

Paperex South India 2026 - Exhibition & Conference
Programme (Tentative)

Conference Theme:		
"Innovation and Sustainability in Paper Manufacturing and Packaging"		
Day 1, 3rd December 2026		
9.00 AM to 10.00 AM	Registration	
10.00 AM to 11.30 AM	Inaugural Function Keynote address	
11.45 - 12.00	Health Break	
PANEL DISCUSSION: 12.00 PM - 1.30 PM Theme: Raw Material and Beyond		
SESSION MODERATOR		
Experts and Speakers:		
1.30 - 2.30 PM - Lunch Break		
International Conference Theme:		
“Innovation and Sustainability in Paper Manufacturing and Packaging”		
TECHNICAL SESSION-I : 2.30 PM - 5.00 PM		
Theme : Paper and Packaging - Green Initiatives and Future Technologies		
SESSION CHAIR		
1.	Valorization of waste Pine needle biomass into cushioning material for protective packaging applications: A sustainable alternative to expanded polystyrene	Prof. Kirtiraj K. Gaikwad, Head and Associate Professor, Paper & Packaging Technology Department, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, India.
2.	Green initiatives in Paper and Paper packaging	Dr. Sudarshan, Manager (R & D), Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd, India**
3.	How sustainable is the paper and packaging industry? Futuristic strategies and ideas	Ganesh Bhadti, Executive Director (Operations & Projects), Seshasayee Paper and Boards Ltd., India
4.	Speciality Paper & Packaging: Sustainable innovation & its Communication to customers	Saikat Basu, Chief Marketing & Sales Officer, Orient Paper & Industries Ltd., CKA Birla Group
5.	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
6.	Transforming Food Packaging with Paper	Vijay Gupta, Founder, APP (Asia Pulp & Papers), India

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Day 2, 4th December 2026

TECHNICAL SESSION-II : 10.15 AM - 11.45 AM

Theme : Innovation in Paper Manufacturing, packaging and Green Energy

SESSION CHAIR

1.	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
2.	Economic Hardship and Concerns of the Paper Industry and a Way Forward to Making the Indian Paper Industry World-Class	Veerendra Kumar Bhore, Executive Project Manager, NI Foundation and Ventures, India
3.	Innovations in Paper Packaging for food products	By ITC**
4.	The Future of Paper Packaging: Innovations and Sustainable Solutions	R. Pon Kumar, Deputy Director and Regional Officer, Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Chennai, India

Health Break : 11.30 AM - 11.45 AM

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TECHNICAL SESSION-III : 11.45 AM - 1.30 PM

Theme : Green Energy and Carbon Credit: Benefits to Paper Industry

Presentations by: BEE & Ministry of Power, Govt. of India

Lunch: 1.30 PM - 2.30 PM

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TECHNICAL SESSION-IV: 2.30 PM - 4.00 PM

Theme : Innovation in Pulp and Paper Making: Emerging Technologies and Role of AI

SESSION CHAIR

1.	Strategies for Enhancing Raw Material Security in the Indian Pulp and Paper Industry through High-Yield Bamboo Agro-forestry	Dr. Priti Shivhare Lal, Scientist-F, CPPRI, India.
2.	Use Of Novel Material In Novel Technology For Achieving Outstanding Elongation Properties In Cross Direction	Jonas Karlsson, Albany International, Halmstad, Sweden. Marion Sterner, Head (R&D) Shareholder – Gruppo X di X Gruppo srl, Italy.
3.	From HRF to MFC: what is the most suitable strategy of stock treatment for paper & board making applications?	Juan Cecchini, Sr. Development Manager, PAC Board and Paper Machines, Valmet Technologies Oy, Finland
4.	Beyond Epichlorohydrin: Bio-Derived Wet Strength Agent for Next- Generation Tea Bags	Dr. Vibhore Rastogi, Associate Professor, IIT Roorkee, India
5.	Data-Informed Approaches to Paper Making	D. K. Singhal, Director, Chandpur Paper Mills, India
6.	Application of Nano/Micro fibrillated cellulose: A novel way of ash improvement in paper	Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Head Stock Preparation & Paper Making, CPPRI, India

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Day 3, 5th December 2026

TECHNICAL SESSION -V : 10.00 A M -12.30 PM

Theme : Energy, Environment and HRD: Changing Scenario of Paper Industry - Role of Industry and Government

SESSION CHAIR

1.	Bridging gap in Demand & Supply of Skilled Technical professionals:-A significant challenge in Indian Paper Industry	Dr. A.K. Dixit, Former Scientist-F, CPPRI, India
2.	Making Indian Paper Industry Future Ready- An Overview of Strategies, Approaches & Available Technologies from Energy & Environment Perspective	Dr. Nitin Endlay, Head, Environment Management & Chemical Recovery, CPPRI, India
3.	Recycling of wastepaper: How lignocellulosic waste Biomass enables true circularity in sustainable packaging systems	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Jain, Technical Expert, UNIDO, India
4.	Paper Collection Mechanism- Industry initiatives	By ITC-WOW**
5.	Lokta & Banana Whole Stems of Arunachal Pradesh as Sustainable Fibre Resources for the Paper and Packaging Industry	Dr. Saakshy Agarwal, Head, Paper Testing & Env't. Laboratory, KNHPI, India
6.	Transitioning to a Carbon-Constrained Economy : The Emerging Carbon Architecture for the Paper Industry”	Binoy Vijayan, Counsellor, CII-GBC, Hyderabad, India
7.	Utilizing Coconut Shell Waste as a Papermaking Raw Material: A Sustainable Method of its Solid Waste Management	Dr. Sunita Chauhan, Division of Biotechnology, KNHPI, India

Lunch : 1.30 PM - 2.30 PM

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Day 3, 5th December 2026

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS MEET
(Entry Restricted for Association Members)
2.30 PM - 4.30 PM

ENTRY ONLY FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS