



Planters Welfare Association

(AN ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL BENEFITS)

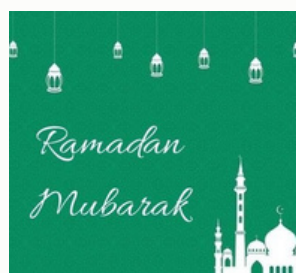
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Mrs. Dipika Nanjappa

Vice - President: V.Lall

Ex- Officio: A.K.Saxena

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Treasurer: B.Chhabra

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Members Meeting (Socials): Mrs Nirmla Lall, Mrs. Rani Patney, Mrs Sunanda Chhabra

Member Mailing: Mrs Rani Patney

Editor: A. Batra

Period 1 - April 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear all,

I hope and pray that all of us are safe and healthy in our homes. It has been a harrowing year. Please do take care of yourselves and keep safe.

I would like to thank Mr Roopy Patney for his endless efforts in making sure the PWA keeps running smoothly and Mr. Bhushan Chhabra for looking after the accounts so conscientiously. My sincere thanks to all members of the PWA Executive Committee for their valuable suggestions during our zoom meetings.

I also wish to thank Mr V Lall for making sure that our web page is updated regularly and Mr. Patney and Mr. Batra for their great work as the Editor members.

With best regards,

- Dipika Nanjappa



CHAMPAGNE & ROSES

BIRTHS: Nothing to report

WEDDINGS: Nothing to report

Note: Members are once again requested to inform us by email or by post regarding Births, & Marriages. This helps us to include the announcements in the Newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS / E MAIL/ MOBILE NO

Nothing to report

COMMUNICATION

We are happy to report that **242 out of 274 NCR & out Station members** have very kindly extended their consent by e-mail messages to receive all our Association matters by e-mail. Thus we will be saving paper, photostat and envelope expenses, postal and courier expenses, which are increasing day by day. Moreover, it saves a lot of time and office work required for mailing.

We earnestly request those members who have not yet sent in their e mail ID, to kindly send the same. It is our fervent hope that more and more members will opt for communication by e-mail, to be received on PCs / smart phones.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Patney for undertaking the job of communication by email.



Important: Members Circulars by SMS to those not on Email:

Kindly note that intimation from November, 2014 onwards for **Members' Meeting & Socials** are being sent by SMS/ text messages/ Whatsapp & e-mails instead of by courier/post. This method has been very successful and the response received from members is very heartening.

From now onwards, AGM Documents / News Letters etc. will be sent on e mail only and NOT by courier. Members who do not have computers are requested to make an e mail ID to receive communication on your smart phones. Kindly forward your e mail ID when formed to the Hony Secretary at rkpatney@gmail.com. through your mobile phone to enable us to update our records and forward all documents by e mail. We thank Mr. V . Lall / Mr. A.K.Saxena & Mr. R.Patney for taking on this task with commendable alacrity.

MEMBERS MEETING (SOCIAL)

- 1.No event was held due to the Pandemic during the Last Quarter of 2020 and the First quarter of this year.
- 2.**AGM – 2020** could not also be held as an event, as done in previous years due to obvious reasons . However, since it is mandatory to complete the process for the AGM within the financial year 2020 – 21 , it was successfully concluded by the process of E mail (Voting) on 15th March 2021.
- 3.We look forward to commence our activities during the year, as and when favourable conditions prevail.

The circulars/Text Messages/Email will be forwarded at the appropriate time & also be posted on our website



WEBSITE

The website is updated regularly to make it more informative and have a new look.

We wish to thank Mr. Lall & Mr. Patney for handling and regularly updating the website so efficiently.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

We sadly have to inform that some of our NCR as well as Out Station members have not paid their Annual Subscription for the year 2019/2020/2021. They are requested to pay the same ASAP.

