

PAPEREX SOUTH INDIA 2026

International Exhibition & Conference on Pulp, Paper and Allied Industry

December 3 - 5, 2026, Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai

Conference Theme:

"Innovation and Sustainability in Paper Manufacturing and Packaging"**Programm (Tentative)**

Day 1, 3rd December 2026		
REGISTRATION		9.00 AM - 10.00 AM
Inaugural function of Exhibition and Conference		10.00 AM - 11.30
GUEST OF HONOUR		Mr. Kumar Jayant, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd.
KEYNOTE ADDRESS		Mr. S V R Krishnan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Sripathi Paper and Boards Pvt. Ltd., President, Indian Pulp & Paper Technical Association (IPPTA)
11.45 AM - 12.00 PM		Refreshment Time
PANEL DISCUSSION: 12.00 PM - 1.30 PM Theme: Raw Material and Beyond		
PANEL MODERATOR		EMINENT PANELISTS
Mr. Anil Kumar, Technical Adviser, IARPM Former Executive Director & CEO, Shreyans Industries Ltd.		1. Mr. Manish M Patel, Managing Director, The South Indian Paper Mills Ltd. 2. Mr. Yogesh Gupta, Executive Director (Sales & Marketing), Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Papers Ltd. 3. Mr. Mahesh Gandhi, Director, Tirumala Venkateshwara Paper & Board Pvt. Ltd. 4. Mr. Sneh Patel, Chief Operating Officer, JMC Papertech Pvt. Ltd. 5. Mrs. Prabha Manjunath, President, South Indian Corrugators Box Manufacturers Association (SICBMA) 6. Mr. Rajesh Jain, Past President, Federation of Paper Traders Association of India (FPTA)
1.30 PM - 2.30 PM : Business Network Lunch		
International Conference Theme: "Innovation and Sustainability in Paper Manufacturing and Packaging"		
SPECIAL SESSION: 2.30 PM - 3.30 PM Theme : Paper and Packaging - Sustainable Innovation and Futuristic Strategies		
SESSION CHAIR		Mr. Vijay Shekhar Rabindar, Managing Director, Vamshadhara Paper Mills Ltd.
1.	How sustainable is the paper and packaging industry? Futuristic strategies and ideas	Ganesh Bhadti, Executive Director (Operations & Projects), Seshasayee Paper and Boards Ltd., India
2.	Transforming Food Packaging with Paper	Vijay Gupta, Founder, APP (Asia Pulp & Papers), India.
3.	Specialty Paper & Packaging: Sustainable innovation & its Communication to customers	Saikat Basu, Chief Marketing & Sales Officer, Orient Paper & Industries Ltd., CKA Birla Group.
3 DECEMBER 2026 FROM 3.30 P M - 5.30 PM PAPER INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS MEETING ENTRY RESTRICTED FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS		

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Day 2 4th December 2026		
TECHNICAL SESSION-I : 10.15 AM - 11.45 AM Theme : Innovation in Paper Manufacturing, packaging and Green Energy		
SESSION CHAIR		Mr. Anil Kumar, Technical Adviser, IARPMA and (Former Executive Director & CEO, Shreyans Industries Ltd.)
4.	Development of Multifunctional Bio-Based Composite Coating Material for Sustainable Packaging Paper and Board	Dr. Tarangini Korumilli, Asst. Prof., Centre for Biomaterials, & Environmental Biotechnology, Chennai, India.
5.	Decarbonizing the Indian Pulp and Paper Industry: Implications of CCTS, Renewable Energy Obligations and Energy Efficiency Pathways	Binoy Vijayan, Counsellor, CII-GBC, Hyderabad, India.
6.	Leveraging the Anisotropic, 3D-Connected Network of Fibres of Minimally Processed Mature Luffa cylindrica for Transport-Focused Packaging Applications	Prof. Kirtiraj K. Gaikwad, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Paper and Packaging Technology, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India.
7.	Evaluation of Paper-Based Packaging as a Sustainable Alternative for Diverse Product Applications: A Comprehensive Transportation Simulation Study Based on ISTA Test Protocols	R. Pon Kumar, Deputy Director and Regional Officer, Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Chennai, India.
8.	Global Best Practices of Decarbonization and Energy Excellence in Lime Kilns in Kraft process	Prateek Sharma, Project Manager MACS – BTG, BTG Group, A Voith Group, India.
11.45 AM - 12.00 PM : Refreshment Time		

