

## **Background**

The scientific department of the Indian Tea Association (ITA) set up the Tocklai Experimental Station in the year 1911 which was the only tea research station in the world then. Towards the beginning of the 1960's, ITA was finding difficulty in organizing finance for the research activities in Tocklai and approached the Government of India for aid. The Government agreed to provide finance for managing research but desired that a separate cooperative research organization be set up for the purpose so that the facilities of the organization receiving aid from the Government would not be limited only to the members of the ITA. Thereafter Tea Research Association was constituted in 1964 as a society registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, having its registered office in Kolkata and branches in upcountry locations.

TRA after it was constituted in 1964, was taken under the wings of the CSIR laboratories and was classified as a research institute by the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) for which necessary recognition was given to it for Income Tax purposes under Section 35 (1) (ii) of the I.T. Act, 1961 which it still enjoys.

## **Objectives/ Functions**

- a. To carry out basic and applied research on tea cultivation and processing in North-East India with the principal goal of improving overall productivity and quality.

- b. To disseminate the technology developed through R&D to the member gardens through a network of advisory branches.

To fulfill the above objectives, in addition to its main station i.e. Tocklai Experimental Station, Jorhat. TRA is having the following sub station and branches spread throughout the whole of North East India to cater the need of the tea-industry in different agro-climatic zones.

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