

Workshop at Tindharia Tea Estate held

Kurseong, 12 December, 2016: A workshop on 'Pruning & Cold Weather Practices' was organized at Tindharia Tea Garden by the Capacity Building Centre of Quality Control Laboratory, Tea Park, Siliguri on 12 December, 2016. Scientists from the Tea Industry, Planters and Tea Board officials participated in the workshop for exchange of technical knowhow on the topic. Ms. Sanjukta Mondal, Field Expert, Capacity Building Centre, QCL welcomed the gathering and Dr. A. Basu Majumder, Research Officer (Tea Board) addressed the planters highlighting the importance of proper pruning and other post pruning cold weather practices for better yield in the season. He also informed that Tea Board through QCL and DTR&DC will organize similar kind of workshops for Darjeeling tea industry in future.

The participants were shown different types of pruning in situ inside the garden. Mr. Nitish Biswas, Manager Tindharia Tea garden demonstrated different types of pruning and other field activities in each section. Dr. I. D. Singh, Advisor (Tea Improvement), DTR&DC, Kurseong and Dr. B. K. Lashkar, Advisory Officer (Principal Scientist), TRA Darjeeling explained various queries of the Planters on different pruning methods.

This field visit was followed by interactive session where some videos were shown on recent advancements in mechanization of field activities like pruning and plucking. Planters enquired about the advantages and disadvantages of mechanization in respect to quality of Darjeeling tea and requested for conducting some scientific study on this.

Around 35 participants from 10-12 Tea gardens from Kurseong Valley participated in this workshop. The workshop concluded with vote of thanks on behalf of Tea Board India to all the participants.