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TECHNICAL SESSION-II : 12.00 PM - 1.45 PM Theme : Energy Efficient Technologies in Pulp and Paper Industry		
SESSION CHAIRMAN		
	Presentations on "Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Pulp and Paper Industry under ADEETIE Scheme"	By The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, Government of India GIZ India
1.45 PM - 2.30 PM : Business Network Lunch		

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TECHNICAL SESSION-III: 2.30 PM - 5.30 PM Theme : Innovation in Pulping and Paper Making: Emerging Technologies and Role of AI		
SESSION CHAIR		Mr. R. Chandrasekharan, Vice President - Project Engineering, Enmas Andritz Ltd.
9.	Strategies for Enhancing Raw Material Security in the Indian Pulp and Paper Industry through High-Yield Bamboo Agroforestry	Dr. Priti Shivhare Lal, Scientist-F, CPPRI, India.
10.	From HRF to MFC: what is the most suitable strategy of stock treatment for paper & board making applications?	Juan Cecchini, Senior Development Manager, PAC Board and Paper Machines TU Wet End R&D, Valmet Technologies Oy, Finland.
10.	The use of Novel Material in Novel Technology for Achieving Outstanding Elongation Properties in Cross Direction by Albany International and Gruppo X di X Gruppo srl	Jonas Karlsson, Albany International, Halmstad, Sweden. Marion Sterner, Head (R&D) – Gruppo X di X Gruppo srl, Italy.
12.	Beyond Epichlorohydrin: Bio-Derived Wet Strength Agent for Next- Generation Tea Bags	Dr. Vibhore Rastogi, Associate Professor, IIT Roorkee, India.
13.	Looking at Paper Making in the Light of Data	D. K. Singhal, Director, Chandpur Paper Mills, India.
14.	ZLD in Pulp and Paper Sector - Challenges and Solutions	Karishma Bist, Director - Resource Conservation and Management, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, India.
15.	Application of Nano/Micro fibrillated cellulose: A novel way of ash improvement in paper	Shikha Dutta, Research Scholar, Uttaranchal University & Project Associate, CPPRI, India. Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Head Stock Preparation & Paper Making, CPPRI, India

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Day 3 5th December 2026		
TECHNICAL SESSION -IV : 10.00 AM -11.45 AM Theme : Changing Scenario of Paper Industry - Energy, Environment and HRD		
SESSION CHAIR		Dr. B P Thapliyal, Secretary General, IARPMA & Former Director, CPPRI
16.	Bridging the Gap Between Demand and Supply of Skilled Technical Professionals: A Significant Challenge in the Indian Paper Industry	Dr. Ashwani Kumar Dixit, Head Pakka Skill, Pakka Ltd.
17.	Making Indian Paper Industry Future Ready from Environment & Energy Perspective – An Overview of Strategies, Approaches & Available Technology	Dr. Nitin Endlay, Head, Environment Management & Chemical Recovery, CPPRI, India.
18.	Economic Hardship and Concerns of the Paper Industry and a Way Forward to Making the Indian Paper Industry World-Class	Veerendra Kumar Bhoreale, Executive Project Manager, NI Foundation and Ventures, India.
11.45 AM - 12.00 PM : Refreshment Time		

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TECHNICAL SESSION -V : 12.00 -1.30 PM Theme : Sustainable Alternatives: Emerging Raw Materials for Paper and Packaging		
SESSION CHAIR		Dr. Ashish Sharma, Director, Central Pulp & Paper Research Institute (CPPRI)
19.	Beyond Recycling of wastepaper: How lignocellulosic waste Biomass enables true circularity in sustainable packaging systems	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Jain, Former Scientist-G & Director, Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute (CPPRI) and Technical Expert, UNIDO, India.
20.	Lokta & Banana Pseudostems of Arunachal Pradesh as sustainable fibre resource for Paper and Packaging Industry	Dr. Saakshy Agarwal, Head, Paper Testing & Environment, Kumarappa National Handmade Paper Institute (KNHPI) Jaipur, India.
21.	Biodigestate : A promising Fibrous Raw Material for Indian Pulp and Paper Industry	Dr. Sunita Chauhan, Biotech Lab I/C, Kumarappa National Handmade Paper Institute (KNHPI)
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