



PAPER WASTE RECYCLING IN INDIA: CURRENT SCENARIO AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

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Overview of Indian Paper Industry

INTRODUCTION

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Fourth largest paper
producer in the world

Annual production of
24 million tons

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Per capita consumption
of paper is 15 kgs

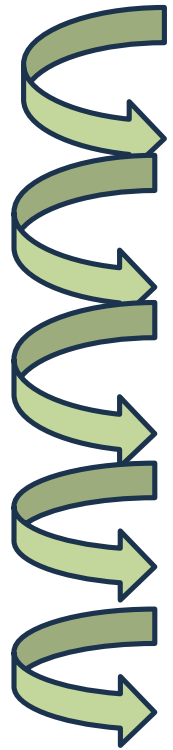
80% pulp production is
from recycled paper

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Population explosion

Unprecedented levels of urbanization

Greater volume of waste generated

Ramifications of urbanization exist

Waste management- a mammoth task

Recycling is the solution

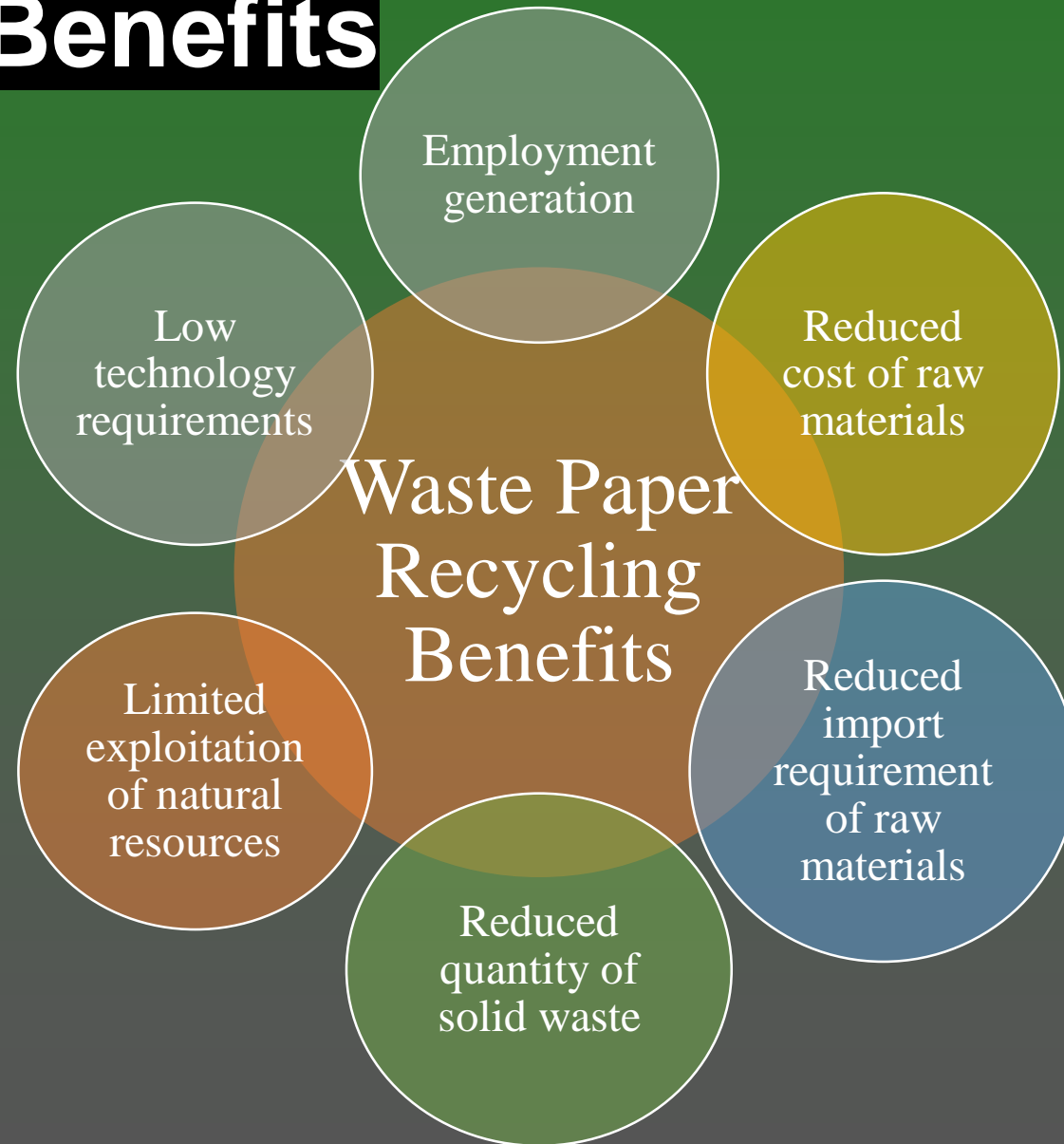
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- **India's expanding population and paper consumption create both opportunities and challenges.**
- **Regulatory, infrastructural, government and citizen-centric interventions in paper waste collection, sorting, processing, and recovery for reuse are crucial.**
- **Implementing principles that help in reduced reliance on imported waste paper and virgin raw materials for paper production is a pressing priority.**