Subscriptions for the year 2021 from (01.01.2021 – 31.12.2021) is **overdue** now and all those members who have not paid so far are requested to forward the same to our **Registered Office address – Mr. B. Chhabra, D 247 (GF), Defence Colony, New – Delhi – 110024**

For Bank transfer the required information is as under -

1. **Name of Beneficiary – Planters Welfare Association**
2. **Saving Bank Account – A/C no 004601050068**
3. **IFSC Code – ICIC0000046**
4. **Bank & Branch – ICICI Bank , New Friends Colony , New – Delhi - 110065**

Annual subscription for the 2021 from 01.01 .21 to 31.12. 2021 is due now, and all those who have not paid may kindly do so .

We have been following up with members by e-mail/ Phone calls to receive the dues & are pleased that substantial collections have been made. There are still large numbers (50%) of members from whom dues remain to be paid for the last 3 year / 2 years / one year . The details of mode of payments have been explained above.

As per the rules of the Association under the Act, we are constrained to remove names of 5 members from the membership of the Association since they have been defaulting subscription payments since 4 – 5 years. Similar action had to be initiated in the year 2020.

Your kind cooperation is solicited

OBITUARY

We regret to inform passing away of:

Our Members: Mr Madan Mohan Walia, Mr. Amrit Sethi, Mr R.S. (Gogi) Bajaj, Mrs Jasbir Singh, Mr Sarfraz Ahmed Siddiqui

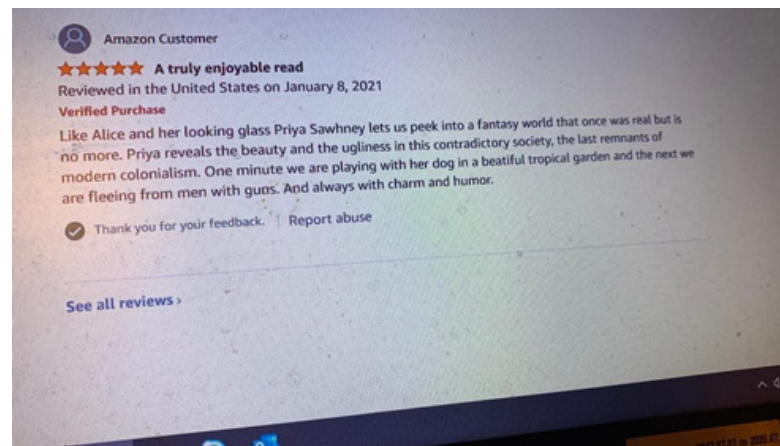
Near & Dear ones of our members: Mother in law of Mr Arun Khanna

Our friends: Mr Bob Powell Jones, Mr P.K.Nanda , Mrs Prema Ahmed w/o Mr Khalid Ahmed , Mr Alok Vira, Mr P.K. (Ashish) Sen, Mr. Deepak Atal, Mr Bachu Chakravarty (Ex Jokai) , Mrs Jinu (Zeenat) w/o Late, Mr M.B Singh (Ex Borhat), Mr Y.S. (Speedy) Rautela (Ex Goodricke's), Mr Krish Bhuyan(ex Magor's)

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The following books have been written and published and are available at all forums
 - CHAI STORIES (Growing up in the tea plantations of East India)
 - Author – Our Member Mrs Priya Sawhney d/o Mrs Dipika Nanjappa
 - The Invisible Piper (A Tea Odyssey)
 - Author - Mr Deepak Rikhye



ARTICLE & ANECDOTES

**A beautiful poem by Dr. Sumita Bhagwat
(published independently in 2018)**

Sip your Tea
Nice and Slow,

No one Ever knows
when it's Time to Go,
There'll be no Time
to enjoy the Glow,
So sip your Tea
Nice and Slow... ☕

Life is too Short
but feels pretty Long,
There's too Much to do, so much going Wrong,
And Most of the Time You Struggle to be Strong,
Before it's too Late
and it's time to Go,
Sip your Tea
Nice and Slow... ☕

Some Friends stay,
others Go away,
Loved ones are Cherished, but not all will Stay,
Kids will Grow up
and Fly away,
There's really no Saying how Things will Go,
So sip your Tea
Nice and Slow... ☕

In the End it's really
all about Understanding Love,
For this World
and in the Stars above,
Appreciate and Value who truly Cares,
Smile and Breathe
and let your Worries go,
So, Just Sip your Tea
Nice and Slow.... ☕
This poem is beyond all relationships

Of 'achchi chai' and me...

