

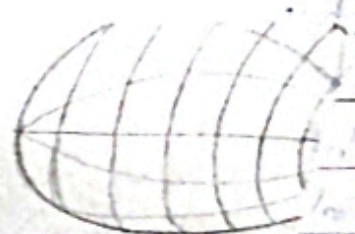
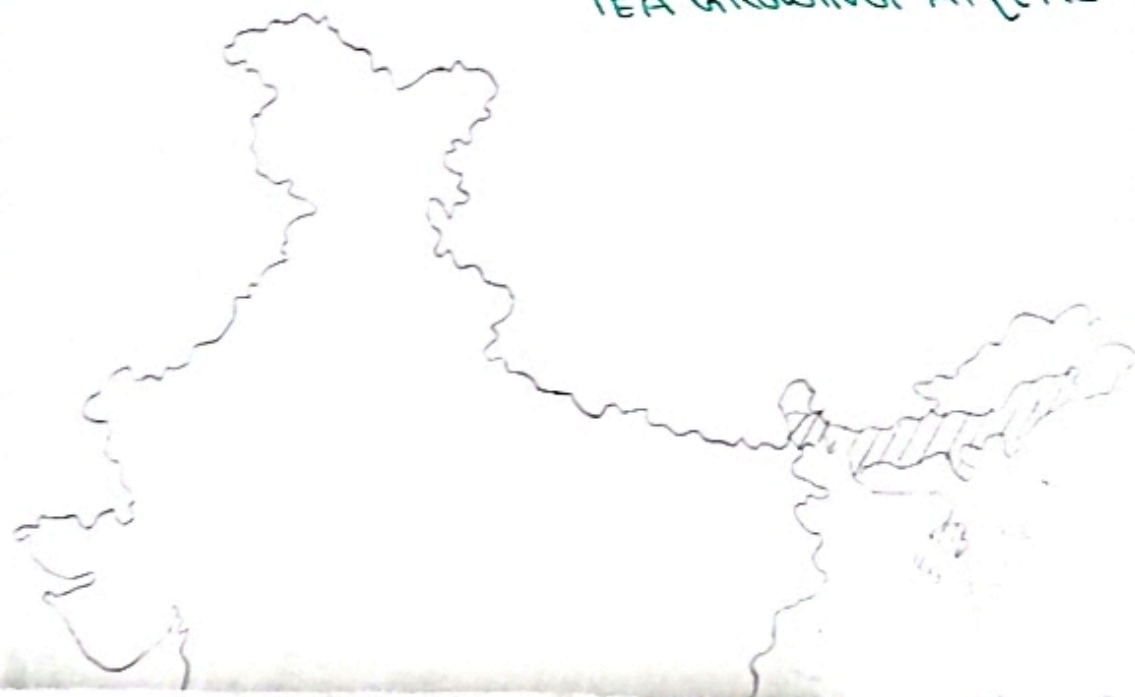
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TEA GROWING AREAS



- => Tea cultivation in India is highly concentrated in a few selected pockets. Three imp. areas of tea cultivation are:-
- i) North-Eastern India
 - ii) South-India
 - iii) North-west India.

DISTRIBUTION -

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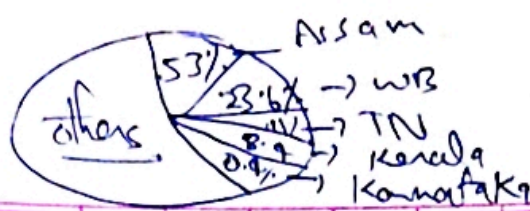
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A. **ASSAM** → In Assam about 53% of area is under tea cultivation. The Brahmaputra valley & Surma Valley are main tea cultivating belt of Assam. They accounts 40% and 9% of the total ^{tea} area of the country respectively. Lakhimpur, Sibsagar, Darrang, Goalpara, Kamrup & Nagaon are imp. producing districts.

B. **WEST BENGAL** → West Bengal accounts for about 23.62% of the country's total area under tea cultivation. Tea gardens are mainly found in Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Duars & Coochbehar.

C. **OTHERS** → Some tea gardens are also found in ~~NE~~ Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh & Manipur in N-E India.

iv) **SOUTH - INDIA** → In S.E. tea is produced in Nilgiri, Cardamom, Palni & Anaimalai hills of diff. states. ^{this region} while accounts for about 24% of area under tea in India.

A. **TAMIL NADU** → Tamil Nadu accounts for 11% of the total area of tea in India, highest among the S. Indian states. Nilgiri & Anaimalai produce 46% & 33% of T.N. tea respectively.

B. **KERALA** → About 8.49% of the area is under tea cultivation in Kerala. Tea gardens are mainly located in Kottayam, Kollam & Thiruvananthapuram districts.

c. KARNATAKA \rightarrow Only 0.46% of total area of the state is under tea gardens. Mainly tea grows in Hassan & Chikmagalur districts.

- iii) NORTH WEST INDIA \rightarrow In Dehra Dun, Almora & Garhwal districts of Uttaranchal & Kangra valley & Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh, tea gardens are found and produced some of tea of total output of nation.
- 2) Tea gardens are also Ranchi, Hazaribagh, districts of Chota Nagpur Plt. in Jharkhand.

\Rightarrow TRADE \rightarrow

Beside being the largest producer, India is also the leading exporter of tea in the world. India exported over 24% of the total tea production.