Small tea growers set up 2 CTC factories
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GUWAHATI, April 22 – In a development that bears significance for the State’s tea industry, two crush-tear-curl (CTC) black tea processing factories have been set up by the small tea growers in Dibrugarh district.

In a first case, a group of 320 small tea growers in the district has set up a tea processing factory with a capacity of five lakh kgs of made-tea annually. In the same district, an individual small tea grower has also set up another processing factory with a capacity of one lakh kgs of made-tea annually.

The factory, set up by the group of 320 shareholders at Phutahula Gaon in the district, started production today. The group has named itself as the Phulampur Tea Company. Simultaneously, the factory set up by the individual small tea grower at Sepon in the same district has also started operation from today. His company is named Henguli Tea Industries.

Leading tea planter Bidyananda Barkakoty, who is also the president of the NGO Tea Vision, told this newspaper, when contacted that it is the beginning of a new era in the tea industry of the State. He further said that tea growers desirous to set up their own processing units should preferably get themselves registered as producer companies under the provision of the Companies Act.