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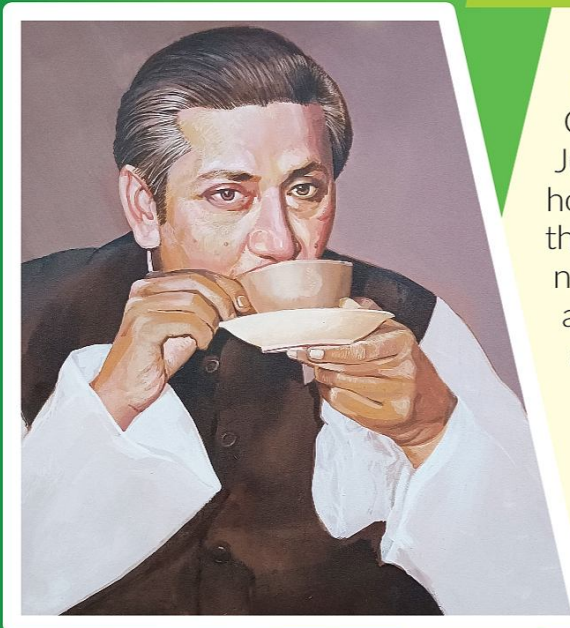
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# History of Bangladesh Tea Industry



Tea is a well-known popular drink in Bangladesh. During the British rule, the first tea cultivation started experimentally in the Pioneer Garden of Chattogram (now Chittagong Club and the surrounding hills) In 1840. Mr. Sconce, the then Collector of Chattogram, collected tea seeds from Assam and Chinese saplings from the Botanical Garden of Calcutta. He planted these saplings and seeds in the Pioneer Garden and established the Pioneer Tea Garden. Although the first tea plantation started on private initiative in 1840, the commercial cultivation of tea in this area started in 1854 at Malnicherra Tea Garden in Sylhet. Later, tea gradually started to develop as one of the important industries in this region.

## Bangabandhu's contribution to the tea industry as chairman



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the first Bangali Chairman of the Tea Board from 4 June 1957 to 23 October 1958. He honored the Bangali nation to hold this post. Bangabandhu took necessary steps to intensify research activities by setting up a laboratory and library at the Tea Research Station at Sreemangal in Moulvibazar. He introduced the Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) for the officers and employees of the Tea Board by amending the Tea Act, 1950.

## Bangabandhu's contribution to the tea industry as Prime Minister

After the Independence of the country in 1971, Bangabandhu became the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and formed Bangladesh Tea Industries Management Committee (BTIMC) to rehabilitate post-war ownerless/abandoned tea gardens. Bangabandhu's government took revolutionary steps for the tea industry including restoration of war-damaged tea industry, import of tea machinery, development of infrastructure and provision of cash subsidy. Bangabandhu ensured the welfare (free housing, safe water, primary education and rations) of the tea workers. In 1973, he upgraded the Bangladesh Tea Research Station to a full-fledged Bangladesh Tea Research Institute (BTRI).



## Plain Land Cultivation: New dimension in tea Industry

With the visionary leadership of our present Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, tea cultivation started at plain land in northern part of the country in 1996 which has given a new dimension in this sector. At present around 8,000 small growers are planting tea in Northern part of the country. In 2021, about 14.54 million kg tea added with total national tea production from plain land tea cultivation.

## Functions of Bangladesh Tea Board

The main functions of the Bangladesh Tea Board are to take appropriate measures for the overall development of the tea industry, increase the production of tea, monitor the import of tea, control and manage the export and sale, determine the quality and development of different types of tea.



Bangladesh Tea Research Institute (BTRI)



Project Development Unit (PDU)

