

**ANAND KUMAR GOENKA'S VICE PRESIDENT REPORT AT 3rd M.C. MEETING TO BE HELD
ON 10TH JUNE 2023**

a. Names of the Affiliated Associations under your jurisdiction:

- *Calcutta Paper Traders Association, Kolkata*
- *Raigarh Paper Traders Association, Raigarh*
- *Bihar Paper Merchants Association, Patna*
- *Chhattisgarh Paper Traders Association, Raipur*

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

I attended the meetings my home association conducted on a regular basis. At the same time, I maintained constant contact with the key personnel from the afore mentioned Associations. We exchanged market insights and I encouraged them to take part in the various FPTA events. A visit to these Associations is on the anvil in the next quarter if possible, with the President.

c. What are the views of the Associations be it on trade, the functioning of FPTA, Government policies etc.

The associations are pleased with how the FPTA is operating, and they particularly value the regular updates on tax-related issues, paper market trends, etc. as well as the different webinars held on the Zoom platform. All Association have felt a slowdown in market demand as well as a decrease in paper pricing. Small business owners are worried about how the threshold turnover of 5 crores for mandating e-invoices, which takes effect on August 1, 2023, will affect their infrastructure on a daily basis

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

I was fortunate to welcome Shri Aseem Bordia, who visited Kolkata on March 4 and 5, 2023. The FPTA webinar on 5th March 2022 "SUCCESS MANTRAS FOR A PROSPEROUS FAMILY BUSINESS" was presided over by Shri Aseemji Bordia from Kolkata, and I had the opportunity to host our President during a luncheon meeting alongwith the live projection of the webinar. Our members and previous FPTA Presidents Shri Balaram Kundu, Shri Krishnendu Bhattacharjee, and Shri Sajjan Goenka all showed up in good numbers to the gathering. On the 4th of March 2022, I attended WBPTA's Annual General Meeting as "FPTA-VP" at which Shri Aseem Bordiaji graced as the Chief Guest.

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

I have attended 2ND MC meeting of FPTA held at Ahmedabad on 24th December 2022. I will be attending the 3rd M.C. meeting of FPTA to be held on 10th June 2023..

f. What is your assessment with regard to the functioning of FPTA – whether you have any suggestions which would give a boost to its working

In the best interests of its members, FPTA is doing a remarkable job of uniting the paper sector and serving as its representative before the government and at the industry level. This is demonstrated by its most recent statement to the government about the implication of import of paper, which goes against what the industry has stated to them. All support its efforts to establish KYC and arbitration laws.

g. Any other suggestions.

The members are eagerly waiting for the arbitration system to come in vogue in FPTA. The Webinars have been well appreciated and look forward to more of them.

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