

Matcha Tea

Context



- Assam has become the first state in India to commercially produce **Matcha tea**, with production commencing at the Chota Tingrai Tea Estate in eastern Assam's Tinsukia district.

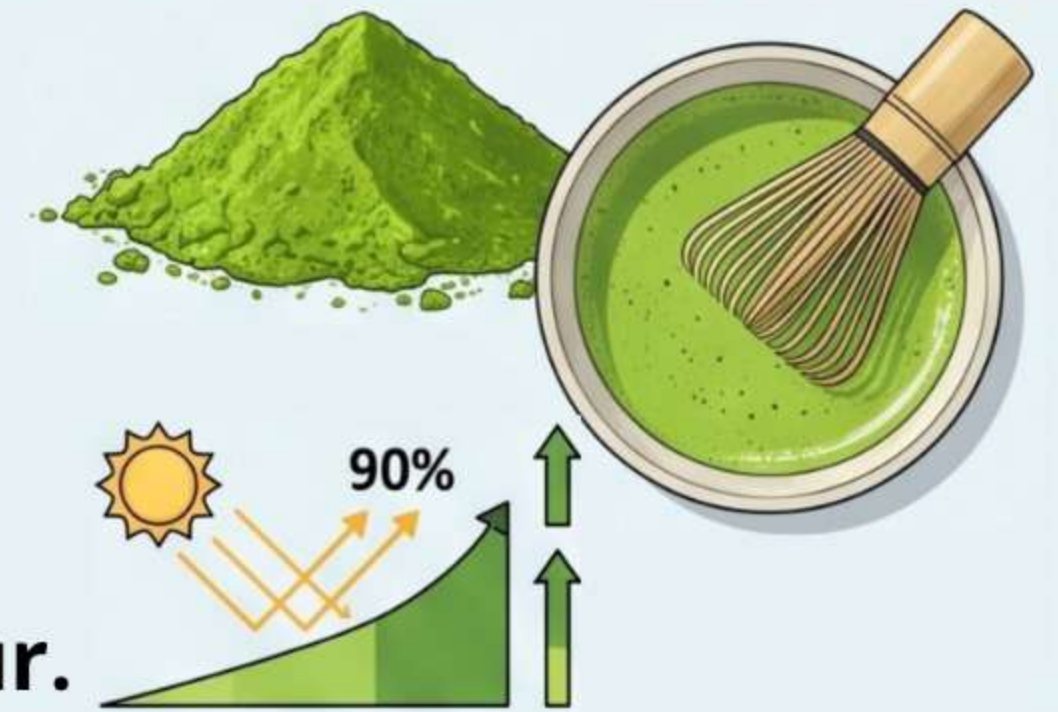


About Matcha



- Matcha is made after shading **Camellia sinensis tea leaves** for three to four weeks before harvest.

- Blocking 90% of sunlight from the leaves boosts their chlorophyll and amino acid levels, and gives its **characteristic bright green colour and rich umami flavour**.



- Matcha **originated through cultural exchanges between China and Japan** during the premodern period.

- China is the largest producer of matcha tea.**



Indian Tea Industry



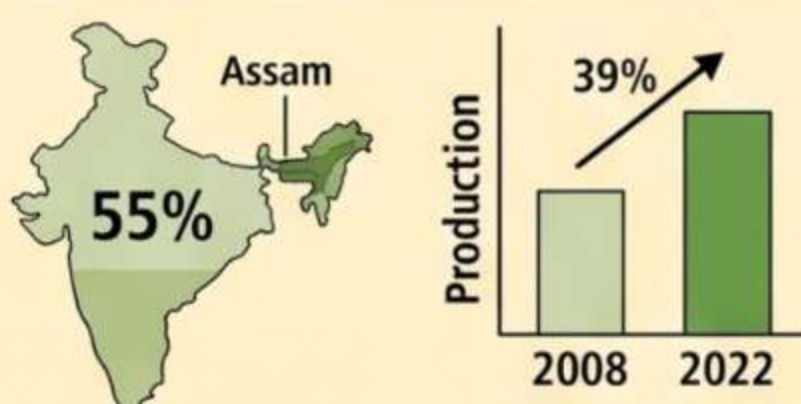
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Global Production

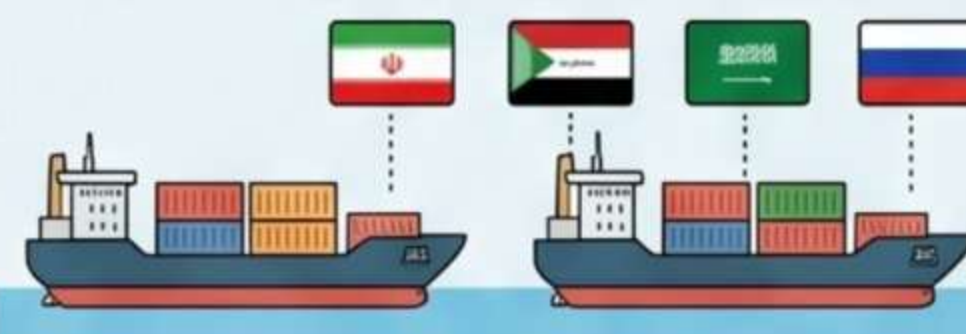
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Black tea

- India is the **2nd largest tea producer and largest black tea producer**.



- Note - Assam grows about 55% of the teas** produced in India. India's tea production has increased by 39% in 2022 from 2008.



- Export destinations** - Iran, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Russia etc. India is the 4th largest tea exporter in the World.



- Prominent tea regions:** Assam (Assam Valley, Cachar) and West Bengal (Dooars, Terai, Darjeeling).



- Employment** - The Indian tea Industry is employing **1.16 million** workers directly.



- Global reputation:** Indian teas, especially Assam, Darjeeling, and Nilgiri, are renowned for their quality.