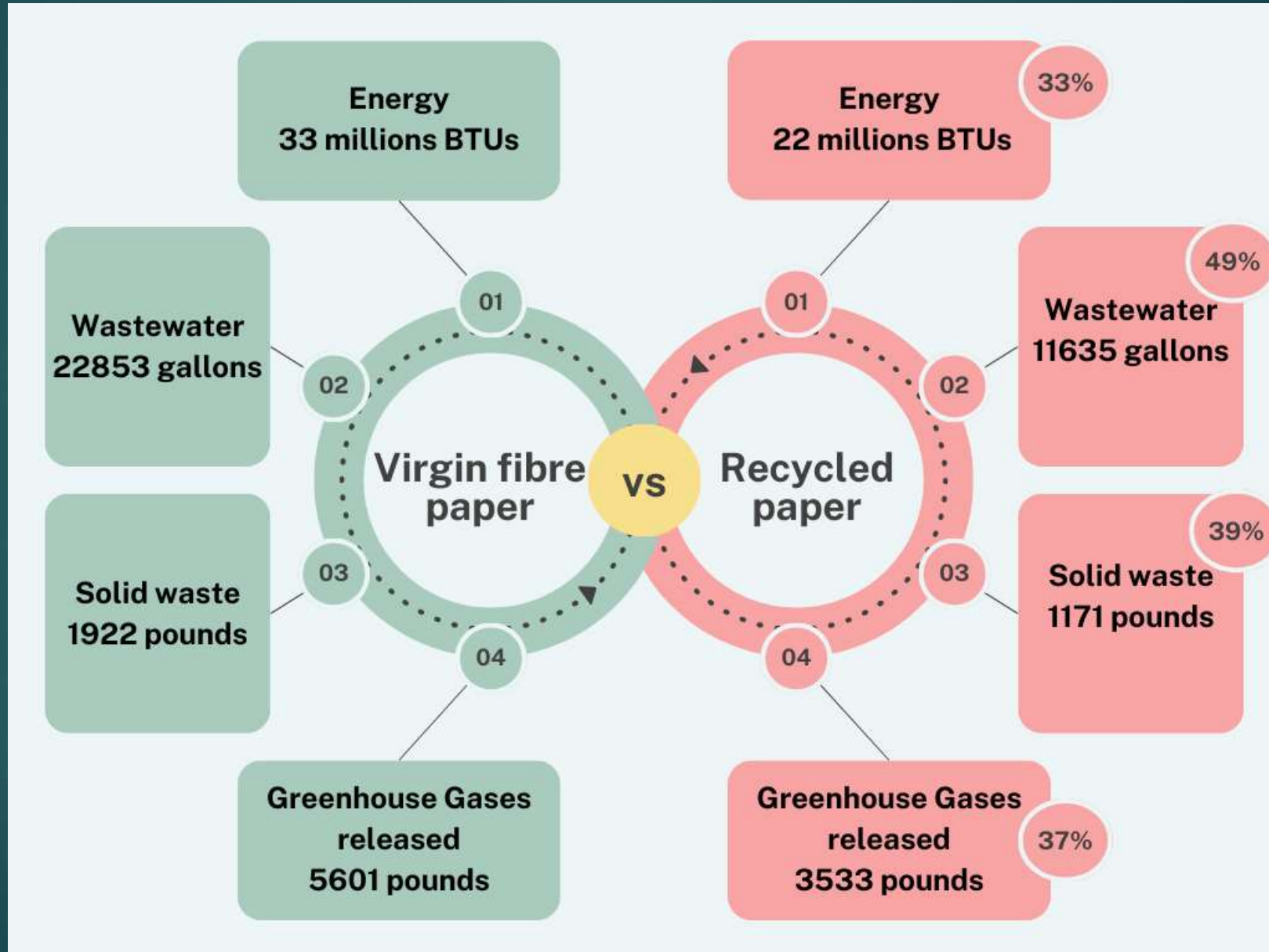
Waste paper, a vital resource, can be repurposed for various applications beyond papermaking.



