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INDIAN PULP & PAPER INDUSTRY: FROM RESOURCE CHALLENGES TO GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

The Indian pulp and paper industry stands at a pivotal juncture. Driven by rapid expansion in packaging, e-commerce, FMCG, food processing, and organized retail, domestic demand is growing at 6–7% annually, with total production exceeding app. 25 million tons. However, as the domestic market expands, global competition is raising the benchmark for cost efficiency, product quality, resource sustainability, and technological sophistication.

To capture this growth, the industry must navigate inherent strengths while addressing key structural priorities such as raw material supply, high energy and water intensity, chemical costs, mill scales, and environmental standards. Future competitiveness will rely not merely on expanding capacity, but on maximizing yield, quality, and value from every unit of fiber, water, chemical, energy, and capital employed.

Transforming these challenges into opportunities requires a multi-pronged strategy:

- **Fiber Security & Circularity:** Strengthening agroforestry, boosting plantation productivity, optimizing recovered-paper networks, and leveraging alternative non-wood fibers.
- **Operational & Environmental Efficiency:** Accelerating process optimization, energy recovery, closed-loop water reuse, and deep decarbonization.
- **Digitalization & Smart Manufacturing:** Implementing Advanced Process Control (APC), AI/ML, predictive maintenance, and real-time analytics to enhance asset reliability, process stability, and product consistency.
- **High-Value Product Innovation:** Shifting toward application-specific, sustainable packaging solutions and internationally competitive grades to boost global exports.

Against this backdrop, IPPTA Zonal Seminar II, will bring together industry leaders, technology providers, researchers and policymakers to examine practical pathways for building a more efficient, resilient and globally competitive industry.

Special International Highlight: *As a key attraction, IPPTA has invited a delegation of leading industry experts from **Finland** to join the seminar. They will present the latest innovations in papermaking, share global best practices, and offer their perspective on advancing technology, sustainability, and efficiency.*

Beyond the technical sessions, these Finnish experts will be available for exclusive 1-on-1 consultations during the conference. Delegates wishing to discuss specific mill operational challenges, pain points, or technology upgrades can seek expert guidance directly.

To reserve a dedicated consultation time, please indicate your interest in advance while registering; to book your slot.

ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

We sincerely appreciate the enthusiastic participation and continued support of our delegates. To facilitate effective planning and ensure participation, delegates are requested to register in advance for the conference.

Authors are invited to submit technical papers aligned with the conference theme to **helpdesk@ippta.co, with a copy to js@ippta.co and secretary@ippta.co,** as per the following schedule:

- **Synopsis:** **25th September 2026**
- **Full Paper:** **10th October 2026**
- **Presentation (PPT format only): 10th November 2026**

Submission and Review:

Authors are requested to follow the IPPTA Paper Submission & Publication Guidelines at https://ippta.co/guidelines-for-publication/

Submissions received after the stipulated deadlines will not be considered.

All papers will undergo a peer review by IPPTA Technical Committee, whose decision shall be final. Please note only 7-8 papers will be presented during the conference.

A signed Self-Declaration Form and high-resolution author photograph are mandatory. For quality reproduction, authors should submit high-resolution photographs, drawings, graphs and other images separately in PDF format, in addition to incorporating them within the paper.

Cash Award – A cash award of Rs. 5000/- would be given to each paper that is selected & and presented.

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Tentative programme of the conference

Novotel Visakhapatnam Varun Beach, Visakhapatnam

26th November 2026

12:30 pm	Press Meet
04:00 pm	Author's Meet
05:00 pm	Executive Committee Meet
07:30 pm	Presidential Dinner at same venue (On invitation)

1st Day : 27th November 2026

08:30 am	Registration
09:00 am	Inaugural Session
11:00 am	Tea/Coffee
11:30 am	Technical Session-I
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:00 pm	Invited Speaker (Finland)
03:30 pm	Tea/Coffee
04:00 pm	Invited Speaker (Finland)
Cultural Programme followed by dinner: 7:30 pm onwards	

2nd Day : 28th November 2026

6:00-7:00 am	Beach Run
09:30 am	Technical Session-II
10:30 am	Tea Break
11:00 am	Technical Session-III
12:30 pm	Concluding session (Award & Group photographs)
01:00 pm	Lunch
Post lunch visit to Axchem (on invitation by company)	

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REQUEST FOR PRE-REGISTRATION

To avoid a last-minute rush and inconvenience on the opening day of the Conference, we kindly request all intending participants to register online by clicking on the link: https://ippta.co/registration-for-seminar/

