

Awards for tea champions

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Guwahati: Apeejay Tea on Thursday announced the champion pluckers and champion factory workers of 2018.

The company said this is based on the best plucker awards and the factory star awards, which were started by Apeejay Tea last year to recognise and appreciate the efforts of its field and factory workers.

“Altogether 465 of our people working in field and factory have been rewarded and recognised on a bi-monthly and monthly basis respectively during 2018. Among them 13 — eight pluckers and five factory workers — have been de-



Ruma Bhawri and Niklas Minz

clared champions of the season. The special award ceremony will be organised soon in three locations to felicitate their service and commitment,” said general manager (HR) Ramakrishn Ghosh.

Champion plucker Ruma Bhawri said, “I was already happy to receive the best plucker award three times

from my garden, Napuk. Winning the champion of the season award among our cluster of four gardens is amazing. I am so thankful to our company and all my colleagues.”

Factory champion Niklas Minz said, “I never expected to win the chairman’s season champion trophy. Our company has made such a lovely new

forum to appreciate good work.”

Apeejay Tea best plucker awards were started in April last year in each of the 17 gardens.

Two winners were identified every 60 days in permanent and casual categories. Apeejay Tea factory star awards were started soon after. One winner was identified every 30 days in each of 15 factories. Field awards were for plucking skills and factory awards were for exemplary standards of work ethics, integrity and domain knowledge.

The champions announced on Thursday will receive the chairman’s trophy, cash reward and certificate.