Waste Paper Recycling Benefits

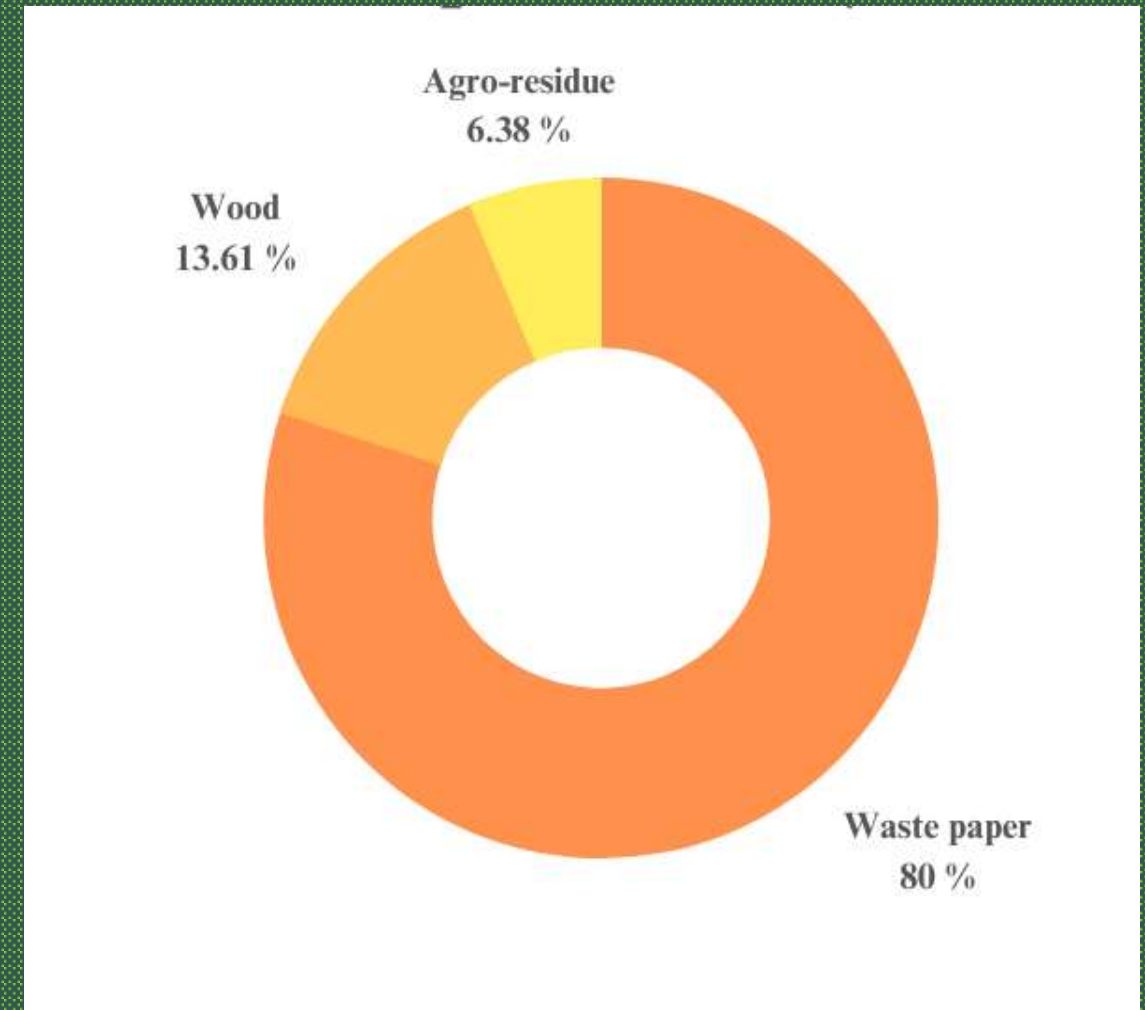


Environmental benefits of using recycled grade

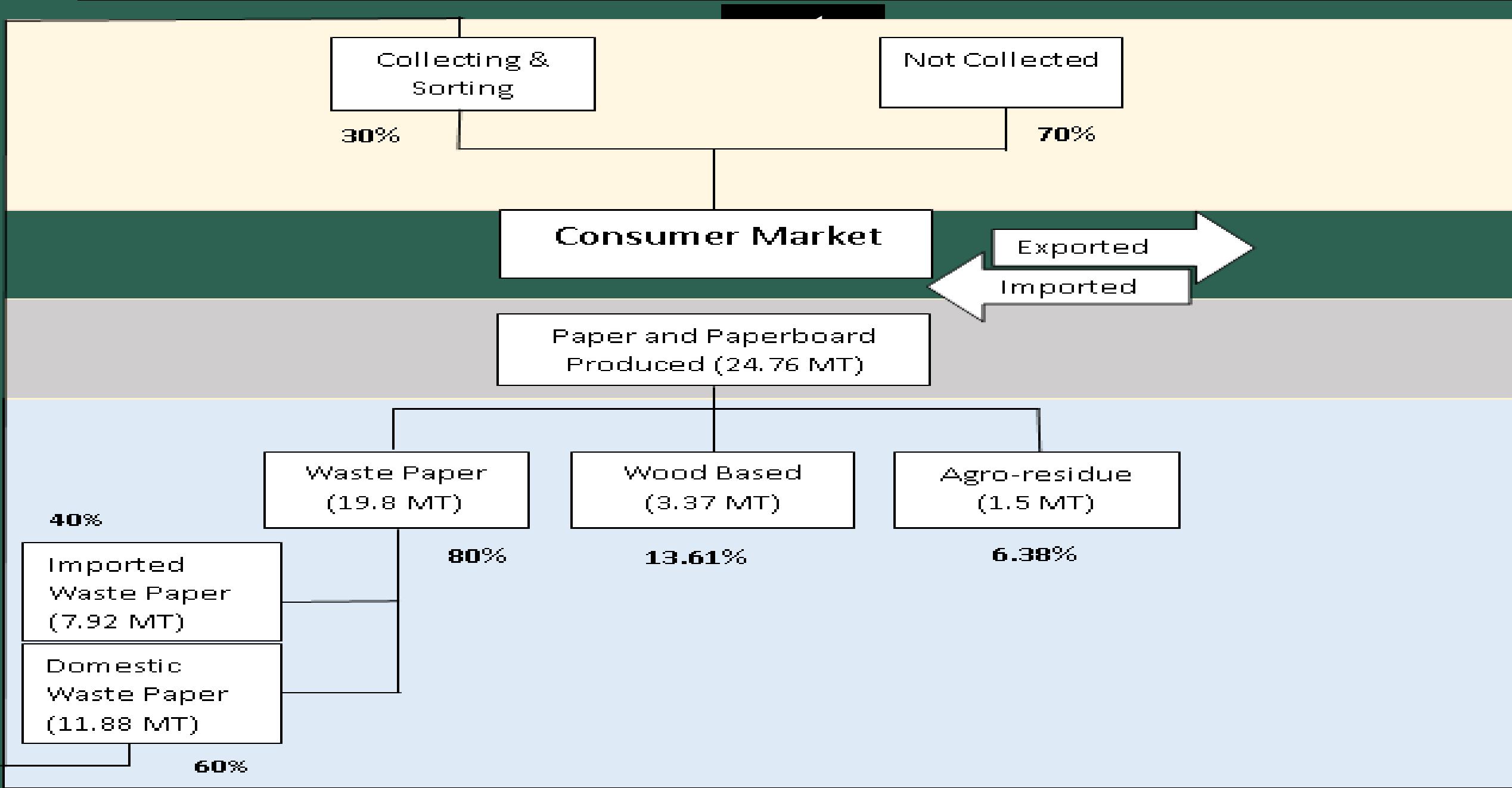


Waste Paper Reutilization trends in India: Current Scenario

- Paper waste accounts for about 0.1 lakh metric tons of municipal solid waste annually.
- India's recovery rate is only 25-28%.
- Reduced recovery rate is due to abysmal state of collection, sorting and grading system of waste paper.



