

Tea Board attended National Conference on “Tea Culture and Science – Special reference to Present Scenario of Indian Tea” held at Sikkim University on 9th April 2013.

The department of Plantation, Management and Studies, Sikkim University (SU) in collaboration with Tea Board of India organized a National Conference on “Tea culture and Science – Special reference to Present Scenario of Indian Tea” at Sikkim University seminar hall on 9th April 2013.. The seminar aimed at fostering interdisciplinary interaction amongst experts and participants representing industry and academia. The seminar has provided a platform to initiate new area of research and study in tea science. Director (Research), Tea Board delivered a talk on ‘*Role of Tea Board on Research and Development*’. He emphasized on applied aspects of tea research and reiterated that requirements of industry was a priority area without compromising the basic research covering molecular biology, nanotechnology and biochemical pathway analysis etc. He stressed that regulatory research was also an important area of activity these days in order to comply with FSSAI regulations Director (Research) discussed at length on the benefits of small growers from Tea Board of India initiatives. Tea grower from Darjeeling, Mr. Roshan P Rai spoke in details about the international market value of Darjeeling tea products. Sikkim University students Rasmita Sarkar and Sushovhan Virtia presented their research papers on Temi Tea Garden of South district and Neha Roy presented the case study of Bagdogra Tea Garden, West Bengal. A discussion was held on the possible future collaboration of tea research between Sikkim University and DTR&DC, Kurseong on research areas covering plant tissue culture, development of cultivar, organic fertilizer and different cultural practices related to organic tea cultivation practiced in Darjeeling and Sikkim.

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Temi Tea Board technical advisor M Chamling addressing the function. SE Pic

Staff Reporter

GANGTOK, April 9: A daylong national conference on present scenario of Indian tea was organized today by department of plantation management & studies, Sikkim University in association with Tea Board of India (TBI) here at Tadong. Tea experts, stakeholders, representatives of tea industry from Sikkim and Darjeeling, officials from TBI, faculty members and students of Sikkim University participated in the seminar.

The scholars and stakeholders deliberated on various issues faced by the Indian tea industry which is passing through a low productivity phase. Various papers on different aspects and

problems were presented by the experts during the seminar seeking a renewed development planning for this 170 years old industry which presently employs around one million people.

In his keynote address, TBI director (research) Dr Biswajit Bera detailed the efforts made by the board in research and development for the Indian tea industry. With tea plantations available in 13 States, particularly in the Northeastern region, he highlighted about steps taken to promote small tea growers for increasing national tea production.

Dr Bera mentioned that there must be coordinated research projects among the three tea research institutes in

the country. We are trying to upgrade the Darjeeling Tea Research Centre into a centre of excellence, he said seeking a collaborative venture between Darjeeling and Sikkim tea industry (Temi tea garden) given the uniqueness both regions boast of.

"Darjeeling tea is already covered under GI (Geographical Indicator) while Sikkim is an Organic State. Fifty percent of Darjeeling tea plantations are organic while others are in transition process. Since Sikkim has an expertise in this area, both the two regions should join hands immediately", said the TBI director.

Temi Tea Board technical advisor Mohan Chamling

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Labour politics blamed for decline of Darjeeling Tea

Staff Reporter

GANGTOK, April 9: Sikkim University dean (school of sciences) Prof Jyoti Prakash Tamang today observed that persistent politics at tea garden levels are to be blamed for progressive decline of the world famous Darjeeling Tea.

Darjeeling and Assam tea gardens have become a political playground and nothing else, commented Prof Tamang pointing out how problems, identified decades ago, are still unresolved at present. He was addressing the inaugural function of a national tea seminar organized by Sikkim University in association with Tea Board of India here today.

Prof Tamang also named few famous politicians of Darjeeling hills and West Bengal who started their political careers through labour unions in the tea gardens. The problems will remain as the tea gardens are political playgrounds and focus is always on labour issues instead of quality of