You can pay your Registration Fee through Paytm no. 7617799736

FOR 2 DAYS

Applicable GST 18% extra

Particular	by 25th Oct.'26	by 8nd Nov. '26	by 24th Nov. '26	From 25th Nov. '26
Member	Rs. 2,500/-	Rs. 3,500/-	Rs. 4,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-
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Note:

1. *Book in advance to help make complete arrangements for you in a smooth way. Last minute registration leads to logistical issues.*
2. *No Cash payment shall be accepted for Registration. Members can use any digital mode like Credit Card or Debit Card/net banking, Paytm, Google pay, NEFT etc.*
3. *Once paid Registration Fee is non-refundable.*
4. *In case, a pre-registered delegate is unable to attend, he is authorized to sponsor an alternate delegate in his place with a written request, and whose status should be like Member/Non-Member.*
5. *IPPTA Members above the age of 70 years may attend the Seminar as on complimentary basis.*
6. ***Ordinary membership with a payment of minimum 5 years membership will be open from 26th October 2026. Life membership will be open as usual.***
7. *A Corporate Member can depute any two of its officials (Non-IPPTA Member) as IPPTA Member Delegates at all IPPTA Seminars/ Workshop, thus entitling them to pay lower registration Fees as IPPTA Member.*

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* plus 18% GST

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2. *Several hotels in various price range are available close to venue and can be booked via travel portal directly.*

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Only 15 Stalls are available which will be allotted on First Come First Serve basis. 15% extra for preferential location of the tables as per your choice.

Please register up to 15th Novemberber, 2026 to get maximum discounted price as below.

Particular	Up to 15th November, 2026	After 15th November, 2026
Stall price	Rs.42,500/- Member	Rs.45,000/- Member
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* plus 18% GST

Note:

1. *Exhibitors are requested to bring their products for display only which can be displayed on the table itself. 2. Full payment is to be made at the time of booking of space. The amount is non-refundable. 3. IPPTA will provide banners in front of the table. 4. One person (IPPTA Member) will be allowed on complimentary.*

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Note:

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With effect from 1st April, 2025

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	Rs. In lakh							
Diamond	4.00	4.00	6.00	14.00	10%	3	3	6
Platinum	3.00	3.00	5.00	11.00	10%	3	3	4
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Silver	1.00	1.00	2.00	4.00	10%	1	1	2
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Event wise Hospitality

Sponsorship Category *	1st Zonal	2nd Zonal Seminar/ Workshop	AGM	Total Sponsorship cost for all 3 Events	Concessional on Annual basis for all 3 events	Complimentary Delegate: 1st Zonal	2nd Zonal	AGM
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Inaugural Tea	1.50	1.50	2.00	5.00	10%	1	1	2
Lunch Day 1	4.00	4.00	6.00	14.00	10%	3	3	6
Dinner Day 1	4.00	4.00	6.00	14.00	10%	3	3	6
Cocktail Day 1 (with snacks)	4.00	4.00	6.00	14.00	10%	3	3	6
Entertainment	4.00	4.00	6.00	14.00	10%	3	3	6
Lunch Day 2	3.00	3.00	5.00	11.00	10%	3	3	4
Delegate Badge	3.00	3.00	5.00	11.00	10%	3	3	4
Conference Bag (Preferably Leather)	4.00	4.00	6.00	14.00	10%	3	3	6
Photo Frame	1.50	1.50	2.50	5.50	10%	1	1	2
Pen & Pad	1.50	1.50	2.50	5.50	10%	1	1	2
T. Shirt	2.00	2.00	3.00	7.00	10%	2	2	2
Table Space 5 ft x 2 ft	0.30	0.30	0.40	1.00	10%	0	0	0
Stall (2 meter x 2 meter)	0.40	0.40	0.60	1.40	10%	0	0	0
Distribution of Pumphlet (4 pages)	0.10	0.10	0.15	0.35	10%	0	0	0
Vedio clip running during Break @min.	0.05	0.05	0.10	0.20	10%	0	0	0
*Plus GST as applicable								

For Stall : 'The mentioned amount is for 2 days event. An additional day will attract a 25% surcharge for the stall.'
For Distribution of Pamphlet : 'Over and above 4 pages @ Rs 200/- per page'

Note: Logo of sponsors in Diamond to Bronze category will appear at the Backdrop of the stage on all the days of Seminar while banner of event wise sponsor would appear during the period of hospitality, Product sponsor's logo would appear on the product. All banners shall be prepared by IPPTA in consultation with sponsors.

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