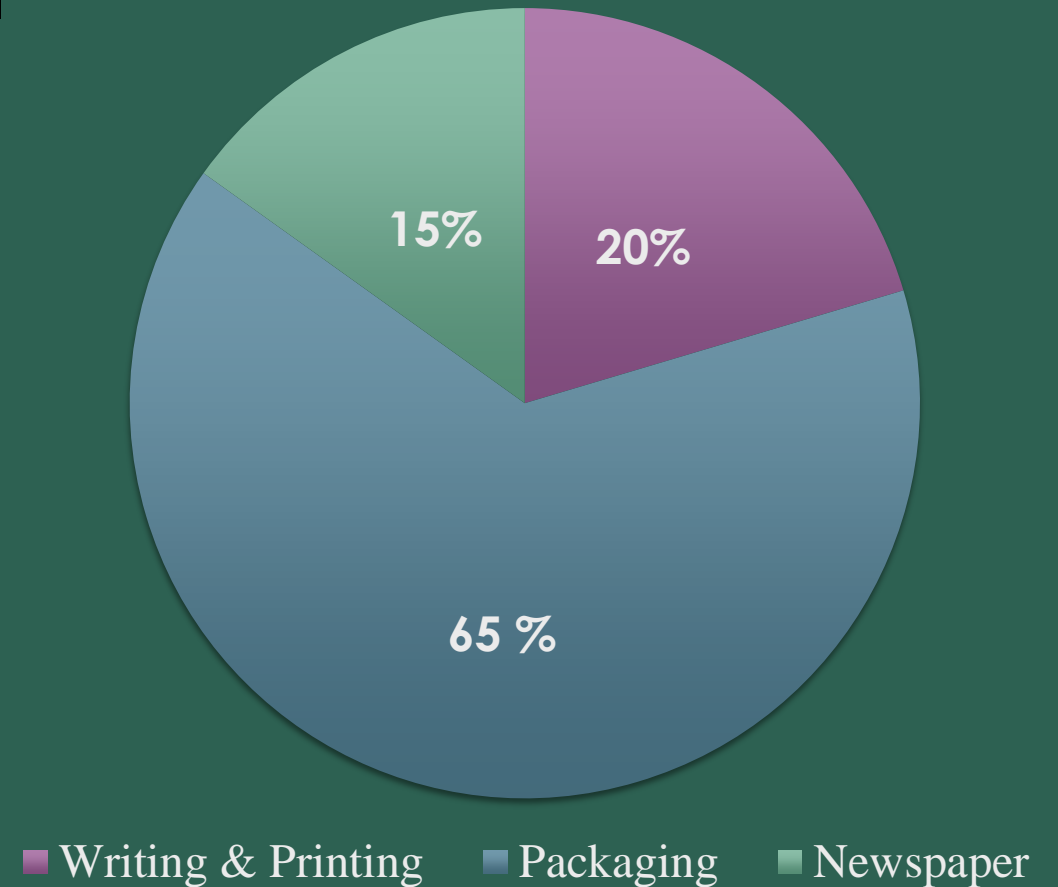
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- 60% of waste paper is sourced domestically and 40% has to be imported.
- Whole demand of about 20 million tons encompasses 13 million tons domestic collections and remaining 7 million tons imported.