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सकेको छैन। अहिलेसम्म पनि चियाबगानको राम्रया समाधान हुन सकेको छैन उल्टो दिन दिने समस्या बढ्दै गइरहेको चियाबगान राजनीतिहरूको खेल्ने कुल्ने मैदान भएको छ भने कुनै सार्थ फलती फल आएको छ। सिक्किम विरविद्यालय (एसए) को डिपार्टमेन्ट अफ प्लान्टेसन म्यानेजमेन्ट एण्ड प्रोडिक्ट्स टो बोर्ड अफ इन्डियाको समवेगमा आब आबोजन गरेको राष्ट्रिय सम्मेलनमा यस्तै फालको कुरा उठेको छ। एखु-का रेसिप्टुन प्रा० जयति प्रकाश तामाङले टाजीलिङको चिके बगान राजनीति गर्ने व्यक्तिहरूको निम्ति एउटा खेल मैदान बनाइसकेको छ भने कुनै सम्मेलनमा गए। उनले राजनीति गर्नेहरू केवल आफ्नो अरिस्तव कवाम राख्न प्रयासरन रहेको आरोप लगाए। उनैहरूलाई जवाफको दुःख र सम्मयावित्त कुनै प्रकारको सरोकार नरहेको चिन्त पनि प्रकट गरेका छन्। आज जुनै पनि

राजनीतिक हुनले चिया इतिहासको हिमाल चाम र कुनै गे जस्तो गरिहेको छन त्यो सबै देखावटी रहेको आरोप पनि प्रा० तामाङले लगाएका छन्। ताडोडिभिन् न्यू एकाडेमिक विन्डिङको सम्मेलन कवाम आयोजित सो कार्यक्रमको विषय टी कन्फर एण्ड साइन्स-स्पेसल रेफरेन्स टु प्रिजेन्ट सिन्सिरो अफ इन्डियन टी रशिएको चियो। प्रा० तामाङले आब भन्दा ३३ वर्षअघि आफू टाजीलिङ ग हाविद्यालयका एक छात्र छैँटा टाजीलिङ चिया बगान र समसयाबारे लेख लेखेको जनाकारी गराए। त्यस समय जुन समयमा चिया बगान र इतिहासको प्रेरितरहेका थिए त्यो अहै पनि सचनत रहेकोमा आश्चर्य प्रकट गरे। उनले भने-टाजीलिङ तीनवटा टो-को निम्ति प्रसिद्ध छ। तीमध्ये एउटा टो (टिम्बर) को अरिस्तव लगनमा समाप्त भइसकेको छ।

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जब टो (चिया) र टुवेजम (पर्वत) काय बढि रहेको छ। उनले खेल दुजारा वीकको कुरा टो (पर्वत) को पनि केही सय बढिदिन भन्दै अन्तिम टो (चिया) को अरिस्तव यार्डि टाजीलिङका खोलेने विरक्तम प्रकट गरे। यद्यपि, प्रा० तामाङले चिया-बगान राजनीति गर्नेहरूको निम्ति खेल मैदान बनिस्केकोले अन्तिम टो (चिया) को अरिस्तव को बढिदिने कलक प्रकट गरे। उनले परिचय बंगालको पूरै मुख्यमन्त्री ए०० जोडि बसुले पनि चिया बगानको हेर सुनेकबन्दा राजनीति शुरू गरेको बताए। त्यही नै पोर्बा गरिदिन मुक्ति मोर्चा (गोवापुर) का अण्णास सुबास सिन्धिद सल्लाभ पोर्बा जयसुन्नि मोर्चा (गोवापुर) का जयसय जिगत गुरुद पनि चिया बगानकट मुश्न गरेको राजनीतिक उपद रहेको बताए। टाजीलिङको चिया बगानले नेहरूहरूका साथै साहित्यकार र कर्मीहरूकाहरू पनि जनाएको प्रा० तामाङले अन्को जनाएका बताए। उनले चियाखेती केवल चिया बढिने पदार्थको काना सधर जनाएकाको निम्ति लाभदायक भयो प्रयास-ज्यात मुर्न पनि सुझाव राखे। सवाशतेक, प्रा० तामाङले टाजीलिङमा चिया जडोको सारलौभायि प्रकाश गरे। त्यही नै जन्मजन्मा प्रमुख सकारको रूपमा उपस्थित टो बोर्ड अफ इन्डियाका निदेशक (अधुनीयन) प्रा० विरबीरन बेराने रोल अफ टो बोर्ड इन आर एण्ड टो विरस्योचि आरको सार्न प्रस्तुत गरे। उनले देखाए चिया जडोको

