

<u>Tea Board of India auction to commemorate</u> <u>International Tea Day</u>

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A batch of Assam orthodox produced by the Chubwa tea estate of Amalgamated Plantations came a close second.

The buyer — Golden Tea House — paid Rs 27,560 a kg for the Darjeeling tea from Badamtam, understandably the highest in the auction.

Golden Tips Tea Co Ltd was the buyer for the Assam orthodox tea from Chubwa, fetching Rs 24,010 a kg.

For the CTC variety, the honour was taken by Assam's Amgoorie tea estate of Goodricke Group. Uniworld Tea Cheers Pvt Ltd was the buyer, which paid Rs 2,510 a kg.

This is the second edition of the special auction conducted by the Tea Board. Tea sold in this auction was plucked on May 21, which is celebrated as the International Tea Day. Only small batches of high quality and speciality teas were produced and sold under this auction on Monday.