

Title of the Program/ Event	International Seminar on Emergence of Small Tea Growers’, its impact on Tea Industry and the way forward
Organizer	Golaghat Commerce College and All Assam Small Tea Growers’ Association
Date	7th April, 2018
Venue	Rana Tamuly Memorial Auditorium, Golaghat Commerce College
No. of Participants	125

An International Seminar on “Emergence of Small Tea Growers, Its Impact on Tea Industry and the Way Forward” was jointly organized by Golaghat Commerce College and All Assam Small Tea Growers Association on 7th April, 2018 on the occasion of the 10th Tri-ennial Golaghat State Convention, All Assam Small Tea Growers’ Association. The seminar sought to understand the present Tea Industry situation and to try and mitigate challenges that the Small Tea Growers are facing and navigate the possibilities. The seminar was attended by delegates belonging to the Tea industry along with dignitaries from Bangladesh and Nepal.

The delegates present were:

- Sri. Mrinal Saikia, MLA, Khumtai LAC,
- Sri. Bidyanand Borkakoti, Vice Chairman, Tea Board of India,
- Sri. Bijay Gopal Chakraborty, Chairman, All India Small Tea Growers’ Association,
- Dr. Kamal Buzarbaruah, Vice Chancellor Assam Agriculture University Jorhat,
- Director, Tocklai Tea Research Institute
- Director, Tea Development Board
- President, CISTA

Many other renowned persons associated with the tea industry namely Mr. Nepul Saikia Chairman NETA, Mr. Manoj Jallan ex- Chairman North Eastern Tea Association (NETA), Mr. Malpani executive member NETA, Mr. Manoj Jallan, Director Golaghat Tea Estate, Mr. Kamal Buzarbaruah, VC, Assam Agricultural University, Mr. Bijay Gopal Chakraborty, Chairman, All India Small Tea Growers Association were also present in the seminar.

Although, Golaghat Commerce College, as a Higher Educational Institution is not directly involved in the arena of production and manufacturing of tea and the problems associated with

the tea industry, it is not quite novice in this field as well. The college is running a post-graduate diploma course in Tea Plantation and Management in collaboration with North Eastern Tea Association (NETA) and this experience has put the college in an advantageous position in comparison to other Higher Educational Institutions in the district to organize an International Seminar on a topic of such practicability associated with the stakeholders of the tea industry in Assam. Teaching staff of the Institution were encouraged to attend the seminar and 32 teachers from the college attended the seminar. Quite a good number of small tea growers from major tea producing countries like India, Sri-Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh participated in the seminar, and some of them presented their papers as well

Issues like the colonial legacy of tea still haunting tea industry, the emergence of small tea growers in variegated geo-economic and socio-cultural conditions, and the problems faced by STGs in contradistinction to the ones encountered by the larger tea estates etc. were discussed in the seminar. In the course of the discussion, it was pointed out that while the blenders and marketing channels appropriate ever-increasing profits, the small farmers have to bear the burden of fluctuating and falling commodity prices. In his profile, the small-holder tea grower is devoid of knowledge, starved of resources and lacking in organization particularly in respect of doing effective marketing. It emerged from the discussion that while farmers need some help in production, they need more help in manufacturing and most help in marketing













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