टीमर्नै सवाशतेको निम्ति लाभदायक यानिन्ध भने अहिले सतिवको सोचले जवाक टो पनि सवाशतेको निम्ति उल्लेख लाभदायक रहेको तब प्रस्तावय अरहेको जनाकारी गराए। कार्यक्रमलाई सम्बोधन गर्ने क्रममा टाजीलिङको एउटा कै सारकारी संस्था देवताका प्रसिन्धि देवान राईले स्वागेलन अन् टीन् एण्ड इल्लु सोसियो-इकोलोजिकल कन्टुर-सधि आफ्नै यार्न प्रस्तुत गरेका थिए। उनले टाजीलिङका सलगन ६९ को चिया बगान रहेको र सारिक कलाम सान्देखि दस मिलियन किलो चिया उत्पादन हुने जनाए। उनले भने-टाजीलिङका विविध चिया बगानहरूमा सलगन ५२ हजार सवाशे अरिस्तव रहेका छन्। सिक्किम अरधि चियाखेती टिन् ५२ हजार अरिस्तव इमिक अरवाको सलगन छोट्टु-छ। उनले चिया बगानका इतिहासहरूको विधिविधि प्रकट गर्दै चिया बगानका बान गर्नेहरू ६० प्रतिशत अरिस्तव रहे तापनि इतिहासलाई बैदा पदम निद्रुका गरिदिन भने। टाजीलिङ चिया उत्पादनमा आइरहेको कलियोको मोर्नै गरिने भने-चिया बगानका कुन-कुनैखेर उनीहरूको बाजे, बाबु र ज्याम-बन्दा अर्नै चिके बगानका बान गर्नुको सार्न अन्य छार्न रोजगारको अवसर खोज्नु भन्ने पक्षे पनि त्यहाँ केही गलन पराहेको छ। उनले चिया बगानका इतिहासहरूले केन्द्र सकाराङ्क विधिविध न्यातन जनात सन् बान पाठिबिसीको प्रात भइरहेको जनाकारी गराए। उनले चिया

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SU organized national seminar on Tea culture and Science



Gangtok, Apr 9: The department of Plantation Management and Studies, Sikkim University (SU) in collaboration with Tea Board of India organized a National Conference on "Tea culture and Science - Special reference to Present Scenario of Indian Tea" at University seminar

hall today.

The key speakers in the seminar were from Tea Board of India (TBI), Kolkata Biswajit Bera, who highlighted the different products of tea and its value in India and abroad. A tea grower from Darjeeling Roshan P Rai also spoke about the inter-

national market value of Darjeeling tea products.

Meanwhile, Sikkim University students Rasmita Sarkar and Sushovhan Virtia presented their research papers on Temi Tea Garden of South district and Neha Roy presented the case study of Bagdogra Tea Garden, West Bengal.

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SU and Tea Board collaborate to deliberate Tea Culture and Science

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GANGTOK, 09 Apr: The Department of Plantation Management & Studies, Sikkim University, in association with the Tea Board of India, organized the daylong national seminar on "Tea Culture & Science - Special reference to Present Scenario of India Tea" here at the New Academic Building Conference Hall today.

The seminar aimed at "fostering healthy and productive interdisciplinary interactions" among experts and participants and also providing a platform to "constructively unite dissimilar thoughts and open up new arena of research and study in the face of modern tea environment". This was the first time that the such a seminar is being conducted, it was informed.

Addressing the seminar on the role of the Tea Board in Research & Development, TBI Director (Research) Dr. Biswajit Bera informed that the research has been greatly appreciated by the users and beneficiaries since the inception of tea research started more than a hundred years ago. The TBI is basically under the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry which



address the requirement of the industry without compromising the basic research covering molecular biology, nanotechnology and biochemical pathway analysis," he said, adding that the regulatory tea research has also become an important area of activity these days in order to comply with the food safety and quality issues.

Dr. Bera added that the small teagrowers have benefited for TBI initiatives as well.

He informed that the Darjeeling Tea and Research Center (DT& RC) has been working in the area of Soil Science, Biochemistry, Plant Physiology, Plant Protection and Improvement. About Darjeeling Tea, he endorsed that while productivity was low, the tea was unique and

ment at Temi Tea Garden, Technical Advisor for Sikkim Temi Tea Board, Mohan Chamling, informed that about 70% of Temi Tea was sold through the Kolkata auction and some other centers while 30% was through retail markets primarily within the state. Temi Tea Garden has around 400 employees, 100 on casual basis and 35-40 administrative staff. The garden produces around 100 MT per year.

He further informed that efforts were also underway to promote small tea growers in Sikkim even as efforts tried to make Temi Tea more profitable. Collaborations with Sikkim University, and more effective work to encourage more growers to begin tea plantation could help, he said.