

Report on the Online Seminar on “Recent Trends and Challenges for Capacity Expansion in Indian Pulp and Paper Industries”

An online seminar on “Recent Trends and Challenges for Capacity Expansion in Indian Pulp and Paper Industries” was successfully organized by the Cellulose and Paper Discipline, Forest Products Division, ICFRE–Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, on 26 November, 2025 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event aimed to provide a platform for knowledge sharing on current developments, technological advancements, and emerging challenges in the Indian pulp and paper sector.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome address delivered by Dr. Praveen Kumar Gupta, Scientist-G and Discipline In-Charge, Cellulose and Paper Discipline. This was followed by the inaugural address of Dr. Renu Singh, IFS, Director, ICFRE–FRI, who emphasized the need for sustainable capacity expansion, technological upgradation, and resource optimization in the pulp and paper industry.

The seminar featured three distinguished invited speakers. Mr. Devesh K. Singhal, Director and CEO (Technical), Chandpur Enterprises Ltd., presented insights on industrial innovations and process efficiency enhancement. Mr. Suresh Babu, Vice President (Process Excellence), Kuantum Papers Ltd., discussed advancements in production processes and future growth opportunities. Dr. R. M. Mathur, Former Director, Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute, Saharanpur, shared his valuable expertise on research, development, and the evolving role of technology in meeting industry challenges. Each lecture was followed by an interactive discussion session, where participants raised relevant queries.

The seminar concluded with closing remarks and a formal vote of thanks by convener of the seminar Dr. Shuank Malik, Scientist-B, Cellulose and Paper Discipline, acknowledging the Director, invited speakers, experts, participants, and all staff members involved in the successful organization of the event. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from researchers, academicians, students, and industry professionals from across the country.

The event provided a meaningful opportunity for interaction between scientists and industry experts, contributing significantly to capacity building and promoting collaboration for the advancement of the Indian pulp and paper sector.

Images of the Seminar



