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## FEDERATION OF PAPER TRADERS' ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA

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The Editor  
Times of India,  
Mumbai

We have read your article "A sixth of city's daily waste is plastic, paper and glass" by Mrs. Richa Pinto, published in the Sunday Times of India, Mumbai on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We are happy that you have covered an article which is touching everybody. We were surprised by the wrong data which you have promoted through your above said article. PAPER IS BIODEGRADABLE AND RECYCLEABLE. PAPER biodegrades in 2-5 months whereas orange peels take 6 months, tree leaves one year, glass bottles 1 million years and plastic bags 500 years to forever. This data is available on the net and in any science book. For your immediate information we are forwarding scan 0001 and scan 0002 which was downloaded from <http://sciencelearn.org.net.nz> where it is clearly explains about measuring biodegradability and how fast do things biodegrade. Kindly update your knowledge and information on the paper - it's recyclable and biodegradable. In your article you have mentioned that the Paper is not Bio-degradable which is totally wrong. Also you have put Paper in the category of Plastic and Glass which is also totally wrong. On the other hand it is advisable to use more and more paper instead of Plastic and Bottles. In case you need any further clarification or information on this issue you can contact our office.

We tried to contact you on phone number of times today but you are not available.

Also we have contacted AGNI- NGO whom you have referred in your above article. Mr. Sen AGNI – NGO Head Operations has disowned Mr. Rajkumar Sharma Co-ordinator and surprised when we brought about this article. Mr. Sen has clearly mentioned that they do not have any coordinator in Mumbai by name of Mr. Rajkumar Sharma. Mr. Sen, Head Operations of NGO AGNI which is operating from Kolkata. His mobile no. 9836076969. AGNI operations are totally different. Mr. Sen's ID is [headoperations\\_sen@agni.net.in](mailto:headoperations_sen@agni.net.in).

We request you to kindly publish an article informing the mistake and also provide correct information to the public.

With best wishes.  
For Federation of Paper Traders' Associations of India

  
Hiren Karia  
Hon. Secretary

**copy to:**  
Mr. Sen NGO AGNI  
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President, Indian Agro Recycle Paper Mills Association  
President, Bombay Master Printer Association

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