## Organs of Bangladesh Tea Board

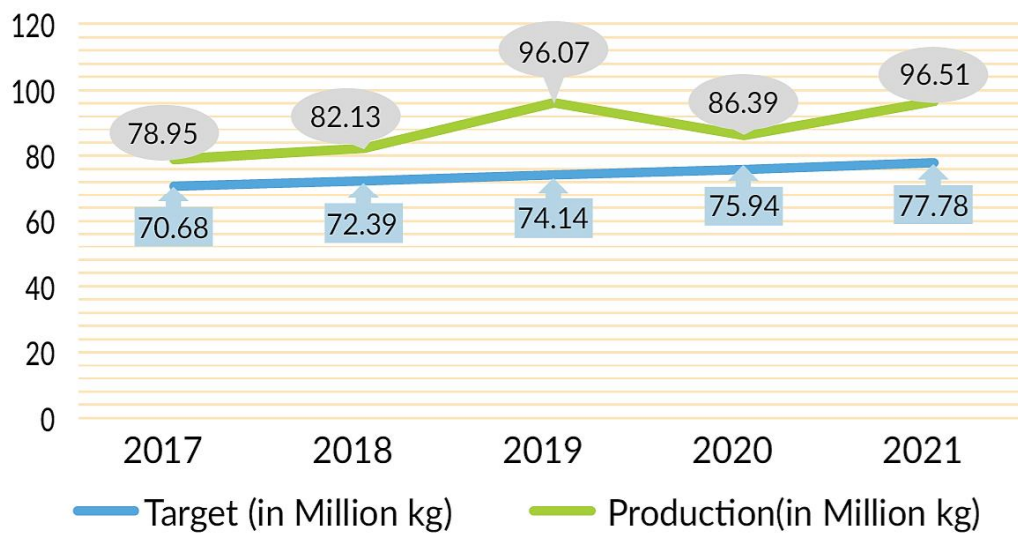
Bangladesh Tea Board has two affiliated institutions : Bangladesh Tea Research Institute (BTRI) and Project Development Unit (PDU)- both of which are located at Sreemangal. BTRI is working to provide science-based advice and technical support to all public and private gardens through scientific research and application of researched technology in tea industry. On the other hand, the PDU is working on the development of tea industries by creating skilled manpower and monitoring the tea gardens.

## Tea Production in Bangladesh

- ▶ In 2021, Bangladesh broke all previous records of tea production and produced 96.51 million kg of tea.
- ▶ Tea production has increased by 22% over the last five years.
- ▶ Per hectare yield has also increased by 17% over the last five years.

### Last Five Years' Tea Production in Bangladesh

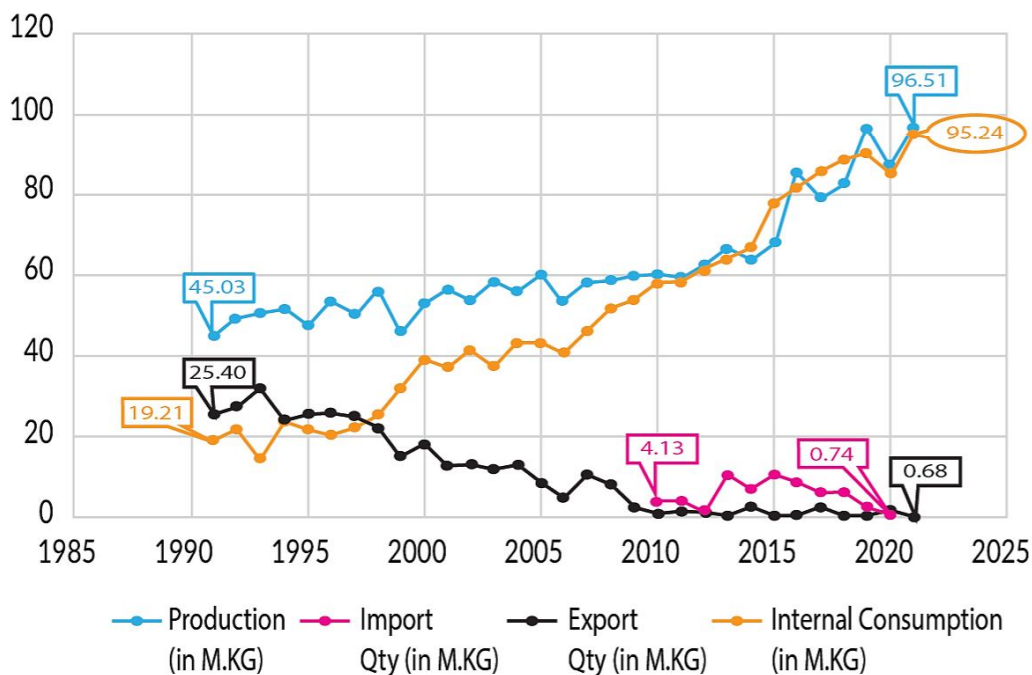
Year	Target (in Million kg)	Production (in Million kg)
2017	70.68	78.95
2018	72.39	82.13
2019	74.14	96.07
2020	75.94	86.39
2021	77.78	96.51



