

## **Vice President Activity Report**

**M.A.Pandiyar**

### **2nd MC Meeting for 24-25: Bihar Paper Merchants Association, Patna**

Dear Members,

As the Vice President of FPTA, I am pleased to share a report on my activities. I am grateful to the FPTA for this opportunity and it is a privilege to serve in this role and contribute in a small way to the larger goals of the federation.

I have had the privilege of visiting the Coimbatore and Chennai associations with our president Shri Mehul Mehta. A brief summary of those meetings is included below.

#### **COIMBATORE VISIT: Paper & Allied Merchants Association**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2024**

Representatives from the Coimbatore Printers Association (COPRIA) were also present. More than 50 members attended the meeting expressing their greetings to us.

The meeting commenced with the distribution of National Paper Day postal stamps and souvenirs by the FPTA President to five senior members. The secretary read the report of activities of the association.

Additionally, Mrs. Arulmozhi, Head of the Department of Printing Technology at Avinashilingam University, attended the meeting along with his deputies and two students of Printing Technology.

Subsequently, I addressed the members and provided insights into the paper trade and its current global and domestic trends, highlighting its significant fluctuations. Knowledge transfer about the 13 sub committees within FPTA and encouraged the members to make full use of the same. Spoke about the important to voice out our concerns and represent the issues facing our trade through our member associations. Stressed on the importance of being careful in this market by reducing credit exposure and taking tough decisions. Unity and responsible practices will ensure a better future for the next generation

Following this, Shri Mehul Mehta addressed the members, emphasizing the need for unity among FPTA members and affiliated associations. He encouraged associations to co-operate for the effective functioning of FPTA and requested more members from PAMA to join FPTA as Life Patron members. Several members immediately pledged to become direct members of FPTA out of which two members have already filled the application forms. We believe that the rest will follow suit.

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

**CHENNAI VISIT: MPMA****Date: 04th Dec 2024**

FPTA President visit program was held on 4th December 2024, Hotel MCENTRAL, T. Nagar at 7.00 pm. The meeting commenced with Shri N.Annamalai, the President, in the chair.

I addressed the gathering throwing some light about the activities of FPTA to our members and encouraged members to become life members of FPTA. Spoke about some of the challenges facing our industry and the importance of staying positive during the tough times. Stressed on the importance of promoting paper's sustainable benefits, including its biodegradable, recyclable, and renewable nature, to break age-old myths. Educated members about FPTA's annual international trips, virtual meetings, and cricket tournaments to foster industry connections, address key issues, and promote unity among members.

Chief Guest. FPTA President Shri. Mehul Mehta, addressed the gathering with the ongoing activities of FPTA, congratulated the association for hosting the 64<sup>th</sup> AGM at Chennai. He encouraged the fact of hosting games frequently to promote younger generation to trade.

**DIWALI EVENT & 2<sup>nd</sup> MC Meeting****Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2024**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> MC committee of the MPMA along with the Diwali celebration event happened at Kailash Parbat, Chetpet, Chennai. I was part of the meeting organized by MPMA that was attended by 60 members from the association. A motivational speech was given by Shri Ashish Jawar which was very informative. Members exchanged pleasantries and Diwali greetings with each other. Event was followed by dinner.

**SOUTH PAPER EX,CHENNAI****Date: 05th Dec 2024**

1st day 5th Dec'24 inauguration of the FPTA Stall by Chief Guest FPTA President Shri. Mehul Mehta .

Myself and Shri. Nirmal Kuhad were the Vice Presidents of FPTA overseeing the activities and the happenings in the FPTA stall. Shri. C. Balasubramanian FPTA Past President, MPMA Past Presidents, Office Bearers & Committee Members are participated in occasion of Inauguration Ceremony. Our association members were at the FPTA stall for all three days.

Stalls were vibrant and engaging.

We had met with recycled mill owners association and discussed on how profitably we can grow together.

**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 Chennai & Coimbatore. Visiting the other two associations in the coming months.**

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**