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Sri Lanka pushes for more tea exports to India

Island nation aims to boost tea exports to India, seeking partnerships with local companies for increased trade opportunities

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Sri Lanka is looking to increase its tea exports to India and build new partnerships with local companies.

Under the existing free trade agreement, Sri Lanka is allowed to export 15 million kilograms of tea annually to India on concessional tariff. However the island country has been unable to realise the potential.

At a trade meeting organised by World Trade Centre in Mumbai on Wednesday, Sri Lanka's Consul (Commercial) Shirani Ariyaratne pitched for an increase in trade and collaboration.

"While Sri Lankan tea has a dedicated quota in India, its full potential has yet to be realised. With duty concessions available under the free trade agreement, she affirmed that there is a much greater scope for Sri Lankan exports in the Indian market. She reassured participants that the Sri Lankan Consulate remains dedicated to supporting trade facilitation and providing timely information to interested businesses," Ariyaratne said.

The event was attended by prominent Sri Lankan companies who discussed scope of their products and expressing enthusiasm about exploring new business opportunities in India.