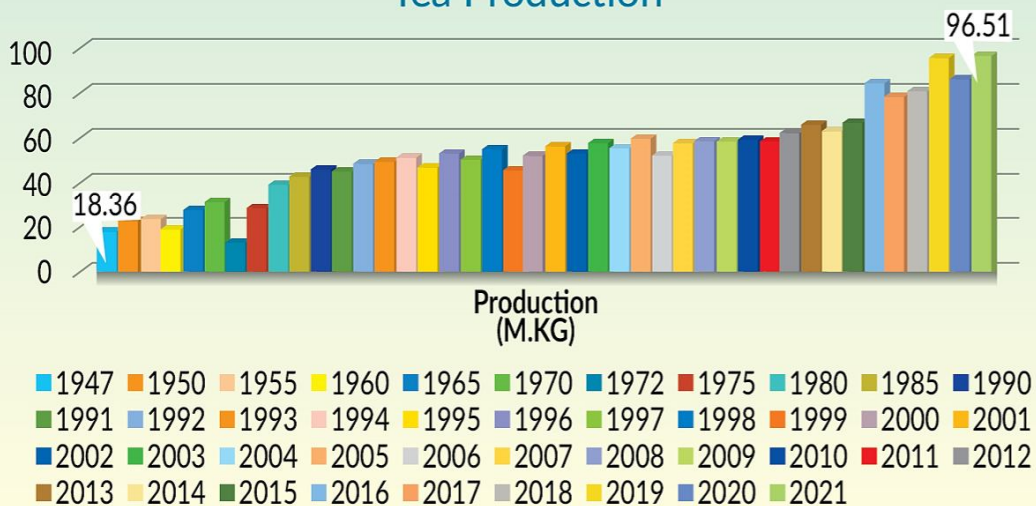
### Last Five Years' Yield Per Hectare

SL	Year	Yield/Hectare
1	2017	1477
2	2018	1529
3	2019	1769
4	2020	1564
5	2021	1722

## Status of Bangladesh Tea Industry



## Tea Production



## Road To Success: Bangladesh Tea Industry

To meet the growing domestic demand for tea, expand the export market, increase the production of quality tea and improve the living standards of tea workers, Bangladesh Tea Board has formulated a roadmap. This roadmap was approved by the government on 08 January 2017. It includes a total of 11 programs; which will be implemented in three terms : short-term (2016-2020), medium-term

(2016-2025) and long-term (2016-2030). The short-term plan has already been successfully implemented. The target of the roadmap is to produce 140 million kg of tea by 2025. For achieving the target Bangladesh Tea Board has already been taken following steps:

- ▶ Developed 23 high yielding Clones.
- ▶ Providing fertilizer with subsidized rate to the tea gardens and small tea growers.
- ▶ Introduced 4% cash incentive for tea exporters
- ▶ Launching 'Tea Tasting and Quality Control Course' for ensuring more quality tea production.
- ▶ Constructed 7600 labour houses, 7600 sanitary latrines, 10 daycare center and 26 mothers club to ensure labour welfare.
- ▶ Introduced new tea brand named 'Bangladesh Tea' etc.

### Diversification of Tea & Tea Products

As our per-capita income is increasing along with life standard, consumers demand for quality tea, value-added tea and diversified tea products is also rising day by day. Considering consumers behaviour along with black tea, Bangladesh Tea Board has given more emphasize on research on tea diversification, health benefitted green tea, white and orthodox tea, different types of artisan tea, value added tea and tea products.



White tea



Yellow tea



Green tea



Orthodox tea



Black tea



Oolong tea



Satkora tea



Ginger tea



Lemon tea



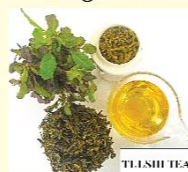
Mint tea



Masala tea



Jasmine tea



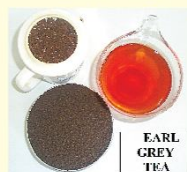
Tulshi tea



Jeera tea



Rose tea



Earl Grey tea



Green tea Soap



Green tea facial



Tea flavored candy



Ball Shaped Pickle



## Record Tea Production in 2021



## International Scientific Linkage

International scientific linkage with other tea producing countries such as China, India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Kenya etc. through training, visiting and sharing of journals.



Name of the  
**Countries** Where Tea has been  
**Exported** From **Bangladesh**



Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, China, Canada, Cyprus, France,  
Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius,  
New Zealand, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia,  
Solomon Islands, Switzerland, U.A.E., U. K., U.S.A.

## Top Tea Exporters

Abul Khair Consumer Products Ltd.

The Consolidated Tea and Lands Company (Bangladesh) Ltd. (Finlay)

Ispahani Tea Limited

Kazi and Kazi Tea Estate Ltd.

Meghna Tea Company Ltd.

Orion Tea Company Ltd.

Tetly ACI (Bangladesh) Ltd.

M. M. Tea Estate Ltd.

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