

Vice President Activity Report

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3rd MC Meeting for 24-25 on 21st and 22nd June 2025: Calcutta Paper Traders Association, Kolkata

Dear Members,

As the Vice President of FPTA, I am pleased to share a report on my recent activities. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this role and contribute to the federation's goals.

During this period, I had the privilege of visiting the Karnataka paper merchants association. The meeting is insightful, and it was valuable to interact with the local members in these region. A brief summary of those meeting is included below.

BANGALORE VISIT : Karnataka Paper Merchants' and Stationers' Association

Date:10th June 2024

Recently, I visited KPMSA along with the President Mr Mehulji and the meeting was very well organized by the host association. We had a fruitful discussion.

I had the opportunity to speak to the members about the paper trade, focusing on current global and domestic trends and their notable fluctuations. I also shared information about the 13 subcommittees within FPTA and encouraged members to utilize these resources fully. I emphasized the importance of voicing our concerns and addressing trade issues through our member associations. Additionally, I stressed the need for careful financial practices in the current market, including reducing credit exposure and making tough decisions.

Shri Mehul Mehta spoke to the members, highlighting the importance of unity among FPTA members and affiliated associations. He encouraged associations to cooperate for FPTA's effective functioning and requested more members consider joining FPTA as Life Patron members.

The session was followed by an interactive discussion, where participants raised various queries, which were duly answered by myself and FPTA President.

SIVAKASI VISIT: Sivakasi Paper Merchants Association

Date: 4th June 2025

I have also been closely working and interacting with the MPMA association on the preparations and arrangements for the 64th AGM which will be held in Chennai during August. Recently, I visited the Sivakasi Paper Merchants Association with former President Mr. Natesan and President Nominee Mr. Rajesh to spread the word about the upcoming AGM

and invite their participation. They were very supportive and happy to extend their warm welcome for the event. The visit was very successful.

RAMADAN IFTAR CELEBRATORY EVENT

Date: 28th March 2025

I wanted to share a brief update on the recent Ramadan Iftar celebration organized by MPMA. The event was held at the association premises and was attended by approximately 100 members. We had two distinguished chief guests. Members had the opportunity to exchange pleasantries and Ramadan greetings with one another.

AI TOOLS FOR BUSINESS SEMINAR

Date: 10th June 2025

MPMA hosted a seminar on June 10th that focused on AI tools for business, which was highly beneficial for the trading community.

The seminar featured Mr. Mohamed Shameer, Founder and CEO of Petwell India, and an AI for Business Coach and Consultant, who shared valuable insights. Many traders attended the event and were enthusiastic to learn about AI tools that can streamline their daily business tasks and improve efficiency.

6th and 7th MC meeting of MPMA

Date: 11th April 2025 and 10th June 2025

I attended the MPMA's managing committee meetings. We discussed about the FPTA's upcoming 3rd MC meeting which is scheduled to take place in Kolkata on June 21st and 22nd. We also finalized the delegate list for the FPTA's trip to Indonesia and discussed the distribution of the Education Scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. We also received updates on the progress and arrangements for the upcoming 64th AGM.

REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT

Names of the Affiliated Associations under your jurisdiction:

Madras Paper Merchants Association, Chennai,

Paper & Allied Merchants Association Coimbatore,

Salem Paper & Allied Traders Association

The Karnataka Paper Merchants & Stationary Association.

Whether you have visited any of the Associations during the Quarter, if not the reasons.

Visited Bangalore

Whether you are in touch with the President and FPTA Secretariat regularly.

YES

Whether you have attended the Managing Committee Meeting of FPTA held during the quarter and if not the reasons.

YES