WASTE PAPER COLLECTION MECHANISM IN INDIA



Unorganized
Collection
System

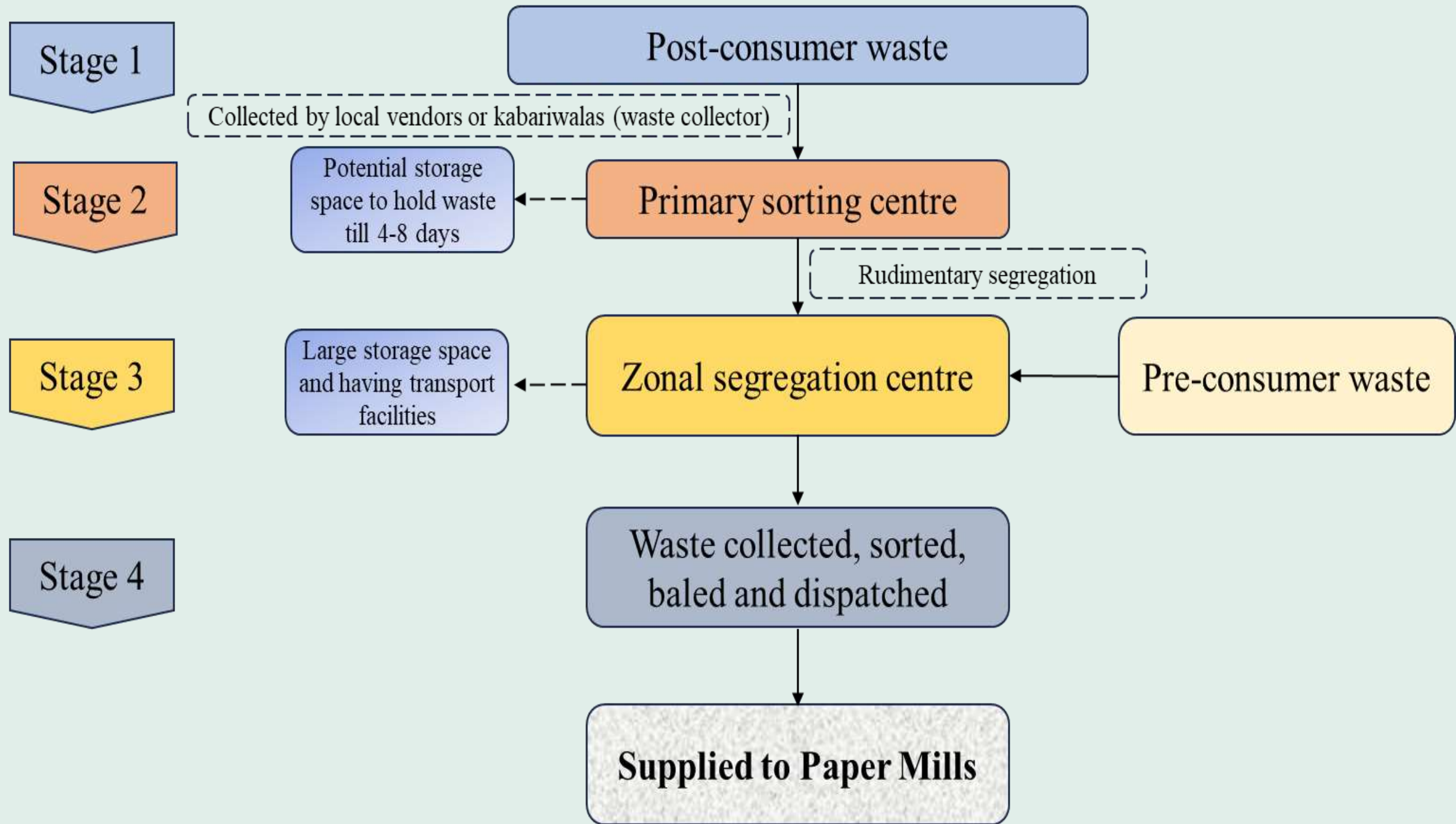


Direct and
Indirect
Sources



Pre-consumer and
Post-consumer
Waste

CURRENT MECHANISM



SOURCES OF WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

Sources

HOUSEHOLD

Items collected

**Old newspapers,
notebooks & Magazines**

Collected by

**Weekend
hawkers**

Sources

**PRINTERS,
PUBLISHERS &
CONVERTERS**

Items collected

**Paper trimmings, print
rejects, overprints and
other waste**

Collected by

Contractors

Sources

**INDUSTRIES,
OFFICE, LIBRARIES**

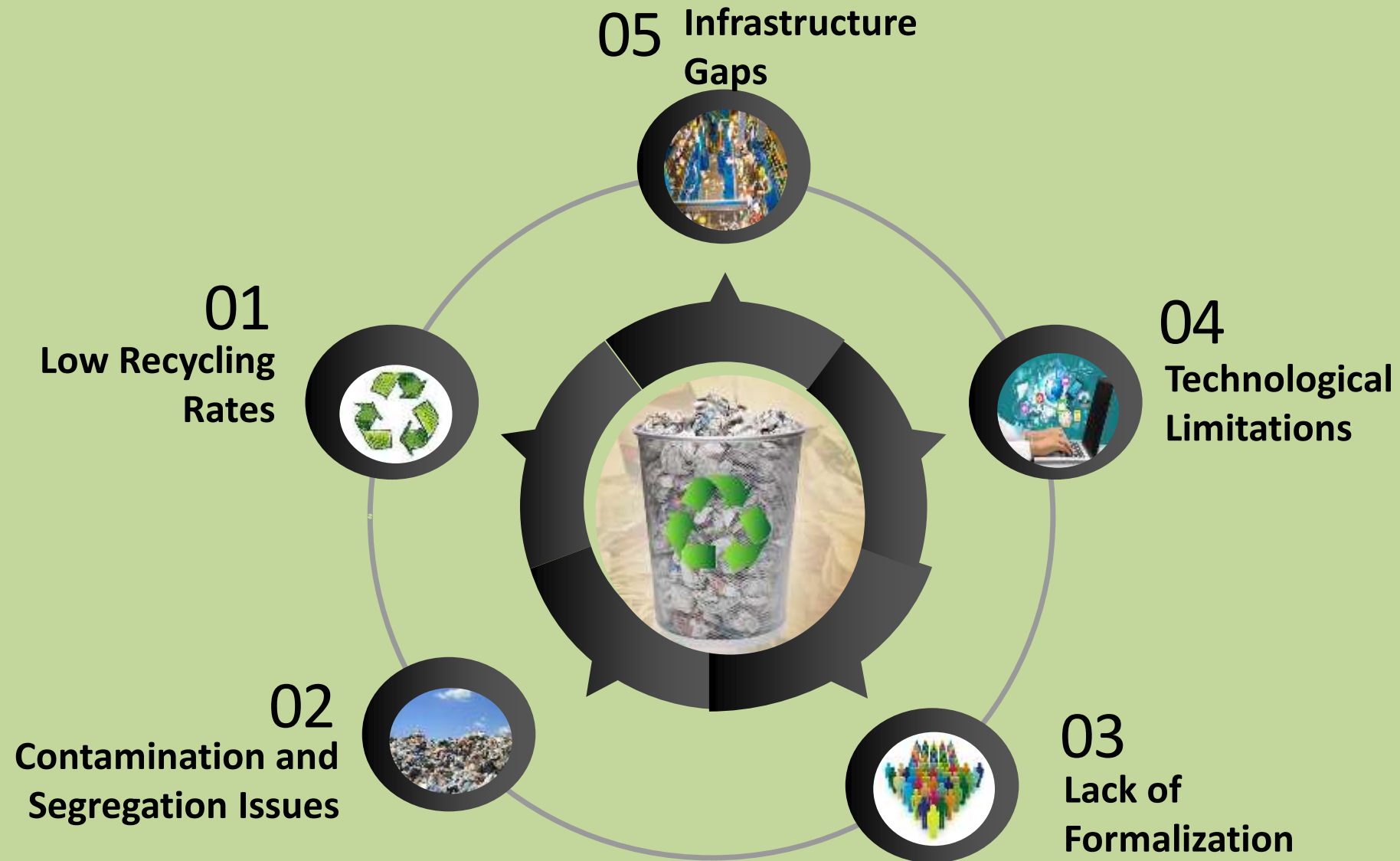
Items collected

**Old corrugated cartons,
old office and library
records**

Collected by

Contractors

CHALLENGES IN PAPER RECYCLING



FUTURE PROSPECTS



**Increased
Awareness**



**Technological
Advancements**



**Cross-Sector
Collaborations**



**Circular
Economy
Integration**



**Conscientious
Protocols**



Mandatory
Recycling
Targets

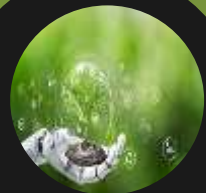
Conscientious Protocols



Research
Grants and
Infrastructure
Investment



Extended
Producer
Responsibility
(EPR)



Green
Certification
Standards



Taxation
Policies
and Import
Regulations

CONCLUSION

- Need of robust policies coupled with effective on-ground implementation
- Adoption of cutting-edge technologies & circular economy principles is vital
- Increased public awareness need of the hour
- Achieving sustainable paper waste recycling practices in addition to better quality and yield obligatory for Indian Pulp and Paper industry



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“Paper recycling is a beautiful thing; it transforms old stories into new beginnings.”

Thank you