Tea - one of our most loved beverage; include the black and the green variants, it is consumed across the globe as an integral part of living. For many, nothing stirs up more emotion than a cup of tea.

Aarti Gahlaut

New Delhi Updated on: February 28, 2020 18:11 IST

Of achi chai and me...

Tea - one of our most loved beverage; include the black and the green variants, it is consumed across the globe as an integral part of living. Drinking tea is a habit and a solitary pleasure as much as it is a social occasion, an event in itself. India is no exception to this ritual; just the added quirkiness is what prompts me to pen my thoughts here.

As per the World Bank data, India is the 27th largest tea consumer in the world of 195 countries. And given this love for tea, the associated emotions run deep. We are by far an emotional bunch of people attached to most of our rituals, from deeply religious ones to highly mundane ones. It is hence not a surprise that the tea ritual too holds a special place in our hearts. In fact, the one thing I have realized over years is that while Indians get touchy about a lot of things, nothing quite stirs up emotions like a cup of tea, and nothing beats the grief you are subjected to if their cup is not 'achchi chai'.

What baffles me though is what is this 'achchi chai'. The way of making tea is as varied as the love for the beverage is deep. My first brush with making tea was at the age of 12 when I started making for my parents - a lightly brewed, less milk and sugar cup. From there I graduated to making tea for relatives and guests, for relatives of relatives and now practically everyone. And from there also started the saga of an impending comment on every single cup of tea I have ever made.

Some people loved the light brew while others looked at the 'boiled water' in disdain. Some wondered why I pinch on milk and others wondered where the cream went. Some wanted more color, some more strength, some spices while others wanted it black (which comes with another set of variants involving sugar, hue and brew strength). Every time I have catered to one person's taste, I have - without fail - made another one unhappy. Within my circle, there are people who love my tea enough to ask me to make it even when outside my home, and there are others who can't bear the thought

of having to consume what I serve. Many have even helpfully tried to coach me on what perfect tea should taste like; just that each coaching session taught me a different version of the perfect tea and left me thoroughly confused, eventually leading me to serve a mish-mashed version of all those tutorials that I make today.

Till date, not a day passes without the critique of the brew - with comments ranging from 'achchi si chai bana do' to 'aaj woh baat nahin hai' and luckily sometimes 'perfect bani hai'. The personalization of the quintessential beverage is high even with a single-family unit, while not catering to it is enough to cause offence. And so my struggles with making everyone happy continue to fail, I guess making tea is just not my cup of tea!

(Author is a mother, an MBA graduate and part-time research consultant, currently residing in Dubai)

Hari Bal Ki Jai Ho **by Ranu Taragi Monday, April 6, 2020**

<https://newsrush.in/business/first-harvest-of-tea-in-assam-west-bengal-hit-by-dry-spell-in-march/>

The first harvest of tea in Assam and West Bengal, the nation's largest black tea producing states, has been hit by the dry spell in March.

The first flush tea harvest loss could possibly be between 5% and 10%, business executives stated.

Tea producers in the area are nervous whether or not the climate will enhance in April for the tea bushes to supply high quality teas.

Also a priority for the business is the surge in Covid-19 circumstances, because it may influence motion of tea from the tea estates to the public sale centres and to completely different components of the nation if states impose restrictions to verify the unfold of coronavirus.

The pandemic-induced lockdown final yr had impacted tea manufacturing for almost two months.

First flush teas, that are produced in March and April, are exported and are additionally used to clean up the tea blends. Rainfall of as much as six inches is required for first flush teas, however this yr the estates have acquired solely two-three inches of rain throughout the interval.

India produces about 100 million kg of first flush teas yearly. It is the world's largest producer of black tea, with annual manufacturing of round 1,390 million kg.

"The weather is very dry in Assam, the biggest tea producing region in the country. In some tea gardens, it has rained 2 -3 inches, while there have been lesser rains in some estates," stated Azam Monem, director of McLeod Russel India.

Monem stated, "There is a strange correlation between Holi and first flush teas also. If Holi is delayed, then the first flush is delayed. So, this year Holi has fallen at the end of March. So, we think that it is also one of the reasons why the first flush is delayed and there is no rain."

Monem stated that although rising Covid-19 circumstances is a matter of concern, the circumstances are much less in rural areas the place the demand is increased.

Dry climate could turn out to be a significant concern for the tea business because the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has stated that summer season this yr will likely be extra extreme in most components of the nation.

According to the IMD, most meteorological sub-divisions and areas alongside the north, northwest and northeast India, in addition to a couple areas in the east, will expertise above regular most temperatures (seasonal) throughout March, April and May.

Regions mendacity alongside the foothills of the Himalayas, the northeastern and southern states are anticipated to see above regular minimal temperatures over the subsequent three months.

Vivek Goenka, chairman, Indian Tea Association (ITA), stated, "Climate change-induced weather fluctuations is become a worrisome issue for tea industry. It is an agricultural crop and is at the mercy of the weather god. Reports trickling in from some of our association members show that production in certain estates in Assam is going to be even less by 20%. We are hoping that the situation will improve within the next few days and it rains."

Last yr, first flush tea manufacturing was affected as a result of pandemic induced lockdown. When tea estates reopened in mid-April, it took a month to prune the bushes.

THE CHARLES SCHULZ PHILOSOPHY



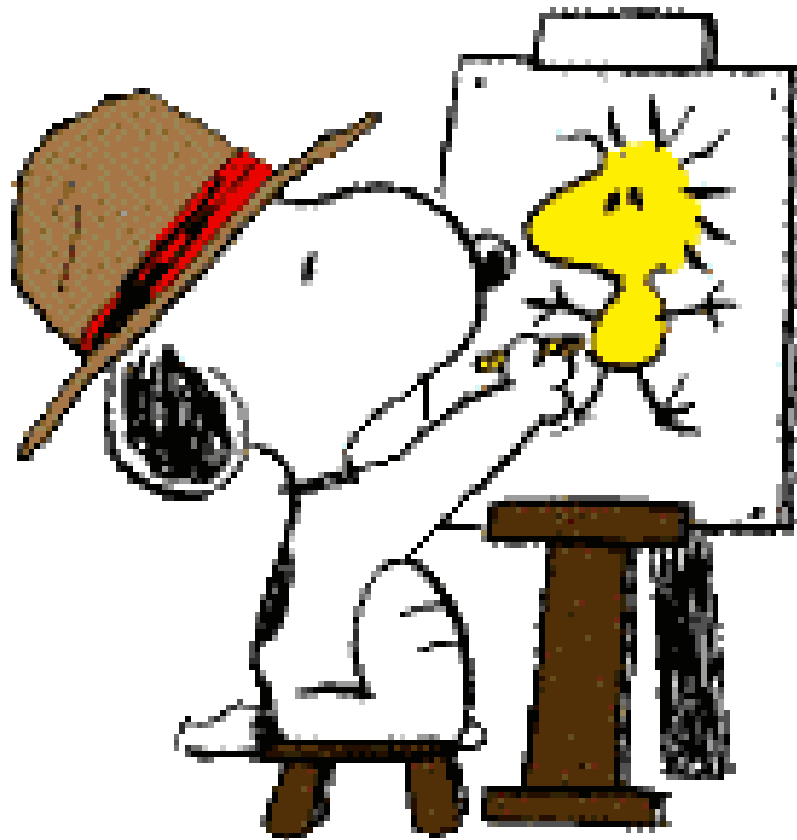
The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz,
The creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip.

You don't have to actually answer the questions.
Just ponder on them. Just read the e-mail straight
through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.



How did you do?
The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.
These are no second-rate achievers.
They are the best in their fields.
But the applause dies.
Awards tarnish ...
Achievements are forgotten.
Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.



Here's another quiz. See how you do
on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.



Easier?

The lesson:

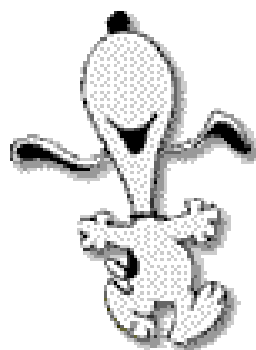
The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money ... or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.



Pass this on to those people whom you keep close in your heart.

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today.

It's already tomorrow in Australia!"



Be Yourself.

Tea Scenario December' 20

DECEMBER '20					Tea Scenario	JAN - DECEMBER '20				
Crop (m.kgs.)						Crop (m.kgs.)				
2020	2019	2018	Difference 2020-2019	Difference 2020-2018		2020	2019	2018	Difference 2020-2019	Difference 2020-2018
53.6	48.2	35.8	5.4	17.8	NORTH INDIA	1034.1	1171.1	1113.8	-137.0	-79.7
20.4	18.1	19.7	2.3	0.7	SOUTH INDIA	221.5	219.0	224.9	2.5	-3.4
74.0	66.3	55.5	7.7	18.5	ALL INDIA	1255.6	1390.1	1338.6	-134.5	-83.0
Auction Sale Quantity (m. kgs.)					Auction Sale Quantity (m. kgs.)					
69.5	48.8	53.3	20.7	16.2	NORTH INDIA	426.8	495.3	491.2	-68.5	-64.4
11.8	9.3	8.8	2.5	3.0	SOUTH INDIA	126.5	124.3	129.3	2.2	-2.8
81.3	58.1	62.1	23.2	19.2	ALL INDIA	553.3	619.6	620.5	-66.3	-67.2
Auction Average (Rs.)					Auction Average (Rs.)					
172.49	146.74	150.83	25.75	21.66	NORTH INDIA	201.87	151.89	150.29	49.98	51.58
134.40	98.94	112.01	35.46	22.39	SOUTH INDIA	132.21	103.35	104.77	28.86	27.44
166.96	139.09	145.33	27.87	21.63	ALL INDIA	185.94	142.15	140.80	43.79	45.14
Exports (m. kgs.)					Exports (m. kgs.)					
11.1	13.3	14.8	-2.25	-3.74	NORTH INDIA (Nov.)	110.6	137.8	140.1	-27.15	-29.49
6.1	7.8	8.2	-1.76	-2.14	SOUTH INDIA (Nov.)	77.3	92.1	91.3	-14.73	-13.95
17.1	21.1	23.0	-4.01	-5.88	ALL INDIA (Nov.)	187.9	229.8	231.4	-41.88	-43.44
World Auction Average					CENTRE	World Auction Average				
644.95	577.70	570.53	67.25	74.42	COLOMBO (SL Rs.)	631.56	545.05	581.93	86.51	49.63
184.90	209.76	212.81	-24.86	-27.91	MOMBASA (US Cents)	193.01	204.06	242.73	-11.05	-49.72
153.73	128.14	172.66	25.59	-18.93	LIMBE (US Cents)	144.23	145.85	184.21	-1.62	-39.98
191.02	167.87	271.09	23.15	-80.07	CHITTAGONG (Taka)	173.92	194.49	261.32	-20.57	-87.40
World Crop (m. kgs.)						World Crop (m. kgs.)				
28.5	21.9	26.3	6.6	2.2	SRI LANKA	278.4	300.1	303.9	-21.7	-25.5
54.4	50.7	51.8	3.7	2.6	KENYA	569.5	458.9	493.0	110.7	76.5
5.3	5.0	6.3	0.3	-1.1	MALAWI	45.2	48.2	50.6	-3.0	-5.4
7.0	6.4	6.3	0.6	0.7	BANGLADESH	86.4	96.1	82.1	-9.7	4.3
Auction Sale Qty. -April'20/December'20 (m. kgs.) 2020/21						Auction Average. -April'20/December'20 (Rs.) 2020/21				
325.3	409.1	399.1	-83.8	-73.8	NORTH INDIA	229.16	156.35	156.70	72.81	72.46
99.1	93.3	100.6	5.8	-1.5	SOUTH INDIA	141.53	100.09	104.19	41.44	37.34
424.4	502.4	499.7	-78.0	-75.3	ALL INDIA	208.70	145.90	146.13	62.80	62.57
PROVISIONAL FIGURES AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE						J. Thomas & Co. Private Limited				