

India, China sign protocol for export of tobacco

BEIJING: India and China on Monday signed a protocol to export Indian tobacco leaves to China, which is the largest consumer and producer of the tobacco with over 350 million smokers—the world's highest. The protocol was signed by India's commerce secretary Anup Wadhawan and Zhang Jiwen, vice minister of General Administration of China Customs (GACC) which is responsible for examining market access and quarantine issues for India's agriculture and allied products, the Indian Embassy here said in a statement.