small Tea Growers of Darjeeling by Darjeeling Tea Research and Development Centre (DTRDC), Tea Board, Kurseong on 28th November, 2018 with the help of Darjeeling Hills Small Tea Growers Association (DHSTGA). Secretary, DHSTGA, Ms. N. Gurung welcomed all participants and experts from DTRDC and thanked Tea Board for organizing the workshop



which was the need of the hour. She also urged the participants to clear all their doubts from the Experts during the course of discussion and interaction. After a small welcome ceremony, the technical session of the workshop began.

Mr. R. Kumar, Jr. Scientific Officer, DTRDC discussed on the importance of cold weather practices with special reference to different types of pruning. Through power point presentation, he showed different types of pruning and skiffing practices suitable for Darjeeling, important and popular clones of Darjeeling and how to identify them. He

also discussed on the choice of right pruning cycles and post pruning operations important in Darjeeling.

Dr. A. Basu Majumder, Research Officer, DTRDC discussed on various pest and diseases of tea and their management in Darjeeling under organic cultivation. He emphasized more on the application of different techniques of IPM to manage insect pests and diseases of tea. He also discussed on proper spraying techniques for pest control using bio-pesticides. He then informed participants about the “*Plant Protection Code*” of Tea Board and briefed on its various provisions and objectives.



These two technical sessions were followed by field visit where different pruning practices were demonstrated to the participants.

43 participants from different Self Help Groups of STGs from Rang Bhang, Pokhriabong, Plungdoong and Sourini participated in the program. The workshop was concluded with vote of thanks on behalf of Tea Board India to all for successfully